



# MARC Beacon

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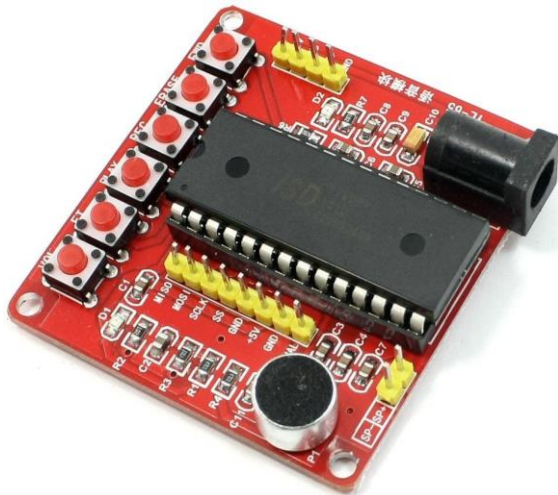
The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

April 2016

## President's Message

Howdy! Spring is in the air. Lots of blooming Yucca trees, Joshua trees, and cactus all around us, with humming birds flying around looking for nectar.

Field Day is just around the corner. See the Field Day article by Chris for more details. One of the events during field day is Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), also known as radio orienteering, radio sport, T-Hunt, and radio fox hunting. It is a fun way to get people interested in radio communications and to teach radio wave propagation. The transmitter box that was used during the last field day was a bit too heavy for the younger participants to carry back to home base once they found it, so I made a smaller and much lighter ARDF transmitter box using an ISD1760 record and play voice module (pictured below), and a BaoFeng UV-5R handheld radio. This new transmitter box will be presented during the next MARC meeting on Thursday 21 April. I encourage everyone to share their ideas and stories about ARDF during the meeting so we can make this year's ARDF event even better.



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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

## Field Day 2016

Some have said that they look more forward to Field Day then Christmas and Birthdays. The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club's ARRL Field Day has been a very successful event for many years. Each year we see more and more participation from local HAM's and the goal for 2016 is to have the best Field Day ever! The location for this year's Field Day will be at the Yucca Mesa Community Center located at 3133 Balsa Ave on Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th.

For the past 3 years, a committee was established with local HAM's to handle planning and coordination of the most exciting HAM radio day of the year. There is a lot to do ahead of time to have a successful Field Day. Participation has increased each year and I would really like to see more this year than ever. The following positions need to be filled no later than April 21st:

Field Day Chairman	Chris Nichols	WB6CDF
Deputy Chairman	Rob Cloutier	KK6JHI
Safety Officer		
Public Official Liaison		
Public Display		
Public Education	Steve Morse	KI6HGH
ARRL Logs		
Advertising		
Radio Planning		
Antenna System Design		
Logging Network		
Power System		
Food Coordinator	Judy Cloutier	KK6NWG
General Setup		

Once these positions have been filled, the committee will establish 4 meeting dates prior to Field Day to coordinate planning efforts. If you have never participated in the Field Day committee but wish to, or have questions about each position, please contact me as soon as possible via phone or email. One person can hold more than 1 position on the committee and each committee member can have as many assistants as needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

At the April 21st Club Meeting, there will be significant discussion about Field Day to get input from our Club Members. Please be prepared to ask questions and volunteer your time to make this another amazing Field Day. Please don't wait until the last second to get involved. Planning began yesterday!!!

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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)  
145.645 MHz, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 1900

### HAM Radio Extra Class

Hosted by the Desert R.A.T.S. Monday evenings 7-9 PM,  
28 March – 2 May. Testing on Saturday 7 May, 9-12 AM.  
Cost = \$20. Using the Extra Class Book by Gordon West.  
You may order your own book from [www.w5yi.org](http://www.w5yi.org) or  
800-669-9594. Pre-Registration is appreciated.

Palm Springs City Yard Conference Room  
425 N. Civic Drive  
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### Social Media,

#### Club web page:

<http://www.w6ba.net>

#### Facebook:

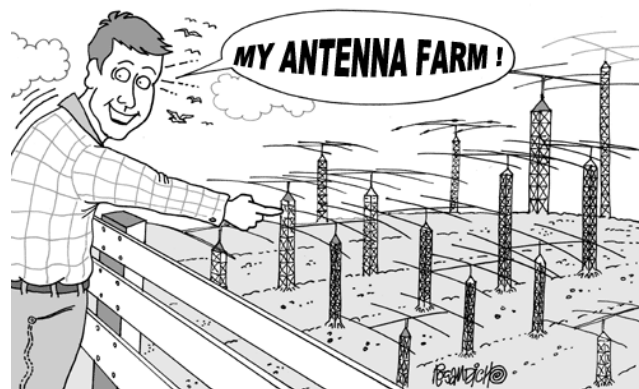
<https://www.facebook.com/MorongoBasinAmateurRadioClub>

#### W6BA Live Feed:

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

### Upcoming Events

Extra Class: Starts Mar 28, <http://desertrats.am/classes/>  
International DX Convention, Visalia, 15-17 April,  
<http://dxconvention.org/>  
Hamfest at DeVry, 9 April  
Cochise Hamfest, 7 May  
Oro Valley ARC Hamfest, 12 Nov  
[www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)




# This Space Could Be Yours

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Submission deadline is 2 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		<b>ARES Meeting</b> 6:00 pm  Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm 145.645 MHz		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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