



MARC Beacon

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

December 2017

President's Message

Hello everyone! This is my last month as your president. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their precious and valuable time to make our club an enjoyable organization. I am truly honored to have been your president for the past two years. It is time for me to step down because Judy and I will not be available as we travel around the world for the next few years. A big congratulations to all the new club officers and board members who will step into their positions at the beginning of the new year. I encourage all members to share their ideas, projects, and opinions to make this club one to be proud of. Take care, please check in during the net, and we will see you around.

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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

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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

Editor Point of Contact (POC)

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





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OTHER AREA REPEATERS TO TRY:

2 METERS

BIG BEAR LAKE	147.330+	pl 131.8
BIG BEAR CITY	147.225	pl 162.2
PALM SPRING TRAM	145.480-	pl 107.2
PALM SPRING TRAM2	145.200-	pl 131.8
ONYX PEAK	146.820-	no pl
BANNING	147.915-	pl 123.0
Y.V. NODE	145.770 simplex	pl 67.0
SNOW PEAK	445.160-	pl 67.0
EDOM HILL DRATS	146.940-	pl 107.2
KELLER PEAK	146.385-	pl 146.2
RODMAN	146.885-	pl 151.4

6 METERS

ONYX PEAK	53.820	pl 107.2
INDIO	51.920	pl 82.5
1000 PALMS	51.840	pl 107.2

1.25M (220MHZ)

EDOM HILL	224.480	pl 110.9
SANTA ROSA	223.880	pl 110.9
PALM DESERT	224.920	pl 156.7
TORO PEAK	224.180	pl 156.7

I'M LOCATED IN YUCCA VALLEY SOUTH-SIDE.
I CAN GET MOST OF THESE REPEATERS FROM
MY HOME. OF COURSE, YOUR LOCATION MAY
OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET INTO ALL.

ANNOUNCING A GENERAL CLASS LICENSE GROUP STARTING IN JANUARY!

*There has been a group of technicians that
have shown interest in getting together to
study to get their GENERAL class licenses.*

If interested in joining
Contact Keith Board ~ N6GKB
760-401-5124 OR
N6gkb@live.com

HAM RELATED WEBCASTS AND SHOWS:



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>



TOM MEDLIN W5KUB WEEKLY WEBCAST
100% HAM RELATED.

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM

<http://tmedlin.com/> OR <http://w5kub.com>



A TON OF WEBCAST'S WITH MANY TITLES OF
HAM RELATED PROJECTS.

<http://www.amateurlogic.tv/downloads.htm>



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THIS PAGE SHOWS SOME PICTURES OF OUR CLUB AND OTHERS DOING DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THE CALIFORNIA SHAKE OUT LAST OCTOBER IN FRONT OF THE TRACTOR STORE IN YUCCA VALLEY.





2018 MARC Board Members

President - Andy Frees AI6AF
 Vice President - Aaron Chesney KM6AIU
 Treasurer - Manuel Borges AE6SG
 Secretary - Nicki Koch KO6C
 Repeater Trustee - Glenn Miller N6GIW
 Board Members at Large - Fred Koch WO6C
 & John Campbell AG6QM
 Historian & Webmaster - Paul Edwards
 AA6SM

The December QST magazine arrived in my mailbox today with the official results for 2017 Field Day.

Our club is listed on page 82 in the top half of the third column.

We had 272 total QSO's (digital, cw and phone). We had 44 participants and earned 1,700 points.

Thanks to everyone who took part and made the 2017 Field Day a success.

Message from Our NEW Club President Andy Frees AI6AF

The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club recently lost long-time member Dave Ainsworth, who died of cancer. It was Dave's wish that his radio gear be donated to active duty military club members. Here, club president Rob Cloutier presents some of Dave's equipment to MSgt. Adam Elteto, USMC.



Ham Radio Technician Class Hosted By the Desert R.A.T.S.

Wednesday Evenings
 January 10, 2018 to February 14, 2018
 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

To be held at
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
 40840 Washington St, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203

Pre-registration is required
 Register online at <http://desertrats.us/classes>

Testing on Saturday February 17, 2018
 9:00 AM to Noon. \$5.00 due day of test

**Cost \$30.00. Includes book By
 Gordon West, W5YI due first class**

Information and Registration - Mark Johnson -
 714-747-1586 - mjgdroid@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Frank Bundy KK6VDS has a Yaesu FT-2600M 2 meter radio for sale. He's asking \$65. This radio has an intermittent problem of losing its memory of stored frequencies. This is a known problem inherent in this model, and apparently does not happen if you don't turn the radio off.

Please contact Frank at
kk6vds@gmail.com
 If you are interested.



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Hi everyone, this is from Judy KK6NWG. I am sending this message to remind everyone of our December 14th **Christmas/installation Party**. It will be held where we have our regular monthly meeting, at 6pm. So please remember this date December 14th at 6pm. The same place we have our regular monthly meetings. We will be having **fried chicken** from Stater Bros. Also, **grilled chicken** for those who do not like fried chicken. I will be making a tray of **lasagna** and a tray of **manicotti** for those who like Italian food. For the sides, we can have Cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, Mac & Cheese, pork & beans and salads. Please let me know what you would like to have. As for drinks, coffee, hot cocoa, soda and water. For desert, pies, cookies and maybe a cake. We will also be having a **“White Elephant”** gift exchange, this is so much fun, you get a gift from your house you no longer want, wrap it up or you can buy a gift that cost no more than \$10.00 and wrap it up. We have so much fun doing this every year. I look forward to emails back from you with what sides you would like to have and drinks you would like to have. I also look forward to seeing

all of you **December 14th at 6pm.** **Please** send me an email to **let me know how many people are coming.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS ANDY				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS MANUEL		MARC Installation Dinner 6pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	ARES Net 7:15 pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS JOHN				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 	MARC Net 7:00 pm NCS GLENN				
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
NEW YEARS EVE	NEW YEARS DAY 					