



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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## MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER AUGUST - 2009

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### August – Wednesday Roll

#### Callers held at 1900 Hours:

5<sup>th</sup>: Tom WA6SSS      12<sup>th</sup>: Pat KG6AVZ  
19<sup>th</sup>: Bill KD6KTV      26<sup>th</sup>: Jim KF6TYZ

### County wide Monthly Roll Call

*Will be on August 3<sup>rd</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.*

### August Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire

#### Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Board: Thursday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

MHRC/RACES: Thursday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

All are welcome to attend any of the above meetings.

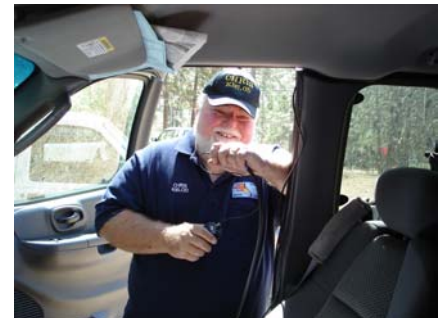
## Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Year of Service MHRC! Let's see another 20!



### Field Day – 2009

Here we are setting up the 2 meter beam. Later during the event we turned it towards Lily Rock and were able to hit points in San Diego and LA sections. We made a total of 13 contacts on the 2 meter band.

Chris Johnson KI6LOD trying out his new amplifier on his 2 meter mobile rig. He by far had the most 2 meter contacts.



As for our points this year we scored a total of 870 bonus points and hit a total of 159 phone QSO's. The QSO break down was 8 on 80 meters, 80 on 40 meters, 58 on 20 meters and 13 on 2 meters. Kudos to all who participated.



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### *Message from Bill Baker*

We're galloping thru the year way too fast but that is not under our control.

The fire season is 365 days long now but the drier conditions ahead shouts strong notices. Among them is --

“STAY READY TO BE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATORS”.

Know your equipment and where it is.

Be sure it's in operating condition.  
Have power sources on hand and fully charged.

Have your RACES ID with you or at hand.

Have a “go pack” ready with essentials. It may take 2 smaller packs; one communications and one personal support (usually considered a 2 day supply). *Note: there is a recommended list in the RACES manual (rivcoraces.org).*

Know how to set up our emergency radios at Station 23 and IFPD plus the red radio boxes.

Know general message handling routines including phonetics.

Checking in on the weekly net is a way to check you radio system.

Also:

**HAVE EVACUATION SUPPLIES ON HAND**  
You need to tailor your EVACPAC to your particular needs.

Often these packs get raided over time and need to be rehabilitated. How's yours?

Is your list up to date including the location of items you might want to take with you along with a priority for time allowed?

Contact list, funds, medications, water etc.

I welcome your input on the following suggestion. NOT LIMITED TO RACES MEMBERS.

After the weekly roll call have a 10 minute (or so) input forum of suggestions for being prepared, communications equipment suggestions and a brief message handling and phonetics drill message.

I think this would bring our Mountain closer together and get some workable ideas circulated.

Is it worth a try? Let me know at [kn6jv@verizon.net](mailto:kn6jv@verizon.net)

Bill Baker - EC Mountain District

### *MINUTES OF THE MILE HIGH RADIO CLUB/ RACES MEETING July 9, 2009*

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Unwin. There were 5 members present. A motion was made by Bill Baker to approve the minutes as published in the Newsletter and seconded by Bill Tell and passed unanimously.

Bill Tell reported he received a correspondence from Larry Grable thanking him for the invitation to Field Day and stating he was unable to attend. Bill also reported that he talked to Karen Doshier about having a booth at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and was told we did not need to make any donation but it was an opportunity to participate in a community event. Vi gave Bill T. the card which had to be filled out and returned.



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There was a lengthy discussion about the purchase of a portable back pack repeater. Tom would like the Board of Directors to review the purpose of the unit, what we want the repeater to do. He said the possible cost of the suggested equipment would be \$2,500. Bill Baker made a motion to allow an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to start the project of the portable backpack repeater. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Rick Foster said he knew about a mast which would be good which he would buy and donate to the project.

Bill Tell gave an unofficial report about Field Day. There were 13 2m contacts, 147 HF contacts. We reached Alberta, Canada and Vermont on HF. Of the visitors who signed the list, 78% were ham operators. There was one family who came who had a son that was very interested and got on the air. He was given a list of contacts he could make where he lived so he could pursue his interest further. Bill said the left over drinks were given to the Idyllwild Concert Series in exchange for the publicity about the Club.

There was a short break and then the RACES meeting began.

The RACES meeting was called to order by Bill Baker, KN6JV, Mountain District E.C. He announced that he had submitted a 214 form about the Field Day activities.

Tom Unwin, WA6SSS, asked Bill B. why our repeater was not listed as a RACES repeater. Bill B. said he would check into that.

The Foxhunt which was scheduled for next Saturday is postponed indefinitely

Bill B. said there was a quarterly RCRC meeting scheduled next Wednesday and he and Bill Tell, KD6KTV, are planning to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 1945.

The next meeting will held on August 13, 2009, at 1830 at the Idyllwild Fire Station.

73, Vi Hallacy K6VBH

### *Up-Coming Events Schedule:*

**August 22 & 23 – Jazz Festival.** Need 3 operators each shift (2 shifts each day). This is a RACES event. I will need to know in advance if you will participate since there is some administrative work that needs to be done.

Be sure to check out the clubs web site at [www.milehighradioclub.org/activities](http://www.milehighradioclub.org/activities) for additional information related to these great events.

Thank you, Bill Baker KN6JV

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

**In view of the fact, that we live in earthquake country, 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/).**

Respectively submitted, Bill Tell KD6KTV