



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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Officers - President: Vi Hallacy K6VBH, Vice President: Vacant, Membership: Rick Foster KG6TIJ

Secretary: Christy Huss KG6AVU, Treasurer: Bill Tell KD6KTV,

Board Members: Chris Johnson K6IDY, Wayne Laube KJ6HYC, Tom Unwin WA6SSS

RACES EC: Bill Baker KN6JV

MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER

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County wide Monthly Roll Call

First Monday of the Month

*Will be on **August 1st**, Roll call normally starts around 1845 and ends when a stand-down order is issued. July's was cancelled*

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;

3rd: Vi K6VBH 10th: Tom WA6SSS
17th: John K6CEH 24th: Chris N1OUT
31st: Al N6TEZ

August Meeting @ Idyllwild Fire Department – Training Room

Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC / Club / RACES: Thursday August 11th
General Meeting at 6:30 PM

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

Message to All Members

Where does the time go? Well one thing we do know, it is time to consider what position or task you would like to tackle for the year 2012. The Mile High Radio Club (MHRC) needs some new faces on the board. We have openings for Officers and Board Members. If you have ever thought you would like to be involved with a vibrant organization, if you have an applicable background, or would like to expand your horizon, please feel free contact one of us.

Over the past couple of years our membership has swelled to over 50 members. The attendance at the meetings has been growing again. This trend is excellent and we must keep it up. New ideas are needed and fresh thinking at the top is vital to the continued success of the MHRC and the local Mountain District RACES.

So if you have ever considered offering up your volunteer services, please speak up and let one of us know what position or task you would like to take on or even be a shadow to a position. Many of the positions are very simple to perform, they just require a little bit of extra effort from time to time.

Are you the organized type, good with numbers? What computer skills do you have? Do you like writing letters or enjoy putting together newsletters? Are you well versed in public speaking or public relations? Maybe you can



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serve as part of the technical committee? Maybe you would enjoy teaching a class at some point?

The positions and possibilities are endless. Start thinking and count on a phone call or an e-mail by one of us over the next couple weeks. We want to hear from all of our members with your suggestions and thoughts on what you can provide for the future of our club.

Thank you,

Wayne waynelaube@gmail.com

Rick rick.foster@verizon.net

Bill wtell@surfcity.net

2012 Nomination Committee

Mile High Radio Club Board & General Meeting Minutes Meetings Held on July 14th

1804 - Board Meeting opened by President Vi Hallacy - 8 members were in attendance

Selection of nominating committee and chair for committee - Committee: Rick Foster, Wayne Laube, and Bill Tell chair person to be selected by the committee. Motion to accept the committee - Vi Hallacy Ayes: all Nays: none

Electronic list of members - discussion

Bill Tell is gathering monies for the Radio Class, books, testing and hall rental. Bill Baker will collect the full amount and make distributions where they belong.

1830 - Regular Radio Club meeting opened by President Vi Hallacy There were 11 members in attendance and one guest, Bob Luther, KI6KJG, from Palomar.

Pledge of Allegiance - Wayne Laube

Minutes of June 9th in newsletter – Motion to approve Rick Foster Second – Bill Baker

Treasurer's report for 7/13/2011 – Treasurer Bill Tell reported on this month's activity and noted that ARRL Affiliated Clubs receive a commission for every new ARRL membership and renewal they submit to ARRL Headquarters. Clubs retain a portion of the dues for each regular membership submitted to ARRL Headquarters: Clubs retain \$15 for each new membership Clubs retain \$2 for each renewal.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Rick Foster Second – Wayne Laube Ayes: all Nays: none

Correspondence - Chip Wallace, W6POO, was at Field Day and would like to join, he will submit an application. Bruce Yoho, RACES EC Anza, submitted an application

Motion to accept Bruce Yoho as a member - Rick Foster Second - Bill Baker Ayes: all Nays: none

Old Business -

The Portable repeater is waiting for metal to be delivered.

Field trip to Table Mountain in Anza – no new information is available.

Main Repeater - parts for the main repeater are being ordered. The power strips on the weather station are causing problems and rewiring needs to be done.

Motion to approve \$400 maintenance fees for the fixed site - Rick Foster Second - Bill Tell Ayes: all Nays: none

Bill Baker noted that the repeater will soon change to the new sign KD6OI.

Tom Pierce and Tom Unwin are monitoring interference from Orange County.



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Field Day - Bill Tell said the events and particulars of the day are in the July News Letter.

4th of July Parade - Vi Hallacy reported that all went well and thanked Tom Unwin for last minute participation.

Training and Field Exercises - Bill Baker noted training and exercises would be postponed until after the radio class.

Contact list - Bill Tell reported that about 40% of the club responded, the list will go to members only not to the website.

New Business -

Radio class – Monies and distribution of monies was discussed. About 43 students have signed up to participate. Test dates are August 13th and 14th.

Jazz Festival - is held on the last full weekend in August - a sign up sheet was passed around. An email will be sent out for members to sign up ASAP.

Thanks to Judi Milin for the cookies.

1930 - Motion to adjourn - Bill Baker Second - Wayne Laube

Christy Huss KG6AVU
MHRC Secretary

RACES Report – Mountain District

Hello August! What did you do with July?

Busy times what with getting the new Amateur Radio Technician class put together. It got off to a rocky start with less than half of those who had listed themselves for the class showing up for the registration session.

Hopefully there will be a better turnout for the 1st class-session / registration July 30. We have been fortunate to get permission to use a very nice facility in Garner Valley for the class and test. Final testing will be on Sunday August 14th.

After passing their test and getting radios, the new hams will need help, training and support! So all of you licensed hams need to sharpen your skills in setting frequencies and using proper communications techniques – remember - those proper ways to talk, handle messages and proper protocols for casual communications.

It doesn't matter how complacent and secure you feel about not having any emergencies to address, YET -- that day is likely to occur in your lifetime.

Amateur communications may not be the ONLY system up but it is likely to be the most reliable and you hams will be key to communications that works!

Bill Baker KN6JV
Mountain District EC – RACES