



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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**RACES Emergency Coordinator:** Bill Baker KN6JV

# MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY - 2012

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### County wide Monthly Roll Call

#### First Monday of the Month

*Will be on February 6<sup>th</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**

### February - Wednesday Roll Call

#### is held at 1900 Hours

**This month's callers are;**

1<sup>st</sup> : Vi K6VBH

8<sup>th</sup>: TBD

15<sup>th</sup>: TBD

22<sup>th</sup>: Steve K6JSJ

29<sup>th</sup>:TBD

### February Meeting @ Idyllwild

#### Fire Department – Training Room Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC / RACES: Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>

General Meeting at 6:30 PM

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

### Message from an Ex-President

It felt very strange but good not to be sitting up in front of you at the last meeting .I am enjoying the freedom from responsibility and knowing I have left that burden on Bill Tell's broad and competent shoulders. If everyone who accepted a position in the new governing body does their job to best of their ability, I feel confident we will have a new and exciting year ahead of us.

Onward and upward. Vi, K6VBH

### Presidents Message

The year has got off to a great start. Towards the end of last year our Technical Committee identified some needs for our Fixed Site Repeater and our Field Box Radios. Both the Rotary Club and Rotary Ann's of Idyllwild have provided some very nice donations to the club that will go along ways towards these requirements. If you know of anyone in these organization's please pass along our warm thanks.



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This past weekend a number of our members (at least a dozen by my count) visited the Palm Springs Hamfest. The weather was perfect, no wind and about 75 degrees. There was a lot of gear to look over and many friends to visit with. Inside they had a number of vendors, including Yausu, Byonics and HRO plus a full host of others. A number of you picked up some items from your wish list. If you did not attend this year, plan on making the trip to next year's event, it's a blast.

After January's meeting a number of you have stepped up to volunteer for positions on the "To Tackle List". A number of you have also offered to assist in training others in their new positions, which is wonderful. The show of support is great, and we can use some additional help. So we will plan to discuss this further at the upcoming meetings. The hope is to fill all of the areas, as our membership has expanded over the past few years.

We would also like to push towards training our radio operators and increase our role in RACES. I'm sure Bill Baker will be discussing this at some point. Most recently Riverside County dropped off some new portable radio gear for the Mountain District. Bill Baker and I learned about this at the recent quarterly RACES meeting held in Beaumont. Not sure of the specifics just yet, or who will be responsible for its insurance or ownership. So we have a few questions out to the RACES leadership regarding the equipment and the lines of responsibility for the equipment. Hopefully we will have further details for the February meeting.

Thank you for all the support that has come forward, it has been great. Vi Hallacy has left

some big shoes to fill. Without the efforts of all, those shoes will be a challenge to fill.

Bill Tell  
KD6KTV

### ***Mile High Radio Club Board & General Meeting Minutes Meetings Held on November 10<sup>th</sup>***

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mile High Radio Club general meeting was called to order by President Bill Tell at 1830 hours with 22 members present, thereby constituting a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick Foster.

Previous minutes (December Meeting) were published in the January newsletter. Bill called for any corrections or additions to the Minutes as published in the newsletter, hearing none, Rick Foster then moved to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Don Hamilton. There being no further discussion the vote was taken approving the minutes unanimously.

#### **B. TREASURER REPORT:**

- The Treasurers report was read by Chris Johnson and Bill Tell. Paul Miglin moved that it be accepted and Bill Baker seconded. Motion passed.
- Update to our bank signature authorizations are as follows: Remove Jim Kent, retain Vi Hallacy, Bill Baker, Bill Tell and add Treasurer Chris Johnson.
- Tom Unwin and Marilyn Peck were appointed to perform an audit of the books.
- Membership: We have one application from Ann Larson, KJ6QWC. Vote to approve Ann for membership was



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approved unanimously. Welcome aboard Ann!

- Annual Dues are due this month: \$15 for Individual membership and \$25 for family membership. Dues may be mailed to: MHRC at P.O. Box 1204, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1204

### C. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Donation's totaling \$900 to our Tech Committee were received from the Rotary and Rotary Ann's of Idyllwild. A letter of thanks will be sent.
- B. The insurance policy for our equipment has been paid.
- C. The FCC sent an update to Tom Unwin that the club call sign KD6OI was recorded incorrectly and therefore we must re-submit our request. Bill Baker will investigate.

### D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Repeater interference: Volunteers are needed to take over from Unwin. Vi Hallacy and Bill Baker volunteered to handle it. Tom stated, "Just fill out the form and send it to TASMA – tell them we hear Orange County clearly and they are seriously interfering with us." If we get no results then go to the FCC.
- RACES frequency operates a secondary frequency to Idyllwild 147.457. Tom Becket asked if we would be using it. We have removed it from the Roll Call list—it has been eliminated as far as we are concerned.
- RACES meeting and training expect activity to be set forth. Bill Baker needs Roll Call signups. Bill will send copies to all who want them. The club call sign KD6OI proposed change related to a previous founding member and honors him, is easier to use (say and understand)) than our current call sign.

- Tom Unwin reports that the portable repeater is moving along, lots of parts have been received. Tom will be able to continue with the build and expects completion in 30 days, including battery, solar units and power supply.

### E. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kathy Hamilton is maintaining the refreshment list and has August and November open for a volunteer – you can bake or buy.
- B. Chris Johnson can make the January 22 Quartzfest a club deal. Call Chris or Don Hamilton for information.

### C. TO DO LIST:

1. Repeater interference
2. Club Call Sign
3. Portable Repeater
4. Club Roster
5. July & August meeting dates – Maybe Club Picnic's
6. Events Schedule to not interfere with Summer Concerts – Thursday nights?
7. New committee forms
8. Open meeting to learn
9. Miglin to provide basic training for new members.
10. Sub Committee – need a Program Chair.

### D. Announcements

1. Hamfest – Palm Springs Hamfest January 28<sup>th</sup> will send announcement to all
2. Bike Race – May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> -- Need observers and scribe.

### F. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



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Prepared and submitted by

### **Editors Notes**

Marilyn Peck KJ6IPT,  
Secretary

Ok, I started to close this out and send it to the publisher; but then I remembered that I was going to pull up public and federal agency frequencies for those that want to program them into their scanner or radio.

### **RACES NEWSLETTER**

About to step into February and have little to report but at least we're not up to our ears in snow. Some would be in order but----!  
RACES is still here on the hill but the activity level has slipped. I hope to revive it with some activities following our MHRC meeting and hope that you will respond with ideas of your own and participation.

In a class environment some effort can be directed toward familiarization of setting frequencies taking into account the vast variations of radio models, some home work is needed to be ready for class work. Message handling is a big issue and requires continual practice. Other topics we need to cover is the RACES manual, activation orders, setting up and operating the portable repeater(s) and----- more.

I believe that all of us should be training – not just RACES. When the stuff hits the fan we don't want to be foundering around with radios we can't use, repeaters we can't hit, messages we garble or requirements we don't know about. WHAT SAY? DO WE DO IT?

Let's hear your comments at the next MHRC/RACES meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Idyllwild Fire Station. 6:30 PM

Paul Miglin KG6TIL

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