

Minutes in Bold

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service - MCARCS

Monthly Meeting - March 8, 2021 - 6:00 PM / 1800hrs

Via ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87817676318>

DRAFT Agenda

Welcome, introductions - Steve KJ6EIF

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Lea KJ6OUY

Mike KC6MGM

Michael KM6OTE

Caleb KK6UEV

Jim W6JRC

Brent KN6ESP

John W6FQX

John KJ6IBP

Rick KK6PZA

Minutes from Previous meeting - Lea KJ6OUY

Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report - Tim WB9NJS

Absent – \$826.12 at last report

Updates- 10 minutes:

Mendo Monster - Virtual this year, no communications support needed

EOC station update - Marshall KM6OTF / Mike KC6MGM

No change. Continue to use Donovan Room in disaster event – radio is set up.

Red Cross HF test – John

See related email from John W6FQX. Experimenting with comms from Mendo – Lake – Sac. Using fldigi and winlink to Lake.

Proposed activities: -10 minutes

Tsunami Drill discussion Mike, John

Sometime between March 24 and 12. Siren drill with 10 observers reporting.

Casper Community Center = Coast HQ. Obs. → CCC → CW Net Control

Coastal Tsunami Bridge Survey Lea KJ6OUY

Not duplicating placement w/ Tsunami Drill. Russian Gulch → Navarro with bridges monitored. Training on what to report along route and condition of bridges.

Annual Health System Drill update??- Tim WB9NJS

Simplex Coverage Mapping - Steve / Lea

Fort Bragg Senior Center (FBSC) key location for Lea – Can't hit Casper through Fort Bragg (excluding FBSC). Suggested use of lat-lon plotting w/ Google Earth.

Mike KM6OTE adds QRZ may provide positions for mapping. Steve KJ6EIF to test CCC and FBSC simplex.

Joint project with WARS - followup discussion of Raspberry Pi possibly March ?
License class

Offered by Humboldt and Sonoma. McArcs will not offer a class this year.

Field Day last full weekend June??

Shakeout - October - Mike Carter

NC6MC Callsign

Voted to renew McARCS callsign.

Other Updates: 10 min

WARS update - Marshall

MACS update - Mike Carter

Items for next meeting, April 12

Adjourn

Suggestions: as of 1/10/20

Technician:

Getting started w programming , antenna, and communication protocols --Mike (MACS) has powerpoint

Programming your new radio

Making antennas, non-technical/mechanical

Technician on 10 meter HF

Simplex mapping so you know who you can contact of the repeater is down --MCARCS Comm Nets

Exercises/activities based on the MC Hazardous Mitigation Plan -- MACS drills

Show and tell...

Go Kits --Proposed Zoom Seminar Jan 26 TBD MCARCS/WARS/MACS

Raspberry Pi uses/projects for Ham Radio -- two potential presenters

problems with FT8, JT-65, RTTY, and SSTV. Would love to have a class or platform on which to get some answers.

Ham SSTV Robot 36 or 24

FL Digi

Interacting with the ISS: QSO, SSTV (Martin 1), Repeater

Show & Tell w pictures sent by Ham SSTV

Hidden transmitter hunting -- some personal activities possible until COVID threat gone

Handheld radio activities outdoors -- after COVID

Coaching on how to move to HF

General: Setting up an HF station, antennas, practicalities, protocol of QSO