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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello fellow radio operators! We are almost done with another hot summer in the high desert. School has started, so please be extra cautious of kids boarding and exiting school buses.

Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans 11 years ago at the end of August 2005. I personally witnessed the destruction as an active duty Marine when I was sent there to help establish military communications to assist in recovering from the disaster. There was no electricity, no telephone service, and no cell phone service. The only thing working was radio wave communications running on batteries and generators. HAM radio operators played a huge part in connecting to the rest of the world.

I was not a licensed HAM at the time, but I sure wished I were. It was not until many years later that I finally studied and passed the exam, mainly because I did not know where to start and how to get my license. It is not a question of if our services will be needed, the question is, when will a disaster happen which requires our talented services.

As your club president, I am asking you to please pass the word to all the people you know, informing them on how easy it is to get their license, and encourage them to become an amateur radio operator. Also, please practice your skills by participating in the weekly nets, attending the monthly meetings, and volunteering your services during Morongo Basin events.

Take care and keep your skills sharp.

Rob
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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



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>



The Yucca Mesa Improvement Association is having a festival on Saturday September 24, 2016 and we need some help in the communications area. Can you help us?

Steve Morse needs communication volunteers for the 2016 Mesa Fest. He will need volunteers from about 7 AM through 10 PM, needing the most volunteers from 10 AM through 9 PM. Time slots will be every 1-hour, and anybody signing up for more than 4 hours will get a free meal, either lunch or dinner, or if working more than 7 hours, both meals. Free water and soda will be provided. There will be several positions to fill, and Steve hopes to be able to rotate the people who sign up through different areas.

The festival will be held at the Yucca Mesa Community Center (YMCC), 3133 Balsa Ave., Yucca Valley, California 92284

Steve can be contacted by phone (805)881-3055 or email morsed2@gmail.com, and it would be great if you could tell him what times you would be available. Split shifts are welcome.

Steve Morse
G8OTV /KI6HGH
Steve Morse Computing

National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month starts September 1. We are kicking things off August 28 – September 3 to promote this national campaign to prepare individuals, families, and communities for disasters and other emergencies. This year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."

Each week of National Preparedness Month has a designated theme:

- Week 1 (August 28-September 3): Kickoff to National Preparedness Month
- Week 2 (September 4-10): Preparing Family and Friends
- Week 3 (September 11-17): Preparing Through Service
- Week 4 (September 18-24): Individual Preparedness
- Week 5 (September 25-30): Lead Up to National PrepareAthon! Day

Join us by accessing the 2016 National Preparedness Month Social Media Toolkit on the Ready Campaign website at <https://www.ready.gov/september>

There, you will find preparedness messages to share with family, friends, and colleagues. You will also find additional resources such as graphics, instructional videos, and public service announcements to support preparedness in your community.

73
Glenn
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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

Steve's Electronics & Radio

Steve Morse is passionate about sharing his amateur radio and electronics knowledge with the community. You can find Steve at an indoor booth at the Yucca Mesa Community Center Swapmeet on Saturdays where he displays his projects and electronic toys.

Many people have visit Steve at his booth like Larry WA6FSJ, Breezy a future engineer in the 8th grade, and her friend Erin, a music instructor in Yucca Valley. Also visiting the booth were Chris, WB6CDF and his girlfriend Lesley, KM6DRT, and her son Liam. Other visitors, with questions where, Paula, and Olivia.

Two children Julie & Daniel stopped by, and had a great time with Steve's BIG toy crane. They had a great time building it and then playing with it. They will be back for the next swap meet trying to program an Arduino. Their mother is the lady who sells the delicious Tamale's at the front door of the YMCC.

Cody was very interested in electronics and the possibility of making his own printed circuit boards. He had just been in hospital because he had touched the output wires on a transformer in a microwave oven, while it was still on. So a quick lecture by me about safety was given.

Steve Morse will be doing this again at the next Swapmeet on Saturday at the Yucca Mesa Community Center, 3133 Balsa Ave., Yucca Mesa, CA 92284.

Steve and Andy, AI6AF, will demonstrate MESH radio. Steve will also have a little game using electronic components. The game will have 8 posters and 8 little containers. The idea is to go around all of the posters, and then go round and find the little container that has that component in it.

Steve can be contacted for more information at (805)881-3055, mersed2@gmail.com, and his website is www.KI6HGH.com





Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Mon @ 1915
 Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC), Tue @ 1900
 Narrow Band Emergency Message System (NBEMS)
 144.910 MHz, 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 1900

Upcoming Events

Jamboree on the Air, Fri 14 – Sun 16 October 2016
 Oro Valley ARC Hamfest, 12 Nov, www.arca-az.org

(Contact the editor to add an event.)

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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	31	1	2	3
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Manuel		ARES Meeting 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	ARES Net 7:15 pm  LABOR DAY	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Rob		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm 145.645 MHz		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Steve		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS John		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm 145.645 MHz 		Mesa Fest 10 AM – 9 PM YMCC 3133 Balsa Ave. Yucca Valley
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Glenn				