



# MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

Hello fellow HAMs. It is that time of the year where we put away our swamp coolers and air conditioners, and prepare our homes for cooler temperatures. It is the month for the Boy Scout jamboree on the air (JOTA), the great California shake out, and Halloween. Please use your skills to support these events.

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the inaugural Mesa Fest. I had to work on base that weekend but I did spend a couple of evening hours there eating some great food, drinking some tasty beer, and listening to some awesome live music.

Rabbit, rabbit, rabbit. Good luck to all of you for the rest of the month.

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## Jamboree on the Air

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) is the largest Scouting event in the world held annually on the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world.

Members of MARC are supporting Boy Scouts Troup 78 in 29 Palms, 1800 Fri 14 – 0900 Sun 16 October 2016.

JOTA is a spectacular opportunity to introduce Scouts to amateur radio. For many, this will be their first exposure to the world of ham radio. Some will go on to become hams, enjoying the hobby for a lifetime. A few will even find the basis of a career in science and technology.

JOTA is not a contest. The idea is to contact other Scout stations and allow as many Scouts as possible to talk to other Scouts and learn about who they are and what they are doing. You might think about counting the Scouts on both sides of the QSO rather than the number of QSOs!

Stations should try to contact each other by calling "CQ Jamboree" or "CQ JOTA" or by answering other stations sending this call.

Any authorized amateur radio frequency may be used. It is suggested that the frequencies listed below be used, at least for a starting point. Once contact is established, you can move to another frequency to leave the calling frequency open for others.

Band	Freq	Range
80 m	3.940 & 3.690	3.920 – 3.940 & 3.670 – 3.690
40 m	7.190 & 7.090	7.180 – 7.200 & 7.270 – 7.290
20 m	14.290	14.270 – 14.290 & 14.320 – 14.340
17 m	18.140	18.140 – 18.150
15 m	21.360	21.360 – 21.400
12 m	24.960	24.960 – 24.980
10 m	28.390	28.350 – 28.400
6 m	50.160	50.160 – 50.200
2 m	147.450, 147.480 147.510, 147.540	
.7 m	446.000, 445.950 446.050, 446.100 446.150	

### Radio Watch Schedule:

Steve	KI6HGH	1800 Fri – 0900 Sun
Manual	AE6SG	1800 Fri – 1200 Sat
Rob	KK6JHI	1200 Sat – 0900 Sun

### Points of Contact:

Denice Perez	619-987-6770
Steve Morse	805-881-3055

Visit the following websites for more information:  
<http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx>  
[http://www.scouting.org/jota/operators\\_guides.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/jota/operators_guides.aspx)



## The Great California Shake Out

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to drop, cover, and hold on at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday 20 October during the great shake out earthquake drills, which began in California in 2008.

Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes— wherever you live, work, or travel. Shake Out is also a major activity of America's PrepareAthon.

Visit the following website for more details:  
<http://www.shakeout.org/california/>

Keep your batteries charged and do not forget the following simplex frequencies in case the repeater system is down:

146.520 National  
 146.790 Yucca Valley  
 147.060 29 Palms  
 446.000 National



The Yucca Mesa Fall Festival known as “Mesa Fest” occurred on Saturday September 24th. The event was the first of its kind at the Yucca Mesa Community Center. The event included a chili cook-off, a horseshoe tournament, a craft vendor show, games for kids, an antique tractor display, live music and a home brewed beer contest with close to 30 different beers.

In an effort to assist in providing a safe environment for everyone in attendance, the planning committee for the event created a very detailed plan for how things would run and employed numerous volunteers to enact this plan. The volunteer force included numerous amateur radio operators

to handle the potentially large amount of radio traffic generated during the event.

Steve Morse - KI6HGH was tasked with creating the communications portion of the plan, organizing the volunteers and building a communications center that would act as the command post for the event. Steve did an amazing job during the initial planning phase and spent countless hours designing and building the command post. Steve was unable to attend the actual event due to some personal issues but was greatly missed. His planning and design provided for a very smooth running event – Thank You Steve.

Amateur radio operators were tasked with access control, crowd monitoring and running the command post. All worked diligently to meet the expectations of their roles in the event and provided excellent service to the Community. The event drew just over 1000 attendees and there were no significant incidents that occurred.

The Yucca Mesa Community Center would like to thank the following Amateur Radio operators for their dedication to make Mesa Fest a safe event:

Steve – KI6HGH  
 Judy – N6JLL  
 John – AG6QM  
 Beau – KI6OWB  
 Nick – KK6MWV  
 John – KI6FKP  
 Todd – KD6DIQ  
 Manuel – AE6SG  
 Matti – WA6YKU  
 Will – KD6ZED  
 Caroline – KI6DZT  
 Bryan – KF6YGK  
 Jim – KI6WTI  
 Larry – WA6FSJ  
 Richard – W6HZE  
 Teri – W6HZY

Chris Nichols  
 WB6CDF

See the areal video at:  
<https://www.periscope.tv/w/1ynK0dqkykvGR>

See more photos at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/MesaFest2016/>



Photo by: Judy Laffoon



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**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>



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**Nets**

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

**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

**Club Meeting**


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

**Upcoming Events**

Jamboree on the Air, Fri 14 – Sun 16 October 2016  
 Oro Valley ARC Hamfest, 12 Nov, [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)  
 (Contact the editor to add an event.)

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 Submission deadline is 2 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month

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