



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER JULY - 2009

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July – Wednesday Roll Callers held at 1900 Hours:

1st: Bill KN6JV 8th: Vi K6VBH
15th: Chris KI6LOD 22nd: Rick KG6TIJ
29th: Paul KG6TIL

County wide Monthly Roll Call

Will be on July 6th, Roll call normally starts around 1845 and ends when a stand-down order is issued.

All Mountain Roll Calls are conducted on the Idyllwild repeater 146.895(-) 118.8.

July Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire

Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Board: Thursday, July 9th, 6:30 PM

MHRC/RACES: Thursday, July 9th, 6:30 PM

All are welcome to attend any of the above meetings.

*Happy 20th Year of Service
MHRC! Let's see another 20!*

Big Thanks to K6GUN

Thank you Mr. Jim Johnson "K6GUN" for the use of your property along Highway 243. The MHRC had a great time educating the public on the use of Ham Radio. We worked the site for a continuous 24 hours. The total count is not in yet, however we made many contacts clear out to Michigan, Alberta Canada and Alaska.

Thank you Jim,

From the entire Mile High Radio Club

Message from Bill Baker

Well we made it through another month without any disasters – just the way I like it!

Field day has been here and gone. Thank you all for helping.

Thanks to Rick KG6TIJ for getting the push-up canopy's and tables and thanks to MDP for allowing us the use of the same. Good shade on hot days. Rick's wife Nancy is in the hospital. Please keep her in your thoughts for a quick recovery.



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Record keeping materials were supplied by Vi K6VBH who also gave a shot at the HF and 2 meter radios.

Roger K6RWK came up from Moreno Valley to shoot pull lines into the trees for the long wire HF antenna. He got the best elevation ever. That wire was really up there!

Actually we had a good number of contacts. Mostly HF and a large part of that was through Chris Milford's (K0CRU) effort over Saturday night. Chris makes use of a computer for data logging - neat. Others had contacts on HF and 2 meters as well. Using a 2 meter, 11 element beam jury-rigged on an extended mast with a section that could be rotated by hand we were finally able to get contacts by bouncing signals off the eastern peaks. Signals aimed in other directions yielded little in the way of contacts. Paul KG6TIL was first to try the rock bounce and made good contacts – experiments pay off. Tom WA6SSS, MHRC President, spent time on HF and made quite a few contacts adding to our count.

Chris KI6LOD made his first HF contacts - he recently got his General so this made his day. Good going Chris.

Bill KD6KTV rounded up the sodas for the gang. Bill (the Club's PR and newsletter guy) will also be breaking down the contact data and filing it with ARRL. He also spent time making contacts – busy—busy.

Most brought a dish for all and something to cook on the BBQ Sat. evening, our social time. Good food too.

A super quiet generator was loaned to us for the event by Jim Mettler N7TAQ, what a luxury! Thank you.

Don KG6AVT came up from Hemet and helped with all the set-up and tear-down (much need

manpower) also Christy KG6AVU and Tom Huss drove in from Pinyon and spent Sat. evening with us at the site.

I hope I didn't miss mentioning anyone and their efforts. Thanks again to all.

Visitors were more scarce than usual but just as we were closing a gentleman drove up with his kids and asked how his son could get into radio. We talked about what Ham radio is all about and got his contact address then got his son on the air for a couple of words. He lives in Orange County so we will try to get someone over there to get him into a class. Never hurts to promote amateur radio.

Our 4th of July parade communications will be a RACES event. 0830 to about 1100

Bill KN6JV

MINUTES OF THE MILE HIGH RADIO CLUB/ RACES MEETING June 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Unwin at 1837. There were 7 members and one guest, Julie Huss present. The minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter. The motion was made by Rick Foster and seconded by Christy Huss.

Bill Tell received an e-mail from the Riverside County RACES Newsletter asking for permission to publish the article from the Town Crier about the Spring Challenge Bike race. Bill contacted the Town Crier to see if that was a problem and was told that it was not. He told the RACES Newsletter to use the article. He also sent an e-mail to Karen Doshier in reply to her letter regarding a booth at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. He has not received a reply. He also got a letter from SCE regarding electrical safety during Field Day.



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There has been no action on revising the By-laws. Bill T., Chris J and Rick agreed to meet on a future Wednesday or Thursday.

Tom reported the weather station which had been causing interference had been sent for repairs and is now enclosed in a shielding grounded metal box.

The meeting was adjourned at 1805.

Refreshments were furnished by Rick Foster and enjoyed by all.

The RACES portion of the meeting was called to order by Bill Baker, KN6JV, Mountain E.C. He asked for volunteers for the 4th of July parade and Bill Tell, Vi Hallacy, Tom Unwin and Chris Johnson signed up. This will be a RACES operation and uniforms will be required.

Chris Johnson stated he was having a party at his house the afternoon of the 4th and invited everyone to come.

The rest of the meeting was used to plan for Field Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 1930. The next meeting will be on July 9, 2009 at 1830 at the Idyllwild Fire Station.

73, Vi Hallacy K6VBH

Up-Coming Events Schedule:

July 4th Parade. We need a minimum of 4 radio operators for course communications. This is a RACES event.

August 22 & 23 – Jazz Festival. Need 3 operators each shift (2 shifts each day). This is a RACES event. I will need to know in advance if you will participate since there

is some administrative work that needs to be done.

Be sure to check out the clubs web site at www.milehighradioclub.org/activities for additional information related to these great events.

Thank you, Bill Baker KN6JV

NOTICE TO ALL RACES MEMBERS

In view of the fact, that we live in earthquake country, it would be advisable for all RACES members to download the most recently available RIVERSIDE COUNTY RACES MEMBERS MANUAL.

The manual is frequently being updated but the most recent copy can be found at www.rivcoraces.org/.

This manual is very informative about RACES activities and should be read often by RACES members until they are familiar with all aspects of RACES operations. It also has a list of what you should have in what we have been calling your “Get-Away Bag”. It’s time for all of us to take a look at our “Bags” and see what we have taken out to use and not replaced, such as batteries and who knows what else. When the call comes we need to **BE PREPARED.**

You the readers are the club. Please keep up your support. We would like to see and hear from more of you. What type of activities would you like to see? How about an article or topic that you feel needs to be covered, please submit your suggestions.

Respectively submitted, Bill Tell KD6KTV