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Hello radio operators and welcome to the holiday season! This is the time where friends and family celebrate the last two months of the year. Have fun and be safe.

Last month we celebrated the fall season with our Harvest Party and some members dressed in Halloween costumes. Thanks to Judy KK6NWX, the event was a big success. Fun was had by all who attended.

During the MARC October meeting, nominees/volunteers were recorded as candidates for the 2023 MARC board of directors. If you would like to become a MARC officer or board member, then please contact me before the November meeting. All MARC members are highly encouraged to attend the 17 November meeting to cast their vote.

STARTS AT 5:PM NOW

On 15 December we will celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next, with the "Installation Dinner" to welcome the elected 2023 MARC board of directors. Please contact Judy KK6NWX if you plan on attending.

Please schedule time to check in on the 7 PM Tuesday net, and if you can, please join us on the "Cawfee Tawk" net everyday from 1000 to 1100 AM.

Take care of yourself and enjoy each day. If you're not having fun, then you're doing something wrong.

This is WO4ROB, Rob from Joshua Tree.

Rob Cloutier
WO4ROB

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Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
Mon @ 1915
Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
Tue @ 1900
MARC Daily informal Kawfee Talk
1000-1100 DAILY

Social Media,

Club web page: <http://www.w6ba.net>

Facebook:

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

Club Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 PM. At the church of the Nazarene in Yucca Valley at 56248 Buena Vista Dr

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

OTHER AREA REPEATERS

IRLP Node KD6DIQ 145.770 pl 67.0

San Jacinto TRAM one 145.480 (-) pl 107.2

ALLSTAR NODE on the mesa 147.705 pl 146.2

ALLSTAR NODE in Y.V. 446.120 pl 131.8



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WEATHER UNDERGROUND

The weather station on Paxton Hill at the W6BA repeater site is working great. It will show accurate wind speed and direction measurements for the top of the mountain .

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCAJUCCA57>

Glenn N6GIW

KEN HENDRICKSON, W6BZY



Some helpful you tube videos from Ken W6BZY about Linux and raspberry Pi.



Search **W6BZY** on YouTube.

US Amateur Radio Band Chart

<http://ham.band>

- Easy to remember link
- Easy to use on desktop or mobile
- Light-mode/Dark-mode switchable
- Familiar layout

Send feature requests to Aaron@KM6IAU.net



OUR CLUB MEETING!!!!

THIS MONTH OUR LOCAL CLUB MEETING WILL BE AT: **5:00 P.M.** ON: **NOV. 17th** At Church of the Nazarene in Yucca Valley at 56248 Buena Vista Dr.

NEW CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP FOR THE MARC CLUB

I have created a Facebook "Group" for the Club. We currently have a FB "Page" which only allows Admins and Moderators to post directly on the Posts section.

Here is the link to the new "Group" - so if you are on Facebook, please click on this link and LIKE our new Group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/577155023327981>

The new Group will be must more user friendly. Feedback is most welcome. Thanks, Judy, N6JLL

THANK YOU JUDY N6JLL

Membership Dues

We are doing our club dues round up at the beginning of the year.

If you're not sure if your dues are up to date, please check with Glenn N6GIW and he can let you know if they are due or when they are due.

Not everyone is due at the same time of the year.



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A call was received today regarding the passing of Frank Bundy KK6VDS of 29 Palms. Frank has been a ham in the local area for many years, and an ex club member. His health had declined recently, and he died on Sept. 22nd at Hi Desert Continuing Care Center in JT. If You may remember that Frank recently became lost in the desert and Larry AD6G and Jim KI6WTI were able to locate him and help him to get back home. Thanks to Aaron KM6IAU for passing on this info.

AIR QUALITY STATION

Greetings fellow hams. For anyone interested in air quality, I have a new station in service at my home at S/W Landers. You can follow this link, and look for the small circle near the middle of the map where it says Landers. Click on that circle and a chart will pop up showing the local air quality. Let me know if you experience and problems with it or if you have questions. A green circle means good air quality. You will notice the circles become orange or red near more populated areas. A lower number in the circle is good also.

<https://www.purpleair.com/map?&zoom=9&lat=34.081391989143775&lng=-115.69892818450927&clustersize=30&orderby=L&latr=1.3284878595021965&lng=3.7518310546875>

Glenn N6GIW

Australian Radio Amateurs May Move to a Class Licensing Structure

Australia's radiocommunications regulator, the [Australian Communications and Media Authority](#) (ACMA), is proposing to move the country's radio amateurs to a class license, which is intended to simplify administration of the Amateur Radio Service.

Currently, Australia's radio amateurs are regulated under an apparatus license, with privileges and conditions set out in a Radiocommunications License Conditions Determination. Australian hams pay an annual license fee of A\$55.00 (US\$35.68), but under the proposed class license, annual license renewal payments would end.

The ACMA reports that the current consultation follows extensive public feedback on the [review of the non-assigned licensing arrangements](#) conducted between February and April 2021. The review's principal objective was to identify the most appropriate licensing mechanism that would reduce regulatory burden and minimize costs for amateur radio operators, while preserving the operational utility for amateurs.

The ACMA says they will carefully consider responses received to the current consultation. As stated in the consultation paper, subject to the outcomes of the current consultation and the implementation of supporting operational and administrative arrangements, the ACMA intends to implement the proposed class-licensing arrangements on July 1, 2023.

[The Wireless Institute of Australia](#) (WIA) is the national member





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organization representing the interests of Australian radio amateurs and is a member of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). The WIA has a well-credentialed working group developing their response to the ACMA's proposals. The ACMA's deadline for receiving responses is November 29, 2022.

The WIA's working group intends to open a survey in early November to gauge the views of the Australian radio amateur community.

"As this is going to be a quantum step in the evolution of amateur licensing in Australia, such as we have not seen previously, the details need close and careful consideration," said working group leader Peter Young, VK3MV. Peter has been licensed since 1964 and has a background in maritime communications engineering. He is a former Regional Manager with the ACMA and, since retiring, held positions with the WIA as a Director on the WIA Board, and Director with IARU Region 3.

Thanks to Peter Young, VK3MV, Media Advisor Naazbano Schonberger, ACMA, and WIA for their help and contributions to this story.

Veterans Day 2022 Special Events

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11, 2022, and will feature many opportunities for amateur radio operators to celebrate and honor Veterans throughout the holiday weekend.

Special event stations will be on the air across the county, including the Redding Veterans Amateur



Radio Club, W6VET, in Redding, California, and the Veterans Day commemoration onboard the USS *Kidd* (DD-661), a World War II Fletcher-class destroyer, with the USS KIDD Amateur Radio Club in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The [Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum](#) in Ashland, Nebraska, has a full day of activities planned on November 11, including an amateur radio demonstration by the [Strategic Air Command Memorial Amateur Radio Club](#) (SACMARC) using the historic call signs of General Curtis Emerson LeMay, K0GRL, and the Offutt Air Force Base, K0AIR.

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club, K9TAL, is located at their national headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. Any station that contacts K9TAL on Veterans Day will receive a special QSL card.

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, will celebrate Veterans Day on November 12 - 13, 2022. The USS *Cobia* Amateur Radio Club will be onboard and on the air from the USS *Cobia* World War II submarine. A commemorative QSL card will be issued for contacts made during the 2-day event.

A complete list of special event stations, including Veterans Day stations, is available at www.arrl.org/special-event-stations. Use "Veterans" in the keyword search.

ARRL Headquarters will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. There won't be a W1AW bulletin or code practice transmissions on that day. ARRL HQ will reopen on Monday, November 14, at 8:00 AM EST.



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Hurricanes Lisa and Martin Kept Amateur Radio Operators Busy

Amateur radio operators were closely monitoring hurricane and weather nets, as two tropical storms in the eastern and southwest Atlantic were upgraded to hurricane status late Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

Hurricane Lisa made landfall late Wednesday in the Central American nation of Belize, near Belize City and the town of Dangriga, with 60 MPH winds and heavy rain. The hurricane has now been downgraded to a tropical storm, but a state of emergency has been issued and remains in effect.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Martin, in the eastern Atlantic, has also been downgraded to a tropical storm. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) is predicting that Martin will become a large and powerful post-tropical cyclone by late Thursday, November 3, 2022.

[The Hurricane Watch Net](#) (HWN) was activated late Wednesday morning on 14.325.00 MHz, and later on 7.268.00 MHz. The [VoIP Hurricane Net](#) was also activated, and as of early Thursday morning, both nets are in standby mode.

Amateur radio operators will continue to monitor the hurricane and weather nets to be ready if help is needed.



Yuma Hamfest

& Southwestern Division Convention

The 2023 Yuma Hamfest has been canceled. Due to silent keys, a diminished volunteer pool, increased costs, and other factors. The 2023 Yuma Hamfest has been canceled. The Yuma Hamfest may return in the future in a simpler format. Thank you to all those that have supported us over the years. The past success of the Yuma Hamfest is because of you. Those that have already paid money for 2023 will be issued refunds.

Yuma County Fairgrounds • Yuma, AZ





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Quartzfest 2023

Quartzfest 2023 - January 22-28, 2023

Well Quartzfest 2022 is in the history books. I hope you are making plans to attend Quartzfest 2023.

We're in the process of putting together our seminar schedule for Quartzfest 2023 and need your help. If you'd like to present one of our many seminars, please drop Tracy an email to let him know.

Powerpoint presentation slots are limited so get your information to him right away. You can contact Tracy at wm6t@arri.net

<https://quartzfest.org/>

From the desk of

Miklor.com

Some Handheld Projects

\$5 USB Charger for 3800mAh Battery

Cross Band Repeater - 2 Handhelds

Cross Band Repeater - 2 BTech Mobiles

Changing a Fan Thermostat

Add an Internal Fan to your Transceiver

Update your AA Battery Pack

I THOUGHT I WOULD share this website it has GOT a lot of use for the china radios in the past.

KEITH N6GKB



STARTING AT THE NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING IT WILL BEGIN AT 1700 (5:PM) TILL SPRING.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS KEITH		ARES Meeting TODAY 6:00 pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS LARRY				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS FRED		CLUB MEETING AT 5:00 PM		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS GLENN				
27	28	29	30			
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS ROB				