



Welcome from the President!

Welcome to the Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club and thank you for viewing our eighth monthly newsletter! November was a great month for being thankful and enjoying the little things in our lives.

One thing that we're very thankful for is that we now have a provisional repeater frequency coordination! The RX frequency is 449.350MHz, the TX frequency is 444.350MHz (-5.0MHz offset) with a PL/CTCSS tone of 123.0Hz. The repeater is currently running in 20W analog output, and we will soon be adding EchoLink, Allstar, and WIRES-X functionality. The frequency coordination was provided by the Arizona Repeater Owners Frequency Coordination Committee, and if there are no contests for the frequency or issues found within the next 60 days, the frequency coordination will be permanent. Upon permanent coordination, the club members will be notified. Our website will also be updated with the frequency, along with the node numbers as available and connected. Yay for progress!

Thank you to Tim Adams, N6DLC who is our club's vice president, for purchasing our Yaesu DR-2X Analog/WIRES-X/YSF repeater along with other additional equipment that he has purchased and provided for use for the club's benefit, along with setting a majority of the equipment up in his own free time. We are very grateful for this kind and selfless act, and we look forward to assisting with setting up the repeater antenna tower in the future for better coverage and access to the repeater.

As we enter the holiday season, we want to say Happy Holidays to all, and we wish you all the best in the coming month, and in the New Year.

Do you have questions, ideas, thoughts or concerns? Email me at President@SMARC.Club and we can discuss it. Thanks for reading, and I look forward to seeing everyone in our meeting, and in the coming events!

Stay safe, and 73!
Paul Jameson, WB7N

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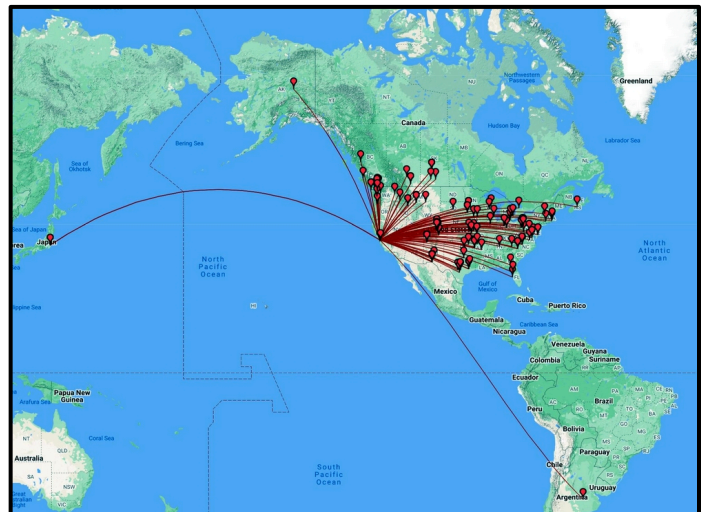
Parks On The Air Article

I read a very nice article on Facebook this morning from a Parks on the Air participant, Greg Mihran KJ6ER, who had all his gear in a backpack and worked hundreds of stations doing it QRP style using an ICOM 705. He even carried a small laptop to log contacts. The logging program's database of callsigns allowed it to be used without the need of the Internet.

From the San Jose, CA area he worked DX to Japan, Alaska and Argentina. A very well written article supplemented with photos.

Mark Melvin AE6MP

If you'd like to read the Facebook article, the shortened link is here: <http://tiny.cc/potapack>



EDITOR'S NOTES

I'm back home in Bullhead City after 4 months in Oregon. Thanksgiving is over, now on to making it through Xmas and beyond.

It's the same for all newsletter editors, the hardest part is to have a source of information to put in the newsletter. This month I'm going to look to find some tech articles to add into the newsletter. Anything that members have to add to a future newsletter are welcome. Just get them to me.

Does any club member want their own personalized club email address, such as AE6MP@smarc.club? Contact me and I'll set it up for you.

*Mark Melvin AE6MP
SMARC Newsletter Editor*

SMARC Early Birds

I'm guessing that most of the hams in the club are near or at retirement age like me and have plenty of extra time in our schedules for something new.

I'm an early riser and often head out to a local restaurant for a cup of coffee and something to eat to get my day started. Are there hams in the club who like to do the same? Well let's get together and get that cup of coffee and talk radio stuff.

I'd like to set a weekly schedule on the calendar for us to meet. The day of the week to meet in the morning isn't set in stone but to get things started I'm going to suggest this first time to meet on Sunday mornings at Perkins at 95 and Hancock. I know it's not much advance notice. I'll be there tomorrow 12-3-23 at 7am with my 69 American Motors AMX. The car guys meet at the same location on Sunday mornings at 8am.

Depending on people's schedules we can switch to a different day and time for next time.

Talk in frequency is 146.52 simplex.

Mark Melvin AE6MP

CLUB REPEATER INFORMATION

This breaking news just in. The club repeater is now online. For more information tune into the club's online meeting Saturday 12-2-23 at 2pm.

For now, you should try dialing it up in your radio and test it. The numbers are as follows.

RX: 449.350MHz.
TX: 444.350MHz.
Offset: -5 MHz.
PL/CTCSS: 123Hz.

Mark Melvin AE6MP

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SMARC Membership

Are you ready to become a member of the Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club?

Use the link below. It will redirect you to the online membership form. Fill out the requested information and click on submit. A PayPal request will be sent to your email address for payment.

The cost is listed at the top of the membership form, \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families of up to three members. Thank you.

<https://tiny.cc/smarcjoin>

CLUB MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Get your own custom SMARC membership badge from Ham Badgers. Several members have ordered their badges with quick results. Order using the redirect link listed below.

<https://bit.ly/smarcbadge>



THE HAM BADGERS

zoom Video Club Meetings

The SMARC Club has a monthly online ZOOM meeting on the first Saturday of each month at 2pm MST. The next one is August 5. If you're new to online video meetings, it's simple, and fun. You need just a microphone and web cam. Most laptop computers already have the mic and cam built in. If you need a camera/microphone combo unit for your desktop computer search Amazon and you'll find a nice unit for just \$25-30+.

You can install the software on your phone but you and the others in the video meeting will all have a better experience if you use your desktop or laptop computer on your home or business Internet connection. There's a meeting client to download before your first online meeting. Use this re-direct link: <http://tiny.cc/zoomclient>.

A suggestion is to add your callsign to your display name, so it'll be displayed to everyone else during the video meeting. You do this in your account settings before entering the meeting. Give yourself extra time before the meeting to prepare.

Contact Mark Melvin AE6MP at mightypilot@gmail.com for help getting set up.

From time to time the meeting schedule may need to be adjusted to accommodate member's schedules. The change will be announced on our group Facebook page.

—>USE THIS MEETING RE-DIRECT LINK TO LAUNCH THE ZOOM MEETING!<—
<http://tiny.cc/smarczoom>

