



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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# MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER JULY - 2010

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**County wide Monthly Roll Call**

**First Monday of the Month**

*Will be on **July 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<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**

**June - Wednesday Roll Call**

**is held at 1900 Hours**

*This month's callers are;*

7<sup>th</sup>: Rick KG6TIJ

14<sup>th</sup>: Bill KD6KTV

21<sup>st</sup>: Steve K6JSJ

28<sup>th</sup>: Chris KI6LOD

**July Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

MHRC Board / Club / RACES: Thursday,  
July 8th, 6:30 PM All are welcome to attend any  
of the above meetings or call in on the nets.



## *President's Message*

Field Day 2010 has come and gone. I'm not sure of the number of radio contacts made but I know we made many more personal contacts this year than any other year and to me that is the most important reason for having Field Day.

I met people who have a license but never got a radio, people with a license and radio that never learned to use it and people who want to get a license. Now, I hope after talking with us, they will make use of what they have and take the next step and become active ham radio operators.



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There was a real feeling of active energy there while talking with these people. I saw friendships developing between the old and new hams that will keep this energy going and renew the Club. Also, several new hams came out and got more one on one instruction and had their questions answered. Some of them helped with the setup and saw how we put up the antennas and learned more about antennas.

Altogether, it was a very worthwhile endeavor and I hope everyone is as pleased as I am.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH  
MHRC President  
RACES – Mountain District – AEC

### *General Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on May 13, 2010*

President Hallacy opened the meeting at 1840 hours with 15 members present, thereby constituting a quorum. Also present were five new Hams who had taken Bill Baker's radio class and license examination session who had not yet joined the Club. Bill Tell led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretary read the minutes of the May 13 club meeting and his motion to accept them as read was seconded and adopted.

Bill Tell discussed the attached monthly Club financial Statement; Paul Miglin's motion to accept the report was seconded and adopted. Bill Tell's motion that the dues of the applicants joining the Club pursuant to passing the recently conducted licensing class or of recently hearing of our club be fixed at \$15.00 for the period ending December 31, 2011, was seconded and adopted. He also reported the purchase of the ten Yaesu 60R radios for the ten camps in the area as provided for by the Rotary and FSC grant.

Bill Baker invited all new Hams present to come out to the ARRL Field Day and observe or participate. He also asked the new Hams to get with him regarding suggested times and dates for the proposed radio operations and procedures class.

Tom Unwin discussed the value and uses for the portable repeater system now under construction for the Post. He then gave a demonstration of the work on the portable repeater now under construction. Bill Tell moved that considering Tom Unwin's progress on the portable repeater, the portable repeater spending limit should be increased by \$1,500 to a total of \$4,000. His motion was seconded and adopted.

The President provided information about the Field Day for the new Hams present: It runs from 11:00 AM Saturday to 11:00 AM Sunday on 26 and 27 June; there will be a Pot Luck Dinner at 5:00 PM on Saturday; bring own main course and a plate to pass.

It was agreed that acquiring an advertising banner will be put off until next year.



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There being no further business to come before the membership, President Hallacy adjourned the meeting at 1920 hours.

J. M. KENT KF6TYZ  
MHRC Secretary

### *RACES Report – Mountain District*

June has been an amazing month for RACES - Mountain District and for The Mile High Radio Club.

Strong member support from the Mountain District as well as from the Anza District launched an amateur licensing class that netted 26 new Hams plus several upgrades.



Some of the “graduates” were already certified for CERT and are part of the Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP), or the Mountain Community Patrol (MCP) and will be an even greater asset to their organizations. Others are applying for RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) membership and will be a big boost to expanding communications capability for the official civilian communications arm of the Riverside County Fire Department in this mountain area.

Training for RACES has been on the back burner due, in part, to the licensing class. Now that that the class is completed, I plan to reactivate training including; for all who will attend whether RACES or not. Of course those non – RACES attendees cannot participate in actual RACES activation or field training unless they sign waivers showing they are assuming responsibility and liability for personal injury.

Main topics in the beginning will be using the radio and using it properly, then communications protocol. Followed by what to do when the system just doesn't understand what the operator is trying to do. All this will be tied in with message handling basics and “on-air” practice.

Looking ahead:

On August 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a 2hr on air system test between Anza District RACES (and region) and the Mountain District RACES- tying in the disaster preparedness groups with message forwarding and message accuracy. Accuracy of the transmission of messages is of paramount importance and is a key function of the test and will be measured by reviewing the message forms after the test.

Also of major importance, is testing our capability of getting messages passed on to the AEOC from the Mountain areas via repeaters and simplex frequencies including HF when things go wrong.

Lots to do and these Mountain Districts are doing it!

Bill Baker KN6JV  
Mountain District EC



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### *Elmer – never stop asking questions!*

I have been asked the question, how can I talk on my radio more. One way to use your radio more is to participate in weekly 2 meter roll calls.

You all know about our weekly Wednesday night roll calls at 7 PM. We also have our first Monday of the month roll call. These roll calls take place on our Idyllwild repeater frequency 146.895 on pl. 118.

The national calling freq. is 146.520 simplex, non-repeater. This frequency is used to call people and to move on to another frequency and has a lot of traffic.

The WIN system is a statewide connected system of repeaters and its Frequency is 147.210 pl. 77.

On Tuesday Fallbrook has a roll call at 7 PM on 146.175 pl. 107. On Tuesday night Hemet has a roll call at 7:15 PM on 145.420p pl. 88. Also on Tuesday at 7:30 PM Anza has a roll call on 145.340 pl. 107. On Tuesday at 8:15 PM on the Hemet frequency they have an interesting tech net. On Thursday we have a Temecula roll call at 7:30 PM on 146.805 pl. 100. On Saturday at 7 PM on the Hemet frequency they have another roll call. Finally on Sunday, Wrightwood has a roll call at 6 PM on 145.280 pl. 131. All these roll calls ask for and encourage visitors.

The way to find more of these roll calls is to scan the 2 meter band at 6 7 and 8 pm until you find them. Your radio also has a pl. scan feature you should learn.



The more you use your radio and force yourself to learn uncomfortable menu items the easier the radio will be to use. Don't hesitate to call other members for help. The radio term for a person you call for help is an Elmer.

Chris Johnson KI6LOD  
Board Member



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The following equipment is for sale from the Hemet Area.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SELLERS DIRECT.**

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**CONTACT:**

**Galen, K6BOY, (951) 766-0193.**

(1) Ameritron AL-811 Linear Amp. 600 W PEP. 160 - 15 meters (can be modified for 10 meter op but this unit has not been modified for that) Three 811As in final. Can be retrofitted directly with 572Bs if desired. I have the matching Ameritron ARB-704 relay buffer module. Asking \$500 (fixed price) for Amp. Will throw in the relay buffer module free.

(2) MFJ-986 Differential "T" antenna tuner with lighted dual needle meter Reads 0 -200 or 0 - 2000 watts (average or peak, switchable and reflected/SWR). I have added a white LED lamp in the turns counter window (otherwise hard to read in subdued lighting conditions). Includes wall-wart for meter lights. Asking \$100 (fixed price).

(3) Yaesu FT-840 Transceiver. All digital solid state. Digital freq readout. Analog meter: signal/power/ALC levels. Works all bands 160 through 10 meters. Receives all freqs between 100 kHz to 30 MHz. Dual VFOs. This unit has the FM module installed. Includes Yaesu PTT hand mic. w/Pyramid PS-26KX 23 amp. dual meter regulated power supply (front panel adjustable up to 15 VDC). For powering FT-840 transceiver. Asking \$450 for the combo. Do not want to sell these two units separately.

All of these units are in excellent condition, functionally and cosmetically. All are presently in my operating setup for viewing by potential buyer. I have the user manuals for all.

I have all the original boxes these items came to me in but I don't want to get involved in any shipping activity. That will also save any buyer that expense. As is the case with any used

equipment, these items are offered on an AS-IS basis, no warranty expressed or implied. Delivery to be taken at my residence. I would very much prefer all sales to be on a cash basis but will accept a personal check. However, the check will have to clear the banking system before delivery of the item(s). A small discount will be considered if a buyer wishes to buy the complete setup as listed.

Look me up on [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) and you can see this equipment in the picture provided. The old man in the picture is not for sale. I do have individual pictures available for inserting in emails if asked for.

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**Ron, WA6AZN, email: [wa6azn@verizon.net](mailto:wa6azn@verizon.net)**

**Yaesu FT-1000 MP Mark V Field Transceiver (160-10 M)**

Includes Transceiver, Original Manual, Hand Mic (possible Desk mike later) AC power cord. In very good condition, working on all bands. See Yaesu specs. Basically 100 watt CW, SSB. Auto-tuner built in. Both AC and DC operation. (DC with external supply.) AS-IS of course but was working on all bands just recently.

Unit is heavy and do not wish to ship. **Asking \$1200.00 (Hemet Area)**

**NOTE: The Mile High Radio Club takes no responsibility to the accuracy or condition of the radio equipment being offered. All transactions between you and the sellers are on the terms agreed between the two parties, the buyer and seller. The Mile High Radio Club is to be held harmless for any and all transactions.**

**Bill Tell KD6KTV MHRC Editor**