

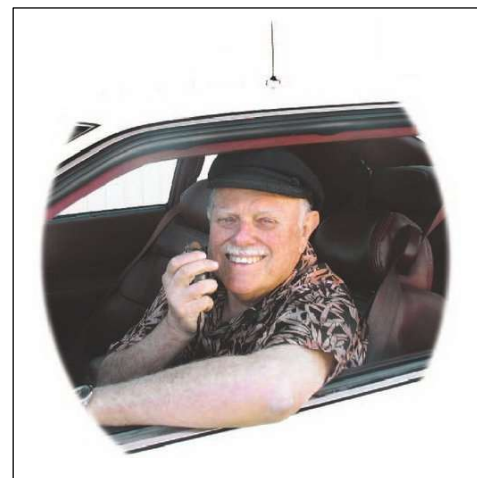


## MVARA Monthly Meeting March 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Members and non members are welcome to join in on the fun at this months meeting at the GOP Headquarters 8381 Market St., Boardman, OH (in Adamas Plaza) and online via Zoom. Come early for dinner at Bruno Brothers (in the plaza) for pizza, drinks, and social time.

### Open Wire Feed Lines by W6NBC

MVARA's good friend, John Portune, W6NBC, will be joining us again for the March meeting. John will Zoom in to give a new talk he has developed about open line transmission cable. John describes his topic: Few hams would consider laying open line on the ground, or burying it, or putting it inside metal conduit, or laying it on a metal roof. This presentation illustrates the simple tests I performed which show that all of the above are very acceptable with the proper preparations. The low-loss advantages of open-wire line can be gained in most places one uses coax.



John's is retired from a career in the technical side of broadcast television, principally for KNBC channel 4 Los Angeles, Ampex Corporation, Redwood City CA, Sony Electronics, San Jose, CA as a technical instructor/writer. He has been a ham since 1965, as WB6ZCT, G5AJH (while living 7 years in the UK), AA6NG and now W6NBC and still has a British call sign, M0GCK. He has been active on all bands, 160 Meters to 2.4 GHz, and will be on 470 KHz. His current interests are assisting new licensees, local 2M mobile, and 40M Mobile as a part of RVing. He rag chews from his home station, preferring regular nets, and manages a remote HF/VHF base station on Vandenberg AFB.

John is also a prolific writer and has written well over 35 technology articles, from as long ago as 1975 for Popular Electronics to current time. Maybe you caught his article in the Dec 2019 issue of QST, Slot-Cube Antenna for 6M, which was the winning article for the December 2019 QST Cover Plaque award.

The QST Cover Plaque Award is given to the author or authors of the most popular article in each issue — is determined by a vote of ARRL members on the [QST Cover Plaque Poll web page](#).

You can check many of John's articles and other interests on his website, [www.w6nbc.com](http://www.w6nbc.com).