



MARC BEACON

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The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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President's Message

I've got some sad news for the newsletter and our club. One of our long time members has passed away. Mike Selden (SK) AD6VC passed away peacefully in his sleep this morning November, 24. He had been a long standing member of MARC and will be missed. Our condolences to Marylynne (AE6FH) and their families.

On a brighter note, I wish to thank everyone for their support, and those who stepped forward to help with club activities.

With a new year and new ideas for the club. I congratulate all those new board members.

Thank you all and 73's
It's been a pleasure to serve you.
Manuel - AE6SG

New Club Officers

The following club officers were elected on Thursday 20 November 2014.

Club Officers

President: Jeff Hardy, KJ6BOI

Vice President: Chris Nichols, WB6CDF

Secretary: Katherine MacKenzie, KD6END

Treasurer: Manuel Borges, AE6SG

Newsletter: Rob Cloutier, KK6JHI

Health & Welfare: Wayne MacKenzie, W6QDL

Events: Mary Ann Klemundt, KA6NOO

Photographer: Sheri Hardy, KJ6JVI

Historian: Jake Hall, W6JOD

Board of Directors:

Manuel Borges, AE6SG

Beau Sands, KI6OWB

Sheri Hardy, KJ6JVI

Glenn Miller, N6GIW

Social Media

Club web page: <http://www.w6ba.net>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorongoBasinAmateurRadioClub>

W6BA Live Feed:

<http://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/10199/web>

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook balance on 9-29-14: \$1557.79
Income: Dues \$80, and 50/50 drawings \$50
Placed into petty cash for meeting supplies: \$40
Bank deposit on 11-24-14 \$90
Account balance: \$1647.79

73

Glenn N6GIW



Next Meeting Potluck

Our next meeting on Thursday 18 December will be a potluck. So bring your favorite holiday goodies to share with your fellow club members.

Test Session

The next test session is scheduled for 1000 Saturday 3 January 2015 at St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church, 61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA

We will test for Technician, General, and Extra Class. Bring a photo ID, a copy of your ham license if you are upgrading, and \$5 for each test.

Club Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM.
St. Christopher of the Desert Catholic Church
61261 Sunburst Dr., Joshua Tree, CA

Directions: Traveling on highway 62, turn south on Sunnyhill Road in Joshua Tree. Go ½ mile and turn east (left) on Sunburst Drive. The Church is located at the end of the block.

Nets

Emergency Communications Service (ECS)
Monday @ 1845

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
Monday @ 1915

Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC)
Tuesday @ 1900

3916 Santa Nets



For the 9th consecutive year, the 3916 Nets will be giving good boys and girls a chance to talk to Santa Claus via the magic of ham radio. The '3916 Santa Nets' will be held at 7:30 PM (central) every night on 3.916 MHz from Nov 28 through Dec 24th. The Santa Nets are open to all licensed amateur radio operators who wish to invite kids to their shack to talk to Santa. Third party rules will apply.

Pete Thomson (KE5GGY), commented on the 3916 Santa Nets. He said, "Christmas is our favorite time of year on The 3916 Nets. Each year on the Santa Nets we are blown away by the response. It's incredible to hear the excitement in kids' voices as they talk to Santa Claus on Ham Radio. Based on comments from last year, we're going to have the Santa Net every night during the Christmas season and we're moving the net back an hour so kids won't have to stay up too late."

Thomson added that The Santa Nets are a great way to let kids experience both the magic of Christmas and amateur radio. He said, "We encourage hams to get their kids, grand kids and even neighbor kids into their shacks to participate in the Santa Net. The kids love talking to Santa and we get an opportunity to show a young person how amateur radio works."

Pre-net check-ins will be taken on the air starting at 7:15 PM (central). You can also do a pre-net check in by emailing ke5ggy@gmail.com.

For more information on the 3916 Nets or The Santa Net, contact Pete Thomson, KE5GGY at ke5ggy@gmail.com.

Linked Repeaters

Yucca Valley, W6BA

146.790 MHz (- shift = 146.190 MHz)
136.5 Hz PL/CTCSS

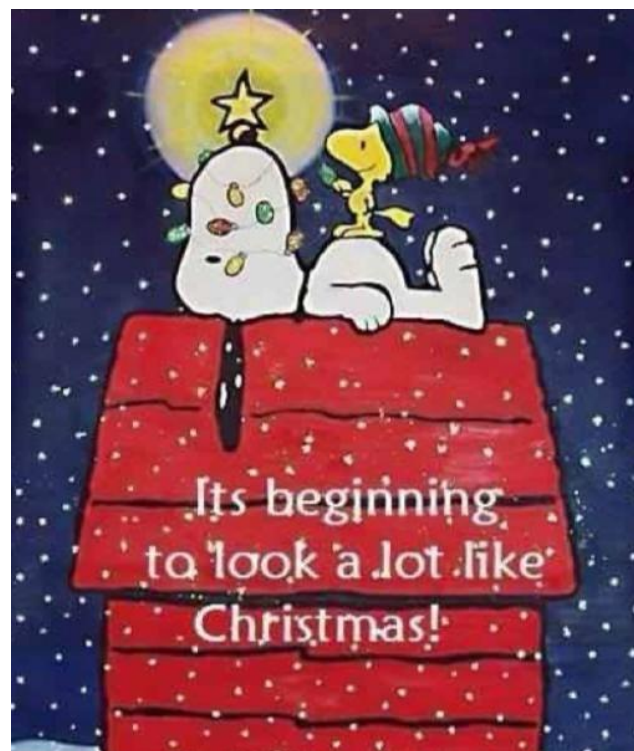
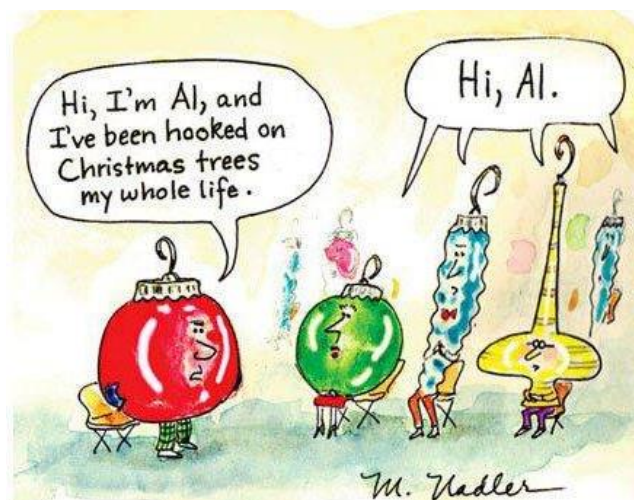
Twentynine Palms, W6IF

147.060 MHz (+ shift = 147.660 MHz)
136.5 Hz PL/CTCSS

Landers, WB6CDF

447.580 Mhz (- shift = 442.580 MHz)
173.8 Hz PL/CTCSS

May Santa Find A Way



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		MARC Meeting 7:00 pm Potluck St. Christopher's Catholic Church Joshua Tree		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm		Christmas		
28	29	30	31			
	ECS Net 6:45pm ARES Net 7:15pm	MARC Net 7:00 pm	New Year's Eve			