

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service
Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order shortly after 6 PM by President KI6RIT Nick Wharff. Present were W6JRC Jim Cline, WB9NJS Tim Hanna, W6FQX John Lemmer, KI6MJC Marcella Chandler, WA6JBK Alan Spivak, KJ6EIF Steve Turner, and KC6MGM Mike Carter.

Nick told of several changes being made to the McARCS web site including a sign-up sheet entry for assistance with the Mendo Monster bike ride coming up on June 7. Marcella made a pitch for more operators at the Mendo Monster.

Jim presented a brief report on the Human Race activity held on May 2. Jim was net control operator, Nick was bicycle mobile. Other hams participating included W6RJA, W6FQX, and KC6MGM – perhaps others not listed here.

Several new call signs were reported from the test activity on April 18. They are KK6TNH, KK6TNI, KK6TNJ, KK6TNK, and KK6TNL. Later research showed KK6TNI is from Ukiah and KK6TNL is from Redwood Valley. At this time we do not have contact information for them.

Jim also volunteered to contact NCO with respect to a banking arrangement possibly cheaper than the account with the Savings Bank of Mendocino County at \$3 per month. Since we only have one or two deposits in the course of a year and only one or two checks being written, it was felt that \$3 per month is excessive.

Tim talked about the upcoming health care facility communications exercise coming up on May 21. We need operators with fldigi experience including computers, printers, and possible interface devices to exercise the digital communications capability as well as operators with only voice capability..

Field Day is the weekend of June 27 and 28. We are good to go at the county museum in Willits.

The Urban Shield exercise being conducted in the greater bay area was determined to be of no interest to us and no opportunity to participate.

Also coming up is the Health and Safety fair being held in Boonville on July 18. Steve has volunteered to bring the Teen CERT trailer to the fair grounds and Alan has volunteered to provide one of his famous copper J-pole antennas to facilitate communications from a difficult site.

The meeting was closed shortly before 8 PM to enable checking into the California Emergency Services Net on 75m. Marcella actually made the contact.

Respectfully submitted
John Lemmer, W6FQX
McARCS Secretary.