



HUALAPAI AMATEUR
WB6RER
RADIO CLUB

The Rumble

Next Meeting
Aug 2, 2023 6PM

Program
Fox Hunt antenna info; maybe CWOps

Meeting Location:
Northern AZ Fire Station #31,
2600 Northern Ave

From the Pres:

I would like to welcome all new members to this great group of ham radio operators. HARC is the oldest radio club in Kingman and this year we celebrated our 50th anniversary in July, so let's all make this a year to remember. Please join us in our activities that the club puts on and please be a participating member of the club. Don't forget we carry Andy Devine's call sign and we should be proud of that and honor the call sign by using WB6RER during every event we do. The September Route 66 On The Air is a perfect operating event to do so.

Club Activities

We had a club breakfast at Jerry, WS7T's home on the 22nd and it was a great time with pancakes, sausage and eggs for breakfast. Oh, let's not forget the coffee, tea, and other goodies. Thanks to all that could find time to take part in this and a big thanks to Jerry's wife Tria for her hard work in putting it together and letting us into her home.

We had a FOX hunt on the 29th and Scott, KK7KBQ found it first again. Someone needs to step up and give him some competition. We will schedule a group hunt practice session this month so we can all fine tune our equipment and hone our skills.

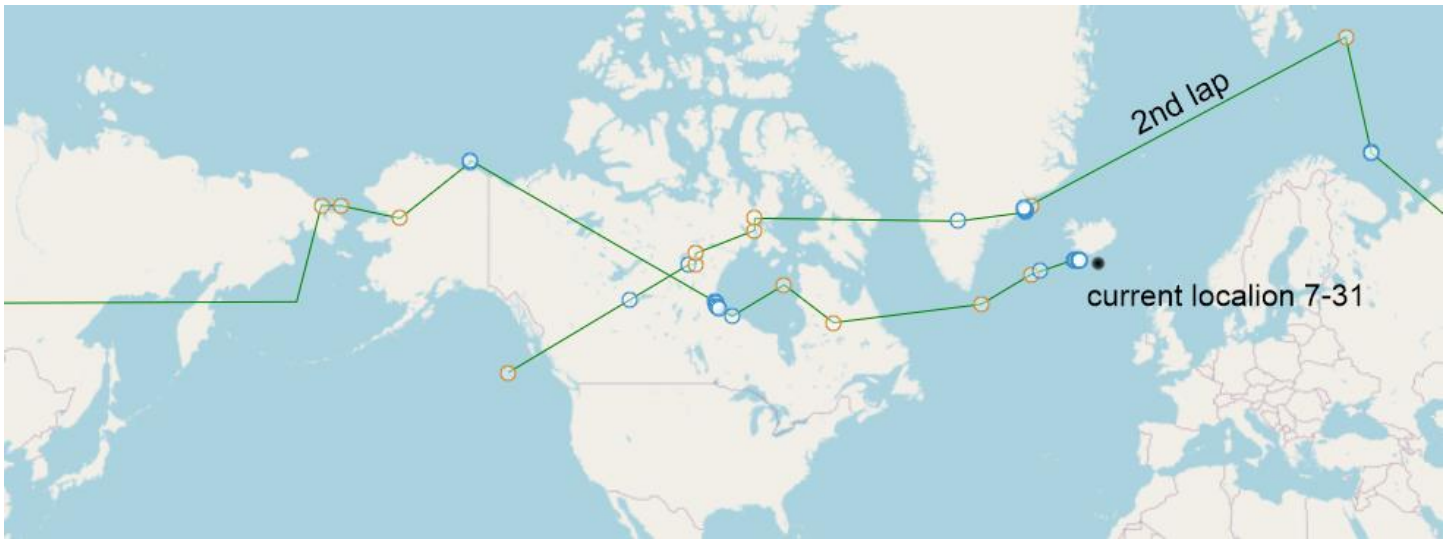
We launched ANDY-1 balloon on 7-21-2023 at 13:40 UTC. It was an easy launch with the help of Alan, KK7LUC and Scott, KK7KBQ. We had a very light breeze and clear skies. The balloon ascended to 45,000ft (give or take) and proceeded to go to Mexico. Unfortunately, the last spot for ANDY-1 was on 7-26 at 15:04 UTC. It showed no sign of balloon failure (such as a drop in altitude) up to that point,

so it might have been a hardware failure. We will never know. The Map shows its flight path. ANDY-1 was the last of the club sponsored balloons.



On the other hand, WB6RER HARC-1 is well into its 3rd circumnavigation around our world. We wish we knew why this balloon and tracker is doing so well. Its story and picture was put on the front page of QRZ.COM and has had over 5,000 views. We have tried to duplicate the balloon and have had a few failures since, so we believe there are things that are out of our control and happening when the balloons are at altitude.

Everyone can be proud of this accomplishment. It was a club effort and we would like to thank everyone who followed and are still following the balloons for their interest in the project.



I personally would like to thank the club members for giving me the freedom to do the activities that we have done so far this year. I hope you have gotten a little enjoyment from them.

Thank you, Rick/K7CNT 73

From the HARC Vice President

Jerry is on the road and took the time to send this in for the Rumble, adding comments about the Fox Hunt:

Fox Hunt on Sat 29th. Don and Jerry handled the Fox. Scott, Allen, and Jerry hunted. Everybody found the Fox. It took over an hour and in the end, Scott beat everyone else by only a minute or two. Apparently, Allen actually drove right by the Fox first, but didn't spot it in the crowded Louis Kingman Park. Everyone had a good time and finished the morning with breakfast at the Olympic Restaurant.

He then added a note to me → Tom, my loop antenna worked well for spotting with its null feature, but I need a second antenna with F/B and more gain in order to spot the general area. Can you make me a sketch so I can build a little 2-meter antenna tuned to about 146.50 if and when you have a free minute? We are headed for the Land of the Midnight Sun for a couple of weeks. I'll see you at breakfast about 3 weeks from now.

Jerry, WS7T

Flagstaff Hamfest follow-up

The Flagstaff Hamfest was a nice, one-day event, complete with coffee, water, donuts, pizza and more. The school building was well air-conditioned and the temp did rise to triple digits outdoors; consequently, the swap meet folks folded their tents around noontime.

My seminar was the last of the day, following a two-hour ARCA session. Asking for a show of hands and some discussion, I was amazed by the high percentage of hams who have not only limited space, but also restrictive HOA's. It was a challenge to offer possible antennas for them to use to improve their station's effectiveness.

The following week, the organizer of the convention, the NADXA (Northern Arizona DX Association, <https://nadxa.com/>) sent out an e-mail regarding Route-66 On The Air. Their e-mails give us an inside look at another club and how they are organizing and preparing.

This is a premier operating event for many clubs and runs for 9 days. Those in our club who want to increase the profile of WB6RER can certainly use this event. Our operating call sign is W6F; however, we have great QSL cards that are a nice vehicle to display Kingman and the club.

Two NADXA e-mails follow and although their club (using call sign W6T) made over 4,000 Q's last year, our Hualapai Club (call sign W6F) made over 6,000.

August is the time to have our operating plans in place and see how much higher we can go.

e-mails follow...

Hey 66ers,

Route 66 will be a fun event this September and NADXA will be sponsoring three stations again.

The plan for the **W6T** station will be the same as last year and you are invited to attend.

All dates and times listed are MST (Arizona local)

Sep 8 at 1 PM (Friday) we will start the set-up in Bellemont and plan to be on the air at 5 PM.

I plan to be there Friday through Saturday.

Sep 12 at 1 PM (Tuesday) we will start the take-down and move to the Parks location.

Complimentary grilled **hot dogs, potato salad and cold drinks** while supplies last when the Parks set-up is complete.

I plan to be there Tuesday through Wednesday.

Sep 17 at 5 PM (Sunday) we will start take-down and go home.

I plan to be there.

PLEASE come out and help set-up, operate or just hang out, chat and have fun.

Anyone that signs the visitors log will receive a complete set of the NADXA QSLs

The Goals are:

Be SAFE

Have Fun Fun Fun

Nobody misses a clean sweep because of W6T

Last year we made 4,502 contacts and I answered 234 QSL requests. Hope to do that again!

I will not be able to post W6T on QRZ until sometime in late September after the World's Largest Teapot event is over since they use W6T also. Check it out come early September.

For more information contact me anytime via email, text or phone 480-356-3663.

73,

Ron, KG7OH/W6T

...a response to the above message:

Ron:

It sounds like a good plan.

Don't forget that we will have the RT 66 Car Club of Flagstaff stop by on

Saturday, September 16th, on their way to Seligman, thanks to Lou(W7KFT)!

What an incredible photo op for our event, with all those classic cars parked there!!

*Also this year, will be the first time we will **NOT** need generators, gas, oil, power cords, etc., to deal with, because of our upgraded, solar panels & LiFePO4 100ah battery powered comm trailer!!*

This means no one will need to go out in the middle of the night to add fuel to the generators!

And if it gets cold at night, we will now be able to just turn on our newly installed RV heater.

ALL THANKS TO THE ARRL GRANT we received in January and so many of our club members!!

Enjoy!!

73

Bob, NF7E

...end e-mails

The HOME PAGE for Route 66 On The Air is:

<https://w6jbt.org/>



The score summary for all the stations is found at:

https://w6jbt.org/?page_id=1440

When you look up this web site, it is obvious it has not been updated for the 2023 event. Well, they still have a little time to get it updated!

Generally speaking, all of our club members use the W6F call sign when they are on the air making contacts. We are the rare station for everyone to contact, so we call CQ. Coordination is via Mike, KG6ECW and his software protocol. The key is for us to have stations operating on each band and mode, but not two at the same time. An example - we can have three station on 20 meters, one on CW, one on SSB and another on FT-8; however, we can't have

two stations on 20 CW at the same time. The coordination last year went pretty well and this year should be the same.

We have club QSL cards to send to those stations who want our card, which is a wonderful way to show our club and WB6RER.

OPERATING

Here are the State QSO parties for August and September →

Maryland-DC QSO Party

<https://w3vpr.org/mdcqsop/>

08/12/2023 1400Z - 08/13/2023 0400Z



Hawaii QSO Party

<https://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org/>

08/26/2023 0400Z - 08/28/2023 0359Z



Ohio QSO Party MRCC - Mad River Radio Club

<https://www.ohqp.org/>

08/26/2023 1600Z - 08/27/2023 0400Z

Kansas QSO Party



<https://www.ksqsoparty.org/>

08/26/2023 1400Z - 08/27/2023 0200Z

08/27/2023 1400Z - 08/27/2023 2000Z

Colorado QSO Party

<http://ppraa.org/coqp>

Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Association

09/02/2023 1300Z - 09/03/2023 0400Z



Tennessee QSO Party

<https://www.tnqp.org/>

09/03/2023 1800Z - 09/04/2023 0300Z



Alabama QSO Party

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<http://alabamacontestgroup.org/aqp/>

09/09/2023 1500Z - 09/10/2023 0300Z



Story County ARC

IOWA QSO Party

<http://www.w0yl.com/IAQP>

09/16/2023 1400Z - 09/17/2023 0200Z

Port City Amateur Radio Club

NH QSO Party

<https://w1wqm.org/nh-qso-party/#>

09/16/2023 TBD - 09/17/2023 TBD



Burlington County Radio Club

New Jersey QSO Party

<http://www.k2td-bcrc.org/njqp/index.html>

09/16/2023 noon EDT - 09/17/2023 1159 EDT



Texas DX Society, Texas QSO Party

<https://www.txqp.net/>

09/16/2023 1400Z - 09/16/2023 0200Z

09/17/2023 1400Z - 09/17/2023 2000Z

Western Washington DX Club

Washington State QSO Party: "The Salmon Run"



<http://salmonrun.wwdxc.org/>

09/21/2023 1600Z - 09/22/2023 0700Z

09/21/2023 1600Z - 09/22/2023 2400Z

(maximum 23 hours operating time)

...plus one more in September and lots in October

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