



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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**Officers** - President: Vi Hallacy K6VBH, Vice President: Vacant, Membership: Rick Foster KG6TIJ  
Secretary: Christy Huss KG6AVU, Treasurer: Bill Tell KD6KTV,  
**Board Members:** Chris Johnson K6IDY, Wayne Laube KJ6HYC, Tom Unwin WA6SSS  
**RACES EC:** Bill Baker KN6JV

## MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER OCTOBER - 2011

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### County wide Monthly Roll Call

#### First Monday of the Month

*Will be on October 3<sup>rd</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**

### October - Wednesday Roll Call

#### is held at 1900 Hours

*This month's callers are;*

5<sup>th</sup>: Bill KN6JV

12<sup>th</sup>: Bill KN6JV

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

26<sup>th</sup>: Reba KJ6IPH

**October Meeting @ Idyllwild  
Fire Department – Training  
Room Mark Your Calendars!**

**MHRC / Club / RACES: Thursday October 13<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.

### *Presidents Message*

The results are in and the nominating committee has done a great job of selecting a slate of officers for next year. Some new people and some veterans will make a balanced group.

For too long of time the club has been governed by the same people and seems just to have been marking time waiting for an upsurge in membership to provide some new thinking. Plus we who have kept things going can look forward to making a different kind of contribution.

I have been a member for what seems like a long time and have many memories and boxes of materials that I want to go through and try to write a history of the Mile High Radio Club. Most or maybe all of those who started the club are gone but I knew most of them and admired them.

We'll see what I can do.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH  
President



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### ***Mile High Radio Club Board & General Meeting Minutes Meetings Held on September 8<sup>th</sup>***

1834 - Meeting opened by President Vi Hallacy  
There were 18 members in attendance and 4  
guests, Dolores Sizer, Tracy Phillipi KJ6IPY, Ann  
Larson KJ6QWC and Ted Hoberg KJ6QWD

Motion to accept Ted Hoberg, KJ6QWD, as a  
member - Rick Foster Second - Bill Tell Ayes:  
All Nays: none

Minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup> in newsletter – Motion to  
approve - Rick Foster Second – Barney  
Brause

Treasurer's report for 9/6/2011 – Treasurer Bill  
Tell noted \$500 received from the Jazz Festival  
and noted refunds for those radio class students  
not taking the test - Motion to accept Treasurer's  
report – Rick Foster Second – Bill Baker  
Ayes: all Nays: none

Correspondence - Camp Emmerson would like a  
presentation for Ham radios in November

Ed Sherman, K6ERS, from Mountain Center  
submitted an application - motion to accept Ed  
Sherman as a member - Marilyn Peck  
Second - Don Hamilton Ayes: all Nays: none

Old Business -

Nominating Committee, Bill Tell, Paul Miglin and  
Rick Foster suggested a slate of officers for  
2012 Board members B.J. Brix, Tom Unwin and  
Tom Pierce, Chris Johnson - Treasurer, Christy  
Huss/Marilyn Peck - Secretary, Rick Foster -  
Memberships, Wayne Laube - Vice President,  
Bill Tell - President and Bill Baker - RACES  
(with help from Paul Miglin, Bill Tell and Rick  
Foster) - nominations are open until voting.

Portable Repeater - Tom Unwin noted the frame  
is together but it still needs some external items

Interference from Orange County -  
correspondence has not been answered and a  
complaint may need to be filed - Tom Unwin, Bill  
Baker and Paul Miglin will work on the problem.

Radio class – 19 students took the test and 11  
passed - books are left over for those wishing to  
purchase one.

New Business -

MDP will have an earthquake drill on September  
10th - Vi Hallacy and Bill Baker are coordinating  
a drill exercise and would appreciate volunteers  
from 8:30am to 12:00 noon.

RACES will begin training on radio simplex  
frequencies and tones, directional finding,  
communication messages and accuracy,  
learning phonetics and the RACES manual  
materials. Training will be held on the radio  
following Wednesday roll calls

Chris Johnson noted that the Quartzfest is the  
last week in January - free ham radio test, RV  
show and rock show.

Thanks to Rick Foster for refreshments.

1930 - Motion to adjourn - Vi Hallacy Second -  
Bill Baker

Christy Huss KG6AVU  
MHRC Secretary



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### ***RACES Report – Mountain District***

#### **RACES AND MHRC MEMBERS --- WHERE ARE YOU?**

Getting started with some message handling practice after our weekly roll call seemed like a good idea. Plus it's a way to get more local HAM's on the air and prepared for a real event.

It seems like the interest in just having a call sign is stronger than having the ability to communicate. I sure all of you do know that just talking on the air is not the same as properly getting messages transmitted or received accurately. The plan is to have several messages transmitted and read back for accuracy after weekly roll call should be an easy way break in to this activity.

What you can do. Using the ICS form 213 can be downloaded from [www.ics213.com](http://www.ics213.com) the web site has both the form and usage instructions. Without the form just use plain paper. Prepare a short message (7 to 15 words – with or without numbers) Create a message form title and include both from and to points of contact.

One person will be asked to be the “receiver”. Everyone receiving the message will also have a chance to do the read back. When you read your message either the first time or back, allow “writing time” and wait for the “copy – go” from the receiver before continuing. If there are enough messages – roll call time can be extended or extra messages will be carried over to our next roll call.

Your suggestions are welcome.

**COMMUNICATION – ONE REAL REASON TO HAVE YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE.**

Bill Baker KN6JV  
Mountain District EC – RACES

### ***American Legion Radio Club wants you***

With 700,000 federally licensed amateur radio operators, or “hams,” in America, the nation's largest veterans service organization, The American Legion, has formed The American Legion Amateur Radio Club to provide a forum for members of The American Legion family who today are engaged in a hobby that provides emergency communications “when all else fails.”

“The beauty of amateur radio is that it attracts folks of all career interests, many of them military veterans,” said Robert L. Morrill, chairman of the national public relations commission. “Hams provide backup communications to Emergency Management Agency (EMA) offices across the country when all else fails and have done so with distinction in virtually every major disaster when cell towers and commercial communications have been knocked out after earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and man-made disasters.”

In January, 2005, The American Legion signed a statement of affiliation with the Department of Homeland Security to support emergency disaster preparedness. Subsequently, a booklet was made available to posts, The American Legion Guide to Post Disaster Preparedness and Response. Amateur radio support was an integral entity.

“While some people may think that ham radio is an old technology, the simple truth is that hams were working with digital transmissions long before folks had home computers. They were transmitting emergency calls from their cars long before anyone had a mobile phone to do the same,” Morrill said.

“Ham radio is alive and growing in America and that there are thousands of veterans who are dedicated ham radio operators,” Foster said.



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“And a lot of them are not yet carrying American Legion membership cards.”

Membership in the club is free to members of The American Legion Family with current federal amateur radio licenses. Because the club has just been authorized, Morrill invites licensed Legion Family hams to join now but to be patient; it will take time to solicit equipment donations and get a national club station assembled and on the air. Licensed Legionnaires, members of The American Legion Auxiliary, members of the Sons of The American Legion and Legion Riders can join by sending their full name, call sign, address and Legion/Auxiliary/SAL membership number to [k9tal@legion.org](mailto:k9tal@legion.org). An attractive membership card will be mailed.

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club is looking for HF and dual-band VHF/UHF transceivers and associated gear donations in order to set up a headquarters station and begin national radio nets. If you have radio gear you are willing to donate, please email us at [k9tal@legion.org](mailto:k9tal@legion.org).

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### **For Sale:**

**ARRL's Tech Q&A Books are still available to anyone interested in studying for their Tech License. They cover the current question pool and are good through June 2014.**

**Cost \$13.75 each. Cash or check made payable to MHRC.**

**To reserve a copy of the book e-mail [mhrc@arrl.net](mailto:mhrc@arrl.net) or phone Bill Tell @ 659-4438 with your request.**

**These books are brand new and when they are gone they are gone. They will be at this week's club meeting. After that we plan to offer them to all of the Riverside County RACES Districts.**