

Sixth IARU Region II ARDF Championships



Region II championship Pre-event newsletter.

June 2011 edition

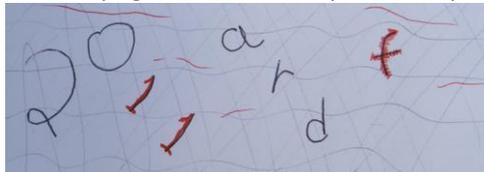
To help our competitors know what is going on with pre-event activities the organizers of the 2011 ARDF championships will be issuing a series of pre-event monthly newsletters up to the start of the championships in September.

Pre event training camp

For those people who will be attending the 2011 US ARDF Championships, registration is now open for the training camp. The Training Camp link is:

<http://ke6hts.com/training-camp>

To prevent spam issues the registration page needed to be password protected.



Please do not post the password in plain text on any website or email reflector.

This two day training event will be held on September 14 and 15 near Albuquerque, NM. While registration is not strictly required, people who will be attending are encouraged to register as it will help with the planning process. After filling out the online registration, you will receive an email confirmation.

Marvin Johnston is the training camp organizer and will be supported by both non local and local volunteers. More details will become available in upcoming pre-event newsletters and via email as they develop.

The tentative camp location is on USFS land south of I-40 and east of Albuquerque. A waiver will be extended to attendees to enter the embargo area to attend the training camp on September 14 and 15th. Directions and the approved access route will be provided to camp attendees.

Event center Hotel

It's very important that competitors stay at the event center hotel. In addition to reducing Logistics issues on both event days for the organizers this will ensure that we have a meeting room for registration & practice day. The hotel is providing us the meeting room, providing that a minimum number of people stay at the hotel. Otherwise the Meeting room will cost several hundred dollars. Please use the URL provided on the championship website to book your accommodations. This URL was set up by the Hotel IT department so that the Hotel knows that you are part of the ARDF group and that your registration counts toward the free meeting room.

ISDR

Has anyone built an 80 meter receiver based on ISDR? More info can be found at <http://digitalconfections.com/> this receiver runs on different apple platforms.

Please let the organizers know in advance if you will be using one of these receivers. This will help us develop a policy relating to some Apple devices (see below).

Smart phones

These incredible devices are becoming more powerful as time marches forward. However there are some "APPS" that are just not acceptable on the course. Currently the Apple series of platforms has a foxhunt app that can use GPS and Google maps to plot bearings. Other smart phones can run GPS enabled map applications. The organizing committee is currently considering a policy relating to use of some applications on these devices and how to ensure that no unfair advantage can be gained and balance the need of safety and the use of some advanced applications such as software defined ARDF radio receivers (ISDR like). We welcome your comments; please write us at ardf2011@wb8wfk.com with your comments.

Wildlife activity

So far 2011 has not had any reports of wildlife encounters. On opening day we do plan to provide safety instructions on current forest conditions and any recent reported wildlife activity and what to do if you encounter wildlife while on the course.

General safety topics

For your safety we will encourage everyone to carry some type of communications device when on the course. This will aid the organizers In the event conditions are still dry in September and need to contact everyone quickly to start an evacuation if a lightning triggered fire would occur. At registration please

provide the organizers information indicating if you are carrying a Cell phone (its phone number) or a 2 meter HT.

Registration update

As of June 1 there are 14 persons indicating that there registrations are on the way.

Dry conditions

Currently conditions are still very dry. BBQ (fires) are banned in USFS day use and camping areas. The good news is that rain is in this week's forecast. Keep your fingers crossed that the dry season is starting to end! The next few weeks will tell.

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The 2011 region II ARDF championships organization committee.