Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service
Meeting Minutes August 3, 2015

This was an on-the-air meeting conducted on the county-wide linked repeater system. This was conducted as a net with President Nick Wharff, KI6RIT, acting as net control operator. Operations started shortly after 6:10 PM.

Stations checking in initially included (in order of check in) W6FQX, KE6EBZ KJ6EIF, WA6RQX, and KC6MGM.

KI6RIT mentioned that updated net scripts were posted on the web site including updated McARCS announcements. A discussion about setting up the bank account to accept the donation from the Rotary Club thanking us for our support of the Mendocino Monster bicycle event was deferred due to the absence of the McARCS Treasurer, WB9NJS.

KJ6EIF discussed the Heroes of Health and Safety Fair in Boonville on July 18. He reported that the agencies were somewhat disappointed in the turnout from the community but estimated that approximately 350 people were there. The ham radio demonstration station trailer made approximately 14 contacts around the county using not only the Sanel Mt. repeater on the county-wide system but also the repeater on 145.130 and also the SMRS system repeater on Cow Mountain as well as some simplex contacts.

Upcoming events discussed include the in-person McARCS meeting on September 7, the test session in Lake County on September 12, the Harvest Ride on September 27, the next McARCS net meeting on October 5, the shakeout drill exercise on October 15 and the Pacificon on October 16-18.

KI6EIF noted that he had registered McARCS as participating in the Shakeout exercise on October 15.

There was a request from North Coast Opportunities that all McARCS participants keep a record of their volunteer hours and submit them to NCO as a way of keeping the insurance covering valid.. W6FQX wanted to know if net and meeting activities would be considered as volunteer hours. KI6RIF volunteered to find out from NCO.

The net closed around 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Lemmer, W6FQX
Secretary, McARCS