



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER AUGUST - 2010

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County wide Monthly Roll Call

First Monday of the Month

Will be on August 2nd, 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 - Wednesday Roll Call

is held at 1900 Hours

This month's callers are;

4th: Vi K6VBH 11th: Jim KF6TYZ
18th: Tom WA6SSS 25th: Bill KN6JV

August Meetings @ Idyllwild
Fire

Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Board / Club / RACES: Thursday,
August 12th, 6:30 PM All are welcome to attend
any of the above meetings or call in on the nets.

President's Message

The MHRC is growing rapidly and it leaves me breathless. With the addition of 14 new hams to membership, we now have 53 members. These newly licensed hams are eager to get their radios and then eager to learn all they can as rapidly as they can. Several club members have generously given their time to help these people get started and talking on the radio. It can be very scary for some people to make that first QSO and others jump right in and talk like an expert.

Wednesday night Roll Call has expanded considerably and responses by the new people grow every week. We will continue to have teaching sessions after Club meetings and during the week as long as needed and Newbie's are coming. It is gratifying to see their faces light up when they hear the comeback response to their first venture talking on the radio

Tom Unwin is making good progress in getting the portable repeater built and it was used during the 4th of July Parade for some of the communications. I appreciate all the people who are working so hard to make the MHRC an active and growing organization.

Thanks to all of you.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH
MHRC President
RACES – Mountain District – AEC



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General Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on July 8th, 2010

Due to the Secretary's absence notes were taken by Vi Hallacy and minutes are much abbreviated.

There was one correction to the June minutes. New members have a choice of paying dues of \$7.50 for the rest of the year or \$15.00 for the rest of this year and all of 2011.

Fourteen applicants for membership were presented to the group and all were voted into membership. The new members are: B.J. Brix KJ6IPX, Reba Coulter KJ6IPH, Michael Feyder KJ6IPM, Chris Fourroux N1OUT, John Hauer K6CEH, Tom Huss KJ6IPN, Adriel Johnson KJ6IPO, Wayne Laube KJ6HYC, Bobbi McLaughlin KI6JZT and Judi Millin KJ6IPR, Charlotte Myers KJ6IQR, Rey Reyes KJ6IPV, Thomas Rockland KJ6IPW, and Carole Toering KJ6IPF.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

We received an invitation to speak at a future IFPD Board meeting. President Vi Hallacy will follow up with the IFPD Board.

Stater Bros of Hemet will help with future field day supplies or similar functions, as we are a non profit organization. We need to fill out an application and submit 2-4 weeks prior to our required purchase dates.

Field Day report was incomplete. Will be ready next month

Christy Huss, Bill Baker and Paul Miglin volunteered for the Nominating Committee for 2011 Officers and Board Members.

Tuesday evening, July 20 was selected as the next training for new hams.

Bill Baker asked for volunteers for Jazz Festival.

Delicious refreshments courtesy of Colleen Tell

Vi Hallacy K6VBH
MHRC President

RACES Report – Mountain District

Races Mountain District News and Information

After the MHRC meeting on August 12th I will have a meeting with the RACES members regarding a communications exercise to be conducted on August 21st.

After that meeting a short meeting with those signed up for communications at the Jazz Festival.

Not all RACES members will participate in these events but it will be to your benefit to get information that will help with future communications events. This meeting will count as credit for attending a RACES Mountain district Meeting.

Two events are up-coming this month and both will involve communications activity.

First – on August 21st there will be a communications test designed to exercise our ability to accurately pass messages from disaster preparedness organizations to various points within the Anza and Mountain districts.

Part of the communications exercise will be conducted by MDP (Idyllwild area), Anza, possibly Pinyon, Poppet Flats, Aguanga and Lake Riverside and The AEOC Indio.



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The whole exercise purpose is getting messages from one group to another thru as many points as possible and getting the whole message accurate. Inaccurate messages in a disaster can be life threatening, resource wasting and delay getting help where it is really needed.

The message will be started at one point, relayed through 2 or more points and then to RACES for forwarding to Indio. Operators are expected to be sure they have sent the message correctly and that it has been received correctly. Additionally is the issue of accurately and legibly recording the message on ICS213 forms.

The result will be checked by collecting all message forms and comparing the written text thru the chain of relays.

The second event will be communications at the Local Jazz Festival August 28th and 29th where RACES and MHRC radio operators will again conduct the communications needed for the event's many message handling.

This portion of the meeting will be to review the general operation and what part we play in communications for the Festival.

Bill Baker KN6JV
Mountain District EC

Elmer – Improving Your Radio Shack

In order to improve your radio shack you are going to have to spend MONEY. This article is about how new hams can try to save money when buying radio equipment.

One way is buy strange Chinese stuff on ebay no one has ever heard of with any resale value that no one knows how to use. Another way to save is to buy real old stuff on eBay that no one has a manual for has no resale value that no one knows how to use.

I have also been given stuff from hams that they don't want anymore which is a variation of the previous two methods of getting new stuff.

Now on to more productive ways for you to save money. On www.eham.com and www.arrl.com they have classified ads. On these web sites they have to include their call signs which can be traced. Also they are fellow members of the ham radio community and are less likely to rip you off. I personally have purchased things on these web sites with no trouble.

www.hamstation.com also has used equipment for sale. The giant ham radio chain HRO has used equipment for sale on their web site and at their stores that I have purchased. There are monthly swap meets in Redondo Beach and Rancho Cucamonga listed on the Anaheim HRO store bulletin board. Ham radio conventions have swap meets.

The San Diego ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention (www.sandarc.org) will be held on September 17th, 18th and 19th and will have a swap meet I am looking forward to.

When explaining to your significant other how much money you spent it helps to say you got it used and tried to save money. Also paying in untraceable cash or spreading it out on three different credit cards helps.

Good hunting.

Chris Johnson KI6LOD
Board Member