



Newsletter 1

Dues, Dues, Dues

This is probably not a very “friendly” topic to bring up, but it needs to be discussed.

This year the club Board wants to concentrate on making M.A.R.C. the kind of club that everyone enjoys being a member of.

In order to do this, we need a reliable source of income so that our Treasurer can meet our monthly commitments and have some extra funds for club activities.

Our primary source of income is membership dues, so here some facts that we all need to be aware of.

- MARC has 61 memberships (18 families, 42 individuals)
- At present, 20 of the memberships have expired and have not yet been renewed.

If your membership is “PAST DUE” and you haven’t renewed by the end of March, you won’t receive the next issue of the newsletter, and you won’t be in the 2014 roster!

Please check the roster and if your dues date has expired or will in the next few months please make your membership current.

Don’t miss out on the events planned by our new Board. You can send a check made out to MARC to the PO Box on the application (on page 4) or pay at the club meeting. Thanks.

Club Membership Anniversary Dates

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

Gary & Susie Boskovich
Jon & Genie Rice
Frank Hubbard
Erick Baalrud
Michael Selden
Marilyn Lutz

Please remember that your 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

20 February 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM by Manuel, AE6SG
26 people were present

Announcements-

Manuel, AE6SG introduced the Board members who were present and announced that the club is looking for a couple more volunteers to serve as Health & Welfare and Special Activities directors.

Business-

Manuel, AE6SG announced that members whose dues are not current by the end of March will be removed from the roster until their dues are brought up to date.

He also brought in gear for sale from the estate of Tom Lake. A list of all the gear was circulated. Interested parties signed the list and met with Manuel after the meeting.

At 7:15 pm John, AG6QM, made announcements about the upcoming Walk 4 Life marathon on March 15th and the Grubstakes Day parade. It was stated that interested parties should attend the next ARES meeting for details.

At 7:20 pm everyone introduced themselves. There were 26 people present.

At 7:25 pm Andy, AI6AF, gave a short presentation on HTs.

At 7:35 pm Larry, WA6FSJ, gave a presentation on the Foxhunt transmitters that he is restoring for the club. He explained how they work and gave a demonstration of the audio recordings that are used for Station ID.

At 7:42 pm Matti, WA6YKU, updated everyone on the status of his ongoing legal battle with his neighbor.

At 7:52pm Glenn, N6GIW, passed out membership applications to visitors and we had 4 new members sign up.

At 7:55pm tickets were sold for the 50/50 drawing and the meeting broke into small groups for casual socializing.

At 8:20pm there was a 50/50 drawing and Mary Ann, KA6NOO won the prize.

Closing –

General Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Andy Frees AI6AF
MARC Secretary

DESERT RADIO AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY

PRESENTS

 PALM SPRINGS
HAMFEST 2014

Palm Spring Pavilion
401 S. Pavilion Way,
Palm Springs, CA 92262
Saturday March 15, 2014
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Admission Fee only \$5.00



Please visit our website for all the latest information and details about the upcoming Palm Springs Hamfest.

If you wish to be a vendor or tailgater you must pre-register All the details are on the website.

Contact Info:

QSL Desert RATS Club

P.O. Box 1167

Palm Springs, CA 92260

Website: <http://palmspringshamfest.com>

e-mail: info@palmspringshamfest.com



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Daylight Saving Time

It wasn't much of a winter but, officially, (on March 20th) "Spring has sprung!"

With the longer days, it's time once again for the magical mystery of Daylight Saving Time.

I never could figure out why the government decided that I needed an extra hour of daylight during the season that Mother Nature is giving me extra hours of daylight anyway.

Now that I'm retired, an extra hour of daylight just means that I have to take an extra nap before bedtime.

Anyway, don't forget to set your clocks **ahead** before going to be on Saturday.

Daylight Saving Time begins on
Sunday March 9, 2014

*Never argue with a fool,
onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.*

OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, March 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 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

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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March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ECS Net 6:45pm	Club Net 7:00 pm		ARES Meeting 7pm		
	ARES Net 7:15pm			Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	ECS Net 6:45pm	Club Net 7:00 pm				<u>Palm Springs Hamfest</u>
	ARES Net 7:15pm					<i>see page 3</i> & <u>YV Walk 4 Life</u>
						<i>see page 1</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ECS Net 6:45pm	Club Net 7:00 pm		<u>Club Meeting</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>		
	ARES Net 7:15pm			St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	ECS Net 6:45pm	Club Net 7:00 pm				
	ARES Net 7:15pm					
30	31					
	ECS Net 6:45pm					
	ARES Net 7:15pm					