

BayNet User Survey

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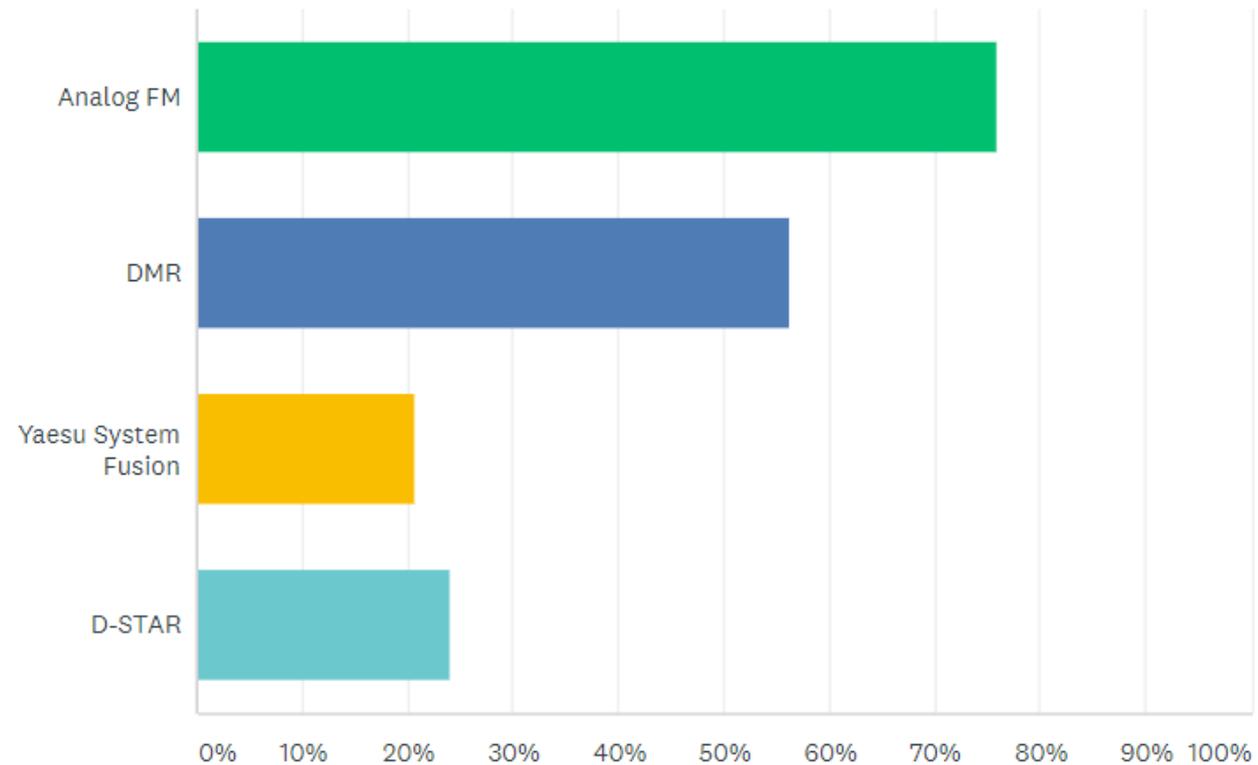
Survey

- The survey was conducted from August 17-21, 2019
- All answers are anonymous
- The purpose is to understand what the BayNet un-club members are interested in to help the management team prioritize repeater projects and club activities
- Thank you to all 91 people who responded. This was awesome feedback
- This slide deck contains the all the raw survey data and you can come to your own conclusions as to what the data means
- We plan to digest this input and use it to inform the decisions of the board
- We will provide our conclusions and plans in the coming weeks
- You will notice the survey data adds up to more than 100% on many questions. This is because those questions allow you to check all answers that apply.

73 George KJ6VU, David W6DTW, John KJ6K

What repeater systems do you use most now or plan to use in the future.

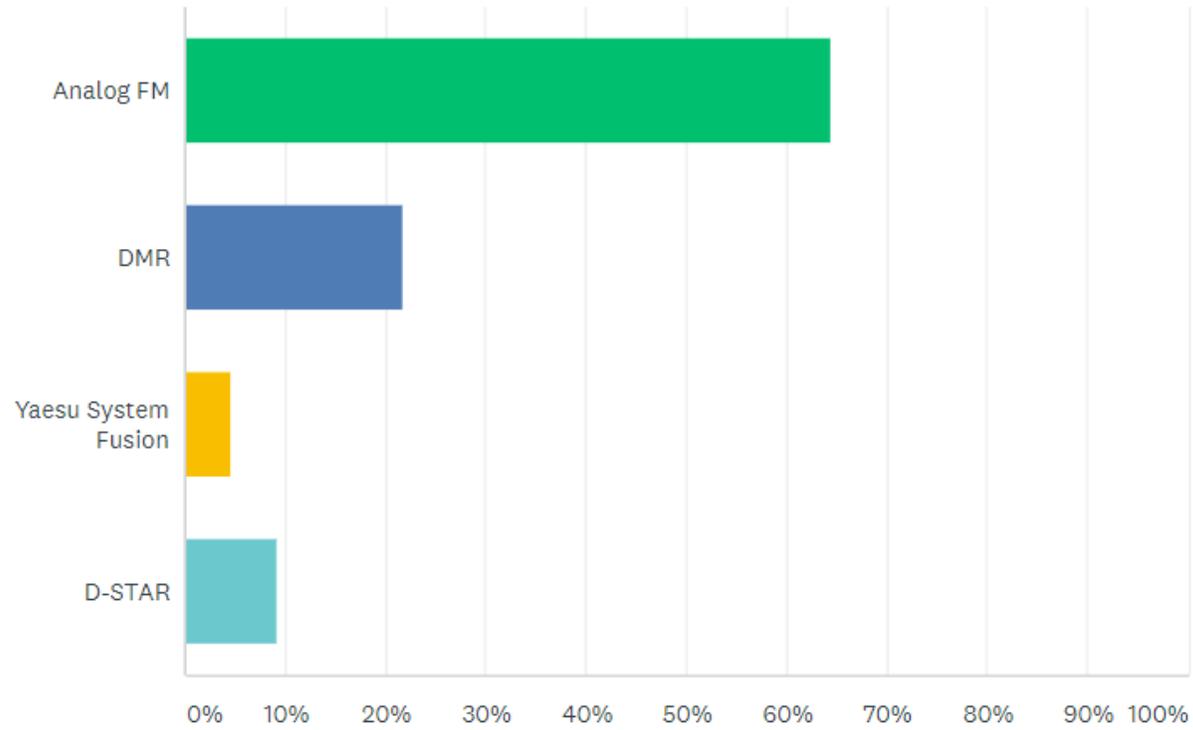
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Analog FM	75.86% 66
▼ DMR	56.32% 49
▼ Yaesu System Fusion	20.69% 18
▼ D-STAR	24.14% 21
Total Respondents: 87	

Which one of these systems do you consider your "home" system where you hang out most of the time?

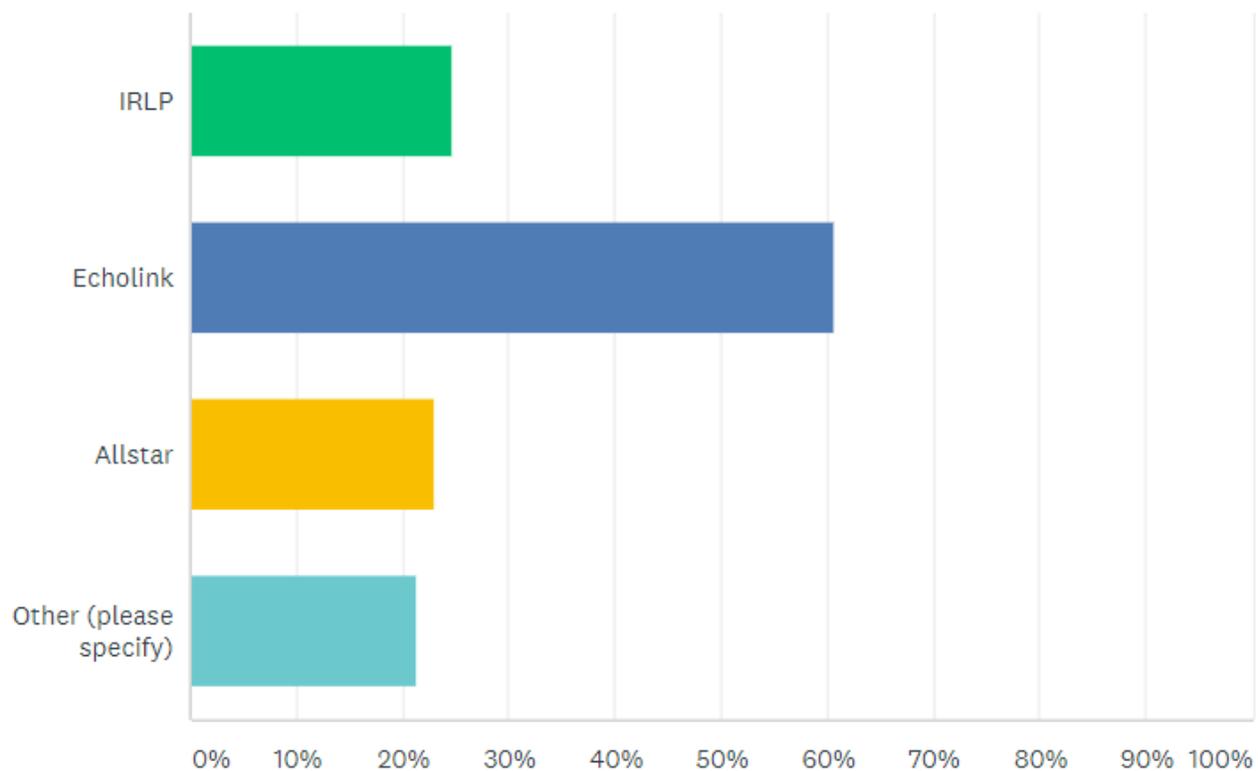
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Analog FM	64.37% 56
▼ DMR	21.84% 19
▼ Yaesu System Fusion	4.60% 4
▼ D-STAR	9.20% 8
TOTAL	87

Which Voice Over IP systems do you use or would like to use?

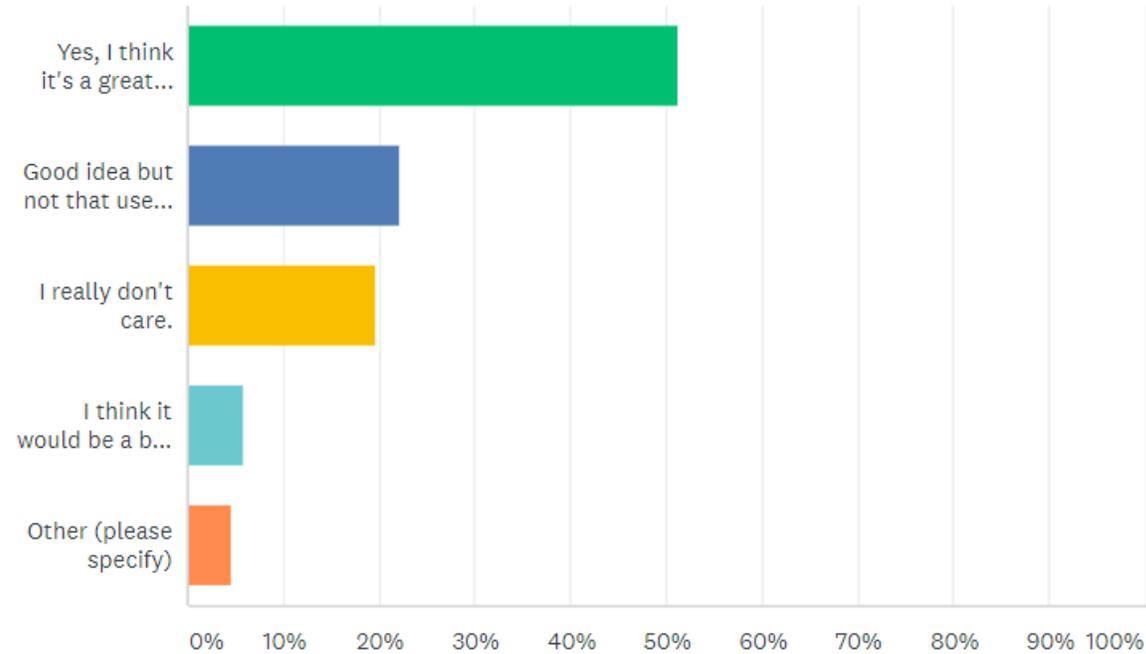
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ IRLP	24.59% 15
▼ Echolink	60.66% 37
▼ Allstar	22.95% 14
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 21.31% 13
Total Respondents: 61	

If we could bridge the analog FM repeater system with the digital DMR repeater system so our members could between the systems would you use this feature?

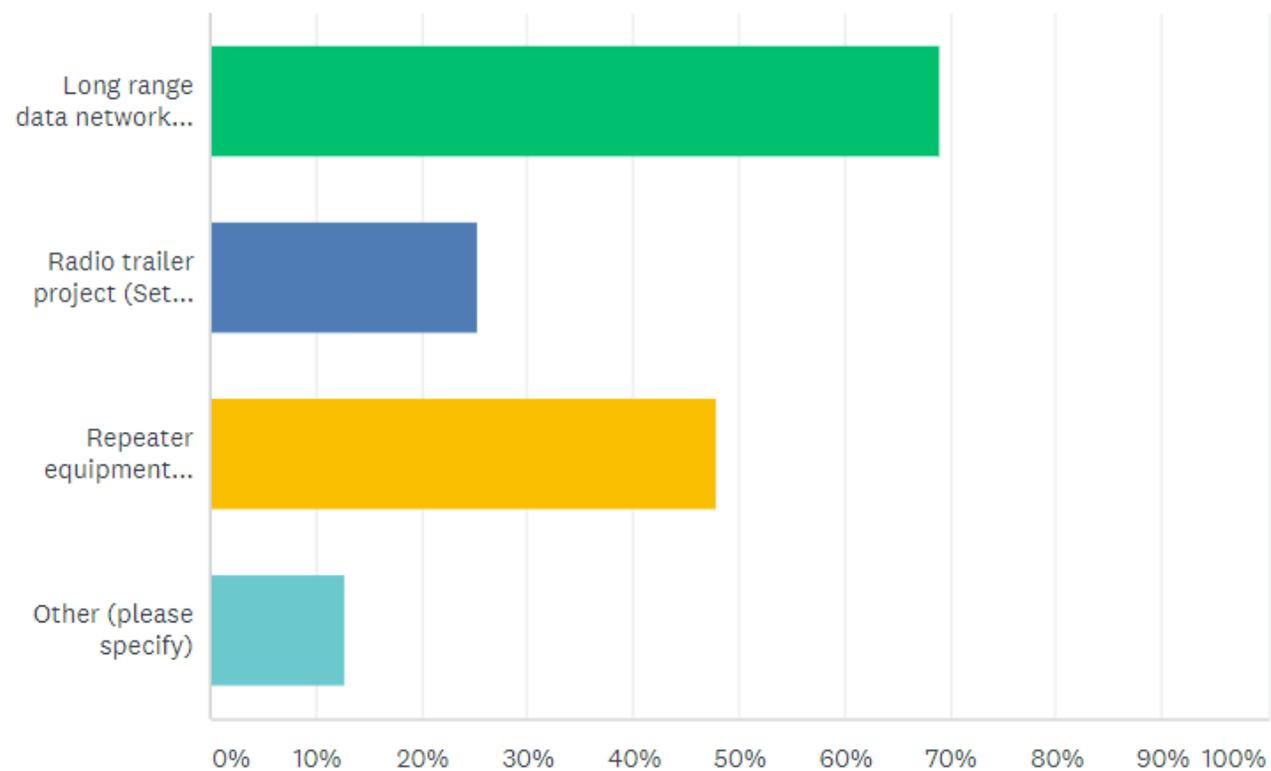
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes, I think it's a great idea.	51.16% 44
▼ Good idea but not that useful to me.	22.09% 19
▼ I really don't care.	19.77% 17
▼ I think it would be a bad idea.	5.81% 5
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 4.65% 4
Total Respondents: 86	

Which of these projects would you like to participate in?

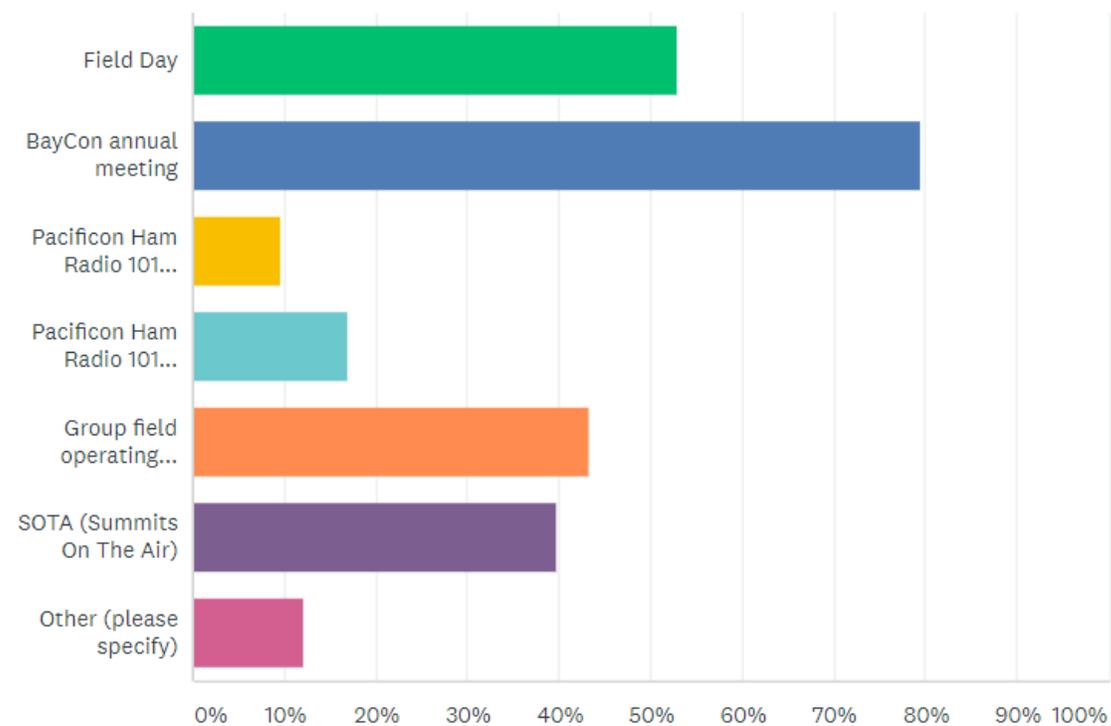
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Long range data network (AREDN, Next Gen Packet Radio, old school packet radio, LoRaHAM, D-STAR DD mode, etc)	69.01% 49
▼ Radio trailer project (Set up and use for field operations)	25.35% 18
▼ Repeater equipment building and maintenance	47.89% 34
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 12.68% 9
Total Respondents: 71	

Which club activities would you like to participate in?

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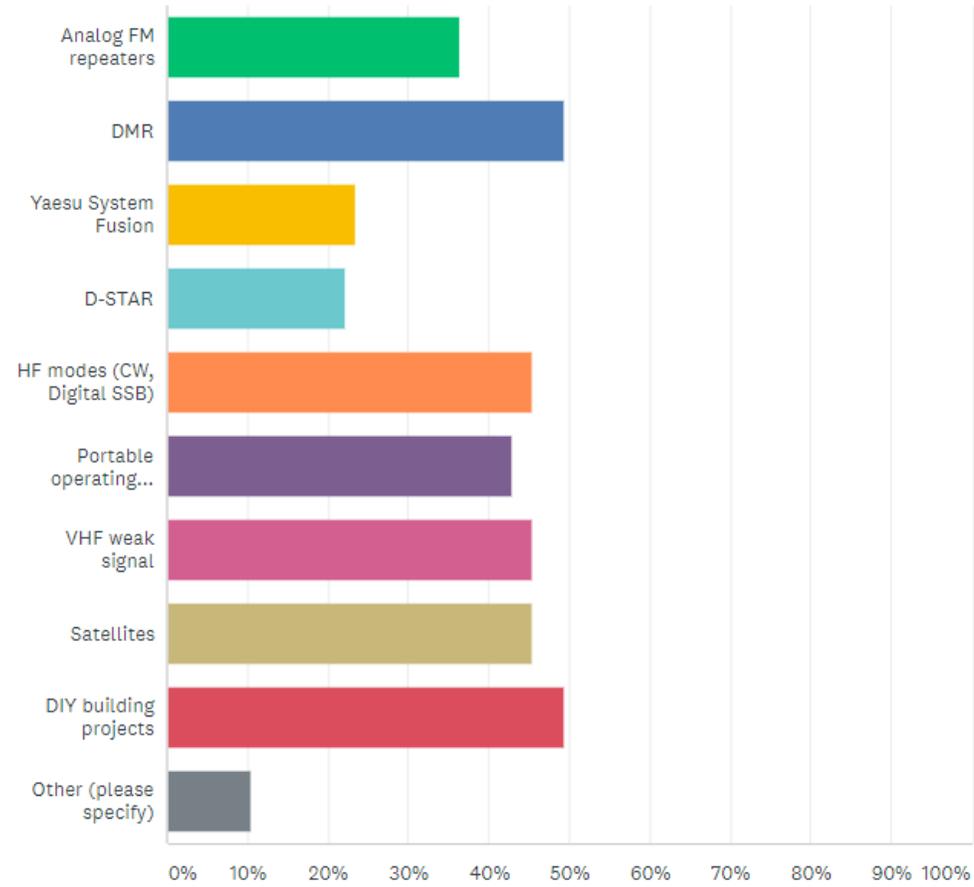


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Field Day	53.01% 44
BayCon annual meeting	79.52% 66
Pacifcon Ham Radio 101 training (as an instructor)	9.64% 8
Pacifcon Ham Radio 101 training (as a student)	16.87% 14
Group field operating events. (Set up radios in the park and operate)	43.37% 36
SOTA (Summits On The Air)	39.76% 33
Other (please specify)	Responses 12.05% 10

Total Respondents: 83

Would you be interested in attending BayNet training classes on any of these topics?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Analog FM repeaters	36.36% 28
▼ DMR	49.35% 38
▼ Yaesu System Fusion	23.38% 18
▼ D-STAR	22.08% 17
▼ HF modes (CW, Digital SSB)	45.45% 35

What is your favorite thing about BayNet?

- The community of hams that congregate on DMR TG 31075, and that there is no real membership
- Technically minded group, some of the best digital coverage in the bay. Also friendly!
- The free-form structure, especially of the mailing list.
- The Hams I talk to on this repeater system and the annual Bay-Net gathering...! K6QFO
- Great annual technical program
- Comraderie and helpful members
- Typically a diverse system
- Laid back nature
- Baycon annual meeting!
- Cactus Intertie
- The relaxed style
- It exists and provides me a way to learn more.
- Informal, relaxed atmosphere.
- All the radio nerds that I can learn from
- The relaxed nature of its membership. No bureaucracy
- The people, it's nice to be able to in a more technical group than other clubs
- Camaraderie. Field day was a Good Time, would like to do that more often
- Enthusiastic, knowledgeable people
- I don't do much operating, but I enjoy the message board and I do listen to the FM repeaters.
- Lively, knowledgeable all-ages community
- diverse user group
- 1. It's "unclub" structure :) 2. It's wide open door for exploring amateur radio.
- Open and friendly people.
- Learning from other Hams
- Allowing the Red Cross to use it's repeater system. BayNet Yahoo web group.
- BayCon, The reflector (mail group)
- This isn't really Baynet but I like the podcasts. I love the meeting in Feb with the variety of speakers. Also love my PackTenna mini for SOTA chasing at the Baylands.
- Supportive group of like minded people.



What is your favorite thing about BayNet?

- My favorite thing about BayNet are the people. Such a great group of people. Of course having such a great repeater site with an assortment of repeaters makes it much easier to talk to the group. Unlike other groups BayNet has always been so encouraging to newcomers. That's really nice because everyone is a newcomer to some aspect of the hobby at one time or another.
- I love the diversity of the users on the air as well as the multitude of modes to talk on.
- Contact with others on topics of interest
- That it is a "casual" club.
- friendly, communicative, and technical group.
- Lots of interesting tech and a good people to talk to about it.
- Lively group of people. Loved bay Con
- Diversity of amateur radio topics
- I am a novice and I like reading what the more advanced operators are talking about.
- Excellent coverage.
- I'm new to the group, but I enjoy the topics discussed on the mailing list.
- A chill group of technical hams without politics or curmudgeons.
- That it's an unclub that likes to try new things
- Listening to other knowledgeable hams, hopefully on the FM repeater!
- The People!! Very friendly, helpful, fun, kind, generous... my kind of folks
- I don't know what BayNet is.
- Users! Technology. Diversity.
- I like to combination of being an "unclub" mixed in with great technical expertise
- BayCon and Baynet 31075
- Coverage
- Really knowledgeable group of hams with diverse skillsets
- The community and the fun info and projects that actually get done
- Great culture of helping others and not as condescending as some other networks
- The great and open community!
- Come-as-you-are participation & the community. There are experienced hams in the group who don't rub your nose in how long they've had a license.
- Can hit it with 100mW



How can we do a better job? If you could change one two things, what would that be?

- This is kind of selfish, but having a South Santa Clara County analog/DMR repeater would be amazing!
- You could get d-star working!
- Repeater system backup power generator or UPS
- keep the internet system up
- Dstar back online? ;)
- meetups or meetings?
- Faster response time when system maintenance is required.
- Fix the email info@bay-net.org It did not work for me.
- I want us all, including me, to chat a little more on the repeater
- Special interest "builds". I'm a learn by doing person and as noted above I'd love to try most anything from building Alex Loop antennas, Tuning antennas, kit building, etc
- More linked repeaters, especially in the "far" east bay. A couple more "meetings " to get people together.
- I wish there could be some group hands on/build projects where the experienced could help those who would like to get experience. Maybe something UHF/VHF oriented for Technicians and for Generals build and operate a uBitx.
- I'd be happy to help more with bay-net projects; one of the suggestions I have is: David and George do a tremendous amount of the care and feeding of the infrastructure and I greatly appreciate their efforts. But there doesn't seem to be a path to help out; mostly things 'just happen' without a call-for-assistance so there is no path to learn the system and be able contribute on an ongoing basis.
- More Maple donuts at BayNet meeting
- Training meetings sound like a great idea.
- I belong to three radio clubs and two of them have field day. It would be nice to have another "field day" from BayNet at another time so it won't bump into the regular field day.
- Have some events further north of Silicon Valley
- BayNet does such a great job technically and making everyone feel welcome. It's hard to think of ways to improve.
- There is nothing I would change.
- seems like the repeaters are down more lately, aging equipment?
- Communication -- winter and summer field day didn't seem to happen as wider events (totally understand folks taking a break from big events!), but it left folks in the cold if they didn't listen to the Workbench Podcast to know what happened until after the fact. :) More opportunities to get involved are always welcome.
- fix the 900 MHz repeater (please!)
- Not sure what to say
- My particular interest is in QRP DX radios and antennas. I don't see much talk on the mailing list about that, I guess this group is more interested in digital modes. That's fine, but I might want to try to find another group closer to my focus.
- Omni antennas on VHF repeater system.
- It's not really clear how big the club is, who else is out there.
- Keep doing BayCon! Consolidate the repeater systems. Do group build/learn/test projects (e.g. a half-day where we all meet up and solder up some kit or work on some technical thing together).
- Get people together more, perhaps? Also maybe encourage more donations? If all "un-members" did like \$5-10, I think with the scope of BayNet membership, it would dramatically help.
- perhaps more opportunities for eyeball QSOs. at least once per quarter, maybe once per month
- Link digital with analog
- Analog to dmr
- More warning/time to plan for the events (particularly work days). I always seem to have a conflict due to late notice.



Additional comments, suggestions and ideas

- Keep up the great work!! Oh, and thanks for all that you guys are doing.
- D-Star has been down for a while. Can't someone get it functional again?
- I wish more people use the non digital repeater system, Its not much fun talking to yourself. Looks everyone are using the DMR system. Linking the repeaters is a great idea for us non DMR users... Thank you for all that you do...! Mike K6QFO
- I am in the north bay and use the FM system from time to time. Thank you for having your FM repeaters operating in good order.
- Lol. Get the dastardly system back up again?
- Provide more information about upcoming or ongoing activities. It has been hard for me as a new licencee to learn about what's going on and how to participate.
- At Baynet, have some hands on building sessions for both old timers and newbees
- Any training and handholding of new operators would be appreciated.
- Might be useful to have an antenna building clinic.
- Thanks for all the work you put into the club
- You all deserve huge credit and appreciation for what you do already...it is awesome you want to do even more!
- I'd just like to say thank you to everyone who puts in the time, effort, and money to make the Bay-Net repeater system possible. Thank you!
- Keep up the good work!
- I really like the much more relaxed way BayNet operates, other clubs and repeater orgs are intense and frightening. That said, maybe it's too relaxed? It's a hard balance -- add some structure and suddenly you've got committees. But I also feel like no one even knows what BayNet does (besides have some repeaters) or how to get involved. I know there's a shadowy cabal of seemingly nice folks that run some repeaters, an email list, a yearly conference, and sometimes organize activities.
- give George a raise.
- Submitted by David KQ6T
- Thank you for asking.
- It would be good to have an on air check-in.
- thanks for asking. hope some answers are helpful and give agreeable guidance for upcoming activities and efforts
- Keep up the great work

