

The Treasurer's Report

The Treasury has \$829.73.

At the dinner on December 14th we will be giving away a Kenwood TH-K20A 2 meter handheld. Tickets for the drawing will be \$5 each.

Here is a link to the Kenwood site regarding this radio adio:

http://www.kenwoodusa.com/Communications/Amateur_Radio/Portables/TH-K20A

There is no regular Thursday meeting in December.

Glenn N6GIW

MARC Meeting Minutes for 11-21-13

Attendance was 19 people. Manuel called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

John AE6SG reported on the recent exercise at Hi Desert Medical Center. It was a 4 hour exercise for the purpose of evaluating the hospital's ability to communicate in a disaster. The exercise revealed that the hospital needs to upgrade their communications equipment.

We discussed ideas regarding an installation dinner for the club. Jon Rice presented ideas from Chris Nichols WB6CDF regarding a possible menu, which Chris is willing to cook. The dinner will be held at the Yucca Mesa Community Center on December 14th, pending confirmation of availability of the facility on that date. An RSVP via phone or e-mail will be necessary for those who want to attend, so we can plan for food.

We discussed the slate of officers for 2014. Manuel will be the Immediate Past President. There were no volunteers for the office of President for 2014, so Manuel will be acting President until we can find a qualified volunteer. Ron K6UZX will be Vice President. Andy AI6AF will be Secretary/Bulletin Editor. Jake W6JOD will be the Public Information Officer/Historian. Chris WB6CDF volunteered for the Board to be Field Day coordinator, and Repeater Control Operator. Glenn N6GIW will continued as Treasurer, Club Call Sign and Repeater Trustee/Control Operator.

We discussed ideas for meeting presentations and agendas. We talked about possible projects for building kits or other ham radio gear. Also talked about Fox Hunts and learning about logging programs, Tech classes, General class upgrades, digital communications, and Morse code training.

Jake W6JOD presented information from a 1962 QST magazine about the launching of the first Ham Radio "Oscar" satellite. He said that more satellite will be launched in the near future.

Larry WA6FSJ has the club's Fox Hunt transmitters. He says the batteries are old and need replacing. He will evaluate what is needed to bring the transmitter back to reliable operability.

Jake demonstrated a solar powered emergency light that is being sold by CERT members. The light is for sale for \$15. Contact a CERT member for further info.

Due to the Christmas Holiday Season, there will be no regularly scheduled meeting in December on the third Thursday.

Glenn Miller N6GIW

Acting Secretary for this meeting.

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OUR NEXT MEETING

*During the month of December, instead of our regular membership meeting, we will
have an Installation Dinner for our new Board members.*

(please see next page for details)

***Our next scheduled membership meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday of January
at St. Christopher Catholic Church in Joshua Tree.***

CLUB REPEATERS & LOCAL NETS

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

Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club



Presents

The Installation of Officers Dinner Saturday December 14th, 2013 - 1700 Hours

Yucca Mesa Community Center
5581 Balsa Ave.
Yucca Valley, Ca. 92284

*****RSVP REQUIRED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 7TH*****

Please RSVP with Chris Nichols via e-mail or phone at
chris@wb6cdf.com or 760-285-3560

Dinner

~Garden Salad~
~Slow Smoked Tri-Tip Roast and Chicken~
~Homemade Potato Salad~
~Cheesy Garlic Bread~
~Steamed Veggies~

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Please bring a gift to exchange (not to exceed \$10). If you have amateur equipment you would like to provide as the gift, please do so.

In an effort to keep the club in good financial standing, the cost for the meal will be \$7.00 payable only on the night of the dinner. We will also be accepting donations for the use of the YMIA Community Center.

For questions, contact:
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