



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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Secretary: Jim Kent KF6TYZ, Treasurer: Bill Tell KD6KTV,  
**Board Members:** Chris Johnson KI6LOD, Don Hamilton AD6NP, Tom Unwin WA6SSS  
**RACES EC:** Bill Baker KN6JV

## MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER APRIL - 2010

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**County wide Monthly Roll Call**

**First Monday of the Month**

*Will be on **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, Roll call normally starts around 1845 and ends when a stand-down order is issued.*

**All Mountain Roll Calls are conducted on the Idyllwild repeater 146.895(-) 118.8**

**April - Wednesday Roll Call  
is held at 1900 Hours**

*This month's callers are;*

7<sup>th</sup>: Jim KF6TYZ      14<sup>th</sup>: Tom WA6SSS  
21<sup>st</sup>: Bill KD6KTV    28<sup>th</sup>: Steve K6JSJ

**April Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

MHRC Board / Club / RACES: Thursday,  
April 8th, 6:30 PM All are welcome to attend any  
of the above meetings or call in on the nets.

### *President's Message*

At the March meeting, I presented a plaque to Bill Tell in recognition of the many ways he has worked to improve the MHRC.



He has been a board member for many years and as such has had many innovative ideas which he presented to the Club and then worked to carry them out. He increased our visibility in the community and to the general public with an improved web site, more contact with ARRL, name banners and more publicity in the Town Crier. He, Rick Foster and Chris Johnson brought our By-Laws up to date to take advantage of modern technology.



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He took over the Newsletter when Jim Kent's other obligations forced him to give it up and is doing that very well.

This year he is also the treasurer and the purchasing agent for the portable repeaters Tom Unwin and the club is building. He has been a big help and inspiration to me and the spark that keeps me going. Thank you, Bill

73, Vi Hallacy K6VBH  
MHRC President

### *General Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on March 11, 2010*

President Hallacy opened the meeting at 1830 hours with ten members present thereby constituting a quorum.

The Secretary's motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter was seconded and adopted.

The Treasurer presented and discussed the attached Finance Report. In response to a request by the Treasurer, a motion by Kent was seconded and adopted to authorize the Treasurer to obtain a debit card for use in paying for Club obligations when using a check was impractical. A further motion by Kent was seconded and adopted that when the amount being paid by use of the debit card exceed the amount requiring two signatures on a check, two signatures on a purchase order, invoice or similar document would fulfill the Bylaws requirement. The Treasurer's motion to accept his report was seconded and adopted.

It was agreed that a donation to the Club from the Rotary Ann's would be credited to the repeater account. Bill Tell announced that the ARRL-MHRC affiliation was being updated.

The tabled discussion of possible adoption of a Club T-shirt was dropped from lack of interest. Kent reported that he had received the Certification of Audit from Rick Foster; Christy Huss's signature was still required.

Bill Baker led a discussion of the pending Technician's Class License course. Many ideas were offered for consideration. A motion by Kent to allocate an amount not to exceed \$250 for manuals for the class was seconded and adopted. It was agreed that the Class should commence not later than April. The final class details concerning the class were undetermined at this meeting.

Tom Unwin reported that he has purchased some of the equipment for the repeaters and that he will be running a test on the transceivers. A general discussion of the technical variants of the project followed.

Bill Tell asked that Newsletter material reach him by March 20.

Staffing of the May 1-2 bike race was discussed by Bill Baker. Vi took names of those present who were volunteering for the project.

President Hallacy presented a plaque to Bill Tell recognizing his past and continuing service to the Club.

There being no further business to come before the membership, President Hallacy adjourned the meeting at 1944 hours.

J. M. KENT KF6TYZ  
MHRC Secretary



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### *RACES Report – Mountain District*

#### **NOTICE TO ALL RACES MEMBERS**

In view of the fact, that we have recently had a number of small and some not so small earthquakes, it would be advisable for all RACES members to download the most recently available **“RIVERSIDE COUNTY RACES MEMBERS MANUAL”**.

The manual is frequently being updated but the most recent copy can be found at [www.rivcoraces.org/](http://www.rivcoraces.org/).

This manual is very informative about RACES activities and should be read often by RACES members until they are familiar with all aspects of RACES operations. It also has a list of what you should have in what we have been calling your “Get-Away Bag”. It’s time for all of us to take a look at our “Bags” and see what we have taken out to use and not replaced, such as batteries and who knows what else. When the call comes we need to **BE PREPARED**.

**MAKE NO MISTAKE!  
AMATEUR RADIO HAS BEEN AND WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION  
FOLLOWING DISASTERS OR INCIDENTS.**

Bill Baker KN6JV Mountain District EC

### *Ham Radio License Class*

The Mile High Radio Club has scheduled an entry level Technician Class for those interested in obtaining their Ham Radio License.

Bill Baker (RACES Mountain District EC) has put together a full lesson plan with an introduction to Ham Radio scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

The entry level Technician Class is planned for three consecutive Saturdays beginning May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Final test is scheduled for Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteer Examiners will be on staff to administer all three levels; Technician, General and Extra.

All classes and testing will be held at the Idyllwild Fire Department Training Room.

Early sign ups are appreciated as books will need to be ordered and study materials prepared in advance. We will also be signing up new class members at the April 24<sup>th</sup> introduction to Ham Radio.

So please, get the word out to your friends, neighbors and family members that we have scheduled an entry level Ham Radio License Class.

***When all else fails, Ham Radio works!***

For more information please contact Bill Baker at 659-4366 or e-mail [mhrc@arrl.net](mailto:mhrc@arrl.net)

Bill Tell KD6KTV  
MHRC Treasurer - Newsletter Editor