

Talk in 146.55MHz FM Simplex

Quartzfest* 2015 Schedule

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Sunday, January 18th, 2015

- 07:45–08:45 • **2 meter Informational Announcements** – Rundown of the days weather, happenings, schedule changes and everything else going on at Quartzfest.
Location: **146.550 FM Simplex**
- 09:00–10:00 **Deploying flagpoles and push up masts to fly a dipole in an emergency** – **Gordo (WB6NOA)** Close up look at a new type of 25' push up mast . Limitations to flag pole antenna mounts and masts
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 10:00–11:00 **Advantages of a multi band WINDOM antenna** – **Gordo (WB6NOA)** show and tell VSWR measurements , and decoupling recommendations - live demos . Discussions on SWR test meters , or using your rig's SWR circuits . Live gear
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 11:00–12:00 **Portable HF station demonstrations** – **Gordo (WB6NOA)** Demo's will include "booster" battery power , Anderson connectors and their limitations , solar charging , DSP speaker demos , finding noise sources around your emergency set up , headphones , and microphones for a noise emergency scene
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- 13:00–15:00 **Quartzfest* 2015 Opening Ceremony and Orientation** – **Kris (KR1SS)** Bring your lawn chairs, sunglasses & hat (maybe even a sweater) to our Quartzfest* 2015 Opening Ceremony! Our speakers will include representatives from Government Agencies like Search and Rescue, Quartzsite Fire and the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) who will bring us up to date with desert safety as well as local, state, native American reservation and federal rules and regulations. Plus, we'll have our first Quartzfest "FREE" Raffle Prize Drawings before Opening Ceremony is concluded. More Hats, Maps and Pens...you betcha!!
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- 15:00–16:00 **Social and Happy Hour** – **Kris (KR1SS)** Announcements and FREE Raffle prize giveaways
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Monday, January 19th, 2015

- 07:45–08:45 • **2 meter Informational Announcements** – Rundown of the days weather, happenings, schedule changes and everything else going on at Quartzfest.
Location: **146.550 FM Simplex**
- 08:15–08:45 **Tai Chi** – **Heather (W8GEM)** Start you morning out with a bit of a workout. Even if you know nothing about Tai Chi, come on out and Heather will be happy to give you all the pointers you need
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 09:00–10:15 **Digital Signal Processing** – **Gordo (WB6NOA)** Live demos from external DSP speakers , DSP found in new HF rigs , plus the Icom 9100 At the Special Event Station
Location: **Activities Fire Ring**

- 09:15–10:00 **Ladies Circle – Kris (KR1SS)** Meet in the tent across the wash from the Main Fire Ring
Location: **Activities Fire Ring**
- 10:30–11:30 **How to create a web server – Ron (N1AHH)**
Location: **Activities Fire Ring**
- 10:30–11:30 **How to take and pass HAM Exams – Rick (W7RAP)** Rick will give you hints and secrets to passing your Amateur Radio Exam...THE FIRST TIME you take it
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 10:30–11:30 **TBA –**
Location: **North Fire Ring**
- 12:00–13:00 • **2 meter Informational Announcements** – Rundown of the days weather, happenings, schedule changes and everything else going on at Quartzfest.
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- 13:30–14:30 **Learn all about Tuners – Don (N9ZGE)** Don Wilson ,[^] N9ZGE , brings in a dozen live automatic antenna tuners , for an HF demo , at the SPECIAL EVENT STATION . Learn what it takes to tune different loads , and see the innards of various tuners , all in action ! At the Special Event Station
Location: **Activities Fire Ring**
- 13:30–14:30 **Analog and digital ATV, Microwave Communications – Gary (W6KVC) / Mike (WA6SVT)**
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 15:00–16:00 **Social and Happy Hour – Kris (KR1SS)** Announcements and FREE Raffle prize giveaways
Time: 3:00pm to whenever we finish giving prizes away
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 17:30–18:30 **3rd Annual Quartzfest Pet Parade – TBA** Dress up your pet and bring it with you to our 3rd Annual Quartzfest Pet Parade. Pets will be judged in two categories: best costume and best performance
Location: **Main Fire Ring**

Tuesday, January 20th, 2015

- 07:00–13:00 • **Shopping in town at the RV Show – Kris (KR1SS)** Nothing on the schedule so you can go to town to shop the RV Show without missing anything at camp. If you have an extra seat and can give someone a ride to town, please let Kris know so she can hook up riders with you.
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- 13:00–16:00 **Dutch Oven Cast Iron Cookng Class – Rick (W7RAP)** This is a hands on class to teach you how to cook using your Dutch Oven. Bring your dutch oven, ingredients for the dish you'll be preparing. Your dish will be shared with the group at our 4:pm Pot Luck
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 13:30–14:30 **How to install a LAMP stack (a software system needed for server applications – Ron (N1AHH)**
Location: **Activities Fire Ring**

- 13:30–14:30 **TBA –**
Location: **North Fire Ring**
- 13:30–14:45 • **HAM Radio Gear Show and Tell – Ward (K7PO)**
Location: **Special Event Station**
- 15:00–16:00 **Social and Happy Hour – Kris (KR1SS)** Announcements and FREE Raffle prize giveaways
Time: 3:00pm to whenever we finish giving prizes away
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 16:00–17:30 **Western Country Cousin Net brisket and pot luck – Roy (N5SWE) / Nancy** Bring a side dish, salad or desert to share with the group. Don't forget your plates, flatware and chair
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 18:30–20:30 **RV Stories around the Campfire – Kris (KR1SS)** Come and share your RV stories. You'll be rolling with laughter
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
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Wednesday, January 21st, 2015

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Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 09:00–10:00 **A to Z of Solar Installations – Jerry (WY7JB)**
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 09:00–10:00 **TBA –**
Location: **North Fire Ring**
- 09:15–10:00 **Ladies Circle – Kris (KR1SS)** Meet in the tent across the wash from the Main Fire Ring
Location: **Activities Fire Ring**
- 10:00–12:00 • **Amateur Radio Exams – Bob (K9WMP) / Laura**
Location: **Near Special Event Station**
- 10:30–11:30 **GORDO PRESENTS INSTRUCTOR ACADEMY ! – Gordo (WB6NOA)** Attend a seminar , with lots of free give outs , on how to teach a ham class for YOUR RV group . Certificate of class completion , a free Technician Class book and teacher's guide , plus great ideas on how easy it is to teach TECHNICIAN CLASS !
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 10:30–11:30 **PSK31 on the iPad and iPhone – Randy (K7AGE)**
Location: **North Fire Ring**
- 12:00–13:00 • **2 meter Informational Announcements –** Rundown of the days weather, happenings, schedule changes and everything else going on at Quartzfest.
Location: **146.550 FM Simplex**
- 12:30–15:00 • **Antenna Shootout – TBA**
Location: **Special Event(s)**
- 13:30–14:30 **Remote Controlled Models – Neal (W6FOG)**
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 13:30–14:30 **HF Screwdriver Antennas 101 – Larry (KK5AB)**
Location: **North Fire Ring**

- 15:00–16:00 **Social and Happy Hour – Kris (KR1SS)** Announcements and FREE Raffle prize giveaways
Time: 3:00pm to whenever we finish giving prizes away
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 18:30–19:30 **Burning SandHAM Celebration – Gordo (WB6NOA)** Tonight is the night to TORCH a HANDHELD live on HamNation. Come and join us for this Quartzfest first. We'll suspend a handheld radio from a wooden frame and light off brush to cook the radio.
Location: **North Fire Ring**
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Thursday, January 22nd, 2015

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Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 09:00–10:00 **ARRL Forum – Dick Norton (N6AA)** Just returning from the Leagues annual meeting in Newington CT, Dick will bring the latest info from the ARRL.
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 10:15–12:30 **Antenna Walkabout – TBA**
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 10:30–11:30 **System Operators (SYSOPS) will be encouraged to do small presentations about the services their systems are providing to the network – Ron (N1AHH)**
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- 13:00–14:00 **Transmission Lines – Mike (AD7RZ)**
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 13:00–14:00 **Portable JT65 HF – Dave (K7DRT)**
Location: **North Fire Ring**
- 14:00–15:00 • **Solar Walkabout – Jerry (WY7JB)**
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- 15:00–16:00 **Social and Happy Hour – Kris (KR1SS)** Announcements and FREE Raffle prize giveaways
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- 16:00–17:30 **HOB0 Stew – Rick (W7RAP)**
Location: **Main Fire Ring**
- 17:03–20:00 **Hootenanny - Sing Along – Russell (KB6YAF)**
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- 08:30–15:30 • **4x4 Off Road Trip – Frank (KB7IQ)** Lets saddle up and hit the road on our Annual Quartzfest Off Road Trip. The trail typically is OK to be run in 2 wheel drive but a high profile vehicle is needed (a 4 wheel drive vehicle is recommended). Don't try this in a passenger car. Frank is not only our Wagonmaster but he's also our tour guide. Franks knowledge of the desert, it's wildlife, it's foliage and it's gems and minerals will make this very possibly the most interesting and enlightening trip through the desert you will ever take. We'll stop along the trail for lunch and conversation so make sure you pack something to eat, water, a shade hat and a chair to sit on while you relax on the trail. Please tune the radio you'll be using on the trip to 146.000 simplex before arriving for the Off Road Run. If you need help programming your radio, please get with Kris and she'll get you the help you need.
Location: **Trails in the Desert**
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Saturday, January 24th, 2015

- 06:30–11:00 • **Quartzfest Annual Yard Sale** – Empty your basement and set out your goodies to sell at our Annual Quartzfest Yard Sale. As BLM rules do not allow Commercial Activity on BLM Land, NO sale of regular income generating products is allowed at our Yard Sale. The schedule says our Yard Sale begins at 7:00am but if you arrive early, you'll find that many will already have their goodies set out for you to buy. Also if you're coming early, bring your flashlight if you want to get a good look at items...'cause it'll still be dark out.
Location: **Quartzfest Area**
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- 10:00–12:00 • **VE Exams – Rick (W7RAP)**
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