



MARC BEACON

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President's Message

There is going to be an Earthquake—Are you ready???

The next scheduled Earthquake Drill will be on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. Though Earthquakes can never be foretasted or scheduled, potential survivors can only make preparations in an effort to be ready for when that event when does occur. The Great California Shake Out is an annual event where individual citizens, businesses, and government agencies take pause to evaluate their own preparedness for an Earthquake. Some agencies will stand up Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and schools may conduct 'duck and cover' drills. As radio operators who stand ready to serve, an Earthquake will provide the greatest opportunity to demonstrate what we, as Amateur Radio Operators, can do for the community. During this time, I challenge our members who plan on providing community services in the event of a disaster to take stock of their actual ability to respond. Have you earthquake proofed your own home? Are you able to operate without power? Are you able to erect replacement antennas? Are You Ready???

More information about ways to prepare and about the Great California Shakeout can be found at the Shake Out website: <http://www.shakeout.org/california/>.

Jeffrey Hardy
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Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Monday @ 1915
Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC), Tuesday @ 1900

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

HAMCON 2015

Don't miss HAMCON 2015, the 2015 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, on September 11-13, 2015 at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503. Visit www.hamconinc.org for more information.

HAPPY LABOR DAY



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.

Test Session

The next amateur radio license test session is scheduled for 10 AM Saturday 19 September 2015 at the St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church, 61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA. We will test for all license classes. If you are upgrading, bring a COPY of your license and be sure your FRN is on it. The fee is \$5 per test. If you are not known to the examiners, we will need to see a photo ID.



Glenn N6GIW

NBEMS

Narrow Band Emergency Message System (NBEMS) is a method of communicating with a computer and a HAM radio to send digital messages. The message is typed into the message screen or on a predesigned form and the transfer is done by placing the transmitting radio microphone next to the computer's speaker. The free computer software consists of three elements, FLDIGI, FLWRAP, and FLMSG. The NBEMS Net meet on the air at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month on 145.645 MHz, FM.

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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
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	ARES Net 7:15 pm LABOR DAY 	MARC Net 7:00 pm		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm 145.645 MHz		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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