



## *Welcome from the President!*

Welcome to the Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club and thank you for viewing our tenth monthly newsletter! January helped us enjoy some cooler weather and some fun in the park for Winter Field Day 2024!

We have officially been assigned our repeater frequency coordination and it is no longer in a semi-permanent status! Please check our website for more information on the repeater in/output. Thank you for all of your support with this process. The repeater is currently running on analog with AllStar capabilities. More digital modes to come!

In more news, we had lots of fun at Winter Field Day 2024! Unfortunately, some situations arose to where not everyone was able to come out and bring their radios and antennas, but we had 3 running stations (2 on HF, 1 on VHF/UHF) with which we participated using the club callsign and the 3-Oscar AZ designator. We completed around 90 contacts across the 10, 15, 20, and 40 meter bands. We have yet to submit the logs due to some issues that came up with systems, as well as timing with other items, but we expect to work on this soon.

Unfortunately, I'm writing this newsletter update from a hotel room in Las Vegas because our cat had a severe UTI which could have become fatal, but we were able to catch it in time and bring him to the animal ER in Henderson, NV right after I returned home from a week in Prescott due to my job's training requirements. We know this is going to be a long road ahead if us and we appreciate all of your support and encouragement in this difficult time.

Do you have questions, ideas, thoughts or concerns? Email me at [President@SMARC.Club](mailto: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  
SMARC Club President

# Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club KS7MC

## SMARC 10th Club Meeting via Zoom 1-6-2024

### Meeting Minutes

Start @ 2:08pm

-Events coming this month (2:08pm/2:17pm)

- WINTER FIELD DAY
- Thunderbird Hamfest and Electronics—Swap Meet
- Quartzfest

-Report on first club breakfast (2:17pm/2:20pm)

- Will start doing it on the second Saturday of the month
- 10 attendees at Perkins today

-Club Updates (2:20pm/2:38pm)

- Repeater is up - reference capabilities of repeater
- Within the next 2 months or so we should have EchoLink connectivity followed by WIRES-X. We are working on finding a small computer to hook up the repeater to WIRES-X.
- Tim is in the process of getting TWN Fiber Internet installed soon and the repeater will be working on that when it is active.
- When the internet is back, the repeater will be linked back to the GOTAHams.com repeater in Southern California.
- Repeater antenna is a Comet GP3 and is currently 20ft in the air, but we plan to get up a 55-60ft tower to get the antenna up higher for better coverage.
- Updating club website to include phone numbers & emails of club members. This page is visibility restricted to club members, so the public is unable to view it.

Q&A / Discussion (2:38pm/2:48pm)

- Renewal of club dues. How are we going to work this part out?
- Send emails to club members about WFD & food
- Change Tim's email to personal email
- Connecting to Echolink for Wednesday night nets (talk with Brandin Hess)
- Contact ARRL/ARCA to see if we can get a list of new hams in the area for outreach
- Talk with Matt N7OEI about provisional repeater status (35 days in)

End @ 2:48pm

Attendees:

Paul Jameson, WB7N - President

Tim Adams, N6DLC - Vice President

Mark Melvin, AE7MP - Treasurer/Secretary

Gene Matthews, AL7LI

John Cartlidge, KG7BZZ

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Winter Field Day  
1-27-24

I don't know about the others, but I had a great time at the Don Sullivan Park for Winter Field Day 2024. Although I have been a licensed ham for many years, this was the first field day event I have attended in person. I have read field day reports in the past so I had an idea what to expect. But in person it was a great learning experience to observe and ask questions, so that in the future when I bring my own equipment to operate, I'll be prepared to set up and operate.

Showing up for field day were Paul WB7N and Tatiana Jameson, Tim Adams N6DLC and Linda, Mark Melvin AE7MP, Denny KR3U & Pat KB3IDQ Kromer, and Richard Ortloff, KE6DUG. The planned show up time was set for 9:30am. The official start of field was noon so there was plenty of time to get 3 radios setup. First there was the hauling of equipment from the cars over to the picnic bench area, tables to be unfolded, radios and antennas to assemble and tuned. Paul WB7N ran one station and started out on 40 meters. Tim N6DLC started out on 20 meters if I recall correctly. The first contact for the club was to Tennessee. Soon others followed, confirmed QSOs to Washington, Oregon, Canada, Florida, Arkansas, and many more. Paul said he had a total of 73 contacts, a fitting number for sure.

I had to leave early, but wished I could have stayed longer to share in the fun. I also wanted to mention Tatiana and Pat went all out to have a table full of goodies, food, and drinks. The sloppy joes were good, and I had to help myself to an extra helping. Thank you Ladies!

Mark Melvin AE7MP



## Editor's Notes

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 submit an article about a radio I purchased back in 2011 and just opened the shipping box for the first time to see what I bought.

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 AE7MP@SMARC.CLUB? Contact me and I'll set it up for you.

*Mark Melvin AE7MP  
SMARC Newsletter Editor*

## First Breakfast Meeting

The results of the first monthly club breakfast meeting are very positive. By the end of breakfast our numbers were up to 10 with the arrival of Paul, Tatiana, and daughter. It was good to meet each other in person for a change. It's a go to continue the monthly breakfast meetings, although the date has been changed to the second Saturday starting February 10 at 8am. Next month bring yourself along with a good appetite to Perkins at 95 and Hancock and let's talk radio.

In attendance, clockwise from lower left: John Carlidge KG7BZZ, Tim Adams N6DLC, Pat Coker N6RMJ, Tatiana Jameson, Paul Jameson WB7N, Dennis Kromer, KR3U, Patricia Kromer, KB3IDQ, Mark Melvin AE7MP, Linda.

*Mark Melvin AE7MP*

Next breakfast meeting at Perkins: 8am February 10, 2024.



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### Callsign Change

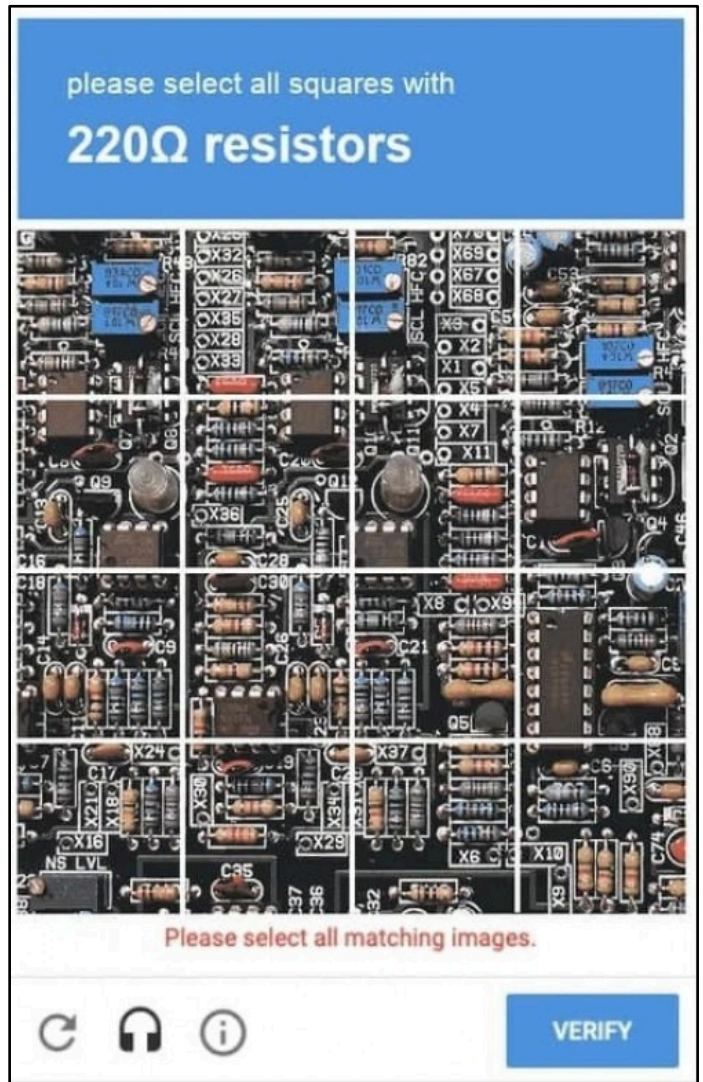


After recently relocating from SoCal to Bullhead City I decided to go ahead and change my callsign to go along with my address change. I liked my old callsign, so I only changed the callsign zone from 6 to 7.

I got my new callsign assigned so that meant a new hat was in order. On gigaparts.com where I ordered my hat I spotted this lighted callsign gizmo so I added it to my shopping cart. The two pieces just arrived yesterday.

Mark Melvin AE7MP

Hey honey, remember last year's tax refund we were saving for something special? Well I made an executive decision..



### Club Repeater Information

This breaking news just in. The club repeater is now online. Look for the most current information about the club repeater on the club website.

<https://smarc.club/index.php/about-us/smarc-repeater>

## Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club KS7MC

### 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 Saturday, February 3, 2024. 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 AE7MP at [mightypilot@gmail.com](mailto: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>

