

# MINI **MONITOR** *FLASH*

Hi RCARA Hams

#17 January, 2023

Thursday January 12, 2023  
General Meeting by Zoom  
6pm  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

We're staring out the New Year with a Zoom meeting. RCARA President, John W7RSO, emailed a Zoom link in his Jan 3 email. If you didn't get it, email him at [jsteakman@hotmail.com](mailto:jsteakman@hotmail.com).

#### DUES FOR 2023

Bruce, W6SOW, sent out an email reminder about our \$25 membership dues. There is also a reminder on the website, [W6TJ.org](http://W6TJ.org), with application and instructions. Take a minute to renew!

#### OUTSIDE EVENTS IN JANUARY

Two groups are organizing events to read about that take place this month. We could discuss them at Zoom if you wish:

In Quartzite, AZ, the Quartzfest will be Jan 22 through Jan 28, 2023. Details on: [quartzfest.org](http://quartzfest.org).

The last full weekend of January is Winter Field Day, January 28 to 29, 2023.  
Starts 1900 UTC Saturday January 28th Ends 18:59 UTC Sunday January 29th  
See the website: [winterfieldday.com](http://winterfieldday.com).

#### OTHER STUFF

Did any of you get an interesting Ham-related gift over the holidays? Did you create a new gadget in your spare time? Zoom in and tell us about it.

Anyone studying for a higher level Ham exam? What are you aiming for?

For those of you who have been thinking about General or Extra, I bought a book that might give you incentive to expand your skills. It's called: "Ham Radio DX – A Complete Guide: How to go from Karaoke to a DXCC Rockstar", written by Luca Ford, a Ham from Northern California. His goal is to inspire us Ham's to enjoy making contacts around the world. It's a casual, conversational style of helping us be good at using our radio equipment as well as being courteous operators.

I bought the Kindle version on Amazon but he also has a printed version. I think I'd prefer the printed version because I could "Post-it" the pages I want to come back to and also the pictures would be clearer.

I'm learning a lot about HOW, WHEN and WHY to use all this equipment Effectively! I assume that he didn't use a retired English teacher to proof-read his punctuation, but I could "feel" his enthusiasm in trying to tell me how to succeed using what I have. I recommend this book to you.

Let's Zoom on Thursday!

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