

Quartzfest 2022

January 23-29

It's almost time for our Quartzfest 2022 kickoff. It's just a little over 1 week away.

Firewood, firewood, firewood!!!! If everyone brings a few pieces of wood for our daily campfires we'll have enough to last the week for both morning eyeball campfires and evening social campfires. So, please bring firewood with you.

Special event station...ICOM is supporting us once again by lending us an IC-7300 to use as our special event W7Q station radio. They're also supporting us with a grand prize radio donation in the way of an ID-52A handheld radio. During the week of Quartzfest Ray will be giving a talk on Dstar and the ID-52A.

To qualify for a ticket to the grand prize drawing you must sign in with us at our Quartzfest welcome tent. You will be given a free ticket when you sign in. Deadline for signing in to get a grand prize ticket is noon on Thursday January 27th. Remember, you must be masked to enter the welcome tent. This is the only place you'll be required to mask all week.

During the week you'll want to keep your ears tuned listening for long distance DX in an effort to win our DX Distance Challenge sponsored by the northern Arizona DX Association. They have amassed a few thousand dollars worth of prizes for the winners. Rules are listed on our website [Http://quartzfest.org](http://quartzfest.org)

Our 2022 schedule of events is posted on the website. The current schedule hopefully will be the last update before Quartzfest.... Tracy has been working really hard putting the schedule together for us this

year and Kevin has been busy keeping up with posting the updates on the website.

25th anniversary Quartzfest t-shirts will go on sale at 11am Monday the 24th until 1pm or until the line dies or we sell out of shirts.. Whichever comes first. \$18 for sm- 2xl and \$20 for 3xl and 4xl. The 3 and 4 xl do not have pockets. T-shirts were hard to come by this year due to supply chain issues so I was only able to order 170 shirts. I do hope that everyone who wants one gets one.

So far the weather forecast shows it should be a nice week with highs in the upper 60's to low 70's. Lows in the upper 40's.

I'm still in need of a few folks to park their RVs around our area 2 and 3 to work as wind breaks for our seminar areas. If you would like to be close to everything, these are premium spots for you. If you would like one of these spots please email me at kristynweed@gmail.com

Tuesday morning we don't put anything on the schedule so you can go into town and enjoy the RV show without missing anything. Tuesday afternoon starting at noon Rick will be holding his cast iron cooking get together. The dishes made during the cast iron cooking will be enjoyed by folks at our 4pm pot luck dinner.

Some have asked if they'll be able to take amateur radio exams during the week.. The answer is yes. Exams will be given Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Make sure you have your FRN (federal registration number) issued by the FCC, a government issued photo ID and a copy of your license if you're upgrading.

Please, please, please, pick up after your dogs. Nobody likes to see or step in what they leave behind. Also if you have a male Dog, don't let them pee on the welcome tent. Nobody wants to handle folding up the tents at the end of the week after a dog has peed on it.

Our swapmeet, better known as our yard sale will be Saturday the 29th. It's supposed to kickoff at 7am but folks are typically out shopping with flashlights long before that. Please no weapons or adult materials.

I'm going to need some volunteers to help in the welcome tent registering folks when they arrive. If you can help please drop me an email kristynweed@gmail.com

If you are a smoker we ask that you not smoke when at the seminar areas.

We're not going to require masking at Quartzfest 2022 but if you feel the need, please do so. Social distancing is still a good idea when possible.

Talk in frequency is 146.550 simplex. Our morning 7:45 nets will start on Saturday on the same frequency. Please keep a radio on frequency so you can hear announcements throughout the days.

I'm going to need volunteers to help with pickup trucks and muscles Friday the 21st to go with me to our storage shed to pick up our Quartzfest equipment. We're planning a 10am departure time from the Quartzfest area. Storage shed is only a mile or so down the road. When we get back to the Quartzfest area we'll need to set up the welcome tent, bulletin boards, etc.. And will need help with that

That all for this last newsletter before we kickoff Quartzfest 2022 next week. Lyn and I are looking forward to seeing all of you.

See you real soon,

Kris and Lyn

