



MARC BEACON

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President's Message

Hopefully this month's newsletter finds you all doing well, especially when it comes to our mutual hobbies. This month, I would like to recognize the efforts put forth by our Net Control Operators in both ARES and MARC. These members, who are too few, stand ready each week to ensure that someone is covering the net. Each of these operators does a fine job, each with their own twists. Whether it is running the roster in reverse order or the trivia and test questions, the weekly nets are always something to look forward to. These Net Control Operators always sound professional and prepared. For those who might feel like running a net, may think it is a daunting task, or that they could never run the net, is simply not true. The preamble is a pre-prepared script that is easily read over the air. The first time or two that one runs a net, there will be small mistakes and nuances that are easily worked through. Luckily, our group is small enough and we all know each other, so the mistakes are quickly forgotten. Also, the chances for mistakes are reduced if the preamble and roster are rehearsed out loud a few times just before the net. After a couple of turns as the net control operator, you are no longer 'new' and quickly become one of the net controls who as 'always' run the net. Any and all licensed amateur radio operators are invited and encouraged to take a turn as the next net control. If you find yourself interested in conducting a Tuesday night MARC net, let Glenn (N6GIW) know and he can add you to the Net Control schedule.

ARES net members must first complete ICS-100 online training before being listed as a net control operator. This computer based training can be found at: <https://emilms.fema.gov/IS100b/index.htm>. Once ICS-100 training is complete, get your certificate and make your interest known the Manuel (AE6SG) to be added to the Net Control schedule for the Monday, ARES Net.

Always remember that all FCC rules apply during the weekly nets. Amateurs are reminded to announce their own call signs at the end of their transmission, if they are not expecting to make another transmission within the next ten minutes.

73s, Jeffrey Hardy, KJ6BOI

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

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 12 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

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
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm				