

# McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, July 1st, 2010 ~ 1730  
Minutes

## Introductions and Announcements

Present: Tim Hanna, John Lemmer, Alan Spivak, Steve Turner, Nick Wharff, Marcella Chandler, Pete Johnston

- Event recap
  - Mendocino Monster
    - McARCS was awarded \$500 by the Rotary Club
      - Marcella has been authorized by present McARCS officers to open a bank account for the club
      - The following McARCS officers have been authorized to sign on the account:
        - Tim Hanna – President
        - John Lemmer – Vice-President
        - Nick Wharff – Secretary
        - Marcella Chandler – Treasurer
    - Upcoming event party
    - Event probably will happen again next year
    - Suggestions for next year:
      - Continue to call in emergencies via 911 instead of direct agency contact
      - Offload more miscellaneous activities to Rotary volunteers, such as rider inventory and notifying next of kin of injured riders
  - HPP Emergency communications exercise
    - 34 hams participated
    - 11 hams that participated were facility employees, across 6 locations
    - UVMC was staffed entirely by employees
    - Alan volunteered to write up an article for QST magazine
  - YES Camp
    - Joy Kinion, Jim Cline, Nick Wharff, Tim Hanna and Marcella Chandler participated
    - Gave a demonstration on how radios worked, different kinds of radios, basic radio operation, etc.
    - Hands-on exercise using provided handheld 800 MHz radios
  - Field Day
    - 2007: 135 contacts
    - 2009: 243 contacts
    - 2010: 198 contacts on W6MMM, 11 on the GOTA station
    - Two elected officials stopped by
    - Radios were on 100% emergency power
    - Suggestions for next year:
      - Coastal location – MacKerricher, Van Damme, private campground in Mendocino
      - Different/better antenna selection and arrangement
      - More CW operation

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**August 7th, 2010**

**September 2nd, 2010**

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- Upcoming events
  - July 17<sup>th</sup> foot race
    - Race starts at 8:30 AM, starts and finishes at Grace Hudson Museum
    - Event organizers are requesting that McARCS do duties other than communicating (traffic control, rest station monitoring, SAG/course sweeping)
    - **Present McARCS members have decided to not participate in this event for several reasons. John Lemmer has sent an e-mail to the event organizers**
  - Levi Leipheimer Gran Fondo – October 9th
  - Training/test session next year (TBD)
  - Morse code training/practice session(s)
    - Possibly do on countywide repeaters for maximum potential participation with minimal effort (keeping in mind 3 minute key-up timeout).
    - John Breckenridge does this in Sonoma County on the 147.315 repeater on Tuesday nights.
    - Rotate mentors – Volunteers so far: Tim, Marcella, Nick
    - Use Farnsworth method?
    - Nick will announce on countywide net next week to poll interest
- Boonville Fair – September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Waves to Wine – September 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>
- Harvest Ride – October 9th
- McARCS officer election
  - McARCS constitution states that the election takes place on the November meeting with the elected officers taking position in January
  - Update membership list
  - Marcella is going to create the mass email
- McARCS August meeting
  - Possibly a coastal meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>, Tim/Marcella working on contacting people for a venue

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