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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to July, one of the hottest months of the year. I had an excellent time during Field Day! It still amazes me that a 12-volt battery, a High Frequency (HF) radio about the size of a cigar box, some coaxial cable, and a piece of copper wire, is all you need to communicate from sea to shining sea. We all have goals, and I was able to accomplish one of my goals on Field Day weekend, that I had ever since I was a teenager. For the first time, I was able to talk thousands of miles away using my own radio and a homemade antenna! With my radio set on the 20-meter band, connected to a 32-foot dipole antenna, I made contact with Hawaii 2,667 miles away, and New Hampshire 2,478 miles away. How exciting is that?!?

I know that some of you did not make it to Field Day this year because it was way too hot to be outdoors, and some of you are not interested in HF communications, but I highly encourage you to make plans for next year. Heck, I'll even let you use my radio, because there's nothing like making your first contact with someone on the other side of the country or in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Take care everyone and have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend. Please drink plenty of water and stay cool.

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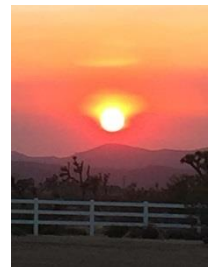


Club Meeting

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

Field Day 2016

It was a hot weekend for Field Day 2016, with temperatures over 100 degrees, but it was very successful with 359 contacts from Canada and all over the United States, including Hawaii.



We had a minor setback when the canopy became a wind sail and flew over the top of the conex container, but that did not ruin our spirit. Some rebar and ducktape did the trick, and we were back in business.

Everyone had a great time making contacts. We even had special guests like Congressman Paul Cook, Yucca Valley Mayor Bob Leone, and Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol) Barian A. Woodward, Commanding Officer (CO), Communication Training Battalion (CTB), Marine Corps Communication Electronics School (MCCES) visit us.

Thank you all for coordinating and participating in Field Day 2016, and a special thank you to Danny and his team for providing the delicious food for our event.

Rob – KK6JHI



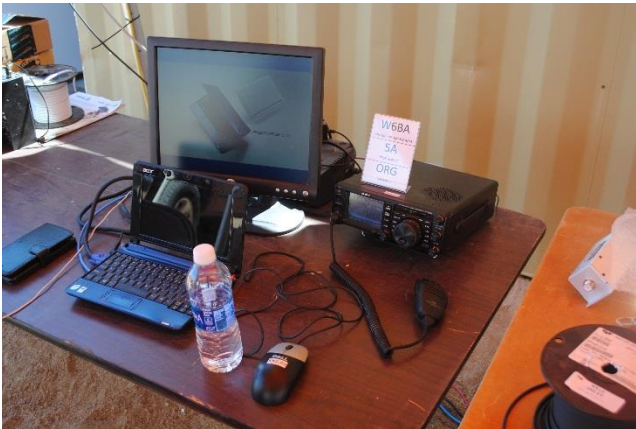
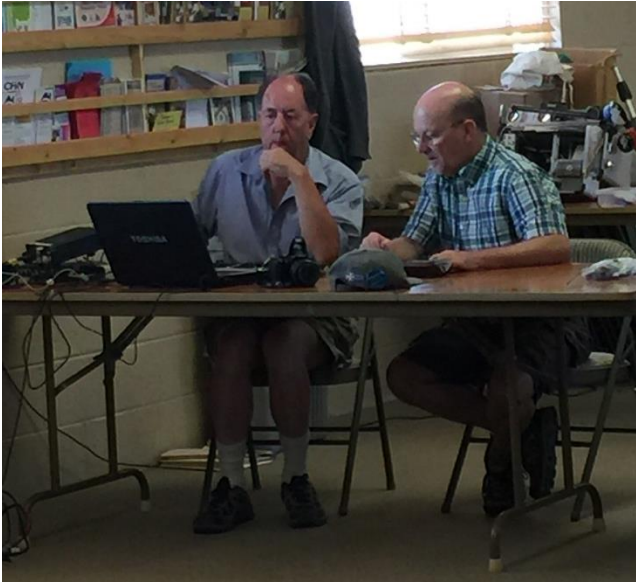


Congressman Paul Cook



Yucca Valley Mayor Bob Leone







Test Session Results

Greetings fellow hams. Please keep an ear open for the following new hams and upgrades, and congratulate them. Who knows, you could be someone's first contact.



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Anthony Coker	KM4RGU	General
Richard Hays	KK6RCN	General
Terri Hays	KM6DRV	Technician
Brian Smith	KM6DRU	Technician
Lesley Murray	KM6DRT	Technician



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>

Nets

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


Upcoming Events

Oro Valley ARC Hamfest, 12 Nov, www.arca-az.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Andy				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ARES Net 7:15 pm 	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS John		ARES Meeting 6:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Glenn		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm 145.645 MHz		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Andy		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS Chris		NBEMS Net 7:00 pm 145.645 MHz		