

# Quartzfest© 2023 Schedule

## Daily Events not listed on the Schedule

- 7:30am** *Morning Eyeball around the Campfire* - A super good way to start the day, Standing around the campfire with a cup of coffee in your hand while holding eyeball QSO's with others in the group. *please provide your own chair and cup of coffee*
- 8:00 am and noon** 2 meter Informational Net – **146.55** MHz FM Simplex
- 3:45pm** Happy (Social) Hour (announcements and prize drawings)

## Special Events

- Opening Ceremony - Sunday
- W7Q Special Event Station - Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Distance Challenge Contest - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Midnight to Midnight each day (24 hours). Details at Opening Ceremonies on Sunday at 2:00 pm. Lots of prizes.
- GLAARC License Testing - Monday (see Note 1 at the end)  
Sign up at: <https://ham.study/sessions/631eb12770aed5c8396b6246/1>
- Hacker-style badge that is a 2m transceiver and an APRS game - Monday (Happy Hour)
- RV Show in Town - Tuesday
- Cast Iron Cooking - Tuesday
- Potluck Dinner - Tuesday
- Pet Parade - Tuesday
- W5YI License Testing with Stephen - Wednesday
- GROL Commercial License Testing with Gordon - Wednesday
- RV Maintenance with Keith, President of Redlands Truck and RV - Wednesday
- Valentine's Day Card Craft (see Note 1 at the end)
- Solar Walkabout - Wednesday
- Off Road Trip - Thursday
- Hootenanny - Thursday
- US Coast Guard AUXCOMM Trailer Tour - Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10:30
- Antenna Walkabout - Friday
- ARRL Update - Friday
- Yard Sale - Friday and Saturday Mornings Early
- Picoballoon Launches (multiple days)
- ANSR Balloon Launch - Saturday
- ARRL License Testing - Saturday
- Closing Ceremony, Prizes and Awards - Saturday

***Our W7Q Special Event Station will be on the air every day Monday thru Friday from 9am-3pm. I hope you take some time to drop by and get on the air. If you're new to operating HF, Tom will be happy to walk you thru making contacts.***

***If you are operating in the Distance Challenge (Mon, Tue, Thu) you must remember to not interfere with the W7Q station. You can operate and answer CQ calls but you can't call CQ between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. while W7Q is operating.***

## ***Sunday, January 22, 2023***

### **Main Fire Ring (Area 1)**

**2:00 pm**

**Quartzfest\* 2023 Opening Ceremony**

Bring your chair and sun visor to the Opening Ceremony where you'll hear from Community Leaders as well as a hearty welcome from our 2023 Organizer, Kris-KR1SS.

***Directly following afternoon announcements we'll do a show and tell of your gizmo's and gadgets.***

***Location: Main Fire Ring (Area 1)***

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# Monday, January 23, 2023

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Seminar Area</u>
00:00 -23:59	Distance Challenge		
9:00 – 10:00	Welcome from Gordo & Tropo Ducting Explained	Gordo, WB6NOA	1
	Stop the Bleed (Certificate of Attendance) limit 10 (see Note 1 at the end)	John, AA1SQ	2
10:30 – 11:30	TBD		1
	TBD		2
	Gold Panning/Prospecting:	Marilynn, W7MCJ	3
12:30 – 2:30	GLAARG VEC Exams	Heather, KM6ZQB	2
1:00 – 2:00	Introduction to Metal Detectors	GordonWB6NOA/MarilynnW7MCJ	1
	GLAARG VEC Exams	Heather, KM6ZQB	2
	How to Pass a HAM Exam	Rick, W7RAP	3
2:30-3:30	All About PicoBalloons (including launches)	Brian, N6CVO	1
	TBD		2
	Crocheting	Marcia, KG6FIX	3
3:45 – 4:30	Happy Hour (Announcements)	Kris, KR1SS	1
	During Happy Hour Jeri, AI6TK, and Amy, AI6ZU, will have a special presentation about a hacker-style badge that is a 2m transceiver and an APRS game. Please come and learn about this project and a possible opportunity to participate in the game during the week with one of the devices.		

## Evening

6:00 – 8:00	<b>“Music Around the Campfire - Unplugged”</b>	<b>Russell, KB6YAF</b>	<b>Main Fire Ring</b>
	Just hang out around the campfire and if you want to play a tune have at it. If there is a special song you would like someone to play just let them know. This will be an experiment and experience for sure.		
6:30 – 7:30	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Area 3</b>	
7:30 – 9:00	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Area 3</b>	

## Tuesday, January 24, 2023

*Nothing on the Schedule this Morning so you can shop in town without missing anything at camp.*

*Should you be staying in camp, today would be a great day to compete in the Distance Challenge either from your camp site at QF or using the W7Q station. Just remember to not interfere with W7Q between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.*

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00:00 -23:59	Distance Challenge		
12:00 -3:30	Cast Iron Cooking	Rick, W7RAP	1
1:00 – 2:00	Learn How to be a VE for W5YI and Remote Exams	Gordon, WB6NOA	2
2:30 – 3:30	Metal Detectors – Finding Lost Items	GordonWB6NOA/MarilynnW7MCJ	1
3:45	Happy Hour (Announcements)	Kris, KR1SS	1

### **Pot Luck Dinner**

### **Main Fire Ring**

**3:45 – 5:00** There will be no brisket this year so it's essential that folks bring Main Dishes as well as salads and desserts. Bring your plates, eating utensils and a chair, table (if you have one) and what you're drinking. We'll also need tables to set food on and a few folks to help keeping food on the serving tables during the pot luck.

### Evening Events

5:30 – 6:pm	<b>Pet Parade</b>		<b>Main Fire Ring</b>
6:30 – 7:30	<b>Having Fun in Contesting</b>	<b>Dave, N4WDC</b>	<b>Area 3</b>
7:30 – 9:00	<b>SETI and MARS</b>	<b>Earl, N1QI</b>	<b>Area 3</b>

# Wednesday, January 25, 2023

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Seminar Area</u>
9:00-10:00	Starlink – Internet on the road and home	Stephen, WM7X	1
	Handi-Hams	Marcia, KG6FIX	2
10:30-11:30	Mountain & eBike Basic Repair and Maintenance	John, AA1SQ	1
	W5YI Remote Hams Testing \$14 test fee The testing will be entirely on-line. Laptops will be supplied. Bring: Current ID, and any current license if you're upgrading Ladies Circle	Stephen, Gary, Dede, Debbie	2
1:00-2:00	GROL Commercial License testing	Gordon, WBNOA	1
	W5YI Remote Hams Testing	Stephen, Gary, Debbie, Dede	2
2:30-3:30	Redlands Truck and RV	Keith	1
	CW: Fun with Dit's and Dah's	Tracy, WM6T	2
3:45 – 4:30	Happy Hour (Announcements)	Kris, KR1SS	1
<u>Event</u>			
9:00 – 3:00	Possible SOTA Activation Field Trip		
1:00 – 3:00	<i>Solar Walkabout</i>	Frank, AF0XX	
	Location: Meet on road next to welcome tent		
1:00 – 3:30	<i>Music Jam</i>	Russell, KB6YAF	
<u>Evening Events</u>			
6:30 – 7:30	<i>Natural History of the Sonoran Desert</i>	Earl, N1QI	Area 3
7:30 – 9:00	<i>Vara Modes, HF, FM and Chat – Part 1</i>	Bill, K0DZ	Area 3

# Thursday, January 26, 2023

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Seminar Area</u>
00:00 -23:59	Distance Challenge		
8:30 – 3:00	<b>Off Road Trip</b> (most routes aren't too rugged, but, 4x4 is highly recommended) Rally on the road by the Main Fire Ring facing east before heading out. Bring a sack lunch and plenty of water with you – Wagonmaster Frank KB7IQ		
9:00-10:00	TBD		1
	TBD		2
10:30-11:30	Digital Amateur Television	Joel, KD6W	1
	Ladies Circle - Beginning Macrame	Debbie, WB6LVC	2
1:00 – 2:00	Onan Generators, What goes wrong & how to fix them	Jerry, KO6GB	1
2:30 – 3:30	Making Contacts using the ISS Crossband Repeater	Gordon, WB6NOA	1
	Crypto Currency and Block Chains	John, KO4YCZ	2
3:45 – 4:00	Happy Hour (Announcements)	Kris, KR1SS	1
4:00 – 4:45	All About L.E.D.'s	Roger, KD6CNY	3

## Event

5:00 – 6:15 **Hootenanny** **Russell**

Bring your musical instruments and join in our Hootenanny or bring dinner and your chair and download the lyrics to the songs that will be sung and sing along.

## Evening Events

The large screen was damaged in the Thursday winds so these were cancelled

<del>6:30 – 7:30</del>	<del>Vara Modes, HF, FM and Chat – Part 2</del>	<del>Bill, K0DZ</del>	<del>Area 3</del>
<del>7:30 – 9:00</del>	<del>Winlink – Perfect for EMCOMM</del>	<del>John, KC5QOC</del>	<del>Area 3</del>

**A special presentation by Clint, KA7OEI will be held just north of Area 1 demonstrating 2200 meter contacts. This will begin at 6:30 pm**

# Friday, January 27, 2023

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Seminar Area</u>
<b>Yard Sale</b> (HAM Radio Swap Meet)			
sun-up 'til 10:00 am			
<b>** Please!!! No adult materials or weapons</b>			
Location:	Quartzfest Area		
10:30 -11:30	ARRL Forum (AZ Section Manager)	Rick, W7RAP	2
11:45- 12:45	ARRL Forum (SW Division Director)	Dick, N6AA	1
1:00 – 2:00	US Coast Guard AUXCOMM presentation	Glenn, N6JIA	1
	Be Red Cross Ready	Tom, KK7DYW	2
2:30 – 3:30	All about the Saturday ANSR Balloon Launch	Bill, VK7WWM	1
	Hands Only CPR	Tom, KK7DYW	2
	High Speed CW Contest	Lori, KO4YIN	3
3:45 – 4:30	Happy Hour (Announcements)	Kris, KR1SS	1

## Event

1:00 – 3:00 **Antenna Walkabout** – Guided tour of unique RV HF Antenna installations-  
*Tour Guide: Dave, N4WDC Meet on the road next to the Welcome tent*

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<del>6:30 – 7:30</del>	<del>Contesting 101</del>	<del>Jim, W6US</del>	<del>Area 3</del>
<del>7:30 – 9:00</del>	<del>TBD</del>		<del>Area 3</del>

# Saturday, January 28, 2023

## Events

### **Yard Sale** (HAM Radio Swap Meet)

sun-up 'til 11:00am

**\*\* Please!!! No adult materials or weapons**

Location: Quartzfest Area

9:00 am **Arizona Near Space Research – Balloon Launch**

TBD – Listen on the morning announcements

10:00 am **ARRL License Testing**

Area TBD

## **Closing Ceremony & Grand Prize Drawings**

2:00pm Kris – KR1SS

Location: Main Fire Ring

***Our Grand Prize this year is a surprise and our second Grand Prize is another surprise handheld. As with all prize drawings, you must be present to win.***

**Site Break Down** – After closing ceremony, we'll need help taking down tents and bulletin board and trucks to take supplies back to our Quartzfest Storage Shed. If you're physically capable of helping, please do.



## NOTE 1

### QUARTZFEST EVENTS REQUIRING SIGNUPS

#### Valentine's Day Card Craft - Sandi Fisher

I will be offering a Valentine's Day card making workshop. This is a beginner level card. This little gnome is very versatile. The sample shown is just one of many possible layouts. All supplies will be provided. Just bring a chair and have some fun. There will be 4 sessions at my trailer. Two each will be held on both Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 and 10:30. Signups are required as there will only be 4 people at each session.



#### GLAARG VEC Exams - Heather, KM6ZQB

Monday beginning at 10:30 and ending at 3:30 is an exam session hosted by GLAARG. Please go to the following website and sign up for testing on this day. <https://ham.study/sessions/631eb12770aed5c8396b6246/1>. The Wednesday and Saturday testing sessions do not require prior registration.

#### Stop the Bleed - John, AA1SQ

This session is Monday at 9:00 for an hour. There is a limit of 10 students and a certificate of attendance will be given out to those who attend.