



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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**Officers** - President: Bill Tell KD6KTV, Vice President: Wayne Laube KJ6HYC, Membership: Rick Foster KG6TIJ  
Secretary: Marilyn Peck KJ6IPT, Treasurer: Chris Johnson K6IDY  
**Board Members:** BJ Brix KJ6IPX, Tom Pierce K8EBR, Tom Unwin WA6SSS  
**RACES Emergency Coordinator:** Bill Baker KN6JV

## MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER APRIL - 2012

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### County wide Monthly Roll Call

#### First Monday of the Month

*Will be on April 2<sup>nd</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**

### March - Wednesday Roll Call

#### is held at 1900 Hours

**This month's callers are;**

4<sup>th</sup> : Tom WA6SSS

11<sup>th</sup>: Bill Kd6KTV

18<sup>th</sup> : Steve K6JSJ

25<sup>th</sup>: Chris N1OUT

### April Meeting @ Idyllwild Fire Department – Training Room

#### Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC / RACES: Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>

General Meeting at 6:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the above meetings or call in on the nets.

### Presidents Message

April 2012 report

The next few months will prove to be very busy for the club. We will need a number of volunteers to support the various communication efforts we put forward.

MDP is hosting a training exercise on April 14<sup>th</sup> and has asked for our participation. This will be an earthquake drill and we will need to staff IFPD and maybe some remote locations. This will provide the opportunity to get familiar with the radio gear at IFPD and message handling. If we can get enough radio operators, we could work Station 23 (Pine Cove) into the mix.

May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Spring Challenge Bike Race. This is always a fun event to participate in. We operate a number of remote sites between Hurkey Creek Campground, May Valley and South Ridge Trail. The bike course covers nearly 30 miles of dirt roads and single track trails. We record and report the various riders, their number and times through the check points, then relay the details back to race central.



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June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be the annual ARRL Field Day event. We set up along highway 243 next to the tree carver. This is a 24 hour national event, where we share with the public what Amateur Radio can do in times of disaster. During the event we make contacts with other stations across the country. Last year we reached from Hawaii clear to the east coast all on less than 100 watts of power.

All of these events will need coordination and a host of volunteers. Please start checking your schedules, as we will be looking for sign ups over the next few weeks. Send an e-mail or share your willingness to participate in any of the events during the weekly roll calls. Plus we will be asking for your support at the next couple of club meetings.

I'm also very excited about the programs Al Toering N6TEZ is bringing to the club. Al is working up the schedule and topics, hope to here more details during the April meeting. They should be very interesting and informative.

So with all that is going on in the club, please make it a point to get engaged with the activities, show up for the meetings and support the efforts with your ideas.

Bill Tell  
KD6KTV

### **Radio Club Minutes for General Meeting March 09, 2012**

#### CALL TO ORDER:

The Mile High Radio Club general meeting was called to order by Vice President Wayne Laube at 1834 hours with 18 members present, thereby constituting a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick Foster.

Previous minutes (February Meeting) were published in the February newsletter. Marilyn Peck called for any corrections or additions to the Minutes as published in the newsletter, hearing none, Rick Foster then moved to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Al Toering. There being no further discussion, the vote was taken approving the minutes unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurers report was read by Chris Johnson. Paul Miglin moved that it be accepted as read and Bill Baker seconded. Motion passed.

Chris Johnson is still in training, Bill Tell will continue to work with him.

Bill Tell called for a list of regularly scheduled payments to be approved now for this year if not exceeding amounts listed. Rick Foster moved to accept this suggestion and Chris Fourroux seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**D. (Tom Unwin) Marilyn Peck reported for the Audit Committee that they were not yet finished with the audit and request a due date extension to the next monthly meeting on March 8. Request granted by President Bill Tell.**

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Rick Foster stated that there is no membership report for March.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vi Hallacy reported that there will be a Radio Practice on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00.

*(Tackle 9.a)* Repeater interference – No report, Tom Unwin WA6SSS not present

*(Tackle 1)* Club Call Sign KD6OI – Bill Baker KN6JV: Our proposed change is a success and KD6OI is now official. Site WA6SSS is gone. We need to notify TASMA and AARL to get it in the books. Bill Tell is handling. However, the application needs to be resubmitted from a computer rather than handwritten.

RACES --Bill Baker KN6JV – RACES Emergency Coordinator: Nothing to report at this time.



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(Tackle 10.b) Programs Pending – Al Toering N6TEZ

1. Program chair is absent.

2. Fox Hunting presentation is pending.

E. (Tackle 10.d) By-Law Review – Reduce Business Time at Regular meetings – Wayne Laube KJ6HYZ and Rick Foster KG6TIJ – Board meeting creates all issues that are recorded in secretary's minutes.

Agenda sent in advance—then a “regular” meeting for fun, sharing, teaching and entertainment.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **To Tackle List MHRC 2012**

1. Fixed Site Repeater Inspections – Bill Baker KN6JV, Bill Tell KD6KTV, Tom Unwin WA6SSS – Need to do.

a. Announcement Updates

b. Equipment Upgrades – Tom Unwin

2. Portable Repeater Build – Tom Unwin WA6SSS – Absent Report Pending

a. Frequency Coordination

3. Club Roster – Rick Foster, Chris Johnson, Tom Pierce: To encourage all to participate and know each other. What to publish is the question.

a. Membership Package – Tom Pierce, Patti Blackman

b. Phone Tree – Tom Pierce

4. July & August meeting dates – Maybe Club Picnic's; Events Schedule to not interfere with Summer Concerts (5:00 – 5:30) – Thursday nights?

5. Communication Goals – Not addressed

a. New Forms

b. Digital Types

c. What are other RACES Districts doing?

6. Board Members & their Job Descriptions: Please submit an expanded outline that others can follow – an improvement from the Bylaws description.

7. ARRL Tech License Books for Sale – Bill Tell -- \$13.75 – there are 15ea. & expire 2014. Marilyn mentioned that there will be license training in Anza this spring and that they will purchase the books.

8. Yearly Schedule – Per Bylaws and Typical Events – Bill Tell

9. Sub-Committees – Some not yet filled.

a. Repeater Interference - Tom Unwin, Vi Hallacy, Bill Baker. No report Tom Unwin not present.

b. Programs – Al Toering

c. Treasurer Audit through January 2012 – Tom Unwin, Marilyn Peck

d. Bylaw Review, No discussion

e. Newsletter: Paul Miglin requests that you send any new and interesting stories and tidbits to be included in this coming Newsletter.

f. Historian – Vi Hallacy K6VBH

g. Hospitality – Kathy Hamilton K6MOM

h. Web Site Review, Updates & Suggestions – To be reviewed.

i. Volunteer Coordinator

j. Ways and Means – Need to raise money for equipment, etc.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None presented

### **PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

*Al Toering put on a very interesting movie presentation on*

*Fox Hunting*

## ***RACES NEWSLETTER***

### **Members Familiarization Exercise**

1. How may RACES be activated?

2. What does RACES mean?

3. Under what Deputy Chief is the Coachella Valley



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Emergency Coordinator?

4. What number should be called for an incident number after normal work hours?
5. Name one typical RACES Activity.
6. Where can you find net frequencies?
7. Name one typical operator assignment.
8. What should the uniform shirt be?
9. Where should the RACES ID badge be affixed on the uniform shirt?
10. What color should full-length trousers be?
11. What color should jackets be?
12. What headgear is regulation?
13. When may RACES uniforms be worn?
14. What is the first thing you do before responding to any emergency?
15. How should you present yourself?
16. Where can leadership and general membership rosters be obtained?
17. What is the Corona secondary frequency?
18. What is the HF morning to afternoon frequency for the Perris ECC?
19. What is the Palo Verde District frequency and PL?

Paul Miglin/KG6TIL, for Bill while he is recovering from elective surgery. So to help take off some of his burdens here is a bit of practice and a mental exercise to help get you thinking outside of the box and out of comfort zones.

Answers can be found here

<http://www.rivcoraces.org/index.htm>

### **Editors Notes**

Yes, sorry for this getting out as late as it is, storms that happen on the weekends really mess things up at Caltrans; anyways here is the notes and links for those that were not able to be at the last MHRC Training.

#### T-Hunting or Fox Hunting

The book is “Transmitter Hunting: Radio Direction Finding Simplified” by Joseph Moel (1987) – amazon lists it for \$24.95

<http://www.qsl.net/n/n6bg/thunt/>

and

<http://www.homingin.com/>

by Joe Moel – K0OV

Thank you AI for the Presentation.

## **WANTED**

### **People to work the Spring Challenge Bike Race**

IF interested, or want to work the event please let us know or come to the MHRC training on April 12<sup>th</sup> ;so we can cover all the locations that they are requesting for the event. It is great practice, you get to work outside, use your radio outside of the house or shack, practice your radio message handling and oh ya, watch a great event also.

Paul Miglin  
KG6TIL