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Welcome from the President!

Welcome to the Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club and thank you for viewing our fourteenth monthly newsletter! During June we participated in ARRL Field Day 2024, learned about ever changing solar conditions, and had opportunities to experiment on the VHF and UHF amateur bands with the different contests that happened.

Regarding Field Day 2024, we completed a total of 150 contacts (minus one duplicate making it 149) with a total claimed club score of 1,086 points! We operated from roughly 11am to 5:25pm on Saturday 6/22/24 at the Bullhead City Parks and Recreation district office located at 2285 Trane Rd, Bullhead City, AZ 86442. Although our attendance was small, we had lots of fun with the people that were able to come. Thanks to those that came out for Field Day!

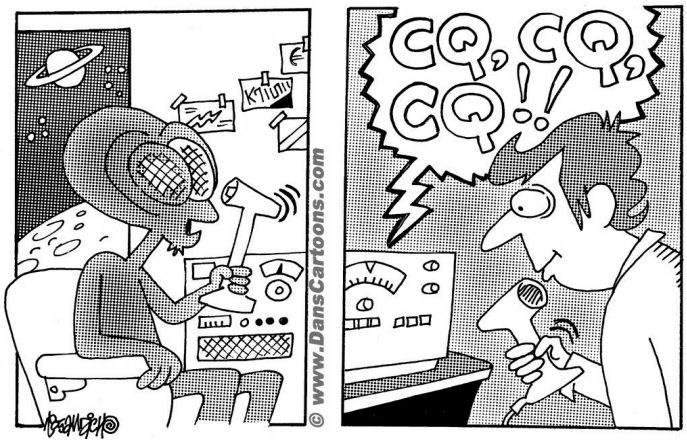
As we come into one of the hottest months in the year, please remember to stay very well hydrated and minimize prolonged exposure to the elements. Drink lots of water and eat healthy fruits and vegetables which should help your body maintain the necessary nutrients needed to function the way it should. Need to drink water but a rare DX comes on? Always take the water over a contact. Your life is more important than a QSO with someone else. Remember to hydrate from when you wake up, all throughout the day, and into the evening. Stay safe out there!

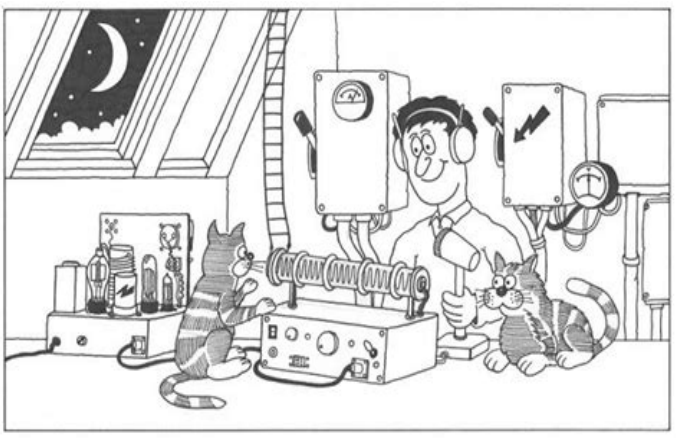
Do you have questions, ideas, thoughts or concerns? Email me at President@SMARC.Club and we can discuss it. Thanks for reading, and I look forward to seeing everyone in our meeting, and in the coming events!

Stay safe, and 73!

Paul Jameson, WB7N

SMARC Club President





Editor's Notes

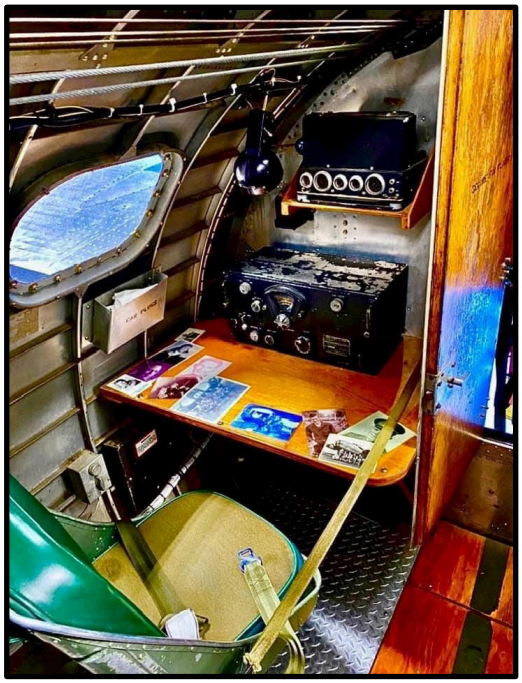
Apologies for the late newsletter. I just got back from an 8 day trip to Nebraska and knocked out the newsletter as quick as I could. Coming home through the desert in the heat wave I felt like a human shish kabob in an air fryer.

Monthly breakfast meetings have been moved to the 2nd Saturday each month at 8am. The next one is this coming Saturday, July 13. The location is Perkins Restaurant at 95 and Hancock.

I finally opened the box holding my new Icom 7300 that I bought last summer. Although I've been a licensed ham for over 40 years, mostly VHF operations, I realize I have a lot to learn in HF operations. I set up an end fed dipole antenna just to see how the radio sounded and operated, I haven't heard squat over the speaker other than white noise. I need to up my game and get a better antenna and get it higher.

Mark Melvin AE7MP

SMARC Newsletter Editor



Mile High CW

My mother's Uncle Vernon was a CW operator on a B-17 during WWII. I wish I had known that before he passed years ago. That would have made for an interesting conversation. The picture to the left is what his station might have looked like.

Mark AE7MP

Club Repeater Information

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

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

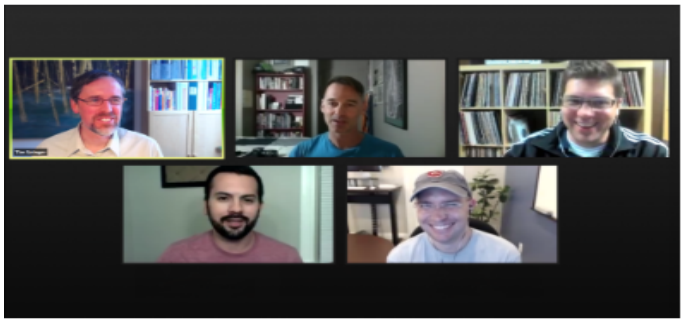
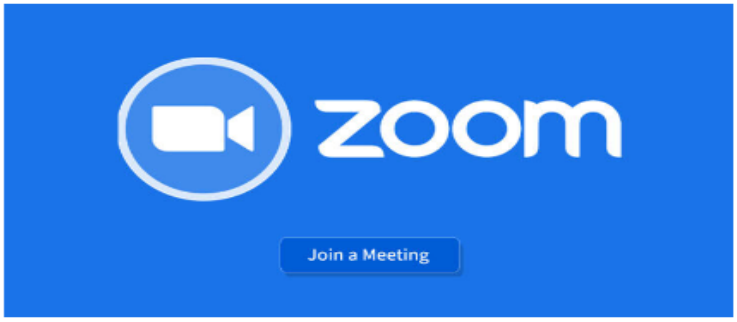
zoom Video Club Meetings

The SMARC Club has a monthly online ZOOM meeting on the first Monday of each month at 3pm MST. The next one is Monday, August 5, 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.

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

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 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.