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President's Message

Hello fellow amateur radio enthusiasts. Hopefully the impending holiday season is off to a good start for you. There have been lots of recent events with the Great Shake-Out, Boy Scout Jamboree on The Air, as well as the recent Hurricane Patricia near Manzanillo, Mexico, where Ham Radio Operators were employed to stand up emergency nets. The upcoming months should also prove to be action-packed as well.

The Morongo Amateur Radio Club will be accepting nominations for the Officers and Board of Directors during the Regular November Club meeting. Next month, during the Regular December meeting there will be elections held and the newly elected officers will be put into office during the January regular club meeting. There will also be a board meeting this month before the November Regular Club Meeting. The Board Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on 19 November, after which the regular club meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Some of you may know that I have been in Yuma, AZ for the past couple of months. While there, I was able to attend one of their local Ham Radio Club Meetings. I want to share one of the issues that those amateurs are dealing with concerning local ordinances affecting mobile licensed radio operators in that some cities and counties are introducing measures and ordinances that outlaws ham radio use in moving vehicles except for amateurs that are working in a declared emergency. These laws effectively prohibit amateur radio support of community events such as parades and races, as those events are not declared emergencies. Local amateurs are working with governing agencies in those areas to have the laws amended to allow all mobile amateur radio use. Please keep an eye and ear out for any pending local measures that would prohibit mobile radio use. With a bit of luck, we, as a club, will be able to lobby our position to local officials to prevent such measures being passed here in the High Desert.

With that said, I hope to see you all at the next club meeting.

Jeffrey Hardy
KJ6BOI

Nets

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Mon @ 1915
Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club (MARC), Tue @ 1900
Narrow Band Emergency Message System (NBEMS),
145.645 MHz, 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 1900

Happy Thanksgiving



SoCalMakerCon

Are you a Maker? If so then the Southern California Maker Convention may be the event for you. The driving force and motivation behind this event is the emerging Maker Movement; a movement of amateurs, hobbyists, entrepreneurs, DIYers, students, and professionals united by nothing but the common desire to tinker, design, hack, innovate and invent. The Maker Movement is the future of how innovation and invention will occur. The movement is about democratizing the tools, knowledge, and expertise needed to produce and create products and services. The movement is not bounded by geographical limitations or proximity; it is about empowering people all over the world to collaborate and take initiative on their own ideas no matter where they live.

9am – 5pm, Saturday, 7 November 2015
At the Los Angeles Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Avenue,
Pomona, CA 91768

MAKER2015 is the code for \$5 off tickets.
For more information visit <http://socialmakercon.com/>

Steve Morse, KI6HGH

Local Emergency Communicator Course

In January, 2016 I would like to hold an emergency communicator course for local Hams. It would take place one day a week for a period of 3 weeks, plus one Saturday morning basin-wide exercise. Topics covered in this course would be the following:

- Understanding Emergency Communications
- Preparing for Emergency Communications
- Knowing your equipment
- Making your equipment work for you in Emergency Situations
- Ham terminology vs. Public Safety terminology
- Understanding Emergencies from a Public Safety standpoint
- Basic ICS applied by Ham radio operators in Emergency Situations

There will be two radio drills during the course plus a Saturday basin-wide exercise in which you use your personal equipment to apply what you have learned.

This course will assist local operators in becoming more efficient in Emergency Communications during local and widespread disasters. The course is not specific to M.A.R.C, A.R.E.S, C.E.R.T or ECS. It is specific to any Ham radio operator that would like to improve their skills in Emergency communicating to assist the overall process of creating a more efficient Emergency Communications environment here in the Basin.

I am asking for input from local Ham's to determine interest. If there is enough interest, the classes will be held in January. If you are interested in attending this course. Please email me. chris@WB6CDF.com

Chris Nichols – WB6CDF

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.

Daylight Savings

Daylight saving time ends Sunday 2am. Turn clocks back one hour. It's also a good time to change your smoke detector batteries too.



HAM Radio Technician Class

Hosted by the Desert R.A.T.S.

Monday Evenings, 7-9 PM, Oct 26 - Nov 30 2015

Cost = \$35, includes a book by Gordon West, WB6NOA
Testing 9-12 Sat 5 Dec

Palm Springs City Yard
Conference Room
425 N. Civic Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92263



For more information and registration contact
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Silent Key

KC6GJI, Bob "The Big Ole Brat" Schorer, became a silent key on Monday 19 October 2015. He was a true Ham who touched many lives, and his dedication to providing assistance to travelers on the Tram Repeater as well as his genuine kindness and sincerity to all those who he touched. '73 Bob, we will all miss you.



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Submission deadline is 2 days before the 1st of each month

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | ARES Net 7:15pm | MARC Net 7:00 pm | | ARES Meeting 7:00 pm Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Yucca Valley | | |
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