

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, January 3rd , 2013 ~ 1800
Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Jim W6JRC, John KJ6IBP, John W6FQX, Alan WA6JBK, Tim WB9NJS, Nick KI6RIT, Justus Hawks

Treasurer's Report

- Check made to Tim WB9NJS for holiday dinner expenses reimbursement
- Account is at \$478.13
- Website updated with current balance

Digi Net

- Shut down digi net? Still undecided, low participation continuing
 - Marcella previously suggested having another Fldigi training session, some interest in that from others
- When/how to do swap net?
 - Swap net moved to separate net on Thursdays @ 19:30.

Net totals report

- John W6FQX compiled and sent out a report of net checkins to countywide (community and individual).
- Unable to discuss due to lack of time/lack of meeting focus
- Possible placement on site?

Upcoming events

- Tsunami exercise - TBD
 - Shannon Barney has been promoted to Lieutenant and thus will no longer be the OES contact.
 - On hold for now until new OES person is here
- HHSA/health agencies – May-June?
 - Possible exercise sometime in May-June time frame. So far, not much luck with coordination between facilities.
- Elmer session - TBA
 - Test session on March 21st in Lakeport, would be good to schedule it sometime after that, but before other events so new hams have a chance to get some practice
 - Test in March, elmer session in April, events in May-June?
 - Need volunteers, more planning/structure, and a venue
- Human Race – May 4th
 - Nick KI6RIT to take lead on coordinating

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- Mendo Monster – June 9th
 - Check with Marcella on any plans/communications for event
- Field Day – June 22nd-23rd
 - Museum again? General opinion of the location was positive, although not enough non-ham foot traffic.
 - More signs/balloons out front?
- Harvest Ride
 - Campovida has apparently scheduled it for Labor Day weekend again
 - Marcella sent the organizers an email to announce that McARCS is formally declining participation, both from scheduling and focus – more focus on Campovida and tourism, less focus on Boys and Girls Club and non-profit(s)

Misc ideas/discussion

- McARCS signage
 - Alan WA6JBK suggested a McARCS logo/sign somewhere at the SAR office
 - SAR office exterior door is metal, if the sign is magnetic, it can stick on the door like the SAR signs
 - NC6MC sign and license are framed and on top of the north bookshelf
- Radio training
 - Training on the two Yaesu radios in the SAR office is desired by several members
 - Manuals for one or both of the radios are located near/next to them, but condensed/simplified materials would be beneficial
 - Steve KJ6EIF is most familiar with the Yaesu HF radio, met up with Nick KI6RIT and Jim W6JRC on a Saturday for one-on-one training and testing
 - Steve programmed the Yaesu HF radio with preset frequencies and settings, as well as providing an (extremely) condensed quick manual
 - Not enough time to do a group training this month, scheduled for possibly next month
- Mendocino Rally – non McARCS event
 - *Post-meeting notes - Emails sent out by Pat Coyle on January 6th soliciting volunteers*
 - *Date moved to July 20th-21st*
 - *Tentatively planned for Bear Valley/Walker Ridge race on 20th, Cow Mountain on 21st*

Meeting guests

- Justus Hawks is new to the area and currently unlicensed
- He is interested in getting licensed and involved in ham radio
- Several testing sites and materials were referred to him (ex. aa9pw.com, Gordo books, etc)
- Jim W6JRC will loan him a study guide

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