

Quartzfest 2025
December Newsletter
January 19-25, 2025

Quartzfest is getting closer...it's only a month away until kickoff at Opening Ceremony.

Our schedule is posted on our website <http://quartzfest.org> Tracy has been working very hard on it even thru many changes. There will most likely be more changes as Quartzfest gets closer but that's just the way it goes every year. Check back regularly to the website for the most recent schedule. You may not want to print the schedule before you get to Quartzfest because the schedule you print will probably be outdated. I'll post the schedule on the large bulletin board that's in front of the welcome tent...and if the schedule changes during Quartzfest, I'll post those changes as they happen.

Some of you are wondering about when Quartzfest T-shirts will be available. Well, they're available now. T-shirts (both long and short sleeve) and coffee cups are now available. Stickers will be available soon. To order the Quartzfest, visit <http://clubgearonline.com/quartzfest> A portion of sales from this site will be donated to Quartzfest.

We're toying with the idea of holding "Ham Radio Olympics" which will include things like "keyboard discus throw", "tap out your name in morse code using your left foot", "how far can you pound in a ground rod in strokes", etc. We need an MC for this fun activity. It will most likely be held in the afternoon right after happy hour. If you're interested in being our MC, please let me know.
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As mentioned in our last newsletter, this year and in the years following, a \$5 fee per person needs to be charged per individual for your week at Quartzfest in lieu of the donation jug we've had in the past (per BLM). This \$5 per person will help us cover our annual operating expenses, i.e. storage, insurance, porta-potties and BLM permit.

Also, no swapmeet is allowed per BLM. This means no tailgating is allowed at all!! What you can do if you have a few items for sale is to post a list of your items on the back of the bulletin boards. Make sure you bring a staple gun to attach your list to the board.

Now, what you've all been waiting for.... ICOM has again donated a radio for our grand prize drawing during closing ceremony on January 25th. The donation again this year is an ICOM IC-705 which is a QRP 10w radio which can be backpacked for hiking trips, POTA, SOTA or any other back country outing. It can also be used as a low power base station. It operates from 160m – 10m HF, 6 & 2m VHF and 70cm UHF.

To qualify for our grand prize drawing, you must be a licensed amateur radio operator and signed in at the Quartzfest welcome tent to receive your free raffle ticket for the grand prize. The cutoff for receiving your grand prize raffle ticket is Thursday January 23rd at noon. You must be signed in by then. We have the cutoff so those who show up just for the closing ceremony to win a radio, don't. ICOM donates our grand prize radio for those who attend Quartzfest, not just for a day.

Don't forget to bring firewood for our nightly campfires. If everyone brings 2-3 bundles of wood, we should have enough wood to keep our fires going the entire week. Drop your wood or bundles on the east side of the tree at area #1.

We now have an A frame sign that will be posted at the entrance to our Quartzfest area. Once you pass that sign, veer right on the road between the RV's and sign in at the welcome tent.

Our entire committee is looking forward to seeing all of you next month on the desert floor at Quartzfest.

73,

Kris – KR1SS