



MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Last month we had an outstanding Installation Dinner at the Yucca Mesa Improvement Association Community Center. Thanks again Chris for preparing the meal for us. We had a lot of fun.

I enjoyed being your president for the past year and look forward to being your president for the next 12 months. My goal is to get as many people within the Morongo Basin interested in HAM radio, and encourage them to become members of our club. If you have any ideas on how to make our club better, then please contact me. Please ensure you check the operation of your radio by participating on the weekly net. You never know when you are going to need your radio during a disaster.

Happy New Year! Wishing all of you one of the best years of your life.

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Club Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM.
St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church
61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA

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QuartzFest is a week-long ham radio, camping, learning and living event being held January 22 to 28, 2017 near Quartzsite, Arizona. No other hamfest in the world brings together in one gathering so much innovation in mobile antenna systems, mobile ham shacks, recreational vehicles, portable and mobile EMCOMM systems, off-the-grid living, alternative energy and radio education. Visit quartzfest.org for more information.

Test Session

We will have a test session on Saturday January the 28th at 10AM at the club meeting site. We will test for all license classes. Anyone testing should bring \$5 and a photo ID. If you are upgrading, bring a copy of your license that I can keep, and make sure your FRN is on the license.

Glenn N6GIW



Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Mon @ 1915
Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC), Tue @ 1900
Narrow Band Emergency Message System (NBEMS)
2nd & 4th Thursday @ 1900



The 2017 Palm Springs Hamfest will be held at the beautiful Palm Springs Air Museum located at 745 North Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92262 Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. VE testing will be available this year from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission: Presale price is \$8 and \$10 at the door. Price includes admission to the Air Museum exhibits as well. Where else can you get a day's worth of entertainment for that? Parking is free for this event. You may purchase your advance tickets at:
<http://palmsspringshamfest.com/entry-tickets-purchase/>

Linked Repeaters

Yucca Valley, W6BA

146.790 MHz (- shift = 146.190 MHz) 136.5 Hz PL/CTCSS

Twentynine Palms, W6BA

147.060 MHz (+ shift = 147.660 MHz) 136.5 Hz PL/CTCSS

Landers, WB6CDF

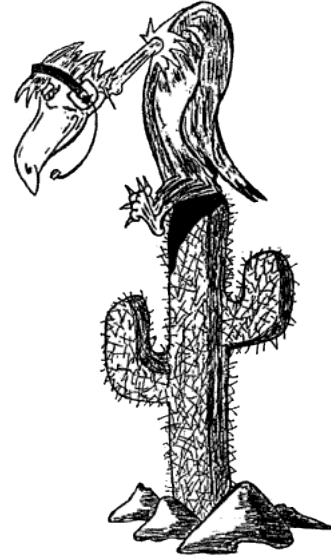
447.580 MHz (- shift = 442.580 MHz) 173.8 Hz PL/CTCSS



Upcoming Events

January: Jan 22-28 QuartzFest
February: Feb 3-11 King of the Hammers;
Feb 4 Palm Springs Hamfest; Feb 17-18 Yuma Hamfest
March:
May: Grubstake Days
June: ARRL Field Day
October: Jamboree on the Air; California Great Shakeout;
Pioneer Days; Nominate new Club Officers and Board Members
November: Club members vote for club officers and board members
December: Installation Dinner for club members

(Contact the editor to add an event.)



Yuma Hamfest

The Yuma Hamfest is February 17-18, and we would like to ask that you, your club, or group, help us in spreading the word about our event. Yuma has become the site of one of the largest hamfests in the southwestern U.S. and will be the site of the ARRL Arizona Section Convention for 2017.

We feature commercial vendors, tailgating, grand prizes worth over \$25,000, on-site RV camping, free parking, seminars held in parallel tracks, \$8 amateur license testing, DXCC card checking, an antenna clinic & transmitter hunt, our famous "Buzzard BBQ" dinner, a near-space balloon launch, great hourly door prizes, a hospitality area, the "Country Store" consignment sales area, and much more.

Admission is only \$5, tailgating spots are \$10 for the weekend, and we offer a food concession run by a professional chef. Our "Buzzard BBQ" dinner is only \$10. We hope you and members of your club mark February 17-18 on your calendars and plan on attending the Arizona Section Convention in Yuma.

Please check our website at www.yumahamfest.org for more information. If you have questions, contact us at info@yumahamfest.org or by phone at 928-305-1034. If you can, please announce information about the Yuma Hamfest via your club's newsletter, meetings or local nets. Thank you very much for your help.

Roger Hunt, K7MEX

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Submission deadline is 2 days before the 1st of each month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Rob		ARES Meeting 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Steve		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm Rx 440.500 Tx 144.910 pl 110.9		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ARES Net 7:15 pm 	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS John		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Glenn		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm Rx 440.500 Tx 144.910 pl 110.9		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Andy		ARES Meeting 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		