

# A Visit To Marine Station KPH

A group of our members trekked out to Point Reyes to visit the ship to shore marine radio station KPH, the staff at KPH spent a good deal of time with us explaining the history of the station and its purpose of passing and receiving messages from ships at sea. The photos below tell a small story of our visit at the receiving station. Another two members went on to visit the transmitting site in Bolinas and later joined up with us, many of their pictures will also be posted soon. Another opportunity was to use a straight key to send a Morse code signal on the Amateur CW Bands to other Amateurs who would be listening.













**RCA**



1985

**The Last Decade of Western**  
The formation of MCI was a result of a series of events that began in 1980 when Robert G. Bell and his partners decided to create a new company to provide long-distance telephone service. The company was named MCI Telecommunications Corporation. In 1981, the company was listed on the New York Stock Exchange. In 1982, the company was acquired by the British company British Telecom. In 1983, the company was acquired by the Japanese company Nippon Telegraph and Telephone. In 1984, the company was acquired by the French company France Telecom. In 1985, the company was acquired by the German company Deutsche Telekom. In 1986, the company was acquired by the Italian company Telecom Italia. In 1987, the company was acquired by the Spanish company Telefonos de Espana. In 1988, the company was acquired by the Portuguese company Telecom Portugal. In 1989, the company was acquired by the Greek company OTE. In 1990, the company was acquired by the Turkish company Turk Telekom. In 1991, the company was acquired by the Russian company Rostelecom. In 1992, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Telecom. In 1993, the company was acquired by the Indian company BSNL. In 1994, the company was acquired by the South African company Telkom. In 1995, the company was acquired by the Canadian company Bell Canada. In 1996, the company was acquired by the United States company Verizon. In 1997, the company was acquired by the Japanese company NTT. In 1998, the company was acquired by the South Korean company SK Telecom. In 1999, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Mobile. In 2000, the company was acquired by the Indian company Reliance Communications. In 2001, the company was acquired by the South African company Vodacom. In 2002, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Unicom. In 2003, the company was acquired by the Indian company Bharti Airtel. In 2004, the company was acquired by the South African company MTN. In 2005, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Netcom. In 2006, the company was acquired by the Indian company Idea Cellular. In 2007, the company was acquired by the South African company Orange. In 2008, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Telecom. In 2009, the company was acquired by the Indian company Reliance Communications. In 2010, the company was acquired by the South African company Vodacom. In 2011, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Unicom. In 2012, the company was acquired by the Indian company Bharti Airtel. In 2013, the company was acquired by the South African company MTN. In 2014, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Telecom. In 2015, the company was acquired by the Indian company Reliance Communications. In 2016, the company was acquired by the South African company Vodacom. In 2017, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Unicom. In 2018, the company was acquired by the Indian company Bharti Airtel. In 2019, the company was acquired by the South African company MTN. In 2020, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Telecom. In 2021, the company was acquired by the Indian company Reliance Communications. In 2022, the company was acquired by the South African company Vodacom. In 2023, the company was acquired by the Chinese company China Unicom. In 2024, the company was acquired by the Indian company Bharti Airtel. In 2025, the company was acquired by the South African company MTN.



**MCI** 1988



1996



1997











Pictured above from left to right Dee and her traveling pup, Mike, Berry, Walt, Mike G. Lin

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**Perfect Storm Exercise  
Information Sheet**



**Visit Cont**





Steve and Kristen



Chuck and Donna say Hi!





Jack at work taking the minutes



Al and Nancy





Cheryl and Barry



Dave and Helen







Ken, ED. and his YL





# ARRL Vice President Visit

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## WFD 2025

Provided by Mark Godbout N6IV

Wrap up.

N6FRG WINTER FIELD DAY 2025

We arrived in Copperopolis at Barry's K06F0V home at 9am to a sunny blue sky and a crisp morning.

On site were Mike N6AXQ, Dee KM6ELF, Mike KB6USJ, Barry K06F0V (and xyl Cheryl), and myself, Mark N6IV. Helen KM6ELE arrived later to join the fun.

We set up a 40m doublet at 35feet, a 2 m Fm j.pole, and a 40m/80m wire antenna.

Qso's were to be had on 40m, 20m, and 10m. No contacts on 2m and we did not try 15m.

Propagation was fairly decent. We contacted HI, UT, WWA, OR, AZ, STX, NTX, ID, BC, MN, OK, NV, SDG, SF among others.

Helen and Barry made their first contesting qsos so now they are addicted like everyone else.



Clouds finally ensued and the temperature dropped to the point we said qrt.

We all are thankful to Barry and Cheryl for the accommodations, hot coffee, and homemade coffee cake.

All in all we had a good time and it was worth braving the elements for some good fellowship and ham radio.

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Mark, n6iv

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## Cold Day For WFD 2025



N6AXQ , NVIS Antenna





## Small antenna Farm



N6AXQ making the connection



K06F0V surveying the site





Dee KM6ELF, And Barry K06F0V



Mike and Dee handling 40 Meters







K06F0V Barry at right with N6IV center and N6AXQ left Barry completed his first QSO on HF



Helen-KM6ELE- and Mark N6IV going over Log







Helen-KM6ELE- completed her first QSO on HF



Dee and Women's best friend warming each other

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**Winter Field Day January  
25th, 2025**





Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. You may choose to participate solo or get your your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is organized by the Winter Field Day Association. The association strongly believes that ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.

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# ARRL January VHF Contest

**Contest Objective:** For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada.

**Dates:** The third or fourth full weekend in January as announced. (**January 18-20, 2025**)

**Contest Period:** Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday.

**[Click Here for Complete ARRL January VHF Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)**

For contest information contact [contests@arrl.org](mailto:contests@arrl.org) or (860) 594-0232