

# **M c A R C S**

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

## **Meeting Minutes – 4/4/13**

**P**resent: Jim W6JRC, Marcella KI6MJC, Nick KI6RIT, John W6FQX, Alan WA6JBK, Jim KI6ISQ

**T**reasurers report:

Nick – treasurer’s report: no change. Current balance is posted on the website.

**P**resentation: Nancy from the Willits Senior Center came to solicit donations for the Willits SR Ctr’s participation in this year’s Human Race.

**I**n order as I wrote:

- John suggested we drop the Digi Net – little to no participation. Mostly just FQX and IBP. Leaves off net script at a minimum. Check out Voice of America on Digi – regular net; mixed results. Fx and such changes, iffy contacts
- Change call-sign suffix call out back to smaller chunks
- John – issue with not hearing all stations last night and ORO (Jan) not hearing all the stations FQX heard. Will emphasize /repeat call-sign by NC as recognition that station was heard before continuing.
- Marcella will handle net log while John is gone for May and June.

**E**vents (list on McARCS webpage):

- Human Race – May 4<sup>th</sup>. Jim has 7 operators. Tony DeLapo will match #s for traffic control.
- Mendo Monster 6/9 – Rotary hopes for double the participants from last year. We worked it with about 12 operators – would like as many this year if not a few more. Please contact Marcella [marcellajchandler@gmail.com](mailto:marcellajchandler@gmail.com) (make sure you get a response). Mendocinomonster.com
- Bite Hard – McARCS will get \$400 donation for participation!! Fairly easy day (starts later than usual and ends early to the short course and it being a real race. A net control and 1 “feed zone”, then the rest are SAGs following waves of riders out. Not HT friendly. Not enough operators last year – please, we need more.

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Please contact Marcella. Google Boonville Bite Hard Road Race for specific event info.

- For SURE operators for bike events please note Marcella's new email address and email getting confirmation of attending. The sooner you volunteer the easier organization is...
- Harvest Ride - NOT participating in Campovida's century ride, but the Boys & Girls Club is trying to do their own thing again, possibly in early October.
- Field Day. Museum will let us have the same venue again if we want - no other museum activity happening that weekend so it's all ours if we want it. Nick and John won't be here and possibly not Jim. Suggested that those who want to do a Field Day join another HAM club as with key players gone and low participation anyway, lots of work and June is a busy radio month for other events. Suggested we put the call-out on the Net to test interest. If we do this, lighting was an issue at the museum.
- Other events (not necessarily McARCS sponsored):
  - o Tour of California (end stage this year is Santa Rosa)
  - o Mendo Rally (2 day Cow Mt road rally)
  - o County Hosp/Health clinics drill?
  - o Other Sonoma County bike events (on their website)
- Change Net script to include after air discussion of events after official Net is over?

### Tsunami drill report:

- Jim - had 13 stations check in
- EOC was open; person making "this is a drill " phone calls
- Where are sirens on coast?!?!? Per Nick, the County is going to coast to try to get those working

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- Judd-Lamb - was open on coast, was approached by a citizen why there were no sirens for drill
- Made mistake with... (note not finished)
- Reports of 3 radio stations broadcasting Tsunami drill
- Was also on the weather service station
- Noise on KZYX was super bad. Nat'l office to local station then rebroadcast
- A few of us Inland people listened while at work but unable to participate

### **Other:**

Discussion of a meeting on the coast – no firm date thrown out, but after the weather gets hot inland.

Not much else – lightly attended meeting.

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