



General Meeting Minutes

17 April 2014

Message from our President

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I am not aware of next month's speaker, if anyone has ideas please present them to Ron for consideration.

On a personal note, I have finally finished my observatory and hopefully in a few weeks I'll invite any member who is interested in coming for an observing session.

Thank you all for your support,
Manuel - AE6SG
MARC President

Repeaters

When you are using either the 29 Palms repeater on 147.060, or the Yucca Valley repeater on 146.790, you will hear a "squelch tail" when you stop transmitting.

If you hear one beep in the squelch tail, it means that the repeaters are linked. If you hear two beeps, it means that they are not linked. The beep or beeps indicate that the repeater transmitter timeout timer has reset, and it is ready for another signal. If you key up before the beep, you're risking timing out the repeater. That means it will shut off automatically to protect its circuitry. When not linked, the repeaters operate as normal stand-alone repeaters.

Remember that the repeaters both have built-in delays. That means when you key up and the repeater detects your signal, there is a delay before it retransmits your signal and completes the link. Please count to one or two after you key up before you speak.

Please use the 29 Palms repeater when you are in the 29 Palms area, and the Yucca Valley repeater from about Panorama Hill east of the college, to all points west.

You can also access the repeater system from the Landers repeater on 447.580. The PL tone is 173.8.

73, Glenn N6GIW

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Manuel, AE6SG.

23 people were present

Announcements-

John AG6QM announced that Morongo Basin ARES is going to be working the Grubstakes Day Parade and we need some more volunteers with HTs to help out.

Chris WB6CDF gave details about the plans for this year's Field Day activities. He passed around a roster and asked that everyone who plans to attend Field Day sign the list.

Business-

No further new business was discussed.

Our guest speaker Brian Thorson - AF6NA, gave an interesting presentation about Amateur Microwave.

After the presentation, Manuel AE6SG sold the remaining gear from the Thomas Lake estate sale.

Closing -

General Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Andy Frees AI6AF
MARC Secretary

OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, May 15, 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.

National Weather Service Spotter Training Course

Chris Nichols WB6CDF

The National Weather Service office in Las Vegas will be holding a Weather Spotter Training course on

Monday June 23rd, 2014 at 6:00pm
at the
"Yucca Mesa Community Center"
3133 Balsa Ave. (just north of Aberdeen Dr.)

There is no cost for this class, but donations will be accepted for the use of the Yucca Mesa Community Center.

For more information email chris@wb6cdf.com.

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Field Day 2014

Chris Nichols WB6CDF

Field Day this year is June 28th and June 29th at the Yucca Mesa Community Center located at 3133 Balsa Ave. Yucca Valley, Ca. 92284. Field Day starts at 1100 hours on Saturday and ends at 1100 on Sunday. This is a 24 hour event. Anyone attending field day to observe is welcome anytime in the 24 hour period. For those that are new to HAM Radio and are coming to operate the GOTA Station, the GOTA station hours will be from 1100 to 2200 on Saturday.

There will be a License Test Session at Field Day this year on Saturday June 28th at 0900. If you wish to test or upgrade your license, please arrive just prior to 0900. We are also planning a Transmitter Hunt this year at Field Day. If you are a "T-Hunter", this will be the place for you. The T-Hunt is still in the planning phase. There will be more information to follow.

New HAM's that wish to operate an on-site established station, you are welcome to attend at anytime in the 24 hour period. Please contact Chris Nichols (WB6CDF) prior to Field Day to sign up for a time slot. There will be some stations setting up on Friday the 27th after 1100 hours. Anyone is welcome to be there after 1100 on Friday. If you plan on staying the night on Friday or Saturday, please come prepared. There will be no sleeping accommodations in the community center however the restrooms will be open for use from Friday at 1500 to Sunday at 1500.

Any HAM's that wish to bring their own HF equipment to operate during field day with the club call sign, are welcome to do so but need to come prepared and sign up for a time slot in which to operate. If you wish to bring your own HF equipment and operate with your own call sign, you will need to check in with the field day coordinator and receive a band token. This assists with elimination of same band interference.

Any HAM's that plan on operating stations using the Club Call Sign are asked to attend a pre-Field Day practice on Monday June 16th at 1845 hours at the Yucca Mesa Community Center. This will assist you in becoming proficient with our logging software used during Field Day.

Lunch and Dinner will be provided on Saturday June 28th with RSVP. Please RSVP by e-mail or phone call to Chris Nichols (WB6CDF) at 760-285-3560 or chris@wb6cdf.com.

If you have any questions or wish to assist with Field Day, please contact Chris Nichols by e-mail at chris@wb6cdf.com or by phone at 760-285-3560.

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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May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				ARES Meeting 7pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	Club Net 7:00 pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	Club Net 7:00 pm		Club Meeting 7:00 pm St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	Club Net 7:00 pm				Grubstake Days Parade & Community Fair 10:00 AM Yucca Valley
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	Club Net 7:00 pm				