



Newsletter 1

There is going to be a requirement for being a board member, you must be able to attend and help take action on items to be done, ideally but as we all know this will not always happen but working together will make things happen.

It is my hope that by the second meeting we will have an agenda for the next six months, if not longer.

Committees to be established are preparing for Field Day, Health and Welfare, Community Affairs, and club presentations that will encourage meeting attendance. This is readily apparent by the lack of members attending meetings, which offer no interest. The club needs input from the membership to make general meetings interesting and useful. Be prepared to share your experience on a topic.

This club has a great history, let continue the tradition.

I wish to thank all of those who have helped out this last year and may they find time again this year.

73's everyone,
Manuel -AE6SG
President - MARC

From the Secretary's Desk

Andy AI6AF

The regular December club meeting was replaced by our "Installation of Officers Dinner" on December 14th at the Yucca Mesa Community Center.

If you were unable to attend, you missed a great dinner and a chance to enjoy some quality time with the rest of us. Make plans to attend next year because you'll definitely have a good time. After the dinner we were treated to an interesting multimedia presentation on basic soldering techniques by one of our new members, Rick Wigglesworth, who came all the way from Kingman Arizona.

I want to extend a giant ***Thank You*** to the entire crew who worked hard to make our Dinner happen.

Chris Nichols
Ron and Laurie Davis
Jon and Genie Rice
Beau and Jenny Sands
Rick Wigglesworth

**Thank you all very much,
your teamwork made our evening a success!**

A Message from the 2014 Field Day Coordinator

Chris WB6CDF

Field Day 2014 is still a ways off, however we are getting a very early start on the planning phase.

I have created a Field Day committee to assist in planning and coordination. The current committee members are as follows:

- Ron Davis – K6UZX,
- Rick Wigglesworth – K7RLW,
- Jon Rice – AG6WE and
- Beau Sands – KI6OWB.

The 2014 Field Day will be held at the Yucca Mesa Community Center as it was in 2013. We are looking at establishing 4-A this year and plan to have more things to enjoy over the 24 hour period. Some of the ideas we are throwing around for 2014 are a Technician and upgrade test, a transmitter hunt, a coordinated lunch, dinner and the possibility of adding a breakfast on Sunday.

We will need volunteers for the Public Display, the G.O.T.A. station and operators to work around the clock in shifts. Anyone interested in participating in Field Day or volunteering to assist with the planning phase on the committee is asked to contact Chris Nichols via e-mail at chris@wb6cdf.com.

The committee's draft plan will be presented at the Radio Club Meeting in April for approval. All recommendations are welcome. Anything we as a club can do to promote Amateur Radio and have a good time is welcome. The 2014 Field Day occurs on June 28th and 29th. Please mark it in your calendars.

73's

Chris Nichols
2014 Field Day Coordinator

***The trouble with retirement is
that you never get a day off.***

A Challenge for 2014

Yeah, I know, it's barely after January 1st and if you are like me (and most people) you have already failed at least half of your "New Year's Resolutions."

I recently read an interesting article in the Valley Ham News by Russell Decker *KB6YAF*. He presented a unique challenge to the members of his club.

My experience with our club has proven that M.A.R.C. is always ready for a challenge. It sounds like fun so I'm going to share a version of Russell's challenge with anybody who is interested in expanding their ham radio experience.

Russell's challenge is to come up with at least 5 resolutions for personal growth in our hobby during the coming year. Two of these Ham Radio Resolutions (HRR) should be easy to attain with little effort.

The next two resolutions should take some time or financial effort (or both) on your part to accomplish.

The final resolution should be one that will take the most effort and present the largest personal challenge.

Like Russell, I'm going to offer some suggestions. Feel free to make your own list.

Let me offer these ideas for consideration:

1. Upgrade your current license at least one level. If you are an Extra, become a Volunteer Examiner
2. Volunteer for a club position
3. Get involved with the local ARES or ECS group
4. Be a 'net control' on the club net
5. Give a talk about your new or favorite radio gear at the monthly meeting
6. Volunteer as a ham at one of the club events such as Field Day
7. Work a band or mode that you've never tried. Explore digital modes (psk, packet, etc.)
8. 'Elmer' a new ham or convince that "sorta" "wanna-be" to take the technician license exam
9. Learn more about APRS, learn to work satellite repeaters or try the repeater on the ISS
10. Make something requiring solder !

If you accept the challenge, please email me with your resolutions. I'd like to hear from you!

Andy Frees - *AI6AF*

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OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, January 14, 2014 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.

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

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January 2014

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