



# MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

JUNE 2018

## President's Message

Hi everyone,

Less than a month until Field Day 2018 and we're busy finalizing the plans for what looks like a great weekend of ham radio, good food and good friends.

If you can't be there for the entire 24 hour period, don't worry but please come by for an hour or two and check out what the Field Day crew has going. I think you'll really enjoy yourselves. Field Day this year will be at Joshua Tree Lake RV Park & Campground. Further details and directions will be presented at our June club meeting. I hope to see everybody there.

The location of our summer monthly club meetings has changed.

This is the new information for our June, July and August MARC meeting

The location : [Apache Mobile Park clubhouse](#)  
[56254 29 Palms Hwy. Yucca Valley](#)

(located on the north side of Hwy 62 at Church St, next to Grand Central Storage)

The meetings will be on June 21st, July 19th, and August 23rd. (all at 7:00 pm)

(August meeting is the **4th** Thursday not the 3rd Thursday.)

People who need the code to open our front gate can email me at [ai6af@arrl.net](mailto:ai6af@arrl.net) or phone me at (760) 369-7388. (**NOT** after 5:30 pm on meeting nights, thanks.....)

I will try to arrange for the front gate to be open for access, but **I will monitor the W6BA repeater** in case somebody is stuck outside.

73

**Andy Frees**

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### 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

### Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)  
Mon @ 1915  
Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC)  
Tue @ 1900

### 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>

### 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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(Don't call on meeting nights, I won't be home.... use the W6BA repeater)

I hope to have the front gate open on meeting nights, but if not, I will monitor the W6BA repeater in case somebody can't get in.



**TOM MEDLIN W5KUB WEEKLY WEBCAST 100% HAM RELATED. TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM**

<http://tmedlin.com/> OR <http://w5kub.com>



**HAMNATION IS A WEEKLY HAM RADIO RELATED TV SHOW WITH FAMOUS HOSTS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW LIKE, GORDON WEST, BOB HEIL AND OTHERS.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM**

<https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation>



## RADIO PROGRAMMING :

*Anyone needing programming help with any of your mobiles or HT's, I would be glad to help you. I know programming can sometimes be crazy. So many programs and cables and all radios are not programmed the same way. So contact me and see if I can help you.*

*Programs are available, if you have your own cables and wish to do your own programming. They are available at:*

<https://www.rtsystemsinc.com/> and

<https://chirp.danplanet.com/projects/chirp/wiki/Home>

### Interesting Facts:

In 1873, James Clerk Maxwell presented his theory of the electromagnetic field. In 1901 Guglielmo Marconi communicated across the Atlantic with a radio device using high power and giant antennas. To curb interference, Congress approved the Radio Act of 1912, which required amateurs to be licensed and restricted to the single wavelength of 200 meters. In 1914 the **American Radio Relay League** was founded by Hiram Percy Maxim, who found that messages could be sent more reliably over long distances if relay stations were organized.

Transatlantic transmitting and receiving tests began in 1921 and by July 1960 the first two-way contact via the Moon took place on 1296 MHz.



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## *OUR NEW CLUB REPEATER ANTENNA IS UP ON PAXTON HILL!*

Chris WB6CDF and Bryan KF6YGK installed the new antenna for the W6BA, 146.790 repeater on Paxton Hill.

IT WENT UP ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>. Hopefully, by now, everyone in the valley has noticed the change, all for the good. And especially our low desert ham operators.

As of today all reports in the high and low desert have been giving high praise for the new antenna! Thank you Chris WB6CDF for the acquisition of such a great antenna and hopefully many years of great service to our region.





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On April 21, 2018:

We had a test session that morning. The following local hams upgraded to **GENERAL Class**:

- Sam White KK4BFU
- Allen Helmadollar KK6RHH
- Keith Board N6GKB
- Cathy Simpson KK6QLZ

**A NEW ham passed the technician test:**

**Lucio Menegon KM6SPM**

We Can't wait to hear you on the air soon!

*I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO **ANDY FREES** FOR HIS WORK AND DEDICATION TO HELP OUR CLASS PASS!*

From Keith Board

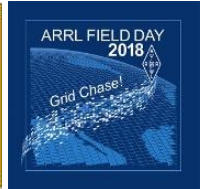
Congratulations to all.

Thank you to all the volunteer examiners who helped out.

- Jim Nagle AB0WM
- John Campbell AG6QM
- Ray Salaiz AG6SB
- Wil Harner KD6ZED
- Andy Frees AI6AF

A special thanks to everyone involved in holding classes to help these hams prepare for the exam.

Glenn Miller N6GIW  
VE Coordinator for the Morongo Basin



Field day this year is June 23 and 24.

The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club will be having it at the *Joshua Tree Lake and Campgrounds*, in east Joshua Tree, on Sunfair road. We will have possibly 4 stations going and a GOTA Station (**Get On The Air**). There will be fun playing radio and hopefully if the bands open up there will be lots of contacts getting logged in.

We will have food for all club members. Lunch Saturday afternoon, dinner Saturday evening and Breakfast Sunday morning. So, please, all Hams are invited to come and see and participate in the Field Day activities, whether it's only for a couple hours or all day. Come join in !

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Submission deadline is 4 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					 See info below for Museum ships weekend	 Museum ships on the air!
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS JOHN		<b>ARES Meeting 6:00 pm</b> Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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JUNE 1 & 2 \*\*\*\*\* GOT TO : <http://www.nj2bb.org/museum/> FOR INFO TO CONTACT THESE AWESOME BATTLESHIPS \*\*\*\*\*