

# **M c A R C S**

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

## **Meeting Minutes – 3/1/12**

**P**resent: Jim W6JRC, Steve KJ6EIF, Marcella KI6MJC, Teri KI6RIU, Terry Wilcox (guest), Tom Brundige (with Teri also), Tim WB9NJS, Alan WA6JBK, Nick KI6RIT, Dirk KJ6TNY, Orin Johnson (guest)

**T**reasurers report:

Nick – treasurer’s report: balance is \$530.13.

**E**vents:

2/9 – multi county communications event – contacted by Sheriff Barney – will have com trailer in a.m., then demonstrate connecting county to county in as many modes and bands and Fx as possible.

Talked to Len – can use his equipment. WWA also offered his repeaters.

- WARS – annual St. Paddy’s day feed – 3/16
- Tsunami 3/20 school district exercise
- Tech class 3/24
- Valley of the Moon – annual swap meet and test session (4/25)
- Health System exercise (Apr or May) – possibly 5/10
- Human Race 5/5
- EmComm West – combined with the IRLP conference – Reno (May4-6)
- Tour of California 5/13
- VHF contest – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June – WWA will run it – Walker Ridge – 11 a.m. Sat to 8 pm Sun 6/9
- Mendo Monster 6/10
- Field Day 6/23 & 6/24
- Anderson Valley bike event 7/14
- Mendo Rally 8/4
- Harvest Ride 9/2
- WARS – 2/11 11:15 – Old Mission Pizza – show off boat anchors
- Jim –per Dan – a walk in FB – needs operators 3/3
- Tour of Marconi radio stations - 4/28 tour (near Bolinas and Inverness) – a BBQ to follow tour
- Elmer session 4/21 1000 – 1400 @ the LDS church in Willits – brief presentation: basic op proc, program radio, WIN, antenna, coax, power supply – very general

**J**im W6JRC – KE7HLR

Go – kit – hand out (emergency kit item list)

RICK (response incident command kit)

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Grab and go: equipment, batteries, antennas, spares, etc.

Portable go kit radio station

VERY portable \$20 – [edison\\_fong@hotmail.com](mailto:edison_fong@hotmail.com) DBJ2

Jim has various “stages” of grab and go kits for various purposes.

Woot.com

Allelectronics.com

If we want, Jim can order us Nifty HT antennas for \$13 with the SAR (Alan also has a homemade one we can learn now to make)

Nifty mini-manual

**S**teve KJ6EIF –

Showed the slide presentation that he showed to the County folks for the 2/9 drill. LOTS of LA, Fire, (first responders) etc. folks there. Also toured the Comm trailer that Dan put together.

PDF presentation available on the website

Tim - In addition to the 4 linked repeaters, there are other linked repeaters – parallel linked repeater system (win). Able to use various bands, UHF, VHF, etc. for redundant communication.

Tim WB9NJS – Health system event 5/10 1100 – 1300

South coast to Covelo – Round Valley have 3 folks signed up for the class

Next meeting: meet elsewhere? SAR basestation? Suggestions:

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