



# MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

Hi everyone,

The location of our summer monthly club meetings has changed.

This is the new information for our June, July and August MARC meeting

The location : [Apache Mobile Park clubhouse](#)  
[56254 29 Palms Hwy. Yucca Valley](#)

(located on the north side of Hwy 62 at Church St, next to Grand Central Storage)

The meetings will be on June 21st, July 19th, and August 23rd. (all at 7:00 pm)

(August meeting is the 4th Thursday not the 3rd Thursday.)

People who need the code to open our front gate can email me at [ai6af@arrr.net](mailto:ai6af@arrr.net) or phone me at (760) 369-7388. (**NOT** after 5:30 pm on meeting nights, thanks.....)

I will try to arrange for the front gate to be open for access, but I will monitor the W6BA repeater in case somebody is stuck outside.

73

**Andy Frees**

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#### **Yucca Valley, W6BA**

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#### **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.  
St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church  
61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA



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I hope to have the front gate open on meeting nights, but if not, I will monitor the W6BA repeater in case somebody can't get in.



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## RADIO PROGRAMMING :

*Anyone needing programming help with any of your mobiles or HT's, I would be glad to help you. I know programming can sometimes be crazy. So many programs and cables and all radios are not programmed the same way. So contact me and see if I can help you.*

*Programs are available, if you have your own cables and wish to do your own programming.*

*They are available at:*

<https://www.rtsystemsinc.com/> and <https://chirp.danplanet.com/projects/chirp/wiki/Home>

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## 13 Colonies Special Event to Mark 10th Anniversary this Year

The annual *Original 13 Colonies Special Event* will mark its 10th anniversary this year. The event gets under way on July 1 at 1300 UTC and runs through July 8 at 0400 UTC.

Special event stations with 1 x 1 call signs will represent the original 13 US colonies, plus bonus stations **WM3PEN** in Philadelphia and **GB13COL** in Durham, England. Each special event station will have its own QRZ.com profile page. Participating stations try to contact all 13 Colony Stations plus the two bonus stations. Call signs and their respective states are **K2A**, New York; **K2B**, Virginia; **K2C**, Rhode Island; **K2D**, Connecticut; **K2E**, Delaware; **K2F**, Maryland; **K2G**, Georgia; **K2H**, Massachusetts; **K2I**, New Jersey; **K2J**, North Carolina; **K2K**, New Hampshire; **K2L**, South Carolina, and **K2M**, Pennsylvania.

**Additional information** is on the 13 Colonies website.



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Dear fellow hams,

I want to formally express my gratitude and appreciation for local hams contributions and presence at our club's Field Day event this year.

With the help of a handful of dedicated hams, we were able to pull off impressive, remarkable feats of coming together and working together, staying safe, having fun, and sharing ham radio with the public.

While brief, we were glad to have appearances from **Richard AI6EQ, Todd KD6DIQ, John KI6FKP, and Jeffrey KJ6BOI.**

Sticking around a little while longer and also participating were **Jesse KA6CMJ, Pappy KD6IBR, and Cathy KK6QLZ.**

**Stuart KM6IAT** was our man-inside, a huge help to the club in providing the grounds at **Joshua Tree Lake RV & Campground**, making sure we had everything we needed from the facility--at every step of the way--to have a successful event. **Thank you, Stuart.**

On the display table, we had a home-made radio from **Jake W6JOD** that--in addition to being very cool to look at--was very helpful in illustrating to others what and how various components of a radio look like and how they work. **Thank you, Jake.**

**Keith N6GKB** brought a mobile amateur television station and transmitted live video from the Field Day site. It is always fun to share with non-hams that over-the-air television is indeed radio as well. **Thank you, Keith.**

**Andy NS6V** set up our information table. **Thanks for doing that, Andy.**

**Paul AA6SM** had sent out announcements to local media to which there was the response by attendance from general public. **Thanks, Paul.**

I want to thank **Paul AA6SM, Keith N6GKB, Andy NS6V, Ken W6BZY, and Rob WO4ROB** for sitting down with less experienced HF operators and sharing their knowledge and experience in such a practical environment as seen on Field Day. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

Huge thanks to **Jim KI6WTI, Judy KK6NWX, Stuart KM6IAT, Keith N6GKB, Andy NS6V, Ken W6BZY, Rob WO4ROB, and Fred WO6C** for showing up early and staying after to help setup and tear down antennas, equipment, and concessions. A special extra thanks to **Keith N6GKB and Ken W6BZY** for coordinating meals. We ate very well on Field Day weekend thanks to their preparation and hard work.

I'd be remiss to not also formally extend my appreciation to **Andy NS6V**, our club president, for lending his experience and aid to me in the overall coordination of this year's Field Day. Thank you very much for nothing less than your enthusiastic, whole-hearted *Elmership* and guidance.

I think that everybody that came and participated in this year's Field Day took home a healthy serving of practical experience -- both in operating proficiency and in coordination with other hams. That is to say, I was extremely pleased to watch disagreements move to work out through a unity of purpose. I think that we all will bring forward this experience into next year's field day, where-, how-, and with whom-ever it shall occur.

I will be submitting the results of our Field Day to the ARRL when I have finished gathering all the information. The national 2018 Field Day contesting results should be available from the ARRL in a few months. I will let you know when that occurs.

73,

**Aaron Chesney, KM6IAU**

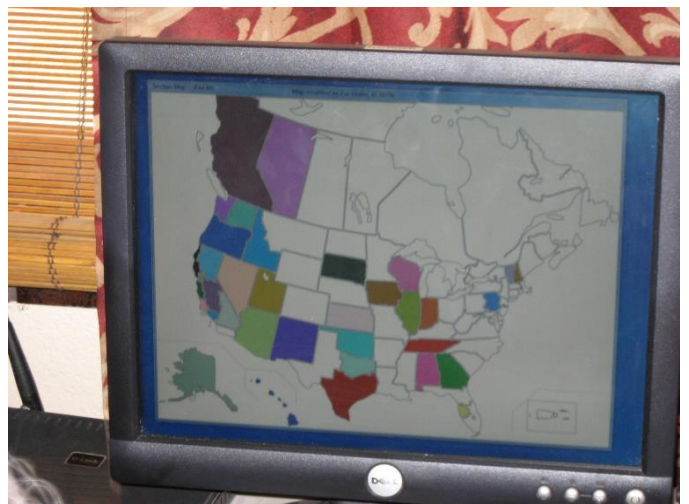
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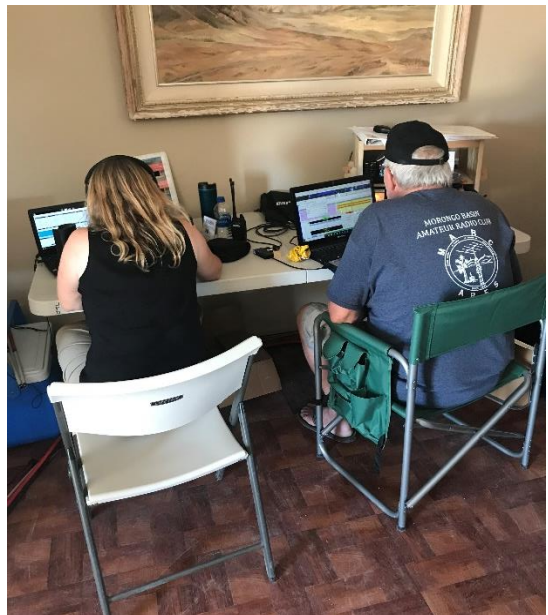
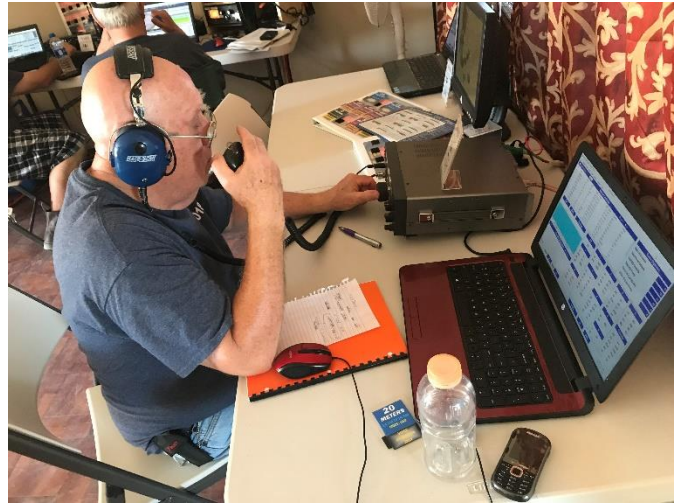






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Glenn had a presentation made at the last club meeting. It was for Manuel Borges Being our newest LIFETIME Member. Presented with Andy Frees our club President.



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







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	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS ANDY		<b>ARES Meeting 6:00 pm</b> Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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