

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, Nov 1st, 2012 ~ 1730

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: KJ6EIF - Steve, W6FQX - John, W6JRC - Jim, KB6ZST - Carl, KI6MJC – Marcella, Nick – KI6RIT.
WA6JBK – Alan

▪ Nets

Drop Potter Valley from call list

Update script – add space for “announcements before individually

Put Orr Springs on list

Link 675 to county-wide – NARC working on

Drop digi-net?

Is a skill, needs practice

Tim wants to do digi-net on next hospital drill but PH is not interested in participating

8:00 on Tuesday; John will continue to show up for now but will change date and time if needed

Marcella wants another class, and on a periodic basis after relearning

Internet linked email to... an Alan Judd issue

Jim suggested do @ 6:30 to 7:00 before local nets

Tim has kids for \$10

Hands on; for long term traffic

Can use a radiogram in place of digi, but digi is more long term solution

John – feels radios should be on 24/7 or how do you know when there is an issue

Standard statewide OEC net – every day; OASIS daily

In a disaster keep infrastructure to a minimum, lest pieces of the process are lost with missing equipment or verbose processes

Nets after shakeout drill – checkins did not follow protocol; immediately gave info before even acknowledged as being heard – have no clue if you get in

▪ Events (Marcella will bring a list to the next meeting for known 2013)

- 12/14 Holiday dinner
- Harvest Ride – McARCS will not participate
- Field Day
- Bite Hard
- Human Race
- Spring social/learning event
- Mendo Monster

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- Ideas to increase participation
 - Elmer session right after classes
 - Social events; hold event after the 1st of the year
 - How to get old HAMs back involved
 - Use mailing list & simulate disaster and place their name on it – what is this was you...?
 - Shake-out had more individual check-ins than the Wed night net

- Sheriff station work party:
 - Jim – has some coax and other equip that's been left behind here and there
 - Have a lift
 - Shannon got some grant money; FTE 57, trans and ... something
 - Area is very secure
 - Grounding system

- Officers
 - John moved to have the current officers serve another term – not seconded
 - Nick – President
 - Steve – Secretary
 - Jim - VP

- Other
 - Nick – displaying spreadsheet for Shake-out; will load to web
 - Change meeting time to 6:00 p.m.
 - Carl observed WARS more hobby-ist/tech oriented while McARCS is more service oriented

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