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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy New Year everyone. Hopefully, all are doing well and are recovering from the holidays.

The Morongo Amateur Radio Club has just completed a very successful year with Field Day, the Annual Club Picnic, The Great Shakeout, and lots of other community support events. The New Year promises to be just as exciting.

Over the few, short years that I have been an amateur radio enthusiast, I have come to see the hobby amateur radio as a path that can go many different directions. Some of these paths include: talking to distant stations, rag chewing with locals, building antennas, incorporating radio into the Internet with Voice Over IP (Like IRLP and Echolink), the study of electronics, position reporting with APRS, providing service to the community when the need arises, all over different modes like voice, sound card modes, packet modes, CW and many other disciplines and modes that I missed. Some amateurs progress down one path where others choose to move along a different direction. Some choose to move very quickly down their chosen paths and others really like where they are along their chosen path and feel the desire to progress no further.

It is my hope that the Morongo Amateur Radio Club continues to be a meeting place where all of us who are on our chosen paths within amateur radio can come together to enjoy each other's company in a welcoming environment.

As we look forward into the New Year it is my hope that the Morongo Amateur Radio Club continues to be a great association of members who enjoy each other's fellowship, learn from each other, and enlighten the amateur radio community.

73s, Jeffrey, KJ6BOI

Test Session

The next test session is scheduled for 1000 Saturday 3 January 2015 at St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church, 61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA

We will test for Technician, General, and Extra Class. Bring a photo ID, a copy of your ham license if you are upgrading, and \$5 for each test.



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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>

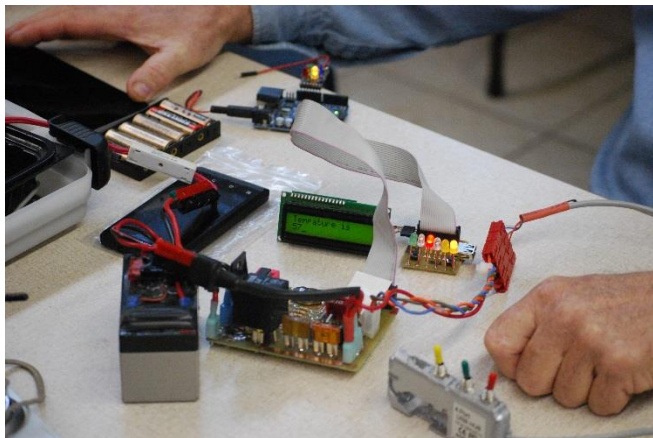
Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
Monday @ 1915

Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
Tuesday @ 1900

HAM Projects

An Arduino is a mini input/output (I/O) computer board used to create interactive projects using open source computer hardware and software. Below, Steve, KI6HGH, demonstrates an electronics project he has been working on using an Arduino. If you are interested in HAM related electronic projects then please contact the editor.



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.



Founded in 1997. A gathering of Amateur Radio Operators in RV's 6 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona. This event is full of seminars and workshops on Ham Radio and operational techniques, Alternative Energy (mainly solar), and RV'ing. There are no utilities (power, water or sewer), so folks must be self-sufficient. Visit www.quartzfest.org for more information.

HAM History

On January 8, 1838, Alfred Vail and Samuel Finley Breese Morse demonstrated a telegraph code using dots and dashes which was the forerunner of Morse code.

On January 2, 1909, the first amateur radio club; The Junior Wireless Club, Limited, of New York City, was organized. Later the club name changed to Radio Club of America (RCA). <http://www.radioclubofamerica.org/>

Linked Repeaters

Yucca Valley, W6BA

146.790 MHz (- shift = 146.190 MHz)
136.5 Hz PL/CTCSS

Twentynine Palms, W6IF

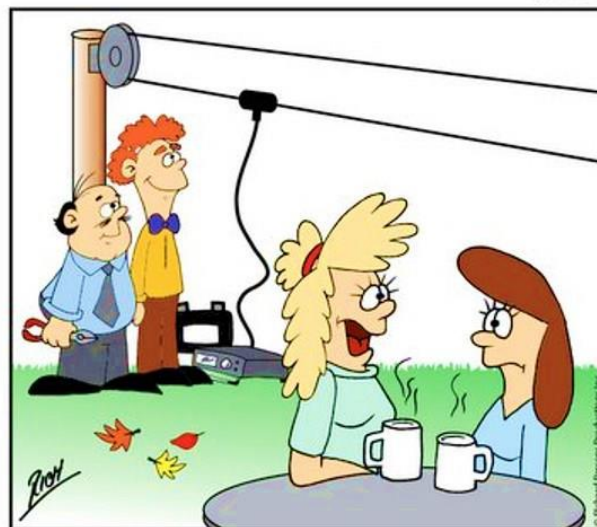
147.060 MHz (+ shift = 147.660 MHz)
136.5 Hz PL/CTCSS

Landers, WB6CDF

447.580 MHz (- shift = 442.580 MHz)
173.8 Hz PL/CTCSS

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Stan & Cliff have been working all day
on installing my clothesline, Mary.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				<p>ARES Meeting Cancelled</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p>		<p>10:00 am Test Session</p> <p>St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree</p>
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