

Mountain Flashes

R.A.C.E.S. Mountain District/ Mile High Radio Club News

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KN6JV's Korner

Busy, busy-a lot is going on this time of the year.

We just finished field day. No luck on 2m & 440MHz it seems we have equipment problems that need solving. We had a better time on the HF bands. Several of our members got a chance to operate the HF. A more complete report will be issued and included in the Newsletter later.

As a note of thanks: an amateur from North Dakota, Chris Milford, is at Astro Camp. He operated our radio overnight on Saturday. Along the way he corrected some settings on the HF rig and made a lot of contacts.

On the 4th of July we'll provide communications for the parade in the morning and Fire Watches in the afternoon. There will be Fire Watches again on July 7th.

RACES polo shirts: we expect that we can obtain them locally and are pursuing that. Getting good quality, price and fit is important. Other suppliers are available and the addresses will be issued later. The polo shirt is now authorized for wear at incidents and drills, etc.

The Jazz in the Pines is near the end of August and RACES will be doing communications as we did in the 1st couple of years with radios from several agencies and organizations. Good communication practice!

Bill Baker KN6JV

R.A.C.E.S. Mtn. Dist. Emergency Coordinator

Bill's Comic Revue

A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00.

When the postal authorities received the letter to God, USA, they decided to send it to the President.

The president was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill. The president thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 bill and sat down to write a thank-you note to God, which read as follows:

Dear God: Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington, D.C., and, as usual, those turkeys deducted \$95.00 in taxes.

June RACES Meeting Notes

There were eight members and one visitor, Greg Morris, attended the meeting.

Bill reported that Bob McCullough spoke at the MEMSCOM meeting to announce that WNKI has installed new station equipment and a new antenna. The new radio is capable of up to 500 watts of power in a proclaimed emergency so that more of the mountain area can be covered. He asked the help of RACES personnel when he is ready to test the new equipment to determine the new area of coverage. Volunteers will fan out and communicate the signal strength back to Bob at the WNKI station using their HTs while he is testing. Several people volunteered to help with this including Christy Huss KG6AVU in Pinyon and Don Oertel KG6AVT in Aguanga.

Bill also announced that RACES has been asked to take care of Jazz Festival communications for this year. Volunteers will be covering the radios of CHP volunteers, the Forest Service, Riverside Sheriff, and two Academy radios. We will need enough volunteers to do this for two shifts on two days. The dates are August 25 and 26 from 9 AM to 6 PM.

The repeater antenna needs to be moved at the repeater base and volunteers are needed. It was decided to move it on July 1 starting about 9 AM. There was a lengthy discussion of the procedure to be used and several people volunteered.

Also needed are volunteers for the 4th of July Parade in Idyllwild. Bill needs a minimum of 5 people with HTs with good antennas, headphones or ear buds as it is very noisy at the parade.

There will be a REARS/RACES drill on Saturday, June 16th in Garner Valley from 0800 to 1430. There was a short discussion of the upcoming Field Day.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH
R.A.C.E.S. Mtn. Dist. Secretary

June MHRC Meeting Notes

Ten members attended the meeting, thereby constituting a quorum. Also present was Club applicant Paul Miglin and guest Chris Milford KCØCRU from North Dakota. Paul Miglin led the assemblage in the Pledge to the Flag.

The Secretary's motion to accept applicants Paul Miglin KG6TIL and Thomas Pierce for membership in the MHRC was seconded and adopted.

Tom Unwin announced that the Club is now a member of TASMA.

The President said the club's participation in the ARRL Membership/Membership renewal program is continuing. She said the Treasurer will update the Memberships and Renewals.

Jim Kent asked for Newsletter submissions on or before June 25, 2007.

Bill Tell reported the Club web site continues to get contacts.

The President agreed that the June Repeater Inspection would be delayed to coincide with the July 1 antenna work project.

Tom Unwin said the old controller needs new programming that he will download. He also said the autopatch function may be malfunctioning and needs fixing although we don't currently use autopatch. It was agreed that the courtesy tone was now okay.

Bill Baker gave the RACES report. He said July 4th Parade manning levels were full, but volunteers are still needed for July 4th and 7th Fire Watches for the USFS, as well as for the Jazz Festival on August 25/26. Bill said the OES Polo Shirt is now authorized for RACES use. Paul Miglin thought that he could hook us up with a local source for the shirts. He and Bill Baker will coordinate and Bill will report the results.

The remainder of the meeting involved finalizing details for the ARRL Field Day during the coming weekend. Chris Milford volunteered to work the night shift at the Field Day.

Jim Kent KF6TYZ
MHRC Secretary

April Meetings & Events Mark Your Calendars!

Repeater Antenna Project: Sun., July 1, 9:00 AM, Repeater Site

Parade Comm. Support: Wed., July 4, 8:45 AM

USFS Fire Watch, Wed., July 4, 12:45 PM, USFS Idyllwild Station

USFS Fire Watch, Sat., July 7, 12:45 PM, USFS Idyllwild Station

RACES Meeting: Thurs., July 12, 7:00 PM, Idyllwild Fire

MHRC Bd. of Dirs. Mtg., Tues., July 17, 6:45 PM, American Legion

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ALL AMATEURS are cordially invited to attend RACES or MHRC meetings

MHRC Website

The MHRC website may be accessed at: www.milehighradioclub.org.

Amateur Activities Tips

Hams who are looking for other amateur radio activities may find a web site forwarded by Christy Huss KG6AVU interesting: www.eham.net/newham/activities. The site offers tips in getting into DXing (long distance operating), Emergency Operations, Contesting, and Special Activities.