

McARCS

Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communication Service

Thursday, January 2nd, 2014 ~ 1800 Minutes

Introductions & Announcements:

Nick KI6RIT, Jim W6JRC, John W6FQX, Steve KJ6EIF, Tim WB9NJS, Betty KG6PBS, Marcella KI6MJC,
Guests: Leroy & Terry Korte (want to be HAMs)

Reports & Discussion:

Tim lightly talked about the WARS club – general interest/social, compared to McARCS's focus on public service and emergency communications. Korte's are looking to learn more, take a local class, etc. Talked about the class/testing process, locations, books, tools (practice tests on-line).

Begin meeting: 18:23 (kinda)

Thank you card from Boys & Girls Club (lead to more discussions informing the Korte's on HAM radio... Bike events, emergency preparedness drills, nets, CBs, dependency on cellphones, etc.)

Nick – nothing new for the website - John could add more for digi.

Tim – nothing new to report for the treasurer. Began the steps to change signature authority. We never changed the signers from the original.

Passed around John's summary net report for 2013.

John did a share and tell on: a little thumb drive thing

Events:

3/26/14 **tsunami drill** 10:00 to 12:00 (Jim & Steve will take lead) (lead to more conversation on events, emergency preparedness, etc.). Steve discussed pushing Shannon to put IDs in place and move that forward. Steve admitted he told Shannon to make the decision on what the requirements are and what the ID should look like, as too many HAMs have/had their own ideas so it went nowhere. Discussion on what to do for the event – capability to work 80 meters using EOC equipment. (discussed the need to update our EOC HAM antenna – should be done before event (lead to more sidebar discussion on antenna issues: permission, dipole, length, how far we wanted coverage to, etc. Net control for Cal-OES (CESN), discussed noise level in the city including in the EOC)

1/10/14 **McARCS** (holiday) dinner
6/8/14 **Rotary Club Mendo Monster** (Andiron Inn a tough spot to work)
5/22/14 **Health Care Facility (Tim)**
5/3/14 **Human Race**
10/16/14 **Shake Out (10:16)**

Upcoming events:

Alternate meeting sites (museum, coast, Willits PD, FBPD). We would likely get more participation if we weren't so Ukiah-centric. 19:30

Meeting concluded @ 1930

The next meetings are scheduled as follows
February 6th, 2014
March 6th, 2014
<http://mcarcs.org/>