

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, October 3rd, 2013 ~ 1800

Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Alan WA6JBK, John W6FQX, Tim WB9NJS, Nick KI6RIT, Jim W6JRC, Steve KJ6EIF

Reports

- Treasurer
 - Updated treasury report
- Website
 - Posted new treasury report, added YL Net to the Nets page
 - Will add Lake County linked repeater once PL is verified

Items of Discussion

- Countywide Net/Script
 - Lake County's participation in the community roll call has been spotty
 - Check with more hams over there to raise awareness or see if there's any interest.
 - Possible streamlining, the net has been 30+ minutes lately
 - No specific call signs with community calls, move on more quickly
 - Albion net may be switched to "Coastal net"
- CESN Net
 - Nick has been checking in for the last 3 weeks from the EOC
 - Several stations come in well, but we seem to be having trouble "making it out". Relay stations are usually needed.
 - John suggested changing the radio display to show peak transmitted power
 - NVIS may help, but would be a rather large setup for 75/80 meters.
 - John has a basic antenna analyzer, maybe a work party to tune the antenna. Scissor lift is available if needed.
- Laytonville self-study/test session
 - May need a test session in the next couple of months for them, get a list of available VEs
- McARCS Officer Elections
 - Per the McARCS Constitution, member elections are to be held at next month's meeting

Events

- Harvest Ride recap
 - Wet and a bit of a struggle with 5-6 hams, but the event was successful
 - After-event "thank you" party at Crush next Tuesday (8th), 5-7 PM

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- Not sure what to do to get more volunteers, plenty of advertisement and emails prior to the event
- Shakeout
 - Local check-ins are at 10:17 AM on October 17th
 - Countywide net will be at 10:30 AM
 - Nick KI6RIT and Jim W6JRC will be running the countywide net from the EOC
- Fire Expo
 - Jim will be out of town that day, no other volunteers

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