



The President's Corner

Manuel AE6SG

I would like to thank all those who came to the meeting it was a great show of support.

Like I had mentioned we (us) would like to have an event full year. I am asking for your support in the upcoming months to make all this possible.

I would like to have an events Chairman to help plan and coordinate club events. With fair weather coming it is going to be a good time to get out and have some fun.

We have several community events coming such as Grubstakes Days, we generally have representation in the parade. If you would like to be in the parade or help out with it please your more that welcomed and it is a lot of fun.

Other events are Earth Day, Pioneer Days, Walk for Life. There are other events that can make us visible to the community. On one of these events we could have a special event day with a unique call sign.

We need someone to be our Membership Chairman, to recruit old and new members to our club.

The club already has in place an ARES group anyone interested in joining should contact John Campbell (AG6QM).

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The Treasurer's Report

Glenn N6GIW

The treasury contains \$867.52 as on 1-28-14.

We brought in \$20 from our last 50/50 drawing, and \$65 in membership dues.

We paid \$56.57 for new batteries for the Fox Hunt Transmitters.

Glenn N6GIW - Treasurer

Silent Key

We regret to have to announce that long-time club member Tom Lake, KA6TOM, has passed away after a long fight with cancer.

Tom will be missed. He enjoyed his hobby of ham radio, and frequently participated in Field Day.

Repeater Report

Our club repeaters are enjoying good health. Please remember that the link requires a short time to activate, so remember to key up first, wait for a second, and then speak. Also, the repeaters have what we call a "squelch tail." When a station unkeys, you will hear a courtesy delay, and then a "beep", or sometimes a couple of beeps. This is the "courtesy message", or squelch tail beep. If you wait for the beep before keying up, it means that the transmitter time out timer has reset, and you can now transmit. There is also a dropout delay after the beep. The dropout delay is to promote allowing time for a station to break in if needed. The repeater transmitter will time-out and turn off after 3 minutes of continuous transmitting without a break.

73 – enjoy your state-of-the-art repeater system.

Glenn N6GIW & Chris WB6CDF
– Control Operators

2014 CLUB OFFICERS

- **President** - Manuel Borges AE6SG
- **Vice President** - Ron Davis K6UZX
- **Secretary** - Andy Frees AI6AF
- **Treasurer** - Glenn Miller N6GIW
- **Public Information Officer** - Jake Hall W6JOD
- **Field Day Coordinator** - Chris Nichols WB6CDF

We are looking at the possibility of assisting the High Desert Hospital in the future with emergency communications. The ARES group has participated in the past by providing support.

The Health and Welfare Chairman will be responsible for sending get well cards for those infirmed or condolence cards for surviving family members and keep club informed.

The Events Chairman, Membership Chairman and our Health and Welfare Chairman will part of the Board of Directors.

I am really looking forward to this year, we have a great club we just need to get programs going that we all will enjoy.

Thank you and Happy New Year

Manuel – AE6SG
MARC President

A Repeater Reminder from our V.P.

The club repeaters are linked by radio. Please wait for the beep before transmitting and wait a second to allow for the delay in this retransmit setup before speaking.

If you are too quick on the key, the beginning of your transmission will be cut off.

Thanks
73
Ron
MARC VP

Club Membership Anniversary Dates

The following members either just have, or are about to, mark the anniversary of their club membership:

Debra Thompson
Todd Root
David Ramirez

Please remember that our annual club dues become due on the anniversary of your membership.

Renewing your membership to MARC provides much needed support for your club activities and helps keep the W6BA linked repeater system on the air.

Thank you for your continuing support

General Meeting Minutes

16 January 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Manuel, AE6SG
18 members present.

Announcements-

Manuel, AE6SG introduced the Board for 2014:

- Manuel Borges AE6SG, President
- Ron Davis K6UZX, Vice President
- Glenn Miller N6GIW, Treasurer
- Andy Frees AI6AF, Secretary
- John Campbell AG6QM, ARES Representative
- Jake Hall W6JOD, Public Information Officer
- Chris Nichols WB6CDF, Field Day Coordinator

Business-

Manuel, AE6SG stated that there are several community events such as Grubstakes Day Parade, Earth Day, Pioneer Day Parade and The Great Shake Out that the club will consider participating in.

He also said the we would like to organize special club events like picnics, T-Hunts, Swap meets, etc. We need volunteers to organize these events.

It was suggested that Board Meetings be held on a different night than membership meetings in order to provide more time for Board business.

We need someone for "Health & Welfare" to send cards or phone calls when members are ill or in the hospital.

At 7:15 pm, Matti WA6YKU brought us an update on his neighbor who is trying to silence his station with a lawsuit. He told us that the ARRL is willing to assist on his behalf.

At 7:35 pm Chris Nichols WB6CDF presented details about Field Day 2014 and discussed the plan that he has organized.

After the meeting adjourned there was a 50/50 raffle and Jon Rice AG6WE won the \$25.00 prize.

Closing –

General Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Andy Frees AI6AF
MARC Secretary

License Test Session at Saint Christopher Church

There is going to be a license test session on this **Saturday February 8th at 0900**
at the club meeting site,
St. Christopher Church in Joshua Tree
61261 Sunburst Drive,
just east of Sunny Hill Road.

Take Sunny Hill Road south from 62, turn east on Sunburst. The church is the first building on the right. Please note that this section of Sunburst Dr. does not connect to other areas of Sunburst, so be sure to use Sunny Hill Rd. for access. Please show up at 9AM. Late arrivals are disruptive.

We will give exams for:

- Tech,
- General
- and Extra Class.

The fee is \$5.

If you fail and want to retest, it is another \$5.

Anyone taking an exam will need a photo ID. If you are upgrading, we'll need a copy of your license with FRN number.

Thanks and 73
Glenn Miller N6GIW
VEC for Morongo Basin
760-364-3957

Our Sponsors



OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, February 20, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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

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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February 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	4 Club Net 7:00 pm	5	6 ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Ch. Y.V.	7	8 License Test Session 9:00 AM St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree
9	10 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	11 Club Net 7:00 pm	12	13 Club Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree	14	15
16	17 ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	18 Club Net 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
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