



The President's Corner

Manuel AE6SG

Club Members,

As most of you may know we had an incident at the repeater site on Paxton and we need to have insurance to protect our assets.

I had emailed to those recognized as not being ARRL members about your need for membership in ARRL, and its benefits to the club. I will have applications for those who are interested in joining.

This is a good thing for the club and also for you personally. ARRL offers other programs that are only for members. A personal example is auto and home owners insurance, they have saved me a good deal of money on both, the coverage is through MetLife, others are for restricted publications and information that is available to members only.

Back to club stuff, we have Field Day coming up and we need to get the news out, fliers need to be made and distributed to our local businesses.

What we really do need is your involvement in this nationwide and worldwide event

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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

The Treasurer's Report

Glenn N6GIW

Beginning balance:

\$1190.79

Income from dues and meeting 50/50 drawing:

\$191.00

Club treasury balance

\$1381.79

Manuel AE6SG won the 50/50 drawing at the last meeting and donated his winnings back to the club.

73

DE Glenn N6GIW

Club Treasurer

Test Session

After the test session on Saturday, we have the following results:

New Ham –

- Nick Powell from Yucca Valley (awaiting call)

Upgrade –

- Bryan Heveron KF6YBK from Yucca Valley - upgraded from Tech to General
- Richard Haney KI6UOU - upgraded from Tech to Extra Class (passed both General and Extra exams)

The next test session will be during Field Day on Saturday June 28th at 2PM. The fee is \$5 per test. If you are trying to upgrade, I will need a copy of your license that I can keep with your application. Also, if you need to change any information on your license such as your address, we can do that for \$2.

Thanks to our Volunteer Examiners: Jake W6JOD, Manuel AE6SG, Glenn KD6QKV, Will KD6ZED, John AG6QM, Ray AG6SB, Matti WA6YKU.

Glenn N6GIW

Volunteer Examiner Coordinator for the Greater L.A. Amateur Radio Group in the Morongo Basin.

General Meeting Minutes

15 May 2014

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We are going to be operating as a 4 Alpha station which means we will need people for a 24 hour event. Get with Ron Davis, he is the Field Day chairman along with Chris Nichols and let them know of your preference for operation times. You don't need to operate for hours on end just an hour or two is enough. If you're planning on being part, be prepared with all your equipment. If you need something, now is the time to ask for help. There is going to be a trial set up date to iron out any bugs that we may need to address.

If you're going to participate as a stand-alone station you are more than welcomed, but again we need to know who you are and know what you are going to bring. This is important so that radios that are going to be used as part of the 4 Alpha are set aside as these stations will be all connected to a computer and grouped together, and that a location for each station not part of the group may be allocated.

Power will be provide by each station, if you do not have the means of providing your power, this needs to be known. Chris has mentioned that we should have enough solar power for the required stations, again be prepared. As a note a 15 Watt panel will keep your battery well enough for the event.

I wish to thank Glenn Miller for his making this place a great meeting hall, you all for your participation in the club meetings, without you the club does not exist.

Manuel - AE6SG
President MARC

A Note from our V.P.

Ron K6UZX

**Get ready for field day!!
It is just around the corner.**

Laurie and I will be changing call signs in preparation for our move to Arizona. Look for a new call sign with 7 land coming soon.

And on that note, the club will be looking for a new vice president before the new year.

73
Ron

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Manuel, AE6SG.

24 people were in attendance

The meeting opened with everyone standing and introducing themselves in turn.

Announcements-

Manuel AE6SG made an announcement about Field Day plans.

John AG6QM reported about our participation in the Grubstakes Day Parade and said that any interested volunteers should meet in the parade staging area on the morning of the parade

Jake W6JOD brought us up to date on what he has done as PIO regarding mailing out press releases and invitations to community leaders for Field Day.

Business-

No further new business was discussed.

Our guest speaker Matti Aro - WA6YKU, gave a great demonstration about J-pole antenna building.

He used a disassembled antenna as an example, gave instructions, tips and answered questions as he went.

Manuel AE6SG won the 50-50 raffle and donated his winnings back to the club treasury.

Closing -

General Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Andy Frees AI6AF
MARC Secretary

OUR NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Thursday, June 19, 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.

Upcoming Events in June

Chris WB6CDF

Pre-Field Day Practice

This practice session is intended for Hams that will be using the logging software at this year's Field Day. If you will be operating a Field Day station or assisting an operator – this practice session is for you! The use of this system last year was very successful and allowed us to keep track of all contacts made.

We will have 6 work stations set up for hams to use at this practice session. This should be an enjoyable evening for all. If you are not planning on operating or assisting at this year's Field Day, you are still welcome to join us for the practice.

Monday June 16th / 1845
3133 Balsa Ave.
Yucca Mesa Community Center

National Weather Service Spotter Class

There is no cost to take this class. Donations will be accepted for the use of the community center.

Monday June 23rd, 1800 Hours
3133 Balsa Ave.
Yucca Mesa Community Center

Field Day 2014

Saturday June 28th 1100 hours - Sunday June 29th 1100 hours (24 hours)
3133 Balsa Ave.
Yucca Mesa Community Center

For station control operators please arrive as early as possible so we can set up your logging PC. Station setup will begin Friday evening for those that wish to come in early.

Amateur License Test Session at Field Day will begin at 1400.

If you will be attending Field Day and wish to enjoy a nice Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, please RSVP with Chris Nichols via phone at 760-285-3560 or email at chris@wb6cdf.com. The cost for Lunch is \$4.00 and Dinner is \$5.00 which can be paid prior to Field Day or the day of. As of 5-30-14 we have 21 RSVP's for lunch and dinner.

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Field Day

ARRL Field Day weekend is only a couple of weeks away and it's time to work out the details for making this annual event a great success.

Final details will be discussed at the June Club meeting.

Field Day is an opportunity to "show what MARC and you are made of". It is the perfect time to help with setting up radios, assembling beams, hanging dipoles, operating HF, computer logging, enjoying time with friends in the club and the list goes on. But most of all **HAVE FUN!!**

Field day also offers the best hands-on experience this hobby has to offer. It is a good educational experience enhancing your knowledge and operating skills. And as always, Field Day is a great time to show perspective hams and our community exactly what Ham Radio is all about. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Ham, get them out to Field Day and introduce them to our great hobby.

Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club will be holding field day on **June 28th and 29th** at the **Yucca Mesa Community Center** at 3133 Balsa Avenue Yucca Valley, CA 92284. The Community Center is located on Balsa Avenue about 1/4 mile north of Aberdeen Drive.

Driving directions from Highway 62 and Old Woman Springs Road:

Head north on Old Woman Springs Road to Aberdeen Drive (4.8 miles)

Turn east on Aberdeen Drive to Balsa Avenue (2.4 miles)

Turn north on Balsa Avenue to the Yucca Mesa Community Center (.2 miles)

Driving directions from Joshua Tree or Twentynine Palms:

Head west on Highway 62 to Yucca Mesa Road

Turn north on Yucca Mesa Road to Aberdeen Drive (4.0 miles)

Turn west on Aberdeen Drive to Balsa Avenue (1.5 miles)

Turn north on Balsa Avenue to the Yucca Mesa Community Center (.2 miles)

I hope to see everybody there.....

73

Andy AI6AF

Special Field Day Raffle Prize

This year at field day we will have a drawing for a MFJ 269C antenna analyzer. You can Google it and find the specs. It's a great analyzer, and will help with lots of antenna projects and trouble shooting. Tickets will be \$5 each.

You can buy tickets at our club meeting on June 19th, or during Field Day. The drawing will be at the field day site on Sunday morning. You do not have to be present to win.

73 and good luck.

Glenn Miller N6GIW, Treasurer



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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June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	Club Net 7:00 pm		ARES Meeting 7pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Pre-Field Day Practice Yucca Mesa Community Center 6:45 pm 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		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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