

Minutes On-the-Air Net December 7, 2015

The net was convened shortly after 6 PM by KJ6EIF. Checking in were W6FQX, W6JRC, KC6MGM, KE6EBZ, and KG6TXU from Lake County. Checking in slightly late was KI6RIT who then commenced to act as Net Control.

KI6RIT reported that the McARCS web site was still being restored with files from the old site still be added to the restored web site.

KI6RIT also reported that he had obtained the necessary documents and checks from the retiring Treasurer, WB9NJS, and will be opening the McARCS checking account soon.

There was a discussion about a test session in Willits in the spring. Some thought that a date in May would be appropriate. W6FQX noted that May also brings the Human Race parade and the annual health center drill exercise so that perhaps a date in April would be more appropriate allowing some newly licensed operators to participate. More study will be made. The venue is likely to be the County Museum in Willits.

W6FQX noted that there was a technician study group being formed in Covelo under the guidance of WA3VUI. They didn't yet have a test date scheduled although they were looking both at the SCRA and SMRS web sites which did not have their 2016 test schedule posted.

There was some talk about other events in the coming year. KJ6EIF mentioned the annual tsunami drill in February or March and the Shakeout in October. For some reason, Field Day in June was not mentioned.

In other news, W6FQX reported that he was assisting KK6UEV in setting up a ham station at the Redwood Academy in Ukiah with his old Swan Astro102BX six-band radio, a husky power supply, and a manual tuner. Right now the only antenna is a magnet wire out the window frame and is for receive only. KK6UEV is planning on taking the General class test on December 12 and W6FQX is confident that he will pass. W6FQX also provided a dipole antenna for 20m and KK6UEV is planning on installing it starting during the school holiday on December 19. A 2m station will also be installed. There is apparently interest from some of the immediate school age students in studying for and obtaining a technician class license.

The net was closed at about 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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