

# M c A R C S

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Services

Thursday, December 4, 2008 ~ 1730

Minutes

## Introductions and Announcements

Jim Cline, Marcella Chandler, Tim Hanna, John Lemmer

## Agenda

- Holiday party w/WARS?  
12/11/08 - those
- Red Cross communications
  - John – accepted the position of coordinating communication between Mendo Cnty and Sonoma Cnty
  - Applied for a club sign call station
  - 50 signed up / registered Red Cross volunteer with HAM licenses; those that have equip only have HTs
  - Identify key people he can call (Denise LeBell – KI6RIP) – assistant communication lead
  - In Mendo County – met with Ken Reynoldson – key contact on coast, and Juliet – so if we had to set up a contact – those 2 would be the first go to, to set up shelter communications
  - John would like to be able to count on Jim and Tim, who can set up a station inside shelter on A/C power that can hook up with the County wide net
  - When we had the fires, shelters were set up with no communications whatsoever
  - We need more qualified shelters – one in Laytonville, Willits, Ukiah ?
  - JJ Lowe, from Santa Rosa, was coming up to tool up the Willits shelter when it was already closed – no way to contact him to call off
  - Jim & Tim can/will both back-up John
  - What else does John see in re: to need for coordination between Mendo Cnty and Sonoma Cnty? A HAM radio push, was a group of people were out on a call – they were out in a spot and had 2 flat tires and no cell service. Call “guardian communications”, take an HT at a minimum with a mag mount, make sure a home base person knows you’re going out and how to communicate
  - 3 people in Mendo County are involved in RC & Ham: Terry, Don Rowe, Disaster Action Team – single family fires & Disaster Assessment – <http://arcsmc.home.comcast.net>
  - Bill Woodworth is working on a spring all county tsunami drill, per Jim
- Ukiah/R.V. Net schedule
- Rotation of Monthly meeting locations
  - That was me who brought this up – in order to be more inclusive and allow
  - Tim likes keeping it tied to OES as long as this space is available

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- Tour of Search/Rescue office and OES 2 meter antenna relocation info.
- Talk/demo "Fox Hunt"?
- Is there something we can do as McARCS members to foster participation and help HAMs, even those licensed for just a few years, to help people along in learning more?
- Tim feels like there's an obligation to support new HAMs, this is an organization that is best suited to do to this and we would
- Focus on emergency communication and training, but get some of the technical things in too

## **Ongoing:**

- Open item ~ governance
- Community / volunteer events
- Old business, unresolved items as time permits.

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