

Quartzfest 2024

November Newsletter

January 21st – 27th

Quartzfest kickoff is a little over a month away and I hope you've made plans to join us.

Tracy has been working hard on the seminar and event schedule and it's pretty much complete. The schedule has been posted on our website

<http://quartzfest.org>

If you'd like to camp close to all our event and seminar areas, I'm looking for a few RVs to block the wind at our seminar areas and our welcome tent. This would be ideal for those who are handicapped or have trouble walking distances. If you would like one of these spots, please drop me a note at kristynweed@gmail.com

We are still in need of someone to lead our antenna walkabout. If you're interested in taking charge of this fun and informative event, please let me know.

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We have campfires every evening during Quartzfest, so we need everyone to bring a bundle or two with you to add to our firewood pile. If everyone brings firewood, we'll have enough to last the week.

On either Thursday or Friday (weather dependent) prior to Quartzfest kickoff, we'll need some volunteers to go to town with us to our storage unit to load our tents, PA's, bulletin boards, etc. and bring them to our Quartzfest location. Once our equipment is at Quartzfest, we'll need to have a work party to set up our welcome tent and bulletin board. For the trip to town, we'll need 5 or 6 pickup trucks with empty beds. If you can help with this, it would be much appreciated.

Frank KB7IQ has been in charge of our Off-Road Trip since 2011 and is ready to pass that responsibility on to someone else. He's going to be wagon master for our off-road trip again this January but said he'd be happy to assist in the turnover to whomever is interested in leading this fun event.

Tuesday during Quartzfest is a busy day. It starts out with nothing on the schedule in the morning so you can go into town to enjoy the RV Show. If you have your

cast iron pot with you, you may want to join Rick W7RAP who'll have a cast iron cooking frame and coals going so you can cook your Potluck dish. Happy hour announcements will be limited so we can go directly into our Potluck dinner before the food gets cold. After the Potluck, we'll hold our annual Pet Parade where folks with pets can dress them up (or not) and parade them before the group. We usually have prizes for the top 3 winners.

Thursday evening will be our annual musical Hootenanny at campfire area 1. This is always a fun event to attend to watch and listen to our talented Quartzfesters. Prior to the Hootenanny, on Wednesday afternoon, Russell KB6YAF will host a JAM Session at his RV just south of area 3. If you are a musician, whether it be with a banjo, guitar, mandolin, harmonica, drums or any other musical instrument, make sure you show up to join in the fun.

During Quartzfest we'll be monitoring and transmitting updates on 146.550 simplex. As things do change during the week, make sure you monitor this frequency so you don't miss any announcements.

That's all for now. Lyn and I are looking forward to seeing you all next month.

73,

Kris – KR1SS & Lyn - KJ7DSE