

Thursday, March 18th, 2009 ~ 1730
Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: John Lemmer, Tim Hanna, Nick Wharff, Jim Cline, Teri Wilcox, Len Gwinn, John Ragland, Alan Spivak

- Upcoming events
 - March 24th tsunami exercise
 - Activating ham exercise at 11 AM
 - Lookout at Van Damme state park and Albion overlook
 - South coast participation unsure repeaters and relaying to countywide
 - Lee (N6MIV) monitoring multiple south coast
 - Primary communication via IRLP linking two repeaters (Ferndale/Eureka node #3560); backup communications via HF (40-meter NVIS) or 2-meter relay with Len
 - Jim and Tim will bring dual-band mobiles to the EOC, possibly using the emergency response trailer. Jim will check on trailer availability
 - Ideally 4 people at EOC for radio operation and traffic logging
 - McARCS April 10th meeting (“April Ham Fry”)
 - Emails sent to numerous coastal hams
 - Janie recommends campground under the bridge at Albion
 - Arrive at 11 AM
 - Swap meet?
 - Possible foxhunt activity
 - Mass email notification to Mendocino hams, notify Lake County on their nets
 - May inter-county hospital exercise Tuesday, May 4th
 - Mass casualty incident
 - Main exercise 3-8 PM, majority of radio traffic from 4-6 PM
 - Participating hospitals: UVMC, Howard Hospital, Coast District Hospital (Ft Bragg)
 - Involving hospitals and public health departments for several counties, reaching as far as Colusa county.
 - Human Race, May 8th
 - Tami at NCO requesting ~4 hams
 - Taking place at Mendocino College this year, goes down to Hensley Creek Rd/State St (by CalFire station) and back to campus
 - May training/test session
 - 7 taking class and technician test, one tech test only, one general and two extras

- Tami at NCO is willing to pay for an ad in the Mendocino Exchange
- Printed ads for Ukiah Daily Journal and Willits paper
- Field Day location
 - MCOE: Good location, no alcohol allowed. Do not need liability insurance as it will be sponsored by MCOE.
 - Lake Mendocino: \$200 fee to reserve a spot in the group area. Alternative is to get a couple of camping spots and move to the day use group area if there is room available; otherwise operate from camp.
 - **Meeting attendees have decided on MCOE for Field Day**
- YES camp, Monday June 21st, 7 PM
 - At Camp Wente outside of Willits
 - Radio demonstration/hands on
 - Minimum attendance cutoff is 30 by mid-May, if minimum is not met then the camp will be cancelled
- Publicity/communication efforts
 - John has a list of who has checked into the countywide net in the last year or so
 - Email mailing lists/groups: Need consistency on McARCS member/BoD mailings so people don't get left out of the loop
 - Maybe set up a Google doc where these lists are maintained, have it be locked down so only BoD members can view/edit the doc