

## PROGRAMS & FIELD TRIPS

This year's programs will include various local field trips and radio training exercises. On the social side, we are currently planning potluck dinners before a some of our meetings and a barbeque for the annual "Field Day" event held on June 28th and 29th.

Help is always available to new Ham Operators and any Amateur Operators having questions or problems with their radios.

Many forms of recreational and social uses for amateur radio are also promoted by our club. For example, every year our club hosts an event called "Field Day", held on the fourth full weekend of June. Field Day is an event that is organized by ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League) and is conducted across the entire country. During this event, individual clubs, organizations and stations promote and demonstrate the use of amateur radio to the general public. For this event, our club sets up a camp site (complete with barbeque and refreshments), exhibiting the various forms of amateur radio equipment and emergency power (solar, battery and generator) supplies and systems along Highway 243 for a 24-hour period. Fun is had by all in attendance and by those visitors that stop by each year.



## SCHEDULED—MEETINGS

*New meeting time 1830 hours  
July and August we are tentatively planning  
potluck meetings at the American Legion -  
Post 800*

**MHRC & RACES Meeting—Second Thursday—1830  
hours**

Location: Idyllwild Fire Station Training Room  
All interested parties are welcome.



## Mile High Radio Club

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# Mountain District – Riverside County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)

## MISSION

The primary mission of The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) during an emergency and/or disaster is to provide communication services that include the use of portable stations, either as a backup to established communications, or as a fill-in where communications do not normally exist.



## OVERVIEW

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is a public service provided by a reserve (volunteer) group of Amateur Radio Operators that is administered by local, county and state emergency management agencies, and supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the United States government. As a part of the Amateur Radio Service, it provides radio communications for civil-preparedness purposes only, during periods of local, regional or national civil emergencies. These emergencies are not limited to war-related activities, but can include natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, power outages, floods, victim searches, air crashes, and many others.

## WORKING TOGETHER

**RACES** may be activated at the request of any governmental agency in the event of an emergency or disaster, with coordination by Riverside County Office of Emergency Services (OES). An example of a governmental agency may include any City agency, County agency or Special District (e.g. Water District, School District, and Community Service Districts) within Riverside County.



**RACES** works with and provides, as requested, communications services for nongovernmental organizations, such as the American Red Cross, Riverside County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (RCVOAD) and REARS—Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue Service. RACES is available to be of service in various capacities in time of emergency or disaster.

**RACES** in Riverside County may encompass ARES members (American Radio Relay League Amateur Radio Emergency Services). Riverside County RACES is the communications arm of the Riverside County Fire Department/CDF, Office of Emergency Services and the Emergency Command Center.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

To join RACES and to be able to participate in RACES and other government emergency communications activities, please contact Mountain District Officer; Bill Baker at 951-659-4366 (leave a message) or E-mail: [kn6jv@verizon.net](mailto:kn6jv@verizon.net)

## MILE HIGH RADIO CLUB

Our club was formed in 1989 by a small group of individuals wanting the social contact and exchange of knowledge with others who were interested in amateur radio. They soon recognized the importance of amateur radio and the role radio communication could play in the event of disasters. Some time later, a repeater station (WA6SSS) was assembled on the Pine Cove Water District property where it remains today. This repeater site, due to the 6000 foot plus elevation, provides amateur radio communications to and from points as far away as San Diego and Santa Barbara.

While the club's core values are focused on emergency communications through our financial sponsorship of the Mountain District RACES organization and maintenance of the repeater, we also enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people, some of whom are not able to dedicate themselves to RACES. The Club often provides communication for non-emergencies such as parades, bike races and festivals around town.

The club continues to educate their members on the use of their radio equipment. Should one be inclined to consider amateur radio as a hobby and is currently not licensed, instructional guidelines and study aids can be provided at a minimal cost for self study. The licensing process, including study time can take as little as 4 weeks in your spare time.