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Welcome from the President!

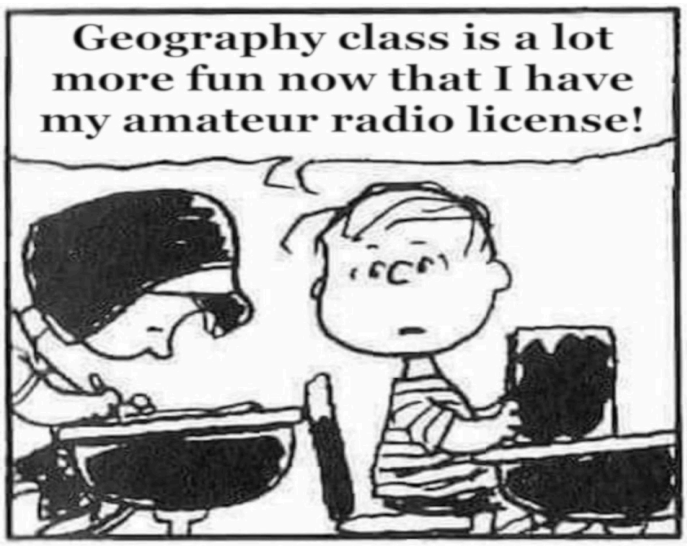
Welcome to the Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club and thank you for viewing our fifteenth monthly newsletter!

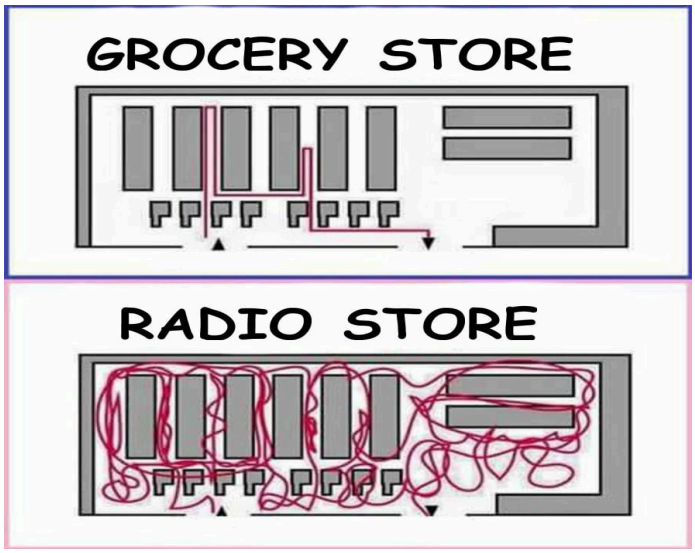
During August we began to see how localized weather can have an effect on propagation and antenna safety. With the many fires that happened during August, it became apparent that even a small spark can light up a large area. How does that affect us? Think about what is around your operating area (e.g. the park, your home, your mobile station, etc.). Is there a large amount of dry brush or do you have well-watered plants? Does your setup allow you to quickly pack up in the event of an emergency? Do you disconnect your coax during lightning storms/monsoons? These are all things to consider for your own personal safety and the safety of your radios and equipment.

As we come into September and the temperatures start to cool down, we look forward to doing more outdoor activities including POTA, SOTA, etc. It's time to take a look at your equipment and check for damage, corrosion, and ensure that internal components still work. Is your SWR still below 2:1 on your antennas for the bands they're made to work on? Are your connections clean and free of dirt from Field Day? It's best to check everything from A to Z in your system to ensure you have the best experience.

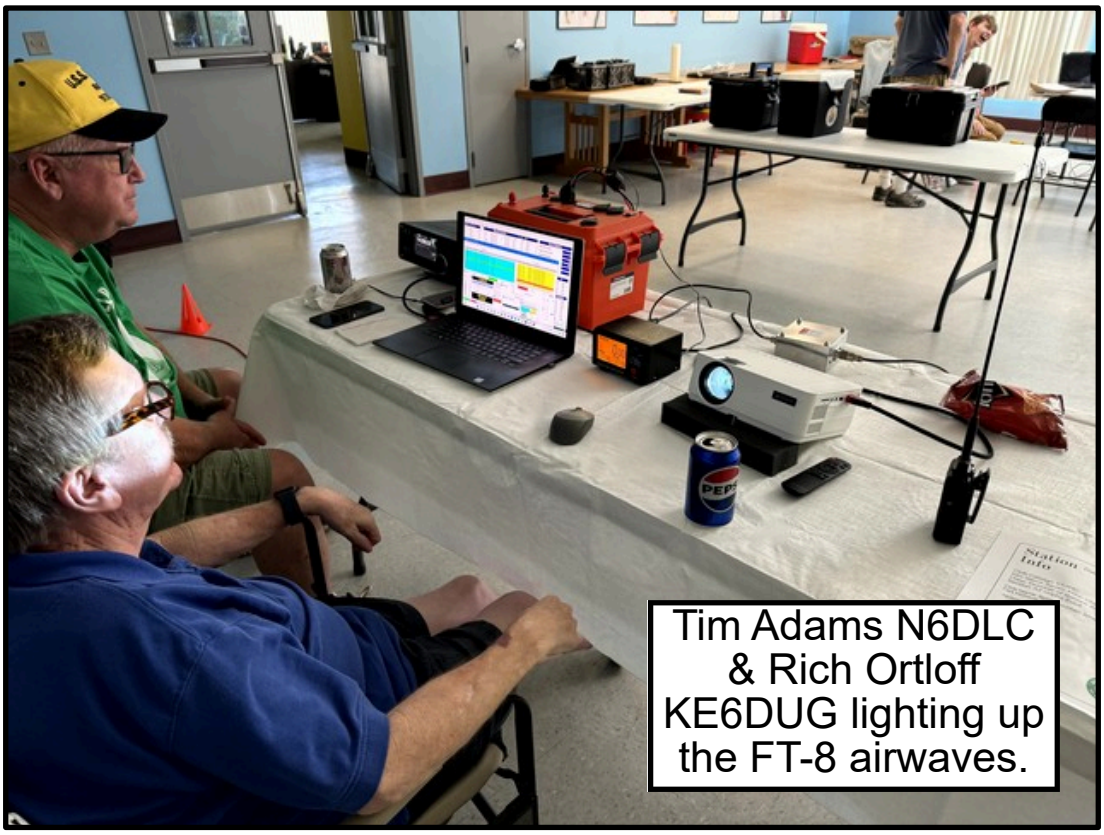
Do you have questions, ideas, thoughts or concerns? Email me at President@SMARC.Club and we can discuss it. Thanks for reading, and I look forward to seeing everyone in our meeting, and in the coming events!

Stay safe, and 73!
Paul Jameson, WB7N
SMARC Club President

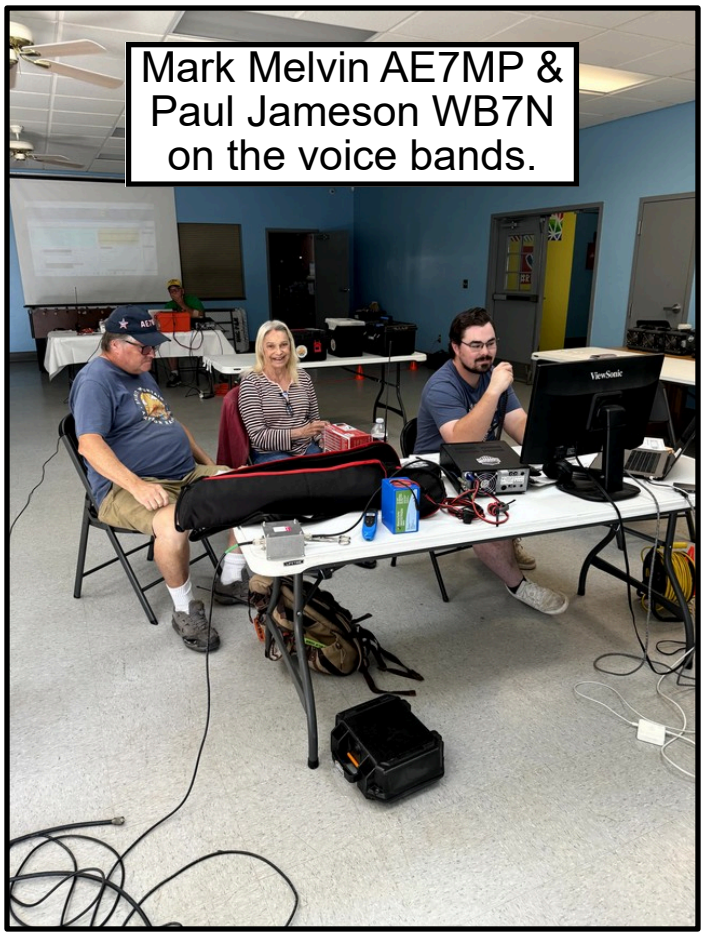




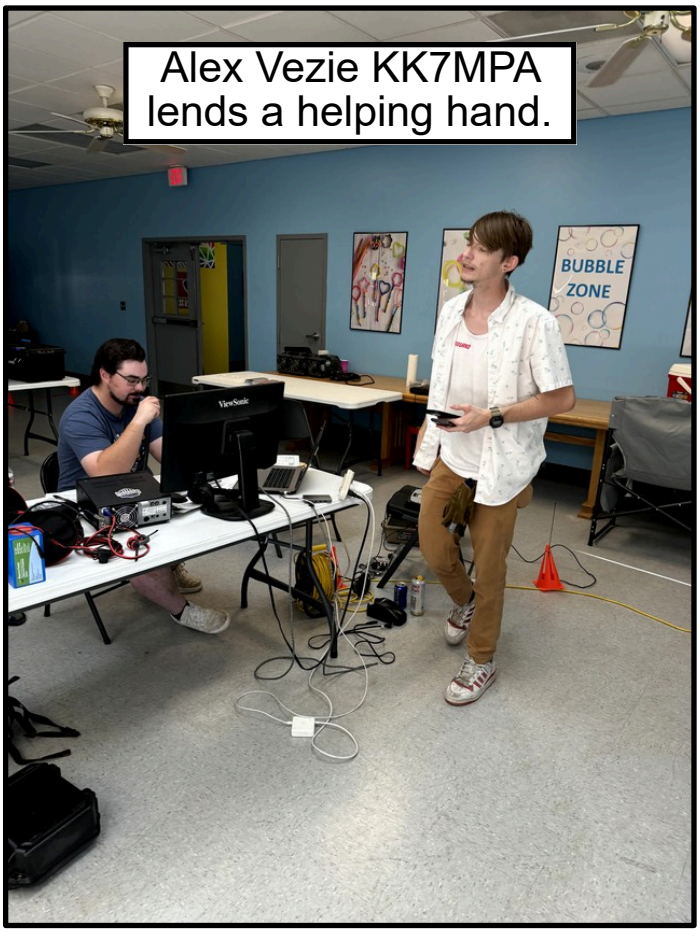
More photos from Field Day 2024. The Bullhead City Park's Department allowed our club to use an air-conditioned office for our 2024 Field Day Activities. Thank you BHC!



Tim Adams N6DLC & Rich Ortloff KE6DUG lighting up the FT-8 airwaves.



Mark Melvin AE7MP & Paul Jameson WB7N on the voice bands.



Alex Vezie KK7MPA lends a helping hand.

Editor's Notes

Monthly breakfast meetings have been moved to the 2nd Saturday each month at 8am. The next one is Saturday, September 14. The location is Perkins Restaurant at 95 and Hancock.

Mark Melvin AE7MP, SMARC Newsletter Editor

This month's Club Zoom Meeting Rescheduled

If you thought you missed this month's club meeting on Zoom this past Monday, you thought wrong. Due to the Labor Day holiday it has been rescheduled for next Monday, September 9, at 11am, due to additional scheduling conflicts.

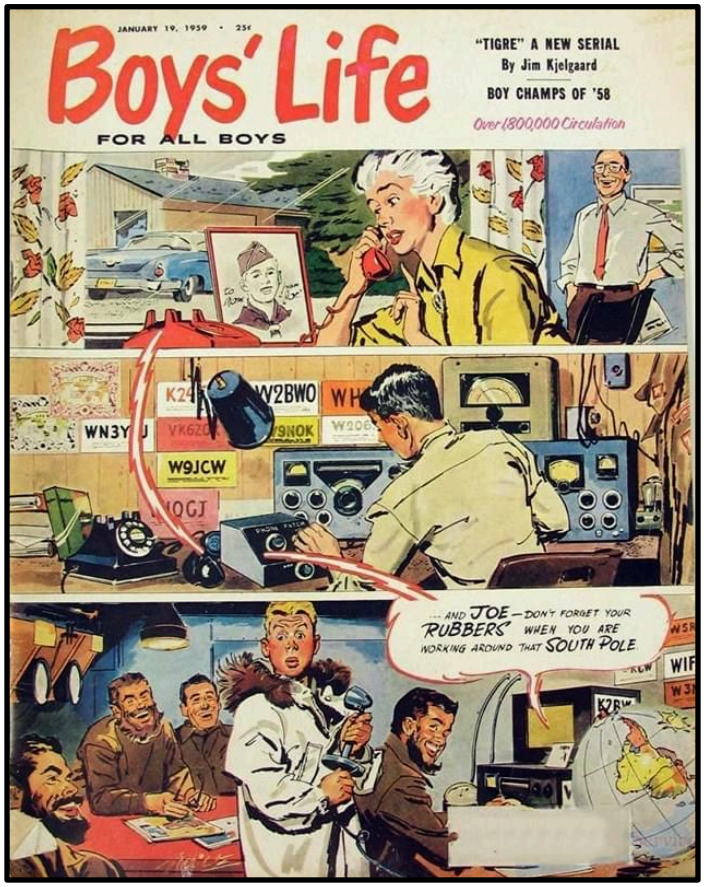
October's meeting is planned to be back at the regular scheduled date and time: the first Monday of the month at 3pm.

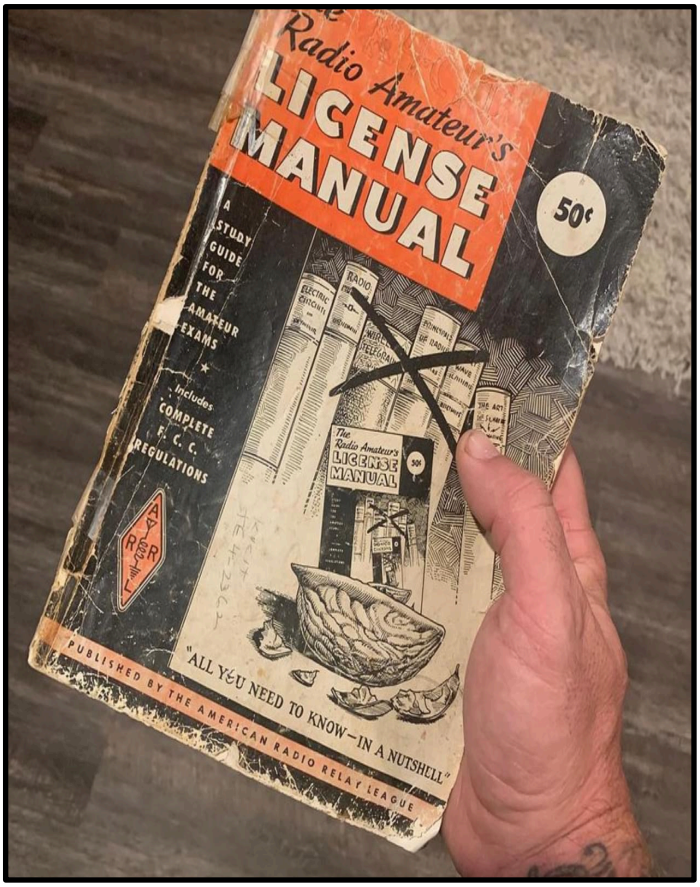
Club Repeater Information

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

BLAST FROM THE PAST!





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

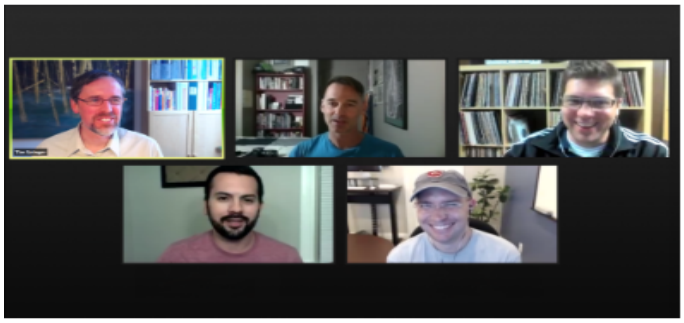
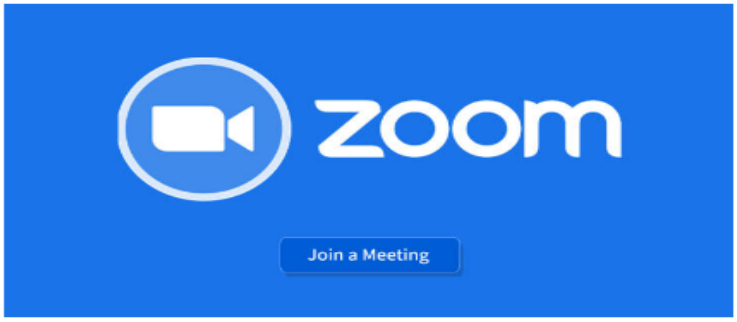
zoom Video Club Meetings

The SMARC Club has a monthly online ZOOM meeting on the first Monday of each month at 11am MST. The next one is Monday, September 9, 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.