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Welcome from the President!

SMARC President's Update 3/18/24

Welcome to the Spirit Mountain Amateur Radio Club and thank you for viewing our eleventh monthly newsletter! February was an important month for us in adapting to ever-changing situations.

After lots of conversation with the internet companies nearby, the internet issues at our repeater location have been resolved which are allowing the EchoLink and AllStar to be active on our repeater! To access the repeater via EchoLink, use the server *SMARC* (node number 145556). To access the repeater via AllStar, dial node number 593660. WIRES-X connectivity is coming soon.

In more news, we are working on becoming a non-profit organization in the state of Arizona which will likely take a few more weeks to become final. We will be working on becoming a non-profit as recognized by the IRS in time as it is a very long and expensive process.

We are looking forward to preparing for ARRL Field Day 2024 as the ARRL has posted their 2024 information packets and logo. For more information, please visit: https://www.arrl.org/field-day

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

It's the same for all newsletter editors, the hardest part is to have a source of information to put in the newsletter. This month I'm going to submit an article about a radio I purchased back in 2011 and just opened the shipping box for the first time to see what I bought.

Anything that members have to add to a future newsletter are welcome. Just get them to me.

Does any club member want their own personalized club email address, such as AE7MP@SMARC.CLUB? Contact me and I'll set it up for you.

Mark Melvin AE7MP
SMARC Newsletter Editor

February Breakfast Meeting

The results of the February monthly club breakfast meeting are very positive. It's a go to continue the monthly breakfast meetings, although the date was changed to the second Saturday starting February. Next month bring yourself along with a good appetite to Perkins at 95 and Hancock and let's talk radio.

In attendance, clockwise from left: Dennis Kromer, KR3U, Patricia Kromer, KB3IDQ, Mark Melvin AE7MP, Richie Ortloff, KE6DUG, Tim Adams N6DLC, Pat Coker N6RMJ, Paul WB7N and Tatiana Jameson arrived after the photo was taken.

Mark Melvin AE7MP

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

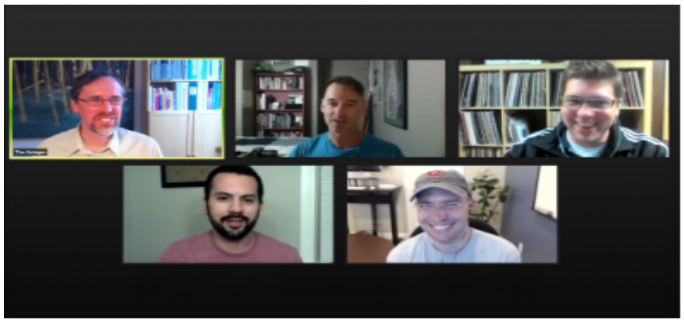
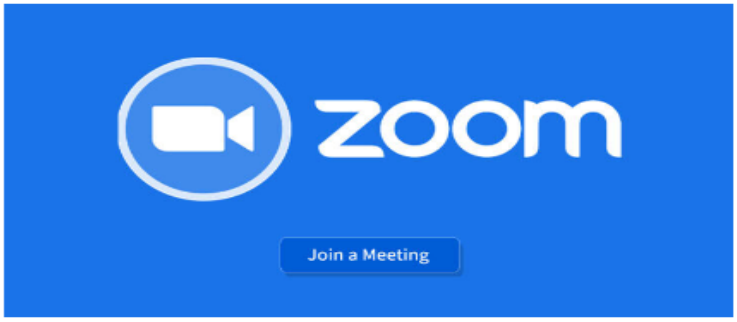
zoom Video Club Meetings

The SMARC Club has a monthly online ZOOM meeting on the first Saturday of each month at 2pm MST. The next one is Saturday, April 6, 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.

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.

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