



MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings fellow HAMs! This is a busy month with Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Grubstake Days, and Memorial Day. Not to mention, getting prepared for Field Day in June. This year's Field Day slogan is, "Let's have fun and share knowledge!"

We need more radio operator volunteers for the Grubstake Days parade and more participation for Field Day. Please consider scheduling some of your time for each event.

Take care everyone and please do not forget your Mom on Mother's Day, Sunday 14 May.

Rob
WO4ROB
Joshua Tree
760-401-6666



New HAMs

Our club's two newest members now have call signs: Jimmy Swalberg KM6KAF, and Samantha Swalberg KM6KAE. Please give them a call if you hear them on the air.

Glenn N6GIW

Grubstake Days Parade

The Grubstake Days Parade is scheduled for 10 am Saturday 27 May in Yucca Valley. At least 12 licensed radio operators with portable hand held radios are required 0700-1200 for the parade. Please contact Nicki Koch KO6C if you would like to volunteer or if you would like more information.

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



For Sale

Jake Hall, W6JOD, has a good friend in Alpine who is retiring and has loads of gear and accessories for sale, really cheap. Please call Jake at (760) 673-6016 for more details.

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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

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>

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 will be bringing my own HF radio, HF antenna, a computer to log contacts, batteries, and a small canopy to shelter my gear. If you want to bring your own radio then you must bring everything you need to be self-sufficient. 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. I personally would like to provide a free late lunch early dinner meal to all updated club members on Saturday 24 June. The club needs to vote on this during the next MARC meeting.

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.

The first committee meeting was held 1800 Thu 27 April at the Apache Mobile Home Park Club House in Yucca Valley, attended by Any Frees, Rob Cloutier, Judy Cloutier, Manuel Borges, Paul Edwards, Aaron Chesney, Richard Haney, Fred Koch, Nicki Koch, and Scott Crisman. The next meeting will be held 1800 Wed 10 May at the Apache Mobile Home Park. Please contact the chairman if you want to be a part of the committee.

Field Day Chairman	Andy Frees	AI6AF
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Morse Code Certificates	Manuel Borges	AE6SG
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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

Test Session

The next amateur radio license test session is scheduled during Field Day, 1:00 PM Saturday 24 June 2017 at the St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church, 61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA. Not the same location as Field Day. 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, then they will need to see a photo ID.



Glenn N6GIW

Upcoming Events

May: 27 May Grubstake Days

June: 24 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

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Chris		ARES Meeting 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley	 Cinco de Mayo	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Manuel		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		 ARMED FORCES DAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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