



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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**RACES EC:** Bill Baker KN6JV

# MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER

## MARCH - 2010

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**County wide Monthly Roll Call**

**First Monday of the Month**

*Will be on **March 1<sup>st</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**

**March-Wednesday Roll Call  
is held at 1900 Hours**

*This month's callers are;*

3<sup>rd</sup>: Bill KN6JV      10<sup>th</sup>: Vi K6VBH  
17<sup>th</sup>: Rick KG6TIJ    24<sup>th</sup>: Chris KI6LOD  
31<sup>st</sup>: Paul KG6TIL

**March Meetings @ Idyllwild  
Fire**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

MHRC Board / Club / RACES: Thursday,  
March 11th, 6:30 PM All are welcome to attend  
any of the above meetings or call in on the nets.

### *President's Message*

Everything is looking good for a great year for the Club. We have 30 paid members mostly due to our Membership Chairman Rick Foster's zealous pursuit and we've had 15 members present during the first two meetings of the year and that's good, too.

The Portable Repeater Committee met following the February meeting and went over the list of components needed for the first half of the project. A few changes were made to ease the portability of the repeater and decisions made on which components to order to get started. Bill Tell has completed ordering those components and believes they will be delivered next week. We will probably be going over budget due to the rise in prices of everything since we began this project. I'll keep everyone informed every month on the progress being made.

Mile High Radio Club members had a heads up on the road closure when ham radio operator Jay Johnson reported the washout on Hwy 74 very shortly after it happened. Also MHRC member Danielle McKnight soon afterward took a picture of the damage with her cell phone and e-mailed it to her grandfather, MHRC member, Jim Kent, and he sent it out by e-mail. Two hams in the right place at the right time and the miracles of radio and science.



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Remember to keep your scanners or radios on during bad weather in case someone needs help or wants to report a problem. Communication, communication. That's what radios are for.

73, Vi Hallacy K6VBH  
MHRC President

### *General Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on February 11, 2010*

President Hallacy opened the meeting at 1830 hours with 15 members present, thereby constituting a quorum. Also present as a guest was Julie Huss. Rick Foster led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

By a motion by J. Kent that was seconded and approved, the membership waived the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting in that they were published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Bill Tell discussed the finance report for the period ending February 10, 2010, a copy of which is attached. The report was accepted by a properly seconded motion by Rick Foster.

Bill Tell presented the updated Club Bylaws incorporating the changes approved at the last meeting, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Any member may receive a copy of the updated Bylaws upon request to Bill Tell.

Rick Foster reported that Club nametags are available at a cost of \$15 for a pin clip or \$17 for a magnetized attachment. Money was collected from members desiring nametags.

Discussion was re-opened regarding Club T-shirts without final resolution.

Audit Committee members Rick Foster and Christy Huss verbally reported that their inspection of the Club's books for the past two years revealed no irregularities. The Secretary requested a written report for the records.

Bill Baker discussed his plans for the up-coming Tech License class. He said he planned to

concentrate on the actual questions and answers during the planned three classroom sessions with the students studying the questions at home. Bill further plans to have a class after licenses are issued regarding radio operating and voice procedures. Bill said he plans on having promotional material and plans, and advertising ideas firmed up by the end of February or Early March. This is necessary because the test must be completed well before the current Tech License Question Pool expires at the end June. Rick foster, Christy Huss, Bill Tell, Chris Milford, and Vi Hallacy volunteered to assist Bill Baker with the class.

Bill Tell announced that the deadline Newsletter material is February 20. He also asked for \$150 for website maintenance. Paul Milgin's motion to approve the request was seconded and adopted.

After announcing that the repeater committee would meet immediately following the Club meeting, President Hallacy adjourned the meeting at 1921 hours.

J. M. KENT KF6TYZ  
MHRC Secretary

### *RACES Report – Mountain District*

I'm off to a slow start this year with RACES programs but I expect to get in full swing soon. If all goes well the March meeting will have some much needed on-air training in passing messages as well as the old stand-by phonetics. So, bring your HT with 146.535 and 146 580 simplex frequencies set into channels you can easily get to and if time is available you will be asked to set in one other simplex frequency so bring your manual just in case. This may involve getting outside the building (weather cooperating) for sending and receiving messages (Clip boards & flashlight recommended). Message forms will be furnished.



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I'm trying to get ready to have a TECHNICIAN license class starting in late March with testing in mid to late April. The test questions are not as technical as in the past and should be easier to pass the test. However, I along with others interested in holding the class do want to push those taking the class to plan on getting radios, attending follow up session(s) on using radios, setting frequencies and hands-on transmitting/receiving etc.

If you know someone who is interested – spur him / her on (class size has not been set as yet). We will have dates and locations for the classes ASAP. It looks like we will have a VE team for local testing. Cost can be minimized by use of internet practice testing but a Q and A manual is available for under \$20.00 and is a good investment in that it gives explanations for the correct answers to the questions. The current Technician test is mostly non-technical and should not be a problem with reasonable study. A larger – more complete manual is also available at a slightly higher cost. A small fee is required for the FCC test but there is no fee for the license.

***MAKE NO MISTAKE!  
AMATEUR RADIO HAS BEEN AND WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION  
FOLLOWING DISASTERS OR INCIDENTS.***

Bill Baker KN6JV Mountain District EC

### *Radio Operators – LA Marathon;*

Radio operators are needed at the L.A. Marathon on Sunday March 21, 2010, to provide emergency communications throughout the course.

This year, the new route will go from Dodger Stadium to the Santa Monica Pier, and will include Beverly Hills, Hollywood, and major studios.

Volunteer registration is on-line at:

[http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/info.tcl?job\\_id=488](http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/info.tcl?job_id=488)

Craig Baker  
KC6KKR