



The President's Corner

Manuel AE6SG

I wish to thank all those who came to the meeting last week. Our speaker was sick and was not able to make it. He will be scheduled at a later date.

This week we will have Jerry Chambers give us a talk on "Digital Modes For All", he will explain the various methods of using our communications skills for more than just talking. This is going to prove to be a very interesting topic, one for sure that I believe we would all be interested in doing.

The Technician Class is coming along this week the students go to try their hand at building a dipole antenna, and we demonstrated various antennas and, radio use by participating in the California QSO party.

I would like to thank Ken Rowley- WA7KCK, Jeffery Hardy- KJ6BOI, Glenn Trexler-KD6QKV, and Jake Hall- W6JOD for setting up antennas.

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2012 CLUB OFFICERS

- **President** - Manuel Borges AE6SG
- **Vice President** - Jeffrey Hardy KJ6BOI
- **Secretary** - Sheri Hardy KJ6JVI
- **Treasurer** - Glenn Miller N6GIW

The Treasurer's Report

Glenn N6GIW

Please welcome recent new members:

Dave Ainsworth KC6ZAA,
Jon Chamorro AG6OX,
Marc Pearce KJ6ZGO,
Beau Sands KI6OWB,
and Matthias Recker K6MPR.

Our treasury balance as of 9-10-12 was \$1073.97.

We had bills of \$78 for the annual PO Box rent, and \$45.78 for the Paxton site phone line for two months.

We had income of \$55 in membership dues, and \$34 from the 50/50 drawing at the September 20th meeting.

Our checkbook balance is now \$1039.19.

73 and thanks to all for supporting the club.

Glenn N6GIW
Treasurer

Test Session in November

There will be a license test session at the club meeting site on Saturday November 3rd at 10AM.

Please do not arrive late.

Anyone wanting to take the Technician, General or Extra Class exam can do so.

The fee is \$4 per test.

Bring a photo ID, and a copy of your ham license (be sure to have your FRN) if you are upgrading.

Club badges are still available, if you haven't picked up your badge please pick it up. These badges have been prepaid, so I would like to have all badges paid for.

An Important Note :

I would like to have all guests, members to not park on Sunburst.

There was some damage done to the berms across from the church.

Please use the large parking lot behind the church.

Thanks to all and hope to see you at the meeting.

Manuel - AE6SG

OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, October 18, 2012 7:00pm

WHERE:

St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church
61161 Sunburst Dr. Joshua Tree, CA

HOW TO GET THERE:

Traveling EAST or WEST on Hwy. 62, turn SOUTH on Sunnyhill Road in Joshua Tree.

Go ½ mile SOUTH and turn EAST on Sunburst Drive. The Church is located at the end of the block.

Repeater Notes

Auto-patch

Did you know that the W6BA/Yucca Valley repeater on 146.790 has a phone call capability?

In Ham Radio, that's referred to as an auto-patch. You never know when you may be out of cell phone range, or might forget your phone.

There is a phone line at the repeater site that is mainly used for clandestine programming, but it can also be used to make phone calls.

To make a call on the W6BA repeater, make sure your touch tone pad on your radio is activated.

Key up the repeater, announce your call sign, and say "accessing auto patch."

Without unkeying, use your touch tone pad to key in: 77-1-xxx-xxx-xxxx, then unkey.

Of course the x's stand for area code, prefix, and 4 digit phone number. When you unkey, the repeater will dial the number.

When your party answers, key up and talk.

When you are done with the call, hit the # key, and the call will be disconnected.

You might want to inform them that they are on a public auto patch and that only one person can talk at a time.

You are welcome to practice using it so that you become familiar with the operation. You never know when it might come in handy.

73 and enjoy your club repeaters.

Glenn N6GIW

W6BA Repeater Trustee

Let your friends and neighbors know:

Amateur Radio Licensing Class

Started: September 15 for 8 Saturdays

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: St Christopher of the Desert

61161 Sunburst Drive

Joshua Tree, CA

Testing: November 3, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

For more information email: Glenn kd6gkv@yahoo.com

Notes from our last Meeting

Here are some quick notes about things that were discussed at the meeting :

Beverly Burkett (KJ6UZZ) celebrated her birthday.

MB ARES shake out is scheduled for October 18 @ 10:18 am.

A Club picnic was discussed, Black Rock, Lucky park, or MaChris park were being considered as a possible location.

“Antennas in the Park” and “Fox Hunt” were topics for consideration as future activities.

Jerry (W6LQR) will be our guest speaker in October.

Todd (KD6DIQ) gave a talk on Echo Link set up

Desert Rats are starting to plan for the 2013 Palm Springs Ham Fest. on Jan. 26th.

There was extensive discussion about the possibility of having our Club work with the local Boy Scouts. We could give them hands- on experience in areas like Packet radio to prepare them for merit badges in the Scouting program.

Todd (KD6DIQ) won \$35.00 on the 50/50 raffle.

Many thanks to Irene (KJ6WTJ) for the valuable input..

Palm Springs Hamfest

Andy AI6AF

Well, "Spring has sprung"...."Fall has fell" and Ol' Man Winter is beating on my front door already.

It's almost time to take what's left of my life savings after Santa Claus mugs me, and make my annual pilgrimage down the mountain to the Palm Springs Hamfest in January.

At our September club meeting, we had some members of the Desert Rats radio club extend an invitation to our club to reserve a table and join the fun.

If there is anybody in our club who might consider parting with some of their "vintage" radio treasures (*boat anchors*) or any other good used radio gear, come to the next meeting and we can discuss it as New Business.

If nobody has anything to sell, maybe some of us can arrange to carpool and save a little gas money.

Anyway, I've included a flyer about the Hamfest on the next page for anybody who might be interested..

The Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society

invite you to attend the 4th annual * * * Palm Springs HAMFEST!



Saturday, January 26
9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

<http://www.desertrats.am>

Bring your ham gear to sell, no fee charged for selling if you bring own table and chairs. Or bring it to the club table (commission to the club) ...we'll handle the sale.

Food! Fun! Admission only \$2 Bucks!

Talk-in frequency:

146.940- PL 107.2

WD6RAT Desert RATpeater
Daily Nets Thursday thru Sat.
8 A.M. - Noon - 6 P.M.



HAMFEST!



Jan 26 2013. follow the rat @desertrats.am

Event Coordinators Gary Boskovich
KD6QLT and Susie Boskovich KD6TVO
760-328-9662 sboskovich@dc.rr.com

Nearby Hotel: Saguaro

Sunrise & E. Palm Canyon, Palm Springs
760-323-1711 call for best room rate.

RSVP: RV Dry Camping reservations for
vendors: sboskovich@dc.rr.com

Vendor Set-up time 7:00-9:00 AM

Driving Directions:

Take I-10 to Palm Drive exit
Go South on Gene Autry tr.
Cross Hwy. 111
(turns into Matthew Dr.)
Follow the RAT...
4193 Matthew Dr. is on left
map @ desertrats.am

Email us for more info:

Susie & Gary:

sboskovich@dc.rr.com

or Ricki deRat:

ricki.d.rats@gmail.com

Riverside County ARES
riversidecountyares@gmail.com

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@RivCoARES

Lots of vendors and exhibits!

D-star

Rouend Industries
Ham Radio Outlet
Quake Safe Kits
Alpine Antennas
Hi Tech Liquidators
Hi-Q Antennas
Alinco & GRE AMERICA
Survival Mode Kits
Hipham T-shirts
Omnitec Antennas
Bud's Engraving
Impulse Electronics
Nifty Accessories

ARES-CERT-RACES-MARS-CAP

Gordon West W5YI Group
Amateur Television Network
KA6PGN - Military Radios

Check website for the most
up to date list.

CLUB REPEATERS

The Morongo Basin Amateur
Radio Club has 2 vhf repeaters:

- **Yucca Valley ***
W6BA 146.790 MHz
(- shift, 136.5 PL)
- **Twentynine Palms ***
W6IF 147.060 MHz
(+ shift, 136.5 PL)

* Linked Repeaters

These are open repeaters. You
do not have to be a club member
to use them.

A club net is held each Tuesday
at 7PM on the W6BA repeater.

You do not have to be a club
member to be a net member.

The local EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
(ECS) group conducts a net at
6:45 p.m., each **Monday** on the
W6BA repeater.

The local ARES group also
conducts their weekly net each
Monday at 7:15 pm on the
W6BA repeater

MARC Membership Application

Please use this form.

Your membership is effective immediately and expires one year from the date you join.

Make your check payable to MARC and mail it to:

MARC
PO BOX 1995
YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92286.

Date _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Call Sign _____ License Class _____

Single \$15 _____

Family \$20 _____ Additional Name/s _____

1/10/2010

October 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	2 Club Net 7:00 pm	3	4 ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Y.V. Community Center	5	6
7	8 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	9 Club Net 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	16 Club Net 7:00 pm	17	18 <i>"The Great ShakeOut"</i> <u>Club Meeting</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	19	20
21	22 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	23 Club Net 7:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	30 Club Net 7:00 pm	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i> 			