

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, December 2nd, 2010 ~ 1730

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: John Lemmer, Marcella Chandler, Teri Wilcox, Alan Spivak, Jim Cline, Nick Wharff, Tim Hanna, John Ragland, Steve Turner

Upcoming events

- Trucker's Light Parade – Saturday, December 4th
 - Only 3 McARCS members and 2 SAR members volunteered. 8+ needed for effective radio communications.
 - Nick will contact Jimmy Rickel to cancel participation.
- Holiday Dinner – Friday, December 17th
 - 35 required to reserve the banquet hall at the Broiler, about 28 have reserved so far.

Old Business

- Liability insurance
- 2010 Holiday Dinner
- Rotation of officers/election
 - President: John Lemmer, W6FQX
 - Vice President: Tim Hanna, WB9NJS
 - Secretary: Marcella Chandler, KI6MJC
 - Treasurer: Nick Wharff, KI6RIT
- Options for customized McARCS “Radio Communications” vests
- Update/maintenance of website information
 - Nick has full access to the current website for editing and updating.
 - Transition to a dedicated server will be looked at in the future.

New Business

- Digital messaging net
 - Several people copied the test message successfully.
 - Radiogram via digital modes takes under 30 seconds, versus 3-10 minutes for voice transmission.
 - Digital mode has robust error checking/correction, more accurate than voice transmission.
 - Practice nets on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, on the countywide linked repeaters.
- Tentative schedule for 2011 exercises, training, and social events
 - March 23rd: Tsunami drill
 - April/May: Hospital/clinic preparedness drill
 - June: Mendocino Monster, 12th
- Red Cross disaster assessment training
 - Fulfilling Our Mission is the first Red Cross certification test.

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- Disaster assessment course is an online test with regular study materials.

Really old business

- Membership roster
 - John Lemmer has a master list, Nick to research uploading to McARCS website in a secured area.
- ID badges
 - Cards created with an ID card machine preferable to printed cards that are then laminated.
- Public agency contact list

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