



MARC BEACON

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President's Message

Greetings, fellow radio operators. The month of June has been a busy month. After months of preparation, Field Day has come and gone. Thanks to the great efforts of our Field Day Chairman, Chris Nichols (WB6CDF), and the rest of the Field Day Committee Members, our Morongo Amateur Radio Field Day was a great success. In addition to the radio contacts, there were also four new hams that got their ticket, and there was a GOTA station that was available for people to get on the air. Some experienced the intricacies of the transmitter hunt while others enjoyed the social atmosphere and displays. Everyone who came found something worth their while at Amateur Radio Field Day. The Morongo Amateur Radio Club also extends its thanks to the Yucca Mesa Improvement Association Community Center for the use of their facilities as well as Caterpillar and Granite Construction for helping us meet our power requirements. Special thanks goes out to KCDZ 107.7FM and High Desert Star for their efforts in helping us get our advertising out. In addition to the donated items, I want to recognize the most excellent catering that was provided by Danny & Gina E. of Proud Spirit no Borders Cooking. Most importantly, thanks to the members of our club for all of their efforts in making our Field Day such a memorable experience. Is it too soon to start planning next year's Field Day? I say that it is never too early for the great ideas.

73s, Jeffrey Hardy, KJ6BOI

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

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.



Field Day

The 2015 M.A.R.C. Field Day was hit with high heat, high humidity and smoke from the Lake Fire which made things tough on operators and public attendance. However, we made a total of 612 contacts which included 14 CW contacts, 1 Digital contact and 597 Phone contacts. We did run in to some interference issues that were tough to eliminate completely but we powered through it and succeeded in topping our 560 contacts of the 2014 Field Day. The actual score will be determined by the ARRL submission and usually takes a couple months.

All of the events planned for Field Day were successful and the catered food was amazing. Next year we are putting in a request with Mother Nature for a little cooler weather. Please keep an eye on the club's Facebook page for photos of Field Day as more will be added in the coming days. We will work to get the photos on the club website as well in the coming month.

Thank you to all who attended and made our Field Day a successful fun event.

Chris Nichols – MARC VP
Field Day Chairman





New hams from last test session

Greetings everyone. Welcome and congratulations to the following gentlemen who passed their Tech test on Saturday:

Paul Ratchford, KK6VDL
Saul Betancourt, KK6VDK
Vincent Chapman, KK6VDJ
Frank Bundy (callsign pending)

We look forward to hearing our new ham friends on the air.

73, Glenn, N6GIW

Safety

With the arrival of summer come outdoor barbecues. Each year, 8,000 fires are started by the misuse of grills. Always position the grill a safe distance from your house or anything that is flammable.

Open the lid before turning on the grill.

Turn on the propane tank.

Turn on the knobs of the grill burner.

Push the ignition button if you have one.

When done, turn off the propane tank first.

For more grill safety, visit <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/outdoors/grilling>

Nick Powell, KK6MWV

FCC Speedily Dismisses Petitions to Alter Amateur Service Rules

Acting with near lightning speed, the FCC has dismissed two petitions for rule making calling for separate amendments to the Part 97 Amateur Service rules. Willison H. Gormly, WD0BCS, of Des Moines, New Mexico, filed both petitions on June 16, and the FCC turned them away on July 1. Gormly had requested that the FCC amend §97.301(e) of the rules by dividing it into separate subparagraphs for technician and Novice class privileges. He had also asked the FCC to amend §97.305(c) to authorize spread spectrum emissions in the 2 meter band.

Visit the following website for more details:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-speedily-dismisses-petitions-to-alter-amateur-service-rules>


HAMCON 2015

HAMCON 2015 is produced by 13 amateur radio clubs in Southern California and Arizona. All amateur operators are welcome to HAMCON 2015 during September 11-13, 2015, at the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA. Visit hamconinc.org for more information.

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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
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
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	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
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	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm				