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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Presidents message:

Hello fellow MARC members. It is the beginning of a new decade! Remember to put 2020 on all documents. If you abbreviate the year as 20 then anyone can add 19 at the end to make it 2019.

Thursday 16 January is the installation dinner for paid MARC members. If you need to update your membership then please contact Glenn. Doors open at 6 PM at the Yucca Mesa Community Center. Bring a wrapped gift if you want to participate in the white elephant gift exchange.

The primary location for all future MARC meetings will take place at the Church of the Nazarene, 56248 Buena Vista Dr, Yucca Valley. The meeting time may change to 6 PM vice 7 PM.

Contact me if you are interested in purchasing a 9" x 12" MARC car magnetic for \$10. An example will be presented at the next meeting.

Happy new year and may 2020 bring you happiness and success.

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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

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>

Club Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 PM. At the church of the Nazarene in Yucca Valley at 56248 Buena Vista dr



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TOM MEDLIN W5KUB WEEKLY WEBCAST 100% HAM RELATED. TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM
<http://tmedlin.com/> OR <http://w5kub.com>



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



The weather station on Paxton Hill at the W6BA repeater site is working great. It will show accurate wind speed and direction measurements for the top of the mountain .

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCAUYCCA57>
Glenn N6GIW

I also have A weather station by the high school in Yucca Valley N6GKB. Showing the temps and wind speeds in the center of Town.
<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ca/yucca%20valley/34.11451239999995%2C-116.4194904>

Keith N6GKB

JANUARY INSTALLATION DINNER

Hello Everyone our next meeting will be an installation dinner/Christmas party. To make up for Decembers meeting. It will be located at the Yucca Mesa Community Center 3133 Balsa Ave yucca valley off of Aberdeen rd.

Hello everyone,
This is Judy KK6NWG. I wanted to let everyone know that Danny and Gina no longer are in the business of cooking for people. With that said, Rob W04ROB, Chris WB6CDF, Keith N6GKB, and myself, Judy KK6NWG, will be buying food with club funds and making a nice dinner for the January installation Dinner, **1800 Thursday 16 January 2020**. If anyone wants to help out please contact me @ judycloutier@hotmail.com Also, **I am recommending and hoping those who do come to the dinner will bring a desert or side dish to share with the dinner. I would also ask that you please let me know if you are coming and how many people will be coming with you.** Following is what we will be making for the January Installation Dinner. There will also be a **white elephant gift exchange**, if you wish to participate please bring a **wrapped present**, we usually have a great time with this kind of exchange!

Installation Dinner Menu

Chicken, lightly breaded chicken breast
Tri Tip, Chris makes amazing Tri tip
Two big homemade lasagna's, people love lasagna
Potatoes, cut up, seasoned, and baked
Tossed green salad
Dinner rolls

Drinks

Hot tea, cocoa, and coffee, with creamer or milk
Bottled water

"We will not be buying any Soda. If someone would like to bring soda that is fine."

Respectfully,
Judy Cloutier, KK6NWG



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Throughout the year I know we all get busy, but please keep in mind to keep your clubs annual dues up to date. I know it's hard sometimes to keep track of this. So, if you have any question of when your due date is you can contact Glenn N6GIW. Or myself Keith N6GKB and we will let you know what month. And thank you all for your participation in the Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club!

Glenn Miller deacon733@msn.com

Keith Board n6gkb@live.com

Winter Field Day Association

Winter Field Day Association (WFDA) is a dedicated group of Amateur Radio Operators who believe that emergency communications in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that is done each summer but with some additional unique operational concerns.

We believe as do those entities of ARRL Organizations like ARES & RACES that maintaining your operational skills should not be limited to fair weather scenarios. The addition of Winter Field Day will enhance those already important skills of those that who generously volunteer their time and equipment to these organizations. This is why WFD is open to all licensed amateur radio operators worldwide.

Disasters are unpredictable by nature and can strike when you least expect them. WFDA's goal is to help enhance your skills and ready you for all environmental conditions found in the US and Canada during the spring, summer, fall and winter Preparedness is the key to a professional and timely response during any event and this is what local and state authorities are expecting when they reach out to the emergency service groups that offer their services.

If you are serious about emergency communications as we are; we welcome you to join us for our yearly event. We are sure you will find this

event a pleasant change and challenge to that of a normal summer time field day.

Winter field day is January 25 and 26.



QuartzFest is a week-long ham radio, camping, learning and living event. Coming up FAST!

QuartzFest 2020, celebrating its 25th anniversary, is an ARRL Specialty Convention being held **January 19 to 25, 2020** near Quartzsite, Arizona in the United States. No other hamfest in the world brings together in one gathering so much innovation in mobile antenna systems, mobile ham shacks, recreational vehicles, portable and mobile EMCOMM systems, off-the-grid living, alternative energy and radio education.

A Very Unique Ham Radio Gathering

QuartzFest is special in part because it comes to life each year, rising from nothing in a remote area of the Sonoran desert in the southwestern USA. Hundreds of Hams and their families and friends choose to unplug from their daily lives, travel to and setup this desert community, and immerse themselves in this week-long one-of-a-kind



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ham radio, camping, learning and living event.

The educational classes at QuartzFest offer something for everyone including those new to ham radio or even the most seasoned veteran.

They give participants the chance to put hands-on the latest technology, learn ham radio for the first time, study advanced radio theory and to even take a glimpse into the future of radio science. The learning also continues well-beyond the technical lectures all the way from morning coffee... through social events, music, arts and crafts classes during the day... and into the evening while sitting around the campfire or while star-gazing.

We hope you will decide to join us in 2020 which promises to be one of the most exciting editions of this very unique and special ham radio gathering.

Seven Three de
Your Quartzfest Committee

<https://quartzfest.org/>

THE HAM SHACK



We have all seen them from the most basic to the more off the wall elite shacks.

Well now I want to see yours I am going to start asking to come to your HAM SHACK and take a couple pictures of it and you so people can see the shack and the person behind the microphone.

So start cleaning up all those late night snack plate empty drink contained and what nots as we all

know gets accumulated over time. And get it ready for me to stop by in the future.

I wish to feature at least one or two local HAM SHACKS each month so get them ready and I will start making calls soon. And if yours is show worthy already let me know! Remember **NO** ham shack is too little or not worthy, if you took the time to put it together big or small, we would like to see your efforts.



PLEASE NOTE OUR CLUBS NEW PERMANENT MEETING HOME.

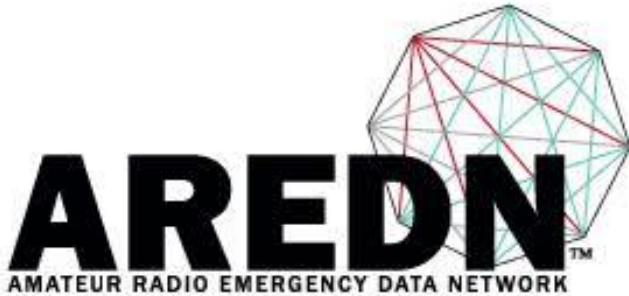
The change was made and decided because of mainly weather factors. We needed a place that was comfortable for all members. Our winters are cold and the summers seem to bring problems to our meetings as well. Well now we have a very nice place that is well stocked with comfortable chairs, air conditioned and heating. So, mother nature can due her thing now and we will be able to carry on year around.

The church of the Nazarene in Yucca Valley,

Located at 56248 Buena Vista Dr.

Take Cholla North from Hwy 62 (across from the Cinema 6 Movie Theatre) go to the end it then goes to the left, then down a short ways and there will be 2 churches on the right it is the second one.

This starts with February's meeting.



Coming to a mountain top near you in 2020! A great network that hams can connect on. No Internet required only an antenna and your computer. More information to come in the next couple months About this great system that all hams should be part of.

<https://www.arednmesh.org/>

Todd Root's IRLP NODE

I have talked to some of you that don't know about Todd's Node on 145.770, with a PL 67.0 and no offset. It is located on the east end of Yucca Valley.

It is usually quite active with a wide variety of ham related Nets throughout the week from early morning until late into the night.

The NODE schedule is as follows:

Monday-Saturday: The Alaska morning net at 10am,
The RED EYE net is on 7 days a week at 10pm,
Tuesday: is the Tech net at from 5pm-7pm,
Thursday: is the outdoors net at 7:30pm,
And every Saturday is the NEWSLINE at 5pm!



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Due to a death in my family this newsletter is short and sweet this month besides a little late, I thank you all for your understanding.
Keith Board N6GKB

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Submission deadline is 4 days before the 1st of each month





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				ARES Meeting 6:00 pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS JOHN				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS ROB		MARC Meeting and dinner 6:pm at the yucca mesa community center		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
QUARTZITES STARTS	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS FRED				LAST DAY OF QUARTZITE WINTER FIELD DAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	
WINTER FIELD DAY	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS GEORGE				