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(No trees were harmed in the posting of this message, but billions of electrons were terribly inconvenienced.)

The President's Corner

Manuel AE6SG

I wish to thank all those who came to the September meeting. Our speaker was not able to make it but we had a very pleasant informal meeting.

Two members brought some test equipment, so the rest of us were treated to a demonstration on the basic use of a communications service monitor and an oscilloscope.

MARC elections are going to be held in November so at this month's meeting we will be taking nominations for club officers. This is your opportunity to have a say in what the club does and what direction we want to go.

Although the current board has done a great job, everyone unanimously agrees that "new blood" helps to keep the ideas flowing.

And don't worry about lack of experience, there's plenty of help available if you decide to throw your hat in the ring.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and the board is looking for some help with our annual Christmas party. We plan to organize a committee to help pick a place and finalize the plans.

Thanks to all and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Manuel - AE6SG

2013 CLUB OFFICERS

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

The Treasurer's Report

Glenn N6GIW

Beginning balance: \$959.49

Expenses: Verizon \$9.43 (auto patch)
Additional IRS filing fee for club
non-profit application: \$100

Club account balance: \$850.06

73 de Glenn N6GIW

License Test Session at Saint Christopher Church

There is going to be a license test session on
Saturday Oct. 5th at 0900

at the club meeting site,
St. Christopher Church in Joshua Tree
61261 Sunburst Drive,
just west of Sunny Hill Road.

We will give exams for

- Tech,
- General
- and Extra Class.

<http://www.shakeout.org/california/> The fee is
\$5.

Those wishing to take a test will need a picture ID. If you are upgrading, bring a copy of your license also.

If you are a VE with GLAARG, please let me know if you can attend and help out.

Glenn Miller N6GIW

OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, October 17, 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.

Ham Radio Technician Class

Hosted by The DESERT R.A.T.S.

Monday evenings
October 28, 2013 to December 2, 2013
7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Cost: \$35.00
Includes book by
Gordon West, W5YI

Testing on Saturday, December 7, 2013
9:00 A.M. to NOON
Angel View Facility
12379 Miracle Hill Rd
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

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PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

2014 Club Board Elections

This is the last meeting before our elections for the 2014 board. All positions are up for consideration.

If you are willing to donate a little time to help MBARC continue to grow, please throw your name in the hat. Self-nominations (volunteers) are always welcome.

We will review the positions, provide an outline of duties and accept nominations at the October meeting.

No experience is required.

NTIA to Initiate Pilot Spectrum Monitoring Program

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration or NTIA has filed a budget request to Congress for fiscal year 2014 seeking an initial \$7.5 million for a research and development investment.

The money will provide funding for a two-year pilot program to determine the benefits of an automated spectrum measurement and data collection system to better analyze actual spectrum usage.

Subject to the availability of funds, NTIA will design, develop, validate, and field this prototype system and evaluate whether a more comprehensive monitoring program would create additional opportunities for more efficient spectrum access through increased and more dynamic sharing.

If this project goes forward it means that the ham bands from the lowest to the highest in frequency, along with that assigned to all other current users will come under the scrutiny of such a program.

So to coin a phrase made popular by 73 Magazines Publisher Wayne Green, W2NSD, back in the 1980's, **when it comes to our band space we had better use it or we might just lose it.**

2nd Annual M.A.R.C. Christmas Party

Surprise !!!

At the last meeting we took a vote and decided to have our Annual Christmas party at YOUR HOUSE !!

Not really, but now that I've got your attention, let me mention that during the October meeting we're going to organize a committee to pick a date and place for the special event.

All suggestions for any location in the Morongo Basin area are welcome and we need your input.

So, if you **definitely DON'T** want the club Christmas party at your house, please show up at the October meeting and help us decide where it **WILL** be.

2013 Great California Shake Out

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to **Drop, Cover, and Hold On**

at 10:17 a.m. on October 17th

during [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.

You can get more information at:

<http://www.shakeout.org/california/>

ARRL Email Forwarding

Did you know that the ARRL has an email forwarding program?

ARRL members, (and I hope that includes everybody), can go to www.arrl.org and sign up for their email forwarding program for FREE .

If you aren't familiar with email forwarding, here's how it works.

You may have noticed that some people have an email address like "AI6AF@ARRL.NET" for example, (or their call sign @ arrl.net). That is an example of "email forwarding". ARRL will give you an email address consisting of your call sign @ ARRL.NET. Your "@arrl.net" email is sent to the ARRL and they automatically forward it to your regular email address, or the one you register with them.

Why is this a great idea?

Let's say you can't remember a person's actual email address, but you know they are (or might be) an ARRL member, just enter their call sign, then the "@" sign, then "arrl.net".

Just think if EVERYONE did this, all you would have to remember is their ham radio call sign!

Remember, the ARRL only "forwards" the email to you. They are not an email company like aol, yahoo, or gmail.

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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October 2013

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