## HAM RADIO Operator RV'ers/Tenters...





What? Quartzfest<sup>©</sup> is an annual HAM Radio RV'ers Boondocking event which is held in late January every year with dates coinciding with the Quartzsite Arizona "RV Show".

When? January 17th thru 23rd of 2021 (make sure you add these important dates to your 2021 calendar)

Where? 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road

Who Can Attend? ANYONE! If you don't have your Amateur Radio Operators License yet, you'll be able to take your Amateur Radio Operators License Exams at Quartzfest<sup>©</sup> Cost? FREE!!!!

Our Annual Amateur Radio "get together" is called "Quartzfest<sup>©</sup>" and is open to ALL to attend. Quartzfest<sup>©</sup> is not a club, no officers, no budget and no dues..and although we do accept donations, it is absolutely FREE to attend!! During the week of Quartzfest<sup>©</sup>, RV's are everywhere across the desert, as far as you can see..every make and model you can imagine!

There are hundreds of groups that meet in Quartzsite every year in different parts of the desert who share like interests. Our group, Quartzfest<sup>©</sup>, started out in 1997 as just a few HAM RV'ers getting together, camping in their RV's in the middle of the desert..no power, no restrooms, no running water. Solar Panels and Generators are in use everywhere. If you want to see how well you're prepared and how long you'll be able to hold out in the event of an emergency or disaster, "Boondocking" in the desert for a week will show you.

Quartzfest<sup>©</sup> is similar to a Hamfest but lasts an entire week and is packed full of scheduled Seminars and Activities. Talks range in topics from Genealogy and Crafts for Non-HAM's to Solar Power and Battery Information, Technical information for the seasoned HAM, and introductory information for the new HAM. Also included in the week's activities are VE Amateur Radio License Testing, Antenna Walkabout (touring other HAM's RV Antenna installations), Solar Walkabout, 4x4 Off Road Trip in the Desert, Prospecting, Campfires (some with musical entertainment), night time movies, Pot Luck dinner, Hootenanny and lot's more!

We Camp on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land which is FREE, but you can only camp there for 14 days at a time.

For more information, drop a note to our Quartzfest\* Organizer Kris - KR1SS kristynweed@gmail.com or visit us on the web <u>www.quartzfest.org</u>