

## Quartz-Pause 2021 - January 2021 Newsletter

Coming Soon from January 17-23

Well here we are, just a couple weeks from the kickoff of Quartz-Pause and most of you are busy getting ready to roll toward Quartzsite. Lyn and I will be on site next Tuesday with talk in on 146.55 simplex to help our first timers find us.

As you know, this covid 19 virus is no joke...it's a deadly virus. That said, please, please, please, if you're going to be in contact with others not in your immediate travel group, wear a mask and social distance. Yes, even outside because with the desert breezes, airborne particles from your breath can travel quite a distance.

VE exams for amateur radio licensing will be held both Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Most of you have probably heard of the FCC's new \$35 administrative fee for new and renewal license applications. You don't need to worry about paying those fees at Quartz-Pause because they aren't in effect yet. When you come for your exam you'll need an email address, an FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN), clip board, pen or pencil, chair, photo ID and exam fee (\$14 Wednesday, \$15 Saturday) and a copy of your current license if you're upgrading. Masks and social distancing will be required to take exams and for VE's.

Saturday morning January 23rd will be our yard sale/Swapmeet. It typically begins before the sun comes up with folks shopping using flashlights. We ask that you don't bring weapons or adult materials to sell. If you were planning on buying or selling at the Yuma Hamfest or other fests that have been canceled, this is an excellent place for you to do that.

The Big Tent RV Show will be open as will be a multitude of vendor booths. They're taking all precautions to prevent the spread of covid. Masks will be required to enter and remain in the Big Tent.

Our morning simplex net on 146.55 will be held each morning at 8am starting Sunday January 17th. On this net I'll be able to pass along any pertinent information for the group. I'll also ask for net members to announce activities that they're doing where others can join in, in a socially distanced manner of course.

I can't stress enough folks how much I want you to stay safe. Please do everything you can to keep yourselves safe and do what you can to prevent the spread to others.

We'll see y'all real soon

Kris and Lyn