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MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER

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March – Wednesday Roll Callers – 1900 Hours:

4th
Bill KN6JV
11th
Pat KG6AVZ

18th
Steve K6JSJ
25th
Danielle KI6DDR

Mountain District Roll Call is on the Idyllwild repeater 146.895(-) 118.8

MHRC/RACES - February Meeting Minutes

There are no minutes to report for February, the meeting was cancelled due to snow and road conditions.

RACES Report

We have gotten off to a slow start this year mostly due to weather.

Getting our training back on track is important and will begin with the March meeting. Training for that session will be message handling. Message handling has been stated to be one of the major issues of the recent Great Shakeout. Not only the sending and receiving but also replies and correct routing must have really taken a hit.



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This will likely be a topic of more than one training sessions since communications is all about accurate message sending, copying and getting it to the right destination.

I also hope that we can have a licensing class this year. At this point I'm not sure if the 2 weekend method or the longer several sessions or some mix is the best way to go. I am looking into the ARRL PowerPoint presentation as a method of accelerating the class process.

The Bike Race is the 1st weekend in May and several communicators will be needed. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting. If you will sign-up I need to have your TEE shirt size. The main race is on Saturday and needs most operators. Sunday is a half day operation and needs only 2 or 3 operators. It will be the same course as last year and we need to improve our communications from several stations.

That's it for now.

73

Bill Baker KN6JV

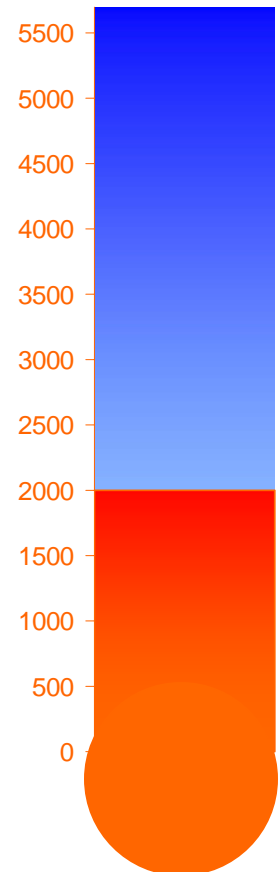
Field Repeater Report

The Mile High Radio Club (a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Corporation), in Idyllwild, CA, is seeking funds to expand its emergency communications capability.

Mile High Radio Club, through its Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), is the emergency communications resource for the Mountain areas of Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Mountain Center, Poppet Flats and Garner Valley. Amateur radio is often the only communications working after a disaster.

We want to purchase "field suitable" equipment (portable repeater systems) that will extend our communication capabilities into and out of such areas. Our estimated costs are \$5,700.00 currently we have raised \$2,002.00 through donations. Thank you to all who have donated.

If you are able, please donate to the Mile High Radio Club/RACES Repeater Fund. You may send your check to: Mile High Radio Club, P. O. Box 1204, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1204.





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Membership Status

We are small but mighty. Currently we are at 21 paid members. To remain mighty, we must not only maintain our membership but we need to increase our roster. We are counting on those that have yet to re-new, to please do so. Also if you or your friends know of anyone interested in Ham Radio, make them aware of our organization, as they too could be an asset. Your voice counts and in times of emergency we will need every trained radio operator on board ready to assist in whatever is thrown at us.

March Meetings & Events Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Bd. of Dirs. Mtg., Thurs., March 12, 6:30 PM, Idyllwild Fire Department

MHRC/RACES Meeting: Thurs., March 12, 6:30 PM, Idyllwild Fire Department

ALL AMATEURS are cordially invited to attend any of the above meetings.

The MHRC Website has a NEW LOOK!!!

Our clubs web site has a complete new look. Hat's off to Don Raridon for his tireless efforts and all of his long hours and hard work. He has done a wonderful job. There are many new resources located on the web site. Many of the items are for the promotion of Amateur Radio and Emergency Communications through ARRL brochures. You can even link up with a video of Bill Baker from last years Field Day, view a Slide Show or watch Jay Leno and Technology go up against Old School. Who do you think wins the contest? Check out the new look web site and please provide your comments.

You may access the MHRC website at www.milehighradioclub.org

Respectively Submitted,

Bill Tell KD6KTV
MHRC Board Member