



The Rumble

Next Meeting

Wed. October 2, 2024 6:00PM

Route 66 OTA, plus more

Meeting Location:

Northern AZ Fire Station #31,
2600 Northern Ave

Letter from the Route 66 On The Air - Chairperson

2024 Route 66 On The Air Report for W6F and W6W

I am happy to report W6F made 6,197 Q's.

Whoooo Hooo! I am so proud of our team which consisted of 17 individuals, 2 non club members, 3 out of state guest operators, 2 trainees, and 10 Hualapai Amateur Radio Club members! Of the 17 team members there were two YL's. 2162 contacts were made from 1 home station. There were 7 operators that used multiple bands/frequencies on both SSB and CW. The balance of 4035 contacts were made by 10 operators on multiple bands/frequencies using CW, FT8 and SSB.

The Rover W6W made 1308 contacts! There were 5 operators who drove 382 miles over 5 days. During 4 of these days it took 3-4 hours roundtrip plus set-up/take-down at the location, which did not include the operating hours in the cramped back seat of Big Bertha! Total contacts were 1308. For Rover photos, check out QRZ's W6W page.

My assessment of this year's efforts are that the 17 members who worked Route 66 OTA **pulled together as a team for this herculean outcome! You ROCK!**

I so appreciated your efforts! It helps to have a goal and know what to do to reach it. My aspirations for 2025 include having two Rovers just like Flagstaff. We beat Flagstaff's score for their regular call sign

and came very close to their Rover scores. I think we can beat them again, including the Rovers thus our request for two Rovers. I'm throwing down the gauntlet-I think we can beat Albuquerque N.M. of 8641 contacts. It will be a stretch just like this year but if EVERYONE that has an HF rig gets a decent antenna and gives it their all I know we can do it. You need to put in the hours and we need more than 17 people. Can we do it? Sure, we can!

One more thing, when I least expected it an operator came by the house with log sheets and it warmed my heart to know others were out there that I didn't know were operating. I don't care how many contacts you make, it all goes to the total score and that is what counts. I don't care if you are a club member or not, although it is really nice if you are! You can be on our team anytime if you want to contribute to the Hualapai ARC totals. Next year we are going to include more training of working in pile up situations and building an efficient antenna that will improve your enjoyment of HAM radio! Stay tuned folks your Route 66 Chair is on a mission!

88, Vicki, N6KLS

From the Secretary

Fall is here. Time to start thinking about being out and about portable. I'm looking forward to it. I picked up a portable solar panel, charge controller, and 12v 20aH LiFePo4 battery that I'm itching to use. I'll probably be out portable on 10/12 around 8am. So, as always, if you're interested, come on out and join me. I'll make an announcement on the groups.io site.

For those that haven't yet signed up to receive the Arizona Desert Air Waves (ADAW) newsletter, you're missing out on this no-cost, informative monthly newsletter. Basically its a look at what other clubs in Arizona are up to as well as the who, what, when, where of upcoming hamfests in AZ. If you'd like to receive it, let me know and I'll get you added to the list.

I'm also going to be submitting a "what we're up to" article to them for the next newsletter. I'll cover Route 66 on the Air, Fox Hunts, and the parade. If you have any photos you'd like to share, please get them to me as soon as possible, I need to submit the article by 10/10.

I'm also working on a new photo album for the Club website, so any photos, past, present, future of Club activites would be more than welcome.

And, finally, just a reminder that we won't be having a regular meeting in December, instead we will do our Annual Christmas Party for Club Members and their guests. We'll be at the Dambar & Restaurant this year, 6pm Wednesday Dec.4. If you're planning on attending and haven't let me know already, please let me know. I told them to expect about 30 people, and with everyone that has already confirmed, we're close to that number. If there are others, I'd like to let them know as soon as possible.

I think that about does it for me this month. See you at the next meeting.

73 de KG6ECW

From H.A.R.C. Director and immediate Past President, Rick, K7CNT:

W6F Route 66 OTA was a lot of fun this year and being involved with the rover was a special treat. I really enjoy portable operating, getting outdoors and seeing how well the equipment works. I am totally convinced now that a resonator style vertical antenna is the best decision in my book now. Both

for base station or portable, they are very easy to work with.

Emergency Comms Outing:

On Thursday I was involved with the N.A.B.R. Northern Arizona Backup Response team and Mohave County EOC. I went with 2 other team members, 2 Auxcom operators and Mike Browning the Mohave County Emergency Coordinator to Grand Canyon West (Sky Walk) to mainly test antenna systems as that seemed to be the biggest factor overall. I operated out of my truck using the HF antenna on the back of the truck. We were on 40 meters and trying to establish reliable communications with the Peach Springs team, FEMA station in Phoenix and a Havasu station. The testing was a success, and I really enjoyed myself up there as I had never visited Grand Canyon West. The weather was great and we had beautiful views of the area. The N.A.B.R. team could really use another operator willing to become certified and be involved with the Mohave County EOC and N.A.B.R. It's really not that big a deal to go through the online certification process.

ANTENNAS:

I will be building a N6BT V8 style 80-10 meter vertical antenna for my station, I have most of the aluminum tubing for the vertical element and will hit the KAR recycling facility to find the rest of the tubing that I will need. What an easy antenna to build and install. Even though I live downtown Kingman in a hole surrounded by hills, it should still be a worthy project and a great addition to my antenna farm. I will be able to switch between the existing Off Center Fed dipole and the new vertical from the antenna switch in the shack.

Possible Outing:

Sometime this year we should go up to Windy Point for a day of HF/VHF/UHF portable fun. We could cook the hot dogs and buns you bring on a BBQ. Bring a lawn chair and play ham radio and just hang out at 6,000ft
May God bless you

Thank you, Rick/K7CNT 73

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OPERATING

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Oceania DX Contest, Phone 0600Z, Oct 5 to 0600Z, Oct 6

<https://ocdx.contesting.com/>

California QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 5 to 2200Z, Oct 6

<https://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>

VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest 1700Z-2100Z, Oct 9

<http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/>

10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10

<http://www.ten-ten.org/index.php/activity/2013-07-22-20-26-48/qso-party-rules>

Nevada QSO Party 0300Z, Oct 12 to 2100Z, Oct 13

<http://nvqso.com/contest-rules/>

Arizona QSO Party 1500Z, Oct 12 to 0500Z, Oct 13

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

Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 12 to 0400Z, Oct 13 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 13

<http://paqso.org/pa-qso-party-rules.html>

South Dakota QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 12 to 1800Z, Oct 13

<http://www.sdqsoparty.com/>

New York QSO Party 1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20

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

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Oct 19 to 1500Z, Oct 20

<https://www.kkn.net/stew/>

Illinois QSO Party 1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21

<https://w9awe.org/ilqp/>

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 26 to 2359Z, Oct 27

<https://www.cqww.com/rules.htm>

**Kingman Parade
Saturday, September 28**



Photos by Vicki, N6KLS!!

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