



MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings fellow hams,

Thanks, everyone, for coming out to the May club meeting at Church of the Nazarene in Yucca Valley. Thanks also to Rob WO4ROB, Judy KK6NWG, and the southern belle operating FRS that helped out with demonstrating Field Day radio contacts.

Here's a look at what's happening in the radio club for the month of June 2019:

June 1st: Field-Day Committee meeting at IHOP is canceled. June 15th: Field-Day Committee meeting at Yucca Mesa Community Center.

June 20th: Our club meeting will again be at the Church of the Nazarene, 56248 Buena Vista Drive, Yucca Valley. June 22nd: The 2019 ARRL Field Day at the Yucca Mesa Community Center. If you have never been to a ham radio field day, we would be very happy to be joined by you. If you have questions, you can email Patrick Mathis N4LKZ (event coordinator)

N4LKZ@W6BA.net or me
KM6IAU@W6BA.net.

I want to thank our club officers, board members, and active club members for their contributions of time and energy to our radio club.

Patrick N4LKZ has been an outstanding Vice President this year. Thank you, Patrick, for your dedication and hard work so far this year. Manuel AE6SG has cheerfully supported our club in many capacities over the years. Thank you, Manuel. Glenn N6GIW has been a key point-of-contact for many soon-to-be hams, including myself in January 2017. Thank you, Glenn. Paul

AA6SM has likewise been a key point-of-contact for hams interfacing through our website. Thank you, Paul. Keith N6GKB has done a great job as Newsletter Editor for the past couple years, and I'm happy to call him a friend of mine. Thanks, Keith. Todd KD6DIQ, a friend to many and a great guy to all, has done much helping new hams feel welcome and excited about amateur radio. Thanks, Todd. Sam WB6SEW, Loren KM6QQP, Jesse KA6CMJ, you guys have been outstanding support for me as Club President this year. Thank you so much. Jim AB0WM, thank you for your service to MARC, ARES, the greater community over the years. George KE7RVE, what a motivator! I'm glad you're with us. Rob WO4ROB, Judy KK6NWG, Ken W6BZY, Andy NS6V, Chris WB6CDF, Larry WA6FSJ, Fred WO6C, Nicki KO6C, John KI6FKP, Judy N6JLL, Jake W6JOD... you guys continually give back to the club and we are a better club because of folks like you. Thank you.

Certainly the record-of-service for each of the aforementioned folks exceeds what I have listed, so is my pleasure to serve with you high-class folks. Thanks for all you do.

Thank you, club, for electing me to serve as Club President this year. I hope to see you all at Field Day.

73's

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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>

W6BA Live Feed:

<http://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/10199/web>

Club Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

Church of the Nazarene

56248 Buena Vista Dr Yucca Valley Ca.

BIG BEAR	147.330	+	pl. 131.8
SNOW PEAK	445.160	-	pl. 67.0
BANNING PASS	147.915	-	pl.123.0
YV IRLP NODE	145.770	no offset	pl. 67.0
WINSYSTEM	448.060	-	pl.100.0
CALNET	448.400	-	pl. 107.2
EDOM HILL	146.940	-	pl. 107.2
MOUNT ORD	448.420	-	pl. 85.4



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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

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



The weather station on Paxton Hill at the W6BA repeater site has been repaired. It will now show accurate wind speed and direction measurements.

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCAYUCCA57>

Glenn N6GIW

I also have A weather station by the high school in Yucca Valley N6GKB.

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ca/yucca%20valley/34.114512399999995%2C-116.4194904>

Keith N6GKB



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FIELD DAY EVENT 2019 June 22 and 23

The field day event group will be meeting as follows, Per a recommendation from Chris WB6CDF, we will amend our first and last two meeting locations to the Yucca Mesa Community Center. The amended schedule is:

~~April 6th, 10:00 AM at the Yucca Mesa Community Center~~

~~April 20th, 10:00 AM at the Yucca Valley IHOP~~

~~May 4th, 10:00 AM at the Yucca Valley IHOP~~

~~May 18th, 10:00 AM at the Yucca Valley IHOP~~

~~June 1st, 10:00 AM at the~~ **CANCELLED**

June 8th, 10:00 AM at the Yucca Mesa Community Center. **Those involved bring your equipment.**

June 15th, 10:00 AM at the Yucca Mesa Community Center. **Those involved bring your equipment.**

Any hams that wish to join and be involved WITH FIELD DAY 2019 please contact Patrick N4LKZ.

YUCCA MESA community center

**3133 Balsa Ave,
Yucca Valley Ca 92284**

Thank you.

**Patrick D. Mathis
N4LKZ**

ANNOUNCING THE NEW LOCATION FOR THE CLUBS MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR AT LEAST THE SUMMER MONTH.

It will be held at the church of the Nazarene in Yucca Valley.

Turn north on Cholla Ave from Highway 62 it is across from the Cinema 6 movie theatre In Yucca. Go to the end of Cholla and turn left go on down to the second church on the right.

**Church of the Nazarene
56248 Buena Vista dr.
Yucca Valley Ca. 92284**

Our next club meeting will be there starting this MAY! It will be our new meeting place for the summer.

THE YUCCA MESA COMMUNITY CENTER HOME OF THE NEXT FIELD DAY.





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I would like to mention that [Todd Root KD6DIQ](#) does have an [IRLP](#) node on [145.770 pl 67.0 no offset](#), While this is **NOT** related to DMR it is also a good linking system that has been around for many years, and from an HT anywhere Here in Yucca Valley you can talk to people around the world when certain links are hooked up to his node, Check it out sometime! Its busiest times seem to be mornings and evenings into the night with different Nets daily!

ARRL Invites Applications for Volunteer Monitor Positions

ARRL is now accepting [applications](#) from individuals interested in becoming part of the new [Volunteer Monitor program](#), a joint undertaking of the FCC and ARRL. The program seeks volunteers who -- working under the direction of ARRL -- will monitor and survey the Amateur Radio bands both to detect improper activity and to recognize exemplary on-the-air behavior.



Prospective Volunteer Monitors must be ARRL members. They will undergo a training and certification program administered by ARRL, and will be vetted by ARRL through at least one oral interview and a preliminary evaluation by ARRL staff. Such requirements will continue for Volunteer Monitors once they are selected.

Volunteer Monitors will serve 3-year terms at the pleasure of ARRL, and ARRL will reserve the right to terminate the participation of any Volunteer Monitor for any reason.



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Volunteer Monitors must be able to utilize state-of-the-art receiving equipment and to access no-cost remote receive sites, if requested. Applicants must possess strong writing and communication skills and an understanding of the importance of thorough documentation. They must have basic word processing and data entry skills and be able to send such information, including recordings, to ARRL electronically.

Applicants must have no history of warning letters or other enforcement-related action from the FCC, must hold a Technician or higher class license, and must have been licensed for at least 3 years.

Applicants should send applications to volunteer-monitor@arrl.org for processing.

FCC is Not Reinstating a Vanity Call Sign Fee

An erroneous report this week suggested that the FCC planned to again impose an Amateur Radio vanity call sign application (regulatory) fee of \$70 for the 10-year term. This incorrect conclusion resulted from an incomplete reading of the May 7 FCC *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in the matter of the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for fiscal year 2019.

Although the Schedule of Regulatory Fees does show a \$7 annual fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs, a boldface heading in that section of the *NPRM* states, "**REGULATORY FEES. This section is no longer in effect as it has been amended by RAY BAUM'S Act of 2018...**" Section 9(e)(2) of RAY BAUM'S Act gives the Commission discretion to exempt a party from paying regulatory fees when the FCC determines that the cost of collection exceeds the amount collected. A new section 9(e)(1) incorporated the Amateur Radio vanity fee exemption from FCC rules into the statute.

The *NPRM* makes clear in several other places that regulatory fees no longer apply to Amateur Radio licenses. The FCC eliminated the regulatory fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs in 2015.



MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT

sponsored by

The Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND

June 1-2, 2019

0000Z June 1, 2019 to 2359Z June 2, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a contest!

It is a FUN Event!



This can be an exciting Event, It involves many kinds of ships that over the years have been long been dry docked but yet somewhat functional.



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They range from battle ships, cruise ships, steam ships, sail ships and even a submarine or two. Just make 15 or more contacts from a list of over 100 ships and you can send in for a really nice certificate for your Ham Shack wall. Last year I missed it by one! But I will get it this year conditions willing!

You can see the list of ships they have participating so far on the web site, and more and being added all the time.

<https://www.qsl.net/w/wa2tvs//museum/>

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



Calling all Hams Interested in CW !

Our club member Sam White WB6SEW is Looking for help with his CW Training class.

He needs A **PLACE** to meet and hold the classes and a **volunteer** or two to help him with the training of others in CW. Sam is sight impaired as some of you may or may not know, so he could use a hand. **Please** contact Sam at 760-228-2485, or on the local Yucca Valley Repeater.

Thank You all for helping Sam with this.

DMR NOTES:

A new DMR network has been formed. It is called QRM Network. This is a good place to experiment with new hardware and software.

Hotspot config information: The address of the server is 24.124.97.212. The password is password. That's with a zero. and the port number is 62031.

The dashboard is at <http://kc3ol.network>

Many of us hang out on TG31207. If you would like to have your own talk group just let us know. 73, Ted, KC3OL, Kirk, K6KAR, and Frank, NGON.



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In Brief...



ARRL has rolled back Outgoing QSL Bureau rates to 2011 levels. Effective May 15, 2019, the new rates will be: \$2 for 10 or fewer cards in one envelope; \$3 for 11 - 20 cards in one envelope, or 75 cents per ounce for packages with 21 or more cards. For example, a package containing 1.5 pounds of cards -- 24 ounces, or about 225 cards -- will cost \$18. There are no transaction service fees. Any cards received before May 15 will be charged the current rate. There will be no adjustments for cards received before May 15. [More information](#) is on the ARRL website.



I wish to put a BIG THANK YOU to the repeater crew that has been working on and continue working on the newly replaced repeater. Lots of work is being done from the replacement of the 2 meter repeater, lots of long needed maintenance and some upgrades and soon additional equipment like the MESH ARDEN system and the DMR repeater. For so long the repeater site I feel has been running along for 30 years doing us all a great service, but now a lot of service to the site inside and out is being done and you may notice the difference. Also the Antenna may be replaced in the coming days. PLEASE: If any of you notice any differences in the signal good or bad, please report it during the nets each week on Tuesday night. This help the repeater crew know how the progress of the work being done is doing.

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Ohio ARES Active in Wake of Tornadoes that Badly Damaged Hara Arena

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Hara Arena, in Trotwood, Ohio, which served as the home for Dayton Hamvention® for more than six decades, was among the structures damaged when tornadoes swept through the Dayton area on Memorial Day. According to a report from WHIO TV, Hara Arena suffered extensive damage. Drone video showed that the roof and side of the structure had been blown off in several places.

Hamvention relocated to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center in 2017, after Hara Arena shut down the previous year.

The Hara Arena damage apparently resulted from what CBS News called “a large and dangerous tornado” that struck Trotwood. Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Stan Broadway, N8BHL, said ARES counties and districts activated last evening after nearly 40 tornado warnings were issued across the state. “Our state EOC Auxcomm station has been on the air since early last evening,” Broadway told ARRL. “We are still active, and it look like ARES will be active for several days during the recovery. The situation is rapidly changing.” As of Tuesday morning, state and local emergency management agencies are handling damage issues. “Because of lack of power, the entire Montgomery County (Dayton area) water system faces depressurization,” Broadway said. “Dayton Children’s Hospital is on complete generator power.” Ohio ARES remains active on HF (SSB and digital modes), as well as on DMR and VHF repeaters.



The severe weather caused widespread damage in and around Dayton and elsewhere in the Miami Valley. The National Weather Service (NWS) has said it will take several days to survey the damage. The tornadoes struck after dark, and damage assessment is still under way. Multiple injuries and one fatality have been reported.

It appears that at least two tornadoes were responsible for most of the devastation, which has been termed “catastrophic.” Some residents were trapped under debris. Residents of the City of Dayton are being advised to conserve water and to boil it before consuming. Electrical power is out in several areas, and water pumping stations are relying on emergency generators. The NWS office in Wilmington, Ohio, estimated that at one point, storms and tornadoes left some 5 million people without electrical power.

Snow plows were being repurposed to remove debris from Interstate Route 75, and the American Red Cross has set up shelters to accommodate displaced residents.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						FIELD DAY MEETING AT IHOP 10Am CANCELLED
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Chris		ARES Meeting 6:00 pm D-DAY 75 th anniversary		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Aaron				FIELD DAY MEETING AT THE YUCCA MESA FIELD DAY SITE. 10AM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS John		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm Board meeting at 5:30pm !!! in Y.V. !!!	1st Day Of  SUMMER	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Glenn				FIELD DAY MEETING AT THE YUCCA MESA FIELD DAY SITE. 10AM
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