



The Rumble

Next Meeting

Wed. September 4, 2024 6:00PM

Route 66 OTA, plus more

Meeting Location:

Northern AZ Fire Station #31,
2600 Northern Ave

25th Anniversary of Route 66 On the Air

Event Dates: September 7-15, 2024

see N6KLS' first write-up on page 2 in last month's RUMBLE

From Vicki, N6KLS:

Route 66 On the Air-Sept. 7-15!

Some years ago, our club made a commitment to the Citrus Belt who operates this special event to be W6F for Route 66 on the Air out of Kingman. People all over the world depend on us to be on the air as many hours and days as possible operating our call sign during this 2 week period.

These Ham's want their "clean sweep" certificate, and they come looking for us not just on the weekends, but evenings, odd hours and every day of these 2 weeks! The hams come back year after year looking for each station from Chicago to Los Angeles and do so on all bands and modes CW, digital and SSB.

Be prepared for DX contacts, too. Yes, they want these certificates!

A few years back our club members got a little lackadaisical, didn't work the event and lost the call to another group in Kingman. It became a bone of contention, and the club members insisted they wanted the call back. After some considerable negotiations, I was able to make that a reality with the promise to the Citrus Belt that we would give this our best effort concentrating on being available to all the stations looking for Kingman.

I am coordinating the event for operating dates and times and bands; however, this is really OUR event.

Let's go gang busters and make more contacts than we made two years ago, which was 6000!

Doing some math.....we have 43 members, so if each member makes only 150 contacts over the 9-day period, we will have a great score.

If you can't, do the best you can and we will be happy!

Let's show the Citrus Belt that we are alive and well, besides being radio-active in Kingman.

This event is one of the few events that our club sponsors all year. It is not difficult, work your best mode and band. They give you the frequencies to operate around. Click on this link for this information:

https://w6jbt.org/?page_id=25

Ok what is stopping you?

I don't have the equipment to do HF??
My antenna is not up or worse yet it is broken??

I don't know how to get started??
I'm afraid to get on the air because I don't know what to do and people will get mad or laugh at me. I don't have the logging program??

Well I can fix your problems!

Tell me what you need. I'm patient and I don't bite. You can trust that I won't share around with others our conversations. You can operate here with us at our home station and I can help you. It is always fun and exciting to do something new and interesting. Give it a try!

Important Information:

You may operate from the trailer, your home, our home or talk to us about mobile time.

Go to this web site www.ham-qtv.com, under Route 66 on the Air, sign up for your dates, times and modes. **You may NOT operate the same frequency and mode as someone who has already signed up.** Block your calendars to work every day, there will be new people looking for us! Exceed your personal goal.

Use logging software that can create an adif or Cabrillo file that can be sent to N6BT following the end of the event. If you see that the person is a duplicate, work them anyway. We can delete them later. Don't take the time to explain that we worked before, just work them and move on.

If you have a big pile up and can't hear a full call sign:

- 1) call for the YL,
- 2) ask for 6 calls only,
- 3) or catch the location someone may give you,
- 4) anything you can clearly hear call and leave the weak ones alone until the end.

The report to those calling you is the call sign W6F, Kingman, AZ.

Remember – in this special event, everyone is calling you. All you need do is call CQ Route 66 On The Air and they will come to you. Really cool.

From the Secretary

Fox Hunting

The Hualapai Amateur Radio Club Fox Hunting has been pretty consistent over the last year and a half. It helps to adjust the

timing between summer and winter to avoid the temperature extremes that Kingman experiences.

A big shout out and THANK YOU to Don KB7USA for being our fox and picking some challenging hiding places.

Last month Rick Cooper, K7CNT was the “first to find”, again. We had 10 people participate in the August Fox Hunt.

One of the first activities I was invited to join in after becoming a HARC member was a Fox Hunt “training” session that Rick set up. I made up a small loop antenna the night before. Rick hid the fox nearby and 4 or 5 of us stood around in the parking lot like a bunch of chickens watching it rain, waving our antennas around!

It was a little bit tricky, but the loop worked pretty good. We had the monthly fox hunt the next day and I was the “first to find”! I wish I could say it was because I had some actual hunting skills, but it was just dumb luck that the first place I stopped to try to get a reading on it, happened to be about 50 yds from where the fox was hiding! I went on to win the next couple of hunts after that too.

I learned a lot during those next few months, reading web pages, watching YouTube videos, playing with a “baby fox” in the backyard and testing a few different antenna/attenuator combinations.

A few tidbits that might be helpful for new or experienced fox hunters, in no particular order:

- You don't need to be a licensed ham to participate, receive only, bring your non-ham friends, they make good lookouts and drivers, but they might just beat you one day.
- Any gear will work if you work it! Check your equipment prior to the hunt.
- Everything is an antenna; some things are better than others (loop, yagi, vertical).
- Most inexpensive radios don't have good filters and signal meters but still work fine.
- Learn to attenuate effectively, using DIY or a bought attenuator, your body or a vehicle.
- Learn your radio, how to adjust the squelch level and to open squelch with a button.
- Drive carefully, safely, and obey all traffic rules.
- Make big moves, you're triangulating on a stationary transmitter, don't drive half a block and check again; move a quarter to half a mile and take another heading.
- Heading? Bearing? Why not use a compass and map to plot what you're hearing?
- Watch the signal strength of your mobile radio while moving; to confirm you're headed in the right direction. Again, a passenger can help with this too.
- Beware of reflected signals bouncing off buildings and mountains, again make big moves.
- Stop in wide open areas, empty lots and parking lots to take headings

- Check out azthunt.com cool website
- I just forgot the most important thing, it was...mmm, oh yeah, have fun, be safe, and stay hydrated! 😊

Anybody but Rick!
Cheers!

73 de KG6ECW

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Please focus on Route 66 On The Air

CLUB EVENTS

Sep 21th (Third Saturday) 7:30 AM Truck Stop Denny's and will remain at the same monthly date, and time, for the year's balance.

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