

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, March 6th, 2014 ~ 1800
Minutes

Introductions and Announcements

Present: KI6RIT Nick, W6JRC Jim, W6FQX John, KI6MJC Marcella, WA6JBK Alan, KJ6EIF Steve, WB9NJS Tim

Agenda (in no particular order):

YES Cap
EOC Antenna
Tsunami Exercise
Mendo Monster
Bite Hard
Health Exercise
Science Fair

Open discussion / check-in

- County Science Fair
- All current officers signed off on the bank account changes.
- YES – Camp

Tsunami drill (Steve) – Wed. 3/26

- Got a contact from a fellow in Humboldt County interested in using a repeater to link in. See what modes and band they want to use, then see who we have who can accommodate them.
- Would also like to involve both Sonoma and Lake Counties. Use cross band capabilities to extend range. 40M HF net.
- Would also like to try to hit the State net that day, using the EOC antenna.
- 10 a.m. local net activation, then county-wide
- Does not want to do redundant comms with emails, phone, etc. – too much going on.
- Humboldt has been playing with digi-net (Wed@ 7:30) and they would like to try to reach us with it too – possibly using Len to cross band.
- Will try to check in on the Jefferson noon net on 40 to test system.
- Nick agreed to be Net Control from 9 to 12 (Marcella will help Nick).
- Tim will survey health care facilities to see if any want to check in as well.

Health Exercise (Tim) – 5/8

- Pretty much the same as last year – held during the middle of the day (lunch).
- A few more facilities would like to participate, as they now have equipment.

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- Would like to see digital comms during drill, but HAMS need to be able to run digi-net. Would like to go UHF, or simplex.
- Steve Francis said Lake County will be participating; clinic in Lakeport is part of Mendo County based group.

Mendo Monster (Marcella)

- About the same as in year's past – same routes. Next Rotary Club meeting 3/20 – anyone may join.
- Will start to get the word out – please announce on local nets
- About the same # of people needed as in year's past.

EOC Antenna

- Nothing on calendar for April, so that might be a good time to work on this antenna then.
- With a week's notice we can get the lift unit.
- Do we want to try to 80M sticks, to test the system at EOC.
- Possible date, 4/26, Saturday – tentative.

Upcoming Events (not all McARCS supported):

3/26/14	Tsunami Drill
3/29/14	Science Fair
5/3/14	Human Race (they contacted Jim and want us)
5/8/14	Health Care Facility (Tim)
6/8/14	Rotary Club Mendo Monster
6/28&29	Field Day
7/26&27	Mendo Rally
8/10/14	YES Camp
9/28/14	tentative Boys & Girls Club Harvest Ride
10/16/14	Shake Out (10:16)

Other HAM radio volunteer opportunities

5/3/14	Wine Country Century
5/10/14	Cache Creek Ridge Tie & Ride
6/21/14	Terrible Two
9/20&21	Waves to Wine
10/4/14	Levi's Gran Fondo

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