

WELCOME TO QUARTZFEST 2023

Dates : January 22nd thru 28th

The entire Q TEAM is looking forward to seeing you in a few days to join us on the desert floor, for QUARTZFEST 2023!

Let's start out with a word or two from Gordo...

BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT TO JOIN US.....

** INCOMING, call for talk in, if needed, on 146.550 MHz simplex, when you head south on 95. Check in with the BLM volunteer after the pavement ends.

** FIREWOOD - we have morning, afternoon, and evening campfires every day, so please drop off wood and logs at the main fire ring when you hit the sand. WE NEED FIREWOOD always!

** WELCOME TENT, check in, and be eligible for our many prize drawings.

** FINDS YOUR SPOT, and park it! If you need to run a generator for medical equipment reasons at night, park at a reasonable distance.

** NO STROBES, and douse bright porch lights - low and behold, the Milky Way may appear! Let the stars be your rig's light show, and embrace the dark.

** COMING EARLY, fine! We could use volunteers at the welcome tent. And speaking of tents, all seminars will be in sheltered seminar areas, out of the wind. But to keep germs at a minimum, no seminar tents, but a fabulous set of PA speakers at each seminar spot for all to hear. We have a nighttime big screen and PA for PowerPoint and movies.

WHAT MORE TO BRING??? lots!

** MOVIES, we need NOMADLAND on a DVD - bring it, and see where on Qsite they filmed much of it! Other RV movies always a treat.

** OPENING Sunday January 22, main fire ring.

** Monday morning , first seminar, Gordo talks TROPOSPHERIC DUCTING on the desert floor. BRING YOUR HT. Bring your chair and hats.

** METAL DETECTORS, bring 'em ! We will bury treasures for you to keep. Maybe a pull tab or two, too?

** TELESCOPES, and share some star shots. We will also have an ISS pass and 2m/437 MHz comms via FM cross band. Bring your HT on 437.800 RX.

** BINOCULARS for multi picoballoon launches

** VE CREDENTIALS, and learn about remote testing

** YOUR FRN if you are taking an exam, ham and commercial exams.

** POT LUCK FOODIES, and bring your own plates

** MEOWERS and BOWSERS et al for the pet parade

** GOLD PANS for panning for riches. REAL GOLD!

** HIKING GEAR FOR SOTA mountain tops

** bring your FAVORITE MUSICAL instrument - Russell has us all singing around a campfire this year.

** MOUNTAIN BIKES, and a repair session this year.

**CW KEYERS - bring or use a loaner for a fun class with Tracy and team.

** WARM JACKETs for evening seminars and the big screen movies

** LEARN ABOUT LED's from Roger and Kymmers, the light team. Lots of LIGHT demos!

** SEAT BELTS for the desert off road trippers

** CHANNEL 54 +/- COACH TV for ATV demos daily

** ARRL BADGES for Dick Norton and Rick's annual fireside special ARRL HQ and section talks

** SWAP MEET goodies that we all need, now over 2 days

** LOG BOOK for the special event station daily

** IN-TOWN RV SHOW WALKING SHOES, plus warm jacket.

**DARK GLASSES FOR THE SOLAR AND ANTENNA WALK ABOUTs, plus sun screen.

And....so much more!

WE have a camping area for tenters and car sleepers. This includes porta potties, but bring your own TP.

Stay tuned to 146.550 for daily seminar announcements, lost and found, trips to town, wants and needs.

Most important, do expect lots of FUN with fellow hams

AND NOW.....Here's the last word from Kris.....

Thank you, Gordo.0 That covered a lot of ground.

If you're coming in light, you may want to swing by the RV Pit Stop for propane, fresh reverse osmosis water and a place to dump tanks. The RV Pit Stop is a one stop shop for all of that. The Pit Stop is located about 5 or 6 blocks north of Main St in Quartzsite on the east side of US95. Their policies have changed over the years but I believe they're cash only for less than \$15.00.

In the past couple years there have been firewood vendors in Quartzsite. I can't remember their prices though.

For those of you tent campers, Porta Potties will be on site the afternoon of Friday the 20th. Please, if you are camping in your RV, utilize the restroom facilities in your RV and save the Porta Johns for out tent campers.

On either Thursday or Friday before kickoff, weather dependent, we'll be running into town to pick up our tent, bulletin board, PA systems, etc. and bringing them back to our Quartzfest area for setup. I say weather dependent because we don't want to be set up in the rain or high winds. We'll need about 5 trucks with empty beds to transport our equipment and bring it to Quartzfest for setup. We'll also need able bodied folks to help in setup once we return to the Quartzfest area.

Make sure you monitor 146.55 simplex for updates throughout the event.

Tracy has worked hard on putting together the schedule of events and seminars for this year and Kevin has posted the latest schedule on our website <http://quartzfest.org> Be sure you swing by the website to check it out

We're looking forward to seeing you all again this year for another fun filled week at Quartzfest.

73, see you soon

Kris – KR1SS