



The President's Corner

Manuel AE6SG

Just thanks for all the membership participation and feedback on Elmer Thursdays. If you have an expertise and would like to share it now is the time to help out those members who need it.

We are going to have a picnic at MaChris Park on the 17th of August, 1PM. If anyone is willing to bring a side dish, for pot luck. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers and soft drinks.

We will need someone to pick up supplies from me, I will have them at the club meeting.

We are going to have Ron Robillard give us some helpful hints on growing vegetables here in our hot desert. Hopefully we will have a great turn out and ask lots of questions.

Glenn Miller our club treasure has purchased a PC projector for the club this will help out with presentations.

We are losing two members hope that they will find their new place with new radio hams, lets keep in touch.

73's to all,

Manuel- AE6SG

The Treasurer's Report

Glenn N6GIW

Beginning balance on 6-30-13 = \$1837.79

Expenses

\$150 to YMCC for use of their facility for Field Day

\$50 to St. Mary's church for use of our meeting site to pay for air conditioning.

\$24.09 to Verizon for the repeater site phone line.

\$104.24 reimbursement to Manuel Borges for Field Day food and supplies.

\$100.00 reimbursement to Glenn Miller for purchase of antenna for Field Day prize.

\$465.97 PC projector for use at meetings (includes 2 year extended warranty).

Income

\$10 sale of license plate frames

\$25 for bulletin ad

\$115 from field day prize drawing (\$100 reimbursed to N6GIW)

\$15 membership dues

\$16 50/50 drawing

\$55 Donations for Field Day Food

Checking account balance as of today 7-26-13 = \$1179.49

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Glenn N6GIW

2013 CLUB OFFICERS

- **President** - Manuel Borges AE6SG
- **Vice President** - Ron Davis K6UZX
- **Secretary** - Marilyn Lutz AE6FH
- **Treasurer** - Glenn Miller N6GIW

OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, August 15, 2013 7:00pm

WHERE:

St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church
61261 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 (left) on Sunburst Drive. The Church is located at the end of the block.

Emergency Communications without the Repeater

Glenn Trexler *KD6QKV*

If the Morongo Basin Repeater System, specifically the Yucca Valley repeater, is not functioning during a disaster, the Morongo Basin ARES policy is to use the output frequency of the Yucca Valley Repeater (146.790, simplex). On Monday, July 8, the regularly scheduled ARES net was used as a test to determine flexibility of the participants during a regular net.

The net control station was established by Glenn, kd6qkv, on Noel's Knoll. The primary radio was connected to a Diamond X-30 antenna mounted on a 10ft mast. The secondary radio was connected to a Diamond AZ507RSP antenna mounted on the truck. A third radio, hand-held, was used for coordination on the repeater system. Communications was tested with various stations in Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley on 146.520 prior to the start of the net. "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men. . ." (*Robert Burns*)

The net opened on the repeater system with the preamble and instructions for "roll call." Upon commencing "roll call" the primary radio went dead. When the net control operator reached for the secondary radio, he bumped the dials and the settings were no longer useful. Roll call and the closing of the net was conducted on the repeater system using the hand-held.

Lessons learned:

- 1) Murphy does exist.
- 2) The primary radio ceased to function because of a defective fuse. The end of the fuse element came loose inside the tube. Don't know how to check for that.
- 3) The secondary radio should have had 146.790 simplex in a memory location or the dials locked.
- 4) Backups of the backup are required.

Our Sponsors



MARC Club Picnic in Machris Park



We had so much fun at our “First Annual” Picnic last December, and at the Field Day weekend, that we’ve decided to do it again.

We discussed the idea at our last meeting and everybody present decided to have a picnic in August.

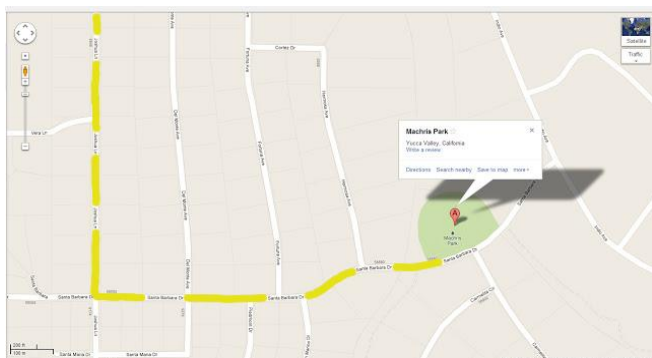
The Club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. We’re looking for volunteers to bring the condiments and some side dishes.

The final details will be worked out at our next club meeting on August 15th.

The Date: Saturday, August 17th
The Time: Starting at 1:00 pm
The Place: Machris Park, Yucca Valley

Directions to Machris Park:

1. *From the intersection of Hwy 62 and Joshua Lane, head south on Joshua Lane for 4.3 miles.*
2. *Turn left onto Santa Barbara Drive and head east for .6 of a mile. Machris Park is on the left, just past Hermosa Avenue.*



National Weather Service Spotter Training Course

Chris Nichols WB6CDF

The National Weather Service office in San Diego in cooperation with the National Weather Service office in Las Vegas will be holding a Weather Spotter Training course on

Saturday August 10th, 2013 at 2:00pm
at the “Yucca Mesa Community Center”
located at
3133 Balsa Ave. (just north of Aberdeen Dr.)

- This training will cover the new reporting standard which will soon be a national standard accepted by all NWS offices.
- There is no cost for this class. However donations will be accepted to go to the use of the Yucca Mesa Community Center.
- The class will conclude at 4:00pm.
- Please see attached flyer for further information.
- No RSVP is required.

Hope to see you all there!

Chris Nichols
WB6CDF
Yucca Valley, Ca.



Weather Spotter Training
by National Weather Service
Alex Tardy, Warning Coordination Meteorologists

Location:
Yucca Mesa Community Center
3133 Balsa Ave, Yucca Valley, CA. 92284

Date
August 10, 2013
200 to 400 PM

AGENDA

- 200 Introduction to National Weather Service
- 210 Weather Hazards in Southern California
 - Heavy rain and flooding impacts
 - High winds, Fire weather and Santa Ana winds
 - Winter storms and weather patterns
 - Basics of monsoon thunderstorms and lightning
- 345 Signing up and reporting weather
- 400 Closing comments and discussion



<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sgx/spotter/spotter.php> (spotter and Skywarn)

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 _____

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August 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	Club Net 7:00 pm		1 ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Ch. Y.V.	2	3
4	5 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	6 Club Net 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10 <u>Weather Spotter Class</u> Yucca Mesa Community Ctr. 2:00 pm
11	12 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	13 Club Net 7:00 pm	14	15 <u>Club Meeting</u> 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree	16	17 <u>Club Picnic</u> 1:00 PM Machris Park Yucca Valley
18	19 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	20 Club Net 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	27 Club Net 7:00 pm	28	29	30	31