



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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Officers - President: Vi Hallacy K6VBH, Vice President: Christy Huss KG6AVU, Membership: Rick Foster KG6TIJ
Secretary: Jim Kent KF6TYZ, Treasurer: Bill Tell KD6KTV,
Board Members: Chris Johnson KI6LOD, Don Hamilton AD6MP, Tom Unwin WA6SSS
RACES EC: Bill Baker KN6JV

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December – Wednesday Roll

Callers held at 1900 Hours:

2nd: Rick KG6TIJ 9th: Bill KD6KTV
16th: Vi K6VBH 23rd: Chris KI6LOD
30th: Bill KN6JV

County wide Monthly Roll Call

Will be on December 7th, 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.

January Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire

Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Board / Club / RACES: Thursday,
January 14th, 6:30 PM All are welcome to attend
any of the above meetings or call in on the nets.



MHRC Board 2010

The Mile High Radio Club has installed their 2010 Board. After descending the mountain (just kidding!) in the background, the installation took place at the November 12th meeting. This years Board consists of, back row; Board Member Don Hamilton AD6MP, Secretary Jim Kent KF6TYZ, Membership Director Rick Foster KG6TIJ, Treasurer Bill Tell KD6KTV, Board Member Chris Johnson KI6LOD. Front row; Board Member Tom Unwin WA6SSS, President Vi Hallacy K6VBH, Vice President Christy Huss KG6AVU, RACES Mountain Emergency Coordinator Bill Baker KN6JV.



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Dues are Due

Club dues are due; it's time to renew your membership. This year we have raised the clubs dues to \$15.00 for an individual and \$25.00 for a household. This is the first increase in over 5 years. Associate membership is now \$7.50 per individual or \$25.00 maximum per household.

MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Unwin at 1835. There were 15 members in attendance. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the last Newsletter by a motion made by Rick Foster and seconded by Bill Tell and by a unanimous vote.

Bill Baker sent a letter to the Rotary Club thanking them for the invitation to speak at their meeting. His talk was very well received and stimulated questions and a discussion following it. We received a letter with a check for \$1,800 from the Idyllwild Community Fund and Vi wrote them a thank you letter.

Bill Tell went through the first three amendments to the By-Laws which were approved at the October meeting and then read the proposed changes to the last 2 proposals. Proposal number 4 was approved and proposal number 5 was approved with minor changes as noted on the attached page

Tom Unwin reported no progress had been made on the portable repeater but promised to have a list by the weekend and expected to have the project finished by spring. Don Hamilton, Bill Baker and Paul stated they were willing to help. Bill Tell said he would help to find the best buys.

Rick Foster made a motion to elect the entire slate of officers and board as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Johnson and passed unanimously and officers and board

were installed informally by President Tom Unwin.

A report on the Health Fair was given by Bill Tell who reported attendance was down from last year but some valuable contacts were made.

The application for membership by Al Toering from Anza was approved and his payment of dues accepted.

An increase of dues from \$12 single and \$20 family to \$15 single and \$25 family was discussed and passed. Dues already paid for next year will be accepted at the old rate.

Chris Johnson has passed the exam for his Extra Class license and gave a short talk on how the classes by Gordon West were conducted.



We will have a booth at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and volunteers are needed. Chris Johnson, Vi Hallacy, Bill Baker and Bill Tell volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned at 1950 to enjoy refreshments furnished by Bill Baker.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2010 at 1830 at the Idyllwild Fire Station.



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The RACES meeting was called to order by Bill Baker, KN6JV, at 1910. He handed out the new RACES cards to those who had not yet received them. No business was conducted to save time for training on setting up the radios at the Idyllwild Fire Station. The meeting was adjourned at 1940. See above for the next meeting.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH

ARRL Membership

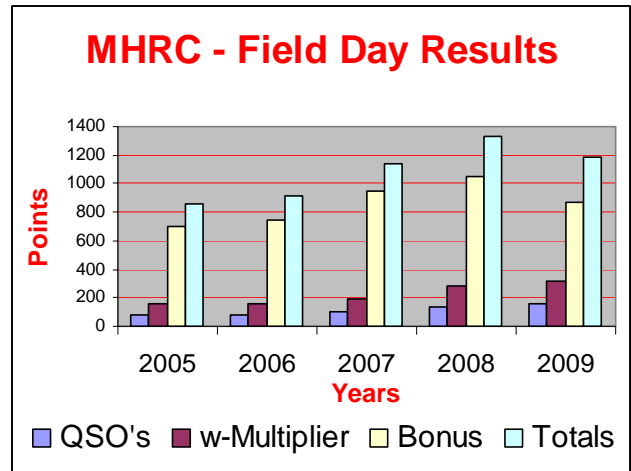
The ARRL Membership program is still offering rebates to affiliated clubs. For ARRL affiliation, our club needs to maintain a 51% level of club members also belonging to ARRL. Our affiliation with ARRL provides a reduced equipment insurance rate. As we know our insurance policy in the past has paid for damaged equipment due to electrical storms. Through your new or renewed membership with ARRL the MHRC will receive either \$15 or \$2 depending on your ARRL status. Not only will you be supporting the ARRL and their national efforts you will receive an excellent monthly magazine full of information about amateur radio and all of the latest technology.

You must fill out the Membership Application form for use by ARRL Affiliated Clubs, please see the attached PDF file or enclosure. ARRL Memberships can be handled one of two ways. They can either be sent directly to ARRL or they can be funneled through the MHRC. I would suggest running your ARRL membership through the MHRC, save a stamp and drop it off at the next club meeting or give Bill Tell a call at 951-659-4438. Write your check out to the MHRC with *memo ARRL Membership*. And in turn the club will send all applications along to the ARRL with a single check, minus our rebate.

Field Day Report - June 2009

Field Day results are in from across the country. Check your December edition of QST; we are located on page 73. We operated a category 3A station. In short, we are a club with 3 transmitters in operation. This year we made a total of 159 QSO contacts, all of which were done using less than 100 watts of power. Including our bonus points for public display, portable power and publicity we totaled 1,188 points.

Our results for the past 5 years are shown below. We have shown steady increases in our QSO's over the past 5 years.



When compared to all participants in section Orange we placed 24th this year out of 45 entrants. A very good score for just 10 participants, many of the other organizations averaged 20 plus operators. Hats off to all and be thinking about what you would like to see at Field Day in 2010.

Happy Holidays, Bill Tell KD6KTV