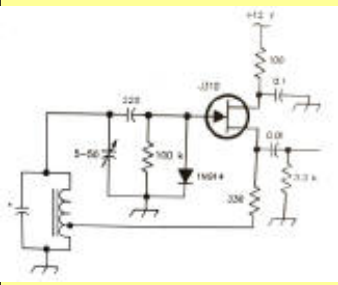
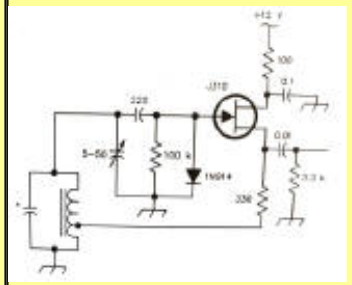


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M - F	6 m FM net 52.540	6:00AM
M - F	round-table 52.525	8:00PM
T, T	Informal Wal-Mart (E)	10:00AM
M, W, F	Informal Wal-Mart (W)	10:00AM
Mon	WTRA Swap net 146.88	8 PM
Wed	Net 146.64	6:45PM
June 28-29	Field Day	
July	No Breakfast - Club House	8 AM
July	No Business meet-	9 AM
July 11-13	Rocky Mountain Division Convention (Bryce Canyon)	
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THE ARTICLES FOR THIS MONTH

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KD5ZHI

"Field day is upon us. Henry had made plans for a great two day event at the club house, please see his article for details. Something new is the pot luck on Saturday, bring enough of your favorite dish to share. There will be no meeting in July. Tim Linn has had a successful training class last week. He and his crew and VE staff passed seven either new or upgraded licenses. I believe his good effort in making announcements in the LO and flyers helped. I don't have much else to report so this is a very short article. See you at field day.

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FIELD DAY

AD5FE

Field day this year, June 28& 29 will be at the clubhouse. We will meet at 11:00 AM to checkout the antennas and gear to make sure it is all working, which it should be. We will put the stations on the air at 12:00. All the radio gear will be on generator power, but the building will be on firm power, which means we will have A/C and a real bathroom.

The radio room will be running voice while there will be a PSK station set up in the meeting room if you would like to see what it is all about, and try your hand at it. Alex Burr, K5XY, is going to try to work a satellite or two if the orbits cooperate.

We will have a pot-luck dinner at 18:00 with some pizza thrown in. Bring out your favorite dish and share it with the gang. Joe Ostrowski, KI5FJ, is planning on spending the night so feel free to drop by any time to try your hand at a little HF or PSK.

This is a great opportunity to see what HF is all about for those newly ticketed Techs. This year we are treating Field Day as a social event and not so much as a contest, so come out and visit, see what the club station can do, get on the air, and maybe even learn something.

We will have some hotcakes on Sunday morning at 08:00 for those who would like to come out and share some breakfast with the guys. With the event ending at 12:00 with the station closing and station cleanup and with no antennas to take down, this should not be long process.

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TECH CLASS

It has been reported indirectly that seven out of the eight students in the Tech class passed the exam and another ham came and took the extra test.

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BATAAN DEATH MARCH

The following e-mail was received from the Commanding General of White Sands Missile Range, BG Rick McCabe. Also note the plaque on the cover page which was given to the club for its help during this large event.

"From time to time I am privileged to witness events that are striking in their execution and relevance to tasks and purposes. Occasionally these extend organizational missions well beyond charter. When well done, it is generally because the event or activity has more than just taken on a life of its own; it is because the purposeful underpinnings are compelling. This year's annual Bataan Death March was such an event. In my closing remarks I commented that I have had occasion to participate in many large events of an athletic nature to include complex triathlons and swimming events. There has never been a single time when these could favorably compare to what I witnessed at our march this year. The people of White Sands Missile range took ownership of this immensely important commemorative mission and devoted countless hours to something they recognized to be far greater than themselves. The emotional and physical commitment involved is simply magnificent.

Too many people to count commented that it was just a privilege to be there and be a part of it all. My family is no less a victim of this effect.

With you, we watched nearly 4400 people take on the challenge. We all saw the gratification of mission accomplished as they crossed the finish line at many stages of fatigue. As a participant, I saw leadership by the youngest attendant at water points encouraging marchers to take on water, medical aid and nourishment, reaching out to all who were negotiating the challenge our course offered. The commitment of this entire installation and its people was steadfast and evident through the crossing of the last marcher, utterly exhausted, at nearly 2200 last night! I see this as another application of the Army's Warrior ethos; you placed this critical mission first, despite many challenges along the way you never accepted defeat, you refused to quit as the hours went long, and until the last participating safely returned to garrison to applause and congratulations, you did not leave a single comrade behind.

Maura, I and my son Scott are profoundly humbled to have been part of your efforts. Despite the physical repercussions of our performing the march, you have successfully given cause for us all to take pride in honoring our hero's who did this march for real; after all, there is nothing wrong with those of us who marched on 30 March that Gatorade, water, food, moleskin and aspirin won't fix!

Congratulations on one of the finest team efforts I have ever seen!

Well done! Please pass along my compliments and thanks to all those who might otherwise slip through

the seams as there are so many indeed deserving of recognition.

Well Done!!!

Rick McCabe

BG, USA

Commanding"

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SIX METERS

K5XY

Many "all band" transceivers now cover 6 meters. That however is usually the least used band. Part of the reason is that antenna tuners do not often cover this region and few have antennas just for 6 meters. Part is due to the fact that there are few signals to be heard there.

However the band is more open than many people think. sporadic e propagation is often available (particularly in the summer) but is unpredictable. When, it provides strong signals from relatively small areas of the country so contacts can be made with low power and inferior antennas. Contests provide incentives to operate on the band also.

The June VHF Contest provided one of these incentives. People try 6 meters. If the band is open, the operators are there. Such an opening happened near the end of this month's contest. Early Sunday afternoon I worked some stations to the east. Later the opening shifted to the west. For a short while I was even working a station every few minutes. These were the first 6 meter stations I had worked in years. And my antenna was almost a wet noodle. (It was in fact a 10m mobile whip with a high SWR.)

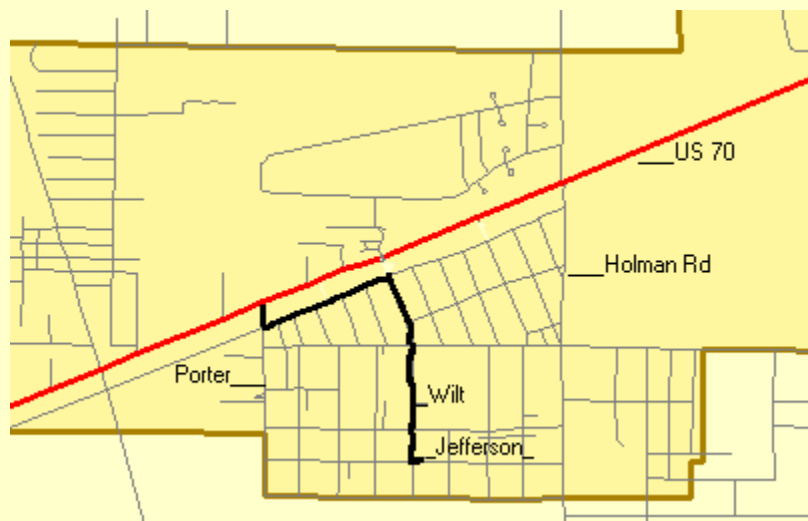
Of course my contacts were nothing compared to K7ICW who was working a few stations every minute. He was on at least five bands and probably worked at least four states on two meters.

In true 6 meters fashion, the band folded 15 minutes before the close of the contest and I heard nobody but K7ICW down by the Rio Grande

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CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson in Hacienda Heights. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a gps, take the Porter exit on US 70. It is about 5 miles from the I 25 interchange, near the firehouse. Almost immediately south of the south frontage road on the south side of US 70, turn left toward the mountains until you come to Wilt. Turn right. There is a jog in the road, but at 0.35 miles you should come to Jefferson. If you can't see the tower and beam, you shouldn't be driving. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing.



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