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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello everyone! Judy and I are back from vacation. We went on a 15-day cruise that traveled 5,905 miles from Fort Lauderdale Florida to San Francisco California through the Panama Canal. The Island Princess ship can hold 2,390 passengers and 810 crew members. The Panama Canal opened 15 Aug 1914. It took us 10 hours (0730-1730) to travel the 48-mile Canal from the Caribbean Sea near Colon to the Pacific Ocean near Panama City. The Gatun Lake passageway is 85 feet above sea level so the ship had to be raised and then lowered through 3 locks on each side of the canal. The ship's toll to pass through the canal was \$341,412.00 (2474 passengers x \$138).

Don't forget to do your taxes. Take care everyone and enjoy life.

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Aruba



Going through the 1st set of locks



Going through the last set of locks



Going under the bridge of Americas into the Pacific Ocean

Field Day 2017

This year's field day will be 1100 (1800 UTC) Saturday 24 June through 1359 (2059 UTC) Sunday 25 June 2017 at the Yucca Mesa Community Center (YMCC), 3133 Balsa Avenue, Yucca Valley. I need to know who plans on attending and what you would like to do to make this a successful and fun event. For example, please email me a message like the following:

WO4ROB, Rob Cloutier, will attend from 0800 Sat – 1700 Sun and will be spending the night in his car. I will be bringing my own HF radio, HF antenna, and a computer to log contacts. I will also setup a wireless network for the field day contest log.

Depending on who participates, will determine how we do meals. Danny & Gina of "Proud Spirits No Border Cooking" is available to cook meals for us if the club decides to hire them.

There is a lot of work to be done, so please contact me or Andy, AI6AF, if you would like to be a member of the field day committee. Our next club meeting, 1900 Thursday 20 April, at 61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, will focus on the details for field day. Hope to see everyone there and willing to help.

Rob, WO4ROB, rob_cloutier@hotmail.com

Club Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM.
St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church
61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA

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>

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



New 630 and 2200 meter bands

Operation is now authorized in two new amateur bands, 135.7-137.8 kHz (2200 meter band) with an EIRP of one watt and 472-479 kHz (630 meter band) with an EIRP of five watts except for stations located in the portion of Alaska that is within 800 kilometers of the Russian Federation, where the EIRP will be limited to one watt.

A separation distance of one kilometer from electric utilities running PLC services. The Public Utility Commission must be notified prior to first operation to ensure that there is a one kilometer separation. For general class and above. Mobile operation is not permitted - fixed stations only. The antennas used to transmit in these bands cannot exceed 60 meters in height above ground level.

Visit the following site for more details:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/new-bands-fcc-issues-amateur-radio-service-rules-for-630-meters-and-2-200-meters>

Paul, AA6SM

Nets

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

Upcoming Events

February: Feb 3-11 King of the Hammers; Feb 4 Palm Springs Hamfest; Feb 17-18 Yuma Hamfest

May: Grubstake Days

June: ARRL Field Day

October: Jamboree on the Air; California Great Shakeout; Pioneer Days; Nominate new Club Officers and Board Members

November: Club members vote for club officers and board members

December: Installation Dinner for club members

(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
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Manuel				 APRIL FOOLS' DAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Steve		ARES Meeting 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS John		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm Rx 440.500 Tx 144.910 pl 110.9		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Glenn		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Andy		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm Rx 440.500 Tx 144.910 pl 110.9		