

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Services

November 2008 meeting

Attendees: Terry Wilcox, Tim Hannan WB9NJS, Jim Cline, K6JRC, Don Morrosy Ki6JUD, Nick Wharf, Cody Snider, Cynthia Snider, Marcella Chandler, Sean Spicer, Alan Spivak, John Ragland KECQK, John Lemmer

Agenda

- Open items
- Holiday party
- Last month's community / volunteer events
- Year end report? Accomplishments? Participation?
- Weekly local net schedule
- Old business, unresolved items as time permits

Announcements

- Fox Hunt – Upper Lake Park begins @ 9, BBQ @ 1, NARC
- 12/6/08 – Sat – class \$25 – Chuck Heath – can
- 12/6/08 – Trucker's Light Parade – need 40 people altogether; being coordinated by Tammi Bartolomei @ NCO
- Recent CERT grad class – 17 new members

McARCS open items:

1. Activation / phone tree
2. Net Coordinator
3. MOU
4. Equip Loan Prgm
5. From MCI Exercise
6. Governance changes
7. Draft McARCS
8. Blank list of Officers & Agency Contacts

Comments – getting ID from the OEC Bill Woodworth); Don M. – some kind of a County-wide ID; Bill Woodworth will not be doing. Agree to meet @ 1 meeting the entire time on nothing but the governance issue – Jan or Feb. All to review

Sniders will create a blog – all to review, comment, etc. – seriously think about where we all want to go...

Remind everyone @ Dec meeting that this will be dealt with @ Jan meeting

On the website – create a place to sign up or take name off list

Activation tree; at one time we gave the EOC Bill Woodworth) a list of names to call in the event of need; John is surprised at the lack of interest and participation; in

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Brooktrails, the contact person is the CERT leader; in the event of need, sign on to the linked repeater system – in the event the repeaters are down, use the local simplex net; self activate; generate a list of those active in the Organization by bringing up the subject on the weekly net; create a “members only” – use any current info and build upon that (John and Tim both keep a log of who checks into the Willits / Brooktrails net)

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12/11/08 @ Broiler Steakhouse @ 5:30 – dinner begins @ 6:30 – meal will be \$25 all inclusive, but not drinks; WARS need some people to help organize the program w/Linda Morrison (Marcella & Cynthia to assist)

Last month's community volunteer events

- Fire Expo – well attended – about 20 people who got on the air – steady stream; Tim was in trailer putting people on the air – John and Len both helped by being on the air (aa9pw.com)
- Pumpkinfest Parade (McARCS, SAR, CERT) about 11 participants; good turn out for the purpose
- Dog/Walk thing – only had about 20 participants; the HAMs however, could have handled 120 participants; all good
- County Mass Flu clinic
- 10 County exercise – all EOCs were activated as well as all Red Cross chapters – John and Don participated; John took over comm. Lead with Sonoma County Red Cross – most licensed not more than a year, only about half (48 – 14 of whom are on Mendocino County – mostly new?); perm radio at Chapter; John is trying to train a person in SR, 3 teams ea with 2 HAMs, and 3 Red Cross people, ACS people; ran simulated messages – including some to the Oakland area; lot of people involved and lots of observers – was very good overall. John will not be there in the event of a major event as he will first take care of self, family, neighbors, etc.; logistical problem with him being in charge of HAMs in SR – not practical (DAT is a limited sub-set of Red Cross – can take some classes on line; criminal background check; fulfilling our missions class, fill out app, submit name/ss/etc. to Ibackgroundcheck.com)

: from WARS and other sources as we can, produce draft and. We DO have better participation – Potter, Hopland, each community should have its own freq – interference on local or common freq – 147 less used for simple – 147.54 or 147.51

Wrap up meeting @ 7:08

Alan making more J-poles

Cynthia – more fun things at meetings – technical show in Dec – fox hunt discussion / antenna thing

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