



MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello fellow club members and welcome to a new month. We are in the tax period and the weather is getting warmer. May you all get a refund from your federal and state taxes.

We started the new year with a bang! Our first test session of the year on Sat 28 Jan resulted in the following five new technicians: Aaron Chesney, Cindy Henry, Mark Mayes, Shawn Luke, and Stuart Primack. Congratulations to the new hams and a big thank you to all the Volunteer Examiners (VEs).

We have two hamfests this month, Palm Springs and Yuma. Judy and I plan on attending both. Don't forget your valentine on the 14th, and the 20th is president's day, a federal holiday.

Take care everyone and enjoy 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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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 is \$10 at the door. Kids are free. 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. For more information visit palmspringshamfest.com

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

MARC Speakers

At our February 16th club meeting, we are scheduled to have a special presentation by Tom McLean (KJ6DZT) and Glenn Morrison (WB6RLC) from the Palm Springs American Legion Post 519 Amateur Radio Club K6TAL.

They have a great presentation about The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) and the California American Legion Amateur Radio Service (CALARS). They also plan to provide us with some history about their club radio station. K6TAL is a restored 1930's, '40's and '50's Broadcast booth that Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Al Jolson and many others did live broadcasts from.

Don't miss the meeting. You're sure to enjoy the speakers.

73

Andy AI6AF

Door Open

Greetings fellow hams. I want to be sure that if anyone monitoring the linked repeater system in Yucca Valley or 29 Palms, hears the repeater announce: "W6BA repeater door open", please be sure that someone has announced that they are opening the door. This announcement means that the door to our repeater room at Paxton Hill has opened. If you don't hear anyone, please contact Glenn N6GIW at 760-401-7518, or Chris WB6CDF at 760-285-3560. Our repeater crew has promised to announce their presence when opening the repeater site. Please do not ignore any door open alert.

Thanks and 73
Glenn N6GIW

Upcoming Events

February: Feb 3-11 King of the Hammers; Feb 4 Palm Springs Hamfest; Feb 17-18 Yuma Hamfest

May: Grubstake Days

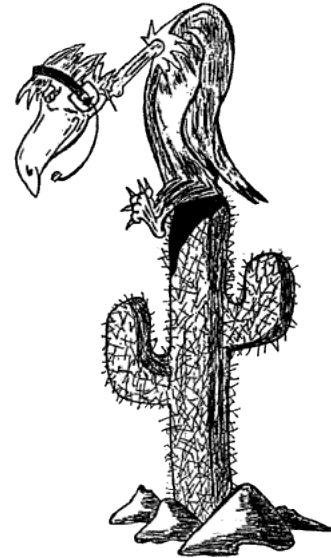
June: ARRL Field Day

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.




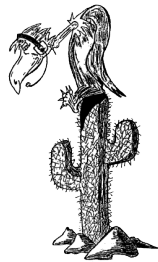

Please check our website at www.yumahamfest.org for more information. If you have questions, contact us at info@yumahamfest.org or by phone at 928-305-1034. If you can, please announce information about the Yuma Hamfest via your club's newsletter, meetings or local nets. Thank you very much for your 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 |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | ARES Net 7:15pm | MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Andy | | ARES Meeting 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley  | |  0900-1630 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | ARES Net 7:15 pm | MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Chris | | NBEMS Net 7:00 pm Rx 440.500 Tx 144.910 pl 110.9 | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | ARES Net 7:15 pm | MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Manuel  | | MARC Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree | | Yuma Hamfest  |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | ARES Net 7:15 pm  | MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Rob | | NBEMS Net 7:00 pm Rx 440.500 Tx 144.910 pl 110.9 | | |
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