



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER - 2009

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November – Wednesday Roll

Callers held at 1900 Hours:

4th: Vi K6VBH 11th: Bill KN6JV
18th: Tom WA6SSS 25th: Bill KD6KTV

County wide Monthly Roll Call

*Will be on November 2nd, 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.*

November Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire

Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Board – Club / RACES: Thursday,
November 12th at 6:30 PM

All are welcome to attend any of the above
meetings.

Idyllwild Community Fund provides Grant to the MHRC



We send our thanks out to the members of the Idyllwild Community Fund for their generosity in supporting our efforts. We look forward to putting together the portable repeaters we have planned for. We know they will provide the important links we are missing in and around our mountain range.



Message from Bill Baker

A relatively quiet month gone by so far. Myself KN6JV, Rick Foster KG6TIJ, Bill Tell KD6KTV and Chris Johnson KI6LOD from the Mountain District along with Don and Kathy Hamilton



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AD6NP & KA6MOM from Anza participated in the Perris fair at the ARRL/RACES booth. It was a quiet evening but not too comfortable as the weather was chilly but fortunately the rain that was predicted didn't showed up.



We set up our 2 meter radio-box, antenna and support brochures and made local contacts as well as roll calls. An HF radio was set by others and connected to a trailer mounted beam; HF reception on some bands was good but did not make any contacts transmitting because no one was familiar with the unit until the owner showed up. Even then there was so much noise from local power lines that I doubt much signal got out that night. But it was a fairly good experience and our set-up worked fine.

The MHRC/RACES Mountain is looking forward to getting started on a build-up of portable repeaters for field emergency use as well as local events. This project has been in the works for a long time and now that most funds are available, the heavy lifting starts. Tom Unwin WA6SSS is the one leading the project and Don Hamilton will be key to assembly.

73, Bill Baker KN6JV

MINUTES OF THE MILE HIGH RADIO CLUB/ RACES MEETING October 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Unwin at 1835. There were 10 members and one guest, Tom Huss present. The two new members, Don and Kathy Hamilton and Patty Blackman were introduced to club members who had not previously met them.

The secretary's report as published in the Newsletter was approved unanimously after a motion by Rick Foster and second by Christy Huss.

Tom Unwin gave a detailed report on the planning he has been doing for the portable repeaters. He said there was a problem with the quality of the radio he had been planning to use for the backpack part of the repeater. After some discussion and a raise of hands vote, it was decided to build the heavier unit first. Bill Baker has a metal cabinet which can be adapted to store all the equipment and have power to keep the batteries charged. He suggested it could be stored at the Resource Center on Franklin Drive. Tom estimates the cost of this unit will be \$2,500.

The proposed changes to the By-laws were presented by Bill Tell, Rick Foster and Chris Johnson. All members present were given a copy. They went over each change and there was a discussion by the group after the presentation of each change. The changes were voted on individually and changes on pages 1, 2 and 3 (contact Bill Tell if you would like an electronic copy) were approved. The proposed changes on pages 4 and 5 were held for more discussion next month.

Rick Foster then presented the slate of officers for next year. President, Vi Hallacy, Vice President, Christy Huss, Secretary, Jim Kent, Treasurer, Bill Tell, Membership Officer, Rick



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Foster, Directors of the Board, Don Hamilton, Chris Johnson and Ton Unwin. This slate will be voted on and installed at the November meeting.

Bill Baker announced we have been invited to have a booth at the Health Fair to be held November 7th from 10 to 2 PM. Bill Tell said he would fill out the application and send it in.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 to enjoy refreshments furnished by Christy Huss.

The RACES meeting was called to order by Bill Baker, KN6JV, RACES Mountain District EC at 2010. There were 9 members present. Bill said the Southern California Fair was going to be held at the Perris Fairgrounds October 10th through the 18th and there would be a booth there for amateur radio operators. We can choose a day to come and man the booth. There will be a pop-up and table and we need to bring our on radio equipment. Chris Johnson, K6LOD, Bill Tell, KD6KTV, Rick Foster, KG6TIJ, Kathy Hamilton, KA6MOM and Bill Baker volunteered to go on Tuesday, October 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020. The next meeting will be on November 12, 2009 at 1830 at the Idyllwild Fire Station.

73, Vi Hallacy K6VBH

Quiz: Back to basics.

Answer the following 3 questions about each frequency.

- A) What band is each frequency in?
- B) What license class is needed for each?
- C) What type signal is allowed?

- 1) 21,158 MHz
- 2) 3.645 MHz
- 3) 144.05 MHz

Up-Coming Events Schedule:

November 7 Idyllwild Health Fair.

We will be exhibiting at the Idyllwild School Gym between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. Please remember to bring canned food items for the Help Center.

Public Display at Perris Fair:

The club has been busy. We assisted the Amateur Radio Expo and ARRL booth at the Perris Fair for two nights in mid October. Bill Baker, Don and Kathy Hamilton, Rick Foster, Chris Johnson and Bill Tell all joined up and helped to spread the word about Ham Radio and the important role we play with emergency communications.



Carl Gardenias WU6D, ARRL Orange Section Manager was also on hand to answer many questions from our club members and the general public. He brought along some simple Snap Circuit kits that engaged the kids and their parents to see what they could build. We even found ourselves putting a few of the circuits together. Many of the parents were interested in our operations and abilities to communicate off the grid without AC power. During one of the evenings, members checked in during various nets and roll calls in the area.



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A Yausu All Band mobile rig was set up for demonstrations. The rig was complete with a tower and large beam antenna. A number of communications were made between our location and points across the country throughout the week.

Can't forget the sticky buns Rick brought along for all to taste. The new Baker in town will be welcomed. We can all look forward to the Grand Opening!

Respectively submitted, Bill Tell KD6KTV

Humor!!! It's all in one's perspective.

1. A fool is a 27 story window-washer who steps back to admire his work.
Or maybe just being a 27 story window washer!
2. If all is not lost, where is it?
Check your bank!
3. The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.
Or maybe the day before your yard sale!
4. February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon. Did you miss it?

Quiz Answers;

- 1: 15 m, Extra & Advanced, Phone and image
- 2: 80 m, Extra, Phone and image
- 3: 2 m, Extra, Advanced, General, Technician, CW only