



# MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

Happy New Year Everybody!

I'm Andy Frees (AI6AF) and you may have heard me occasionally talking on the club's repeater network or on our regular Monday and Tuesday night nets. Last November we had our annual board elections and I thank all of you for allowing me to become your club President for the coming year.

On behalf of our entire club, I want to take this opportunity to thank both Rob and Judy Cloutier (WO4ROB & KK6NWG) for their hard work and enthusiasm as President and Secretary during the last couple of years. Rob will be retiring this year and the chance to travel is high on their "bucket list", but we look forward to enjoying their company when they come back home. They're both valuable assets to our club. I also want to congratulate the newly elected and returning board members:

- Vice President - Aaron Chesney (KM6IAU)
- Secretary – Nicki Koch (KO6C)
- Treasurer – Manuel Borges (AE6SG)
- Board Members – Fred Koch (WO6C) and John Campbell (AG6QM)
- Historian / Webmaster - Paul Edwards (AA6SM)
- Repeater Trustee – Glenn Miller (N6GIW).

One of my goals for the coming year is to organize training and "Elmering" for any members who are interested in upgrading their license to either General or Extra class. I understand that we presently have at least 7 Techs who are motivated. Anyone who is interested in joining the study group can feel free to email me and [ai6af@arrl.net](mailto:ai6af@arrl.net).

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve our club. I hope we all can enjoy the club and grow in our fascinating hobby during this coming year.

73's Andy, AI6AF

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### 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

## Borges Associates

Tax Consulting / Preparation Service  
57836 Campanula St.  
Yucca Valley, Ca. 92284  
(760) 365-2652

*Bonded and CTEC Registered Tax Preparer  
Personal and Corporate returns  
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### Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)  
Mon @ 1915  
Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC)  
Tue @ 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>

### Club Meeting

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



## OTHER AREA REPEATERS TO TRY:

### 2 METERS

BIG BEAR LAKE	147.330+	pl	131.8
BIG BEAR CITY	147.225	pl	162.2
PALM SPRING TRAM	145.480-	pl	107.2
PALM SPRING TRAM2	145.200-	pl	131.8
ONYX PEAK	146.820-	no pl	
BANNING	147.915-	pl	123.0
Y.V. NODE	145.770 simplex	pl	67.0
SNOW PEAK	445.160-	pl	67.0
EDOM HILL DRATS	146.940-	pl	107.2
KELLER PEAK	146.385-	pl	146.2
RODMAN	146.885-	pl	151.4

### 6 METERS

ONYX PEAK	53.820	pl	107.2
INDIO	51.920	pl	82.5
1000 PALMS	51.840	pl	107.2

### 1.25M (220MHZ)

EDOM HILL	224.480	pl	110.9
SANTA ROSA	223.880	pl	110.9
PALM DESERT	224.920	pl	156.7
TORO PEAK	224.180	pl	156.7

I'M LOCATED IN YUCCA VALLEY SOUTH-SIDE. I CAN GET MOST OF THESE REPEATERS FROM MY HOME. OF COURSE, YOUR LOCATION MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET INTO ALL.

## **ANNOUNCING A GENERAL CLASS LICENSE GROUP STARTING IN JANUARY!**

*There has been a group of technicians that have shown interest in getting together to study to get their GENERAL class licenses.*

If interested in joining  
Contact Keith Board ~ N6GKB  
760-401-5124 OR  
[N6gkb@live.com](mailto:N6gkb@live.com)

## **HAM RELATED WEBCASTS AND SHOWS:**



HAMNATION IS A WEEKLY HAM RADIO RELATED TV SHOW WITH FAMOUS HOSTS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW LIKE, GORDON WEST, BOB HEIL AND OTHERS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM

<https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation>



TOM MEDLIN W5KUB WEEKLY WEBCAST  
100% HAM RELATED.

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM

<http://tmedlin.com/> OR <http://w5kub.com>



A TON OF WEBCAST'S WITH MANY TITLES OF  
HAM RELATED PROJECTS.

<http://www.amateurlogic.tv/downloads.htm>



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The December QST magazine arrived in my mailbox today with the official results for 2017 Field Day.

Our club is listed on page 82 in the top half of the third column.

We had 272 total QSO's (digital, cw and phone). We had 44 participants and earned 1,700 points.

Thanks to everyone who took part and made the 2017 Field Day a success.

**Message from Our NEW Club President  
Andy Frees AI6AF**

The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club recently lost a long-time member, Dave Ainsworth, who died of cancer. It was Dave's wish that his radio gear be donated to active duty military club members.

Here, club president, Rob Cloutier presents some of Dave's equipment to MSgt. Adam Elteto, USMC.



## Ham Radio Technician Class Hosted By the Desert R.A.T.S.

Wednesday Evenings  
January 10, 2018 to February 14, 2018  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

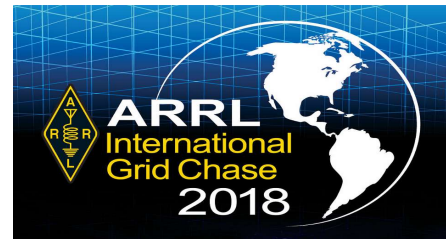
To be held at  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,  
40840 Washington St, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203

Pre-registration is required  
Register online at <http://desertrats.us/classes>

Testing on Saturday February 17, 2018  
9:00 AM to Noon. \$5.00 due day of test

**Cost \$30.00. Includes book By  
Gordon West, W5YI due first class**

Information and Registration - Mark Johnson -  
714-747-1586 - [mgjdroid@gmail.com](mailto:mgjdroid@gmail.com)



## ARRL International Grid Chase Kicks Off with the New Year!

The Grid Chase gets under way on January 1 UTC (New Year's Eve in US time zones). The objective of the year-long event is to work stations on *any* band (except 60 meters) in as many different Maidenhead grid squares as possible, and then upload your log data to ARRL's Logbook of The World (**LoTW**).

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Submission deadline is 4 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month





## Installation dinner and monthly meeting.

We had a great show of club members and the white elephant proved to be exciting And full of interesting items. The food was great with a wide variety to choose from. Thank you to everyone that helped with the food and white elephant donations.





# QUARTZFEST\*



An annual educational 7-day Amateur Radio/RV campout in the desert just south of Quartzsite, Arizona.

**Don't miss it! Put January 21<sup>st</sup> — 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendar  
**NOW!!!!****

Quartzfest© Website: [www.quartzfest.org](http://www.quartzfest.org)

**\*ABOUT Quartzfest:** Takes place Annually in January on Federal BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land and is free to all who participate for up to 14 days.

Quartzfest\* is not a group or organization and has no officers, members or dues. The success of Quartzfest\* comes primarily from the love and dedication to both HAM Radio and RV'ing from its present and past Organizers who plan and schedule seminars, workshops and events for the gathering.

Quartzfest\* is financed solely thru donations which help offset our Organizers expenses. Please know that aside from donations, our Organizers do get physical help from many volunteers who attend...and that help is always appreciated. BLM rules do not allow groups to make a profit. In fact, we're not allowed by rules to accept one penny more in donations than actual expenses.

Quartzfest\* is a 7-day long HAM/RV campout in the Arizona desert that is packed full of Amateur Radio, RV and Emergency Power Seminars and Workshops.

The Focus of Quartzfest\* is to provide an Amateur Radio and RV Educational Experience like no other in the world on a myriad of related topics. We hold 1-hour Seminars as well as Workshops and teach every aspect of a chosen specialty or mode of operation. During our workshops, you'll learn everything from "what is it" to troubleshooting your newly operational system. With 3 Seminars going on at the same time, Quartzfest\* 2018 will offer over 100 Seminar/Workshop hours. Also during the 7 days of Quartzfest\* we'll also have many craft and informational talks for the YL's and those not interested in HAM or RV Stuff.



## JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>Happy New Year!</b> ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS ROB		<b>ARES Meeting</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>  Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS JOHN				