



MARC BEACON

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President's Message

Thanks to all who came out to the last meeting. It is always good to see new faces as well as regular attendees. This has been a mild winter with forgiving winds, so far. If this continues, our antennas may just make it through the winter. I have heard the adage that says that if your antenna made it through the winter, then the antenna wasn't big enough.

Grubstakes Days is quickly approaching and usually goes at the end of May. It has been lots of fun to have the Morongo Amateur Radio Club represented in the parade in the years past. Now is a good time to come up with ideas for an entry in the parade.

Recently, several new hams in the Morongo Basin have either tested or upgraded according to the Universal Licensing System (zip code 922**). Please keep an ear out for: KK6RCN, KK6RAD, KK6RCN, KK6RCK, KE6RWY, KE6RVR, KE6RUX, KE6QGU, KE6PDS, KK6RHG, KK6RHH and KK6RHI. Let's make them feel welcome on the air.

When this newsletter arrives, some of our members will already be in active support of the King of the Hammers Off-Road event. Thanks to all of those who volunteered and offered their service to San Bernardino County Fire during this event. Volunteer opportunities like these give our club members great exposure to agencies who can utilize ham radio operators.

Thanks to all of our members who volunteered for Field Day positions. Also thanks to those who made suggestions and offers for guest speakers at our last meeting. These ideas will partly drive what is offered at future meetings. Please keep these great ideas coming.

The Morongo Amateur Radio Club is off to a great start this year.

73s, Jeffrey, KJ6BOI

King of the Hammers

An off-road race that combines desert racing and rock crawling. 30 Jan - 6 Feb on Means Dry Lake in Johnson Valley, California. MARC members volunteered to stand radio watch during the event, headed by Chris Nichols. Visit the following website for more information: http://ultra4racing.com/category/king_of_the_hammers/



Maidenhead Locator System

For those that don't know, the Maidenhead Locator System is a grid system that is commonly used by amateur radio operators to identify their location in the World. Many times operators who are using satellite communications or who are contesting will ask for your grid square. This is asking for your QTH in the Maidenhead format. Wikipedia describes the system as a latitude and longitude location that has been compressed into a short string of characters for ease of transmission. To find your location there are simple calculators that will convert your current latitude/longitude to Maidenhead format, like the one at the following website: <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/tools/grids.php> Now you know where you are!

Yuma Hamfest

20-21 Feb 2015 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona. Visit the following website for more information: www.yumahamfest.org

Palm Springs Hamfest

9AM-4:30PM, 14 Mar 2015 at the Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palms Spring, CA. Visit the following website for more info: palmsspringshamfest.com

KD6DIQ IRLP Node (Internet/Radio Linking Project)

145.770 MHz with tone and tone squelch set at 67 Hz. Covering at least a 10 mile area outputting 5 watts. Some of the reflectors I connect to on a regular base are 9070, 9100, and 9050. If you or anyone wants me to connect to another reflector then text me at 760-501-5123. – Todd, KD6DIQ

Paperless Radio License

Starting on February 17, the FCC no longer will routinely issue paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS) at wireless.fcc.gov/uls/

Test Results

A big thank you to all the volunteers who administered the test session on Sat 3 Jan 2015, and congratulations to all who passed their test. Here are the results.



Paul J. Nagy II	92268	KB6HGP	G
Robert L. Hoerner	56762	KE0AYX	G
Robert A. Cloutier	92252	KK6JHI	G
Darrel W. Pague	92284	KK6RHG	T
Ronald Helmadollar	92284	KK6RHH	T
Robert Pettersen	92256	KK6RHI	T

Club Officers

President: Jeffrey Hardy, KJ6BOI
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Sheri Hardy, KJ6JVI
Glenn Miller, N6GIW

Social Media

Club web page: <http://www.w6ba.net>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorongoBasinAmateurRadioClub>

W6BA Live Feed:

<http://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/10199/web>

Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
Monday @ 1915

Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
Tuesday @ 1900

Club Meeting

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

Directions: Traveling on highway 62, turn south on Sunnyhill Road in Joshua Tree. Go ½ mile and turn east (left) on Sunburst Drive. The Church is located at the end of the block.

Linked Repeaters

Yucca Valley, W6BA

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

Twentynine Palms, W6IF

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



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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
	<p>ARES Net 7:15pm</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>MARC Net 7:00 pm</p>		<p>ARES Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley</p>		
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	<p>ARES Net 7:15pm</p> <p>President's Day</p>	<p>MARC Net 7:00 pm</p>		<p>MARC Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree</p>		
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