



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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Officers - President: Vi Hallacy K6VBH, Vice President: John Hauer K6CEH, Membership: Rick Foster KG6TIJ
Secretary: Bobbi McLaughlin KI6JZT, Treasurer: Bill Tell KD6KTV,
Board Members: Chris Johnson K6IDY, Wayne Laube KJ6HYC, Tom Unwin WA6SSS
RACES EC: Bill Baker KN6JV

MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER DECEMBER - 2010

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County wide Monthly Roll Call

First Monday of the Month

*Will be on **December 6th**, 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

December - Wednesday Roll Call

is held at 1900 Hours

This month's callers are;

1st: Danielle KI6DDR 8th: Bill KD6KTV
15th: Jerry KG6TIS 22nd: Rick KG6TIJ
29th: Bill KN6JV

January Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire

Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Board / Club / RACES: Thursday

January 13th, 6:30 PM All are welcome to attend any of the above meetings or call in on the nets.

President's Message

The year 2010 has been a very good year for the MHRC. We nearly doubled our membership because Bill Baker's very successful radio class produced 26 new ham radio operators.

The portable repeater is operable and soon to be completed by Tom Unwin.

We have a great group of officers for next year with the exception of a secretary. Still waiting for a volunteer to fill the secretary's position.

I want remind everyone to continue to participate in Roll call on Wednesday evening and to keep your radios turned on when the weather is bad. Someone out there may need your help.

Stay warm and happy and have a wonderful holiday.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH
MHRC President
RACES – Mountain District – AEC

General Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on November 11th, 2010

Meeting opened 1840 by Vi Hallacy

There were 12 members in attendance and no guests



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October 14th minutes in newsletter
Motion to approve with no corrections or changes - Don Hamilton Second - Kathy Hamilton
Ayes: all Nays: none

Treasurer's report for 11/06/2010 as given - noting purchase of TEXAS-PO115
Motion to approve - Don Hamilton Second Kathy Hamilton
Ayes: all Nays: none

Correspondence - none

Old Business -
Installation of officers Viola Hallacy - President, John Hauer - Vice President, Bobbi McLaughlin - Secretary, Bill Tell - Treasurer, Rick Foster - Membership, Tom Unwin, Wayne Laube, and Chris Johnson - Directors and Bill Baker as EOC RACES (Secretary McLaughlin has not been at any recent meetings - position might need to be temporarily filled until her return)

Repeater Call Sign Change –
Bill Baker volunteered to be trustee for the change of the repeater call sign. Because the requested call sign (KD6OI) was an Extra Class call sign, an Extra Class operator would have to be designated as the Trustee. Motion to approve position change - Al Toering Second - Don Hamilton
Ayes: all Nays: none

ARES Perris request to use club repeater for their weekly, Thursday night roll call – discussion
Motion to ask an ARES officer to come to a regularly held MHRC meeting to give more information and expectations and answer questions - Al Toering Second - C. Huss
Opposed - Kathy Hamilton and Chris Johnson
Abstain - Paul Miglin and Judi Milin
Ayes carried motion

Motion to shelve the problem of usage - Chris Johnson Second - none Motion - failed

Bill Baker volunteered to contact ARES Perris and invite them to the January 13th meeting

Fox Hunt - discussion - A new exercise will be planned when weather becomes milder

Portable repeater - no new report at this time

Roll Call for 2011 - volunteers needed - sign up sheet passed around

New Business -
Chris Johnson reports that a Ham fest with seminars and antenna contest will be held the weekend of January 23rd and 24th at Quartzsite, camping is permitted. Also the Desert Rats will be holding a swap meet with used equipment January 29th

Guests Speakers –
Motion to create a committee to bring in guest speakers for club meetings – Al Toering
Second - John Hauer
Ayes: all Nays: none

Chris Johnson noted that he has available overnight accommodations for guest speakers not wishing to drive back down the Hill at night

New equipment inventory for Insurance –

Chris Johnson and Paul Miglin agreed to help Bill Baker and Bill Tell with inventory

Refreshment sign up list for 2011

Training - Bill Baker gave training on how antennas send messages from transmitter to receiver
Motion to adjourn 20:15 - Vi Hallacy Second - Al Toering

Christy Huss KG6AVU
Acting MHRC Secretary



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RACES Report – Mountain District

Well we did it again – lasted thru almost the entire year without major events.

Thanks to all the RACES and MHRC members who participated in roll calls, classes, meetings, field day and the fox hunt.

It all goes toward being more prepared for an actual wide-spread or even personal event. Speaking of that, has your preparedness gear, food, water, communications equipment taken a hit from non use, overuse or pilfering for other use? Good time to think about shaping it back up to a “ready for use” status.

The 2011 roll call will be released shortly. I have received only 2 responses (to date) indicating all is well with the doc – none negative. The issue package will consist of the roll call calendar, the preamble for before, during and following roll call, info for the year which has several components. Such as: The roll call date(s), the caller’s call sign, other dates for the monthly roll call * (Conducted by the District EC) and the date for regular Club Meetings. It also includes slots for you to fill in your roll call date, time, your call sign and the count. It is important to note that this district uses the same sheet for any emergency call-up roll call. Roll Call update sheets will be issued as needed during the year. If possible save it on the computer in a file you can remember.

* The monthly (1st Monday of the month) roll call is conducted by the RACES Primary and Alternate EOC’s. It is held monthly usually starting around 1845 hrs. When you answer up I need your location as the street you are on and the nearest cross street (or “mobile”). You are put on standby until roll call is completed within the county (usually by 1930) The purpose of the roll call is to determine how many operators can be contacted at that time if it were an emergency. You do not need to be RACES member to participate. Our local part of the roll

call is held on our repeater 146.895 (-) 118.8. The County EOC part is held on 223.880 (-) 110.9 (its ok to listen to that portion but do not key-up).

HAVARADIOON? (new word)

A lot of us (me included) have slipped into not monitoring our radios during the day. We get busy and often don’t carry the HT with us. The downside to that is that we really are not ready for an emergency or a call with information from those traveling. We can and should do better.

Questions: Answers in next issue.

(1) When is it normally best to hold your HT radio horizontal when transmitting?

- a) When it’s driving. b) At dawn or dusk.
- c) When calling a distant station. d) Never

(2) What is the frequency of the Tone used on the MHRC repeater?

- a) one thousand one hundred eighteen point eight cycles per second
- b) one hundred eighteen thousand point eight cycles per second
- c) one hundred eighteen point eight cycles per second

Bill Baker KN6JV
Mountain District EC - RACES

The Repeater Site – Pine Cove

The Mile High Radio Club (MHRC) fixed site repeater is located on Pine Cove Water District property along Marion Ridge. This site contains many forms of communications ranging from Telephone to Cable TV spread over several acres. This site provides excellent communication range towards the North, West and South. Points include Santa Monica to San Diego and points in between.



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Below is the building our (MHRC) repeater is housed in. Our repeater is not the only repeater inside the building. Both the Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) and the Mountain Radio Network (MRN) house their repeaters inside as well. The platform on top provides excellent access to all of the antennas, solar panels plus the Pine Cove Water District's new weather station.



The MHRC Repeater is in excellent working order. We (the MHRC) perform monthly inspections to the site. We check and monitor the Solar Charge output, Battery condition, Antennas, Cables and overall facility inspection.

When maintenance is required on our repeater we budget and tend to it quickly. You never know when the next storm may move in!



The photo above is a look into the MHRC Repeater cabinet. It contains a controller, radio, charge controller, power supply, tuned cavities and a 250 pound 12 volt battery.

Many kudos go out to all who support and maintain the MHRC repeater. Without an operational repeater in good working order, our emergency communications would be shut down.

The Pine Cove Water District also deserves a warm thank you. For without them this site would never have been possible.

All the best to everyone throughout the Holidays and may you have a Happy New Year.

Bill Tell KD6KTV
MHRC Editor