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MBARC Summer Party 2026

By Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**

The **Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club** will be holding a Summer Party on Saturday, August 15, following the 2:00 PM meeting at the Yucca Mesa Community Center.

Judy Cloutier **KK6NWX** initiated this event, expressing that it would be a great way for members to spend more time together, get to know one another better, and simply enjoy each other's company.

The **MBARC** Board of Directors approved the party, providing a \$200 budget to help make it happen.

Judy **KK6NWX** and Maja **KO6DAV** will be the hosts for the Summer Party. There will be food, desserts, beverages, games, and even some prizes. Members are also welcome to bring their favorite dish, dessert, or drink to share.

Next Club Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2:00 PM
[Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)

Local Amateur Radio Info At A Glance

Local Nets

 Net Name	 Day	@	Time 
Amateur Radio Emergency Service	MON	@	7:15 pm
MBARC Weekly Net	TUE	@	7:00 pm
MBARC "Cawfee Tawk"	DAILY	@	10:00 am

MBARC Linked Repeater System RF Links

For more info, see the [2nd to last page](#) for detailed diagram of the **MBARC** Linked Repeater System or visit w6ba.net.

 Site	 MHz		
W6BA Yucca Valley / Paxton Hill	146.790	-	136.5
W6BA Twentynine Palms / Donnell Hill	147.060	+	136.5
WB6CDF Landers / Fire Station	447.580	-	173.8
AD6G Pipes Canyon	446.120	Ø	146.2

MBARC Linked Repeater System VoIP Links

 System	# Node	 RF Link
AllStarLink	503088	KM6IAU to W6BA YV
EchoLink	KM6IAU-L	KM6IAU to W6BA YV
EchoLink	WO4ROB-L	WO4ROB to W6BA YV

Other Local Linked Systems

 Site	 MHz			 System	# Node/TG
KD6DIQ YV	145.770	Ø	67.0	AllStar	<u>28855</u>
WB6CDF YV	447.000	-	 10	DMR/BM	TS1: TG 3106 TS2: TG 2

MBARC Board of Directors

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Your Newsletter, Your Voice.

If you have material you'd like to share in a future newsletter, [get in touch](#).

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MBARC Personalized Name Tags

Most regular attendees of club meetings already have theirs – do you have yours? **MBARC** personalized name tags are a great way to showcase your radio club spirit to newcomers and long-timers alike. Order your name tag today!

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BIRTHDAY

AUG. 6 PAUL EDWARDS **AA6SM**
 AUG. 13 TODD ROOT **KD6DIQ**
 AUG. 15 DICK ZAVITS **NGNRA**
 AUG. 28 BARB GUSTAVSON **K6BRB**


 FROM YOUR MBARC FAMILY



MBARC Regular Meeting Minutes – JULY 2026

Aaron Chesney KM6IAU, Secretary

The regular meeting took place at the Yucca Mesa Community Center on July 18, 2026. An attendance sheet was circulated during the meeting. By the meeting’s end, the attendance sheet listed 13 names.

President Jim Stewart KI6WTI called the meeting to order at 14:00.

Counterclockwise around the table, attendees introduced themselves with some combination of name, callsign, location, and/or relationship to another.

Secretary Aaron Chesney KM6IAU referred attendees to the JUNE 2026 meeting minutes distributed before the meeting.

Aaron Chesney KM6IAU read the Treasurer’s report on behalf of Treasurer Glenn Miller N6GIW, who was absent:

Description	Amount
Balance at last meeting	3643.26
YMCC: Jun., Jul., Aug. mtgs.	-45.00
Annual Liability and Insurance	-220.00
3 × membership renewals	+90.00
Current bank balance	3468.26
2 × pending Mbrship. deposits	60.00

Social Media Committee Member Maja Chesney KO6DAV orated a brief Social Media Committee report. Members were welcomed to post ham radio-related or club-related content to the club’s social media pages.

Membership Chair Aaron KM6IAU referred to the printed membership report distributed before the meeting.

Repeater Committee Member Larry Mollica AD6G mentions a plan to replace the duplexer on the Yucca Valley repeater as the first step to address the variable receiver sensitivity problem.

There were some questions from members about expanding the repeater system to other comm sites.

The President called for old business. None was presented.

The President called for new business. Maja KO6DAV made an announcement about the MBARC Summer Party to be held after the August club meeting; highlighting food, desserts, drinks, games, prizes, and air conditioning. She thanked the MBARC Board of

Directors for providing a budget to help the party happen.

There was some more discussion about expanding the repeater system to other comm sites. Repeater Committee Member Larry AD6G advised that the repeater committee should be consulted before contacting other sites on the club’s behalf.

Newsletter Editor Aaron KM6IAU mentioned that, beginning with the AUGUST EDITION of the club newsletter, the newsletter will be emailed as a link rather than as an email attachment. Readers having trouble with the new delivery method should contact Aaron.

Maja KO6DAV held the 50/50 drawing. The total was \$20, winner take \$10. Keith Board N6GKB won.

Aaron KM6IAU made a motion to adjourn. Loren McCorkle KM6QQP seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 14:24. ---

Available Items

From Roger Sherwin KF6BIG

I have approximately 200 LP records (33 1/3 RPM) – all pre-1970 – in fine to near new condition.

I would like to sell them cheap, but I’m more interested in finding a good home for them. I understand that they are increasing in value, as very few people use or buy records anymore. Get them for your grandchildren. Will sell (or give) to the best offer.

Because of age (91), I cannot deliver. First come, first served. ---

 Roger Sherwin KF6BIG

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MBARC Membership Report – AUGUST 2026

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Membership Chair



Overview

This is the membership report for the **Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club** as of July 30, 2026. This report is accompanied by the current roster when distributed to members at club meetings. If you are a current member, cannot attend meetings, and require an up-to-date copy of the roster, you may send your request by [email](#).

License class and expiration data is pulled from the FCC database based on the callsign we have on record for members. An expired license is counted as 'unlicensed'.

Statistics

45 Distinct Memberships	(Family memberships often include multiple members.)
61 Members Total	100% of all members
45 members with Regular membership class	74% of all members
44 of them have current membership	98% of Regular members
1 of them has expiring soon membership	2% of Regular members
1 of them has expired membership	2% of Regular members
2 members with Active Duty membership class	3% of all members
10 members with Lifetime membership class	16% of all members
4 members with Honorary membership class	7% of all members
29 members are part of a Family membership type	48% of all members
32 members have Individual membership type	52% of all members
51 members are currently licensed	84% of all members
13 licensed members are Technician class	25% of licensed members
22 licensed members are General class	43% of licensed members
1 licensed member is Advanced class	2% of licensed members
15 licensed members are Extra class	29% of licensed members
10 members are currently unlicensed	16% of all members

Established Membership Policies

Family Membership

Family Membership is limited to the immediate family members of the primary member.

Honorary Membership

Honorary memberships are automatically Family memberships.

Members with 5 years of continuous membership upon turning 90 are eligible for Honorary Membership.

Lifetime Memberships

Lifetime memberships are automatically Family Memberships.

Expired Membership

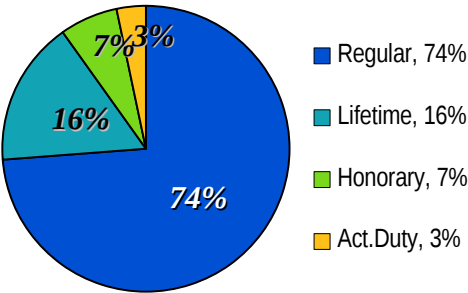
There is a two-month grace period for expired memberships. If a member renews their membership during the grace period, the membership is treated as continuous. *For the computation of the included **Statistics** and **Charts**, they are counted without exclusion.*

Contact

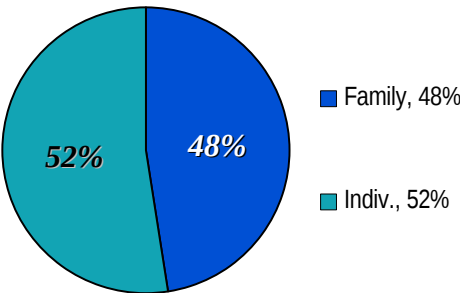
Send your membership inquires and updates to Aaron@KM6IAU.net.

Charts

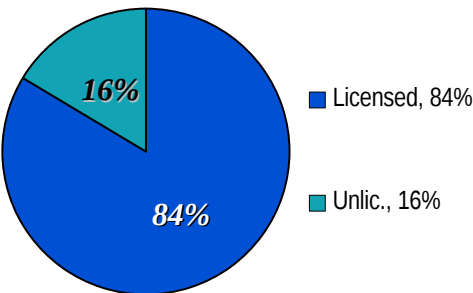
Membership By Class



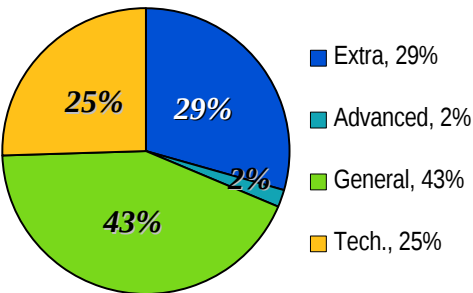
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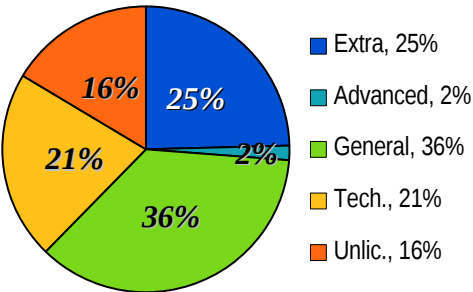
Licensed vs. Unlicensed



License Classes (Licensed Only)



License Classes (All Members)



Regular Section by Steve Harrison KØXP

Activity Report

The Spread has not been very radio-active during the first months of 2026, but is finally getting back in the groove. An eye was kept upon 6 meters, especially after the sporadic-E season began in earnest during April. On June 10, an opening occurred between North America and Europe that generally favored the east coast, but also extended into the high desert. I was able to copy over a dozen European callsigns on 6-meter CW during the opening time span of more than an hour. Unfortunately, I was unable to work any of the Europeans; although several exceeded 559 signal levels.

Complete logbook pages are not shown below, but I completed 34 QSOs with East Coast and Midwest stations on June 10, then made another 62 QSOs on June 11; all on 6-meter CW. The band cooled considerably during the succeeding days, with only a few dozen QSOs made over the next month or so. For example, just three days after the “big” European opening, I was only able to make 20 QSOs in 14 grids on 6-meter CW during the 2026 [ARRL June VHF Contest](#)! The 2026 CQ VHF contest took place over the

weekend of July 4, but I was only able to make 14 QSOs in 13 grids.

Another widespread opening occurred on July 20, this one extending into Japan. This opening provided me with my first 6-meter JA QSO in nearly 50 years (since 1977)! At about 2330Z, I was first able to copy **J12MED** CQ-ing with signals barely out of the noise, then strengthening, until at 2352Z a QSO was completed with Manabu. During his CQs, Manabu was continually called by other Japanese stations as well as myself; however, he was able to tell that I was calling, and asked the other JAs to stand by. At his strongest, Manabu’s 500 watts was a strong 56/79; he gave me (running only 100 watts) a similar 579 report.

It is likely that several other short and weak JA openings have taken place since then, but only one other W/K station has been noted to have completed a QSO: **WB8VLC** in Oregon.

Through these months, I have also attempted to maintain a list of CW beacon stations heard transmitting between 50.0 and 50.1 MHz. To date, at least 29 different active beacons have been copied, from **VY0SNO/b** in grid square FP53 in the far north Canadian provinces

down to the southern tip of Texas. The strongest beacons are usually either in west Texas or Kansas. The only 6-meter beacon that I have identified as being local or at least within tropospheric propagation range is **WR7NV/b** at 6000 feet elevation in grid square DM25gv near Las Vegas; the beacon’s exact location has not been disclosed.

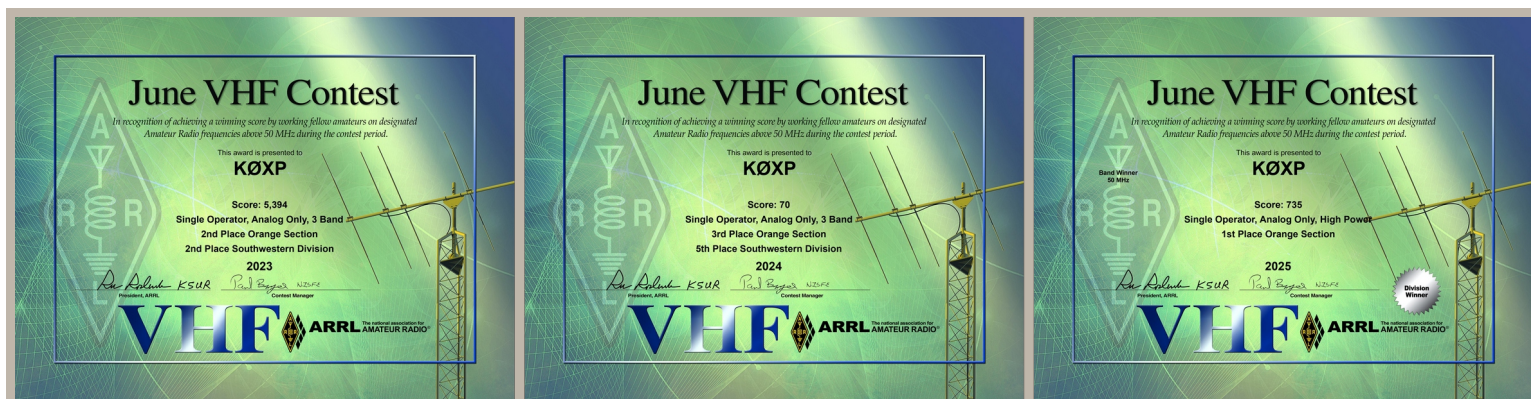
Looking Forward

After the heat dies down some over the forthcoming months, I am going to attempt to erect my 40-foot Rohn 25G tower with 6m through 432 MHz yagis on top. This will be an effort taking place over several days, as it will require placing the four yagi antennas along a 20-foot mast, and laying out four relay-selected feedlines, as well as hanging several other HF wire antennas from the tower. Some extra help will certainly be of use during this time!

Conclusion

If anybody would like help or advice on how to get involved with CW operation on the HF bands, just drop me a note at k0xp@k0xp.com and I’ll get right back to you.

73, Steve KØXP (1/6)



KØXP’s June VHF Contest certificates for 2023, 2024, and 2025. (2026 certificate unavailable at time of publication.) – Source ARRL.org

MBARC Repeater Site Work 2015

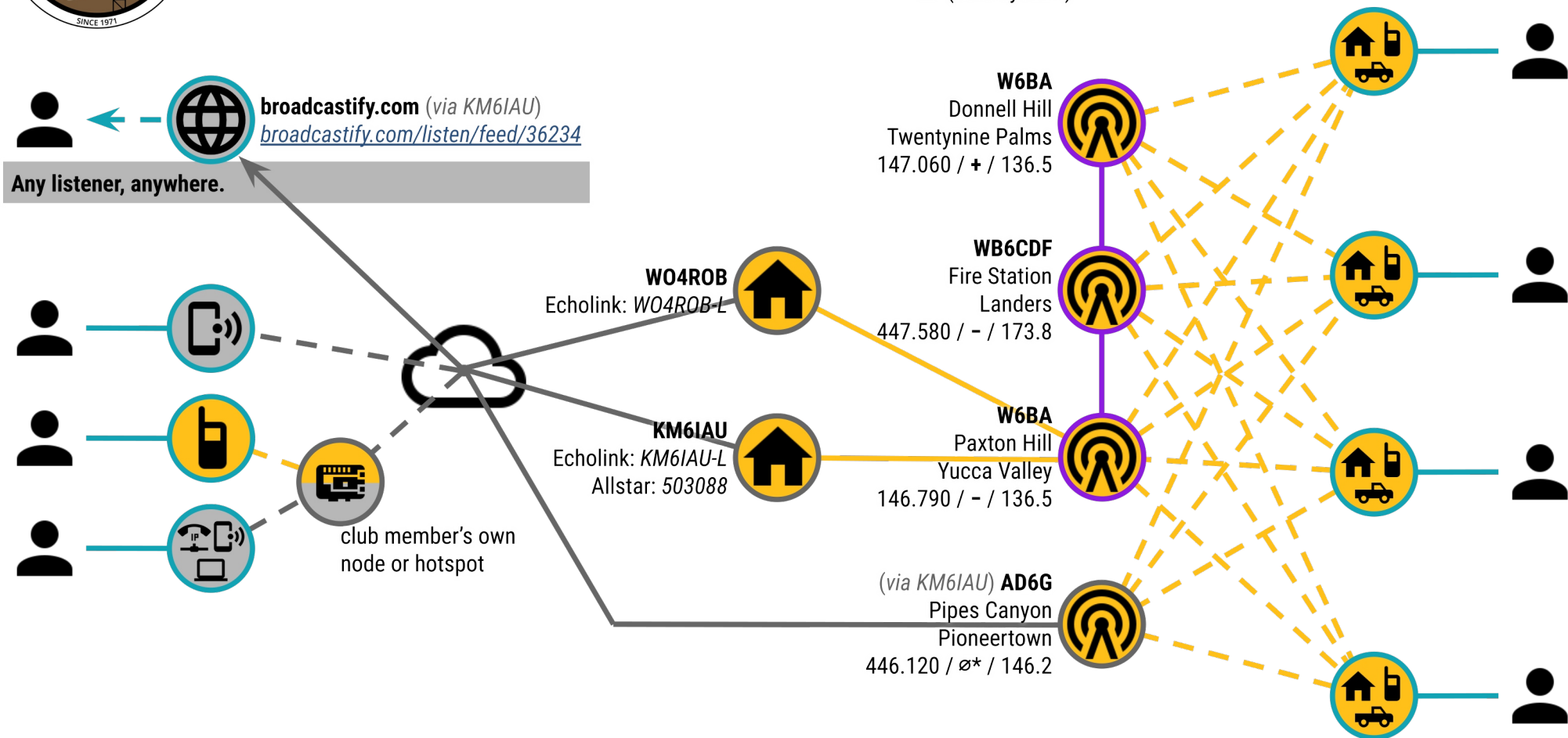
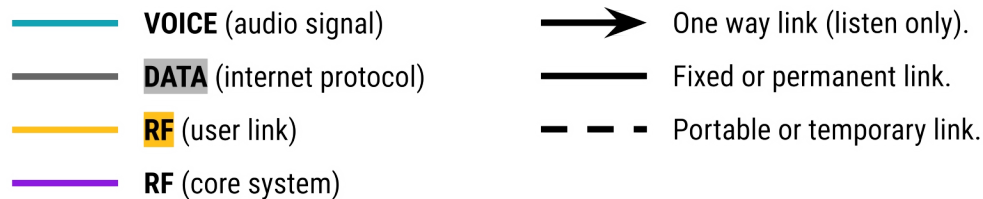
Photos collected from old, uncredited Facebook posts; collage by Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**





Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Linked Repeater System Overview

As of June 2026



Licensed amateurs with club membership, using **Allstar**** or **Echolink****.

Please use restrictive access, such as PL tone and low-gain antenna for RF links, or password for IP links. Do not link-in broad-access systems, such as other repeaters or reflectors, where such linking could transmit onto our club's system. Thank you.

Any licensed amateur using **RF**.

Please do not link-in broad-access systems, such as other repeaters or reflectors, where such linking could transmit onto our club's system. Thank you.



* This is a simplex node, not a repeater. There is no transmit frequency offset. You must wait for the carrier to drop before transmitting.

** Allstar access needs to be manually set up. Contact linkrequest@W6BA.net to submit your request.

** Echolink access may need to be manually set up. Contact linkrequest@W6BA.net to submit your request.

MBARC Calendar – AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	1
	ARES Net 1915 local (7:15pm)	Tues Night Net 1900 local (7:00pm) NC: <i>Chris WB6CDF</i> subbed: <i>Larry AD6G</i>				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ARES Net 1915 local (7:15pm)	Tues Night Net 1900 local (7:00pm) NC: <i>Rob WO4ROB</i>				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ARES Net 1915 local (7:15pm)	Tues Night Net 1900 local (7:00pm) NC: <i>Judy KK6NWG</i>				Club Meeting 1400 local (2:00pm) Yucca Mesa Community Center
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ARES Net 1915 local (7:15pm)	Tues Night Net 1900 local (7:00pm) NC: <i>Glenn N6GIW</i>				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	ARES Net 1915 local (7:15pm)	Tues Night Net 1900 local (7:00pm) NC: <i>Aaron KM6IAU</i>				
30	31	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5
	ARES Net 1915 local (7:15pm)	Tues Night Net 1900 local (7:00pm) NC: <i>TBD</i>				

KD6DIQ AllStarLink Node#28855 Schedule

YV: 145.77MHz, Øshift, ☐67.0Hz

EVERYDAY

0000 – 0100 WIN System #2560
2200 – 2400 WIN System #2560

SUN

No additional program, system open.

MON

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332

TUE

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332
1700 – 1900 East Coast Refl. #45225

WED

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332
1700 – 1930 East Coast Refl. #45225

THU

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332
1700 – 1930 East Coast Refl. #45225

FRI

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332
1800 – 2400 WIN System #2560

SAT

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332
1700 – 1720 Amateur Radio Newslane
2000 – 2200 East Coast Refl. #45225