

# M c A R C S

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, Oct 6, 2011 ~ 1730  
Minutes

MCOE Cedar Building 5:30 PM  
Note change in location.

Present: Jim, John, Tim, Alan, Steve, Dave, Marcella (Nick unable to attend).

## Reports:

Treasurer's report – KI6RIT, posted on web site  
Donation from Rotary Club \$250 – balance is \$462.13 and report is on the website.

August and September Minutes  
Marcella has not yet submitted Aug minutes...

## Old Business

**Membership list and ID Application** – response from OES coordinator – W6JRC  
Shannon was/is unable to help us with this at this time. Sheriff's office staff have been very busy at present and Shannon got booted out of his office.  
Jim will follow up with Shannon.

**Classes and/or test session** -- SMRS hold, HHSA grant for health system employees?  
Dale from SMRS made an approach to Howard and Little Lake. Clinic contacted Tim and suggested this be coordinated through Valerie. Preference is for a Willits session. Valerie responded this could not be funded by the grant. Might have been some interest from Howard, but no further word on coordination or funding. Facilities may not be interested in doing this if they have to pay for it.  
Dave thinks he can drum up about 10 people to take a class and a spot. Suggests we purchase the books and such and get people to write the club checks – confirm their commitment by pre-purchasing their spot.  
John has a few people in Covelo interested (for over a year). Has been encouraging them to form study groups, provided links to the material, book titles, etc. John continually feeds them info on classes and options.  
Dale only does the cram-class – cost approximate \$30 per person including test fees.  
Do we want to organize this? If so, whoever attends would have to put up the money.  
Cost of test, book, material, etc. – to make up flyer.  
Is Dale the only guy to go to, or do we go with a different trainer.  
John feels we should split up duties and go forward. He (John) will contact Dale, asks Dave to check the schedule at the church (November – Dave agreed).  
John wants to know what else we can do to solicit operators – school district offices, etc.  
John will contact Round Valley Health center for possible attendees.

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Tim will contact Debra Covey for Little Lake and Howard MH seeking participants, and in general for the Willits area.

We need a venue, date, interest (participants), trainer (Dale).

### **Holiday Dinner, Friday December 16 -- WB9NJS**

Nothing new on this subject – date confirmed, announcements ongoing on-air. Will be similar to last year where anyone can come, supported by both McARCS and WARS (Tim will confirm with Len on funding). Sharon is already beginning decorating projects.

Tim and Sharon will take responsibility to organize this and take reservations.

### **Digi Net – cancelled due to lack of interest and participation**

What is interest level? Many agreed if you don't use it you lose it. Changes occur in program on a regular basis. General lack of interest...?

Purpose of the net: to give people access to a different communication mode.

Jim proposed to go to once a month rather than weekly.

Value in keeping the net going on some level.

Consensus for a once month net, but get on the air first to announce and get more interest.

Tim would prefer to avoid Wed night, too much going on... I concur – the night is too crowded.

John – one more option – leaves a laptop setup to receive in Digi mode.

Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of the month, @ 7:30 – will be announced on the Wed. net the night before.

### **New Business**

#### **Access to Sheriff's training facility/EOC – what is the problem**

Jim has not had anyone to talk to on this. Their office has been busy... Good to make an appearance there, as that's where the OES is/will be in we are called upon. Jim will contact Claire to find out the status. SAR also got bumped – not just a Full Court Press issue.

#### **Election of Officers at November Meeting – Nominations and/or volunteers needed**

John would like someone else to step up. Will do it for one more year – then no more.

Tim would like to see positions keep going round, and not get stuck with a few people.

Need to get more people in these meetings taking an interest...

We had more interest and participation when we met @ a pizza joint. John not okay with that on a regular basis, but now and again, and for the election meeting.

Possibly bring pizza to these meetings – food will get more people to meetings. Also more people tend to show up when we have a guest speaker and/or activity to draw people.

Somewhere with food, and have an election.

November meeting will have food – here @ MCOE – use the club funds (Jim will pick up pizza). Tim will bring drinks. Marcella will bring plates and utensils. Looking for salad and dessert too.

Alan suggested we bring our HTs as an activity and check functionality. Sidebar: has anyone heard of the HTs that a few folks on the coast who got the dual bands for about \$49...?!?!?

#### **Events and Exercises for 2012**

Tsunami (March)

School Districts (March)

Health System (Apr or May)

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Human Race (May)  
Mendocino Monster (June)  
Harvest Ride (Sept)  
Shakeout (Oct)

## Upcoming Events and Exercises      Date      Coordinator

**Shakeout 2011**      **Thursday October 20**      **W6FQX**

Scenario Magnitude 7.8 offshore at the Golden Gate

Simulate earthquake drop and cover, hold on -- 10:20 AM

10:21 Activate local nets, collect simulated Modified Mercalli Intensity reports

10:30 Activate county wide net, collect reports from local nets.

Many schools will participate and are registered, and likely some schools will participate anyway. John suggests we handle this as if we were going to report this to the USGS.

Suggests @ 10:21 John get on air to announce we are experiencing an earthquake. At 10:22 activate local nets – give reports. Then, initiate a county-wide net.

Rather than have 35 people call net control, have 8 people call N/C with consolidated reports.

Local nets organized/run on how they would in real life.

Anyone who participates on the nets will be emailed for this event.

Tim – there has been some interest from the Willits/Brooktrails CERT group for conducting an activity.

John will put this out in the next day or two.

**Round Valley IHC Safety Fair**      **Saturday October 29**      **WB9NJS**

Information table at RVIHC – need volunteers

Any literature available?

Temporary station outside facility

Need radio operators county wide to talk with fair attendees

Tim and Nick had said they would go up, and Cooper would be willing if we did it if available. Tim has some literature left over from another event, and will set up a demo – a get-on-the-air system.

Starts @ 10.

Steve can maybe respond to on air contacts, but not go – Jim too.

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