



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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October – Wednesday Roll Callers held at 1900 Hours:

7th: Pat KG6AVZ 14th: Bill KN6JV
21st: Danielle KI6DDR 28th: Bill KN6JV

County wide Monthly Roll Call

Will be on October 5th, 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.

October Meetings @ Idyllwild Fire

Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC Board: Thursday, October 8th, 6:30 PM

MHRC/RACES: Thursday, October 8th, 6:30 PM

All are welcome to attend any of the above meetings.

Message from Bill Baker

August had a busy ending not only with the usual Jazz Festival communications but the Cottonwood fire as well and RACES responded. RACES Mountain District went on self-standby on the eve of the fire, Thursday, and remained on until mid-afternoon on Sunday. Roll calls held every 3 hours tracked the available operators. Station 23 and IFPD Races communications equipment was brought up on test runs. No activation was called.

Jazz Festival communications was again handled by RACES with 3 operators always on station. This communications is a somewhat complex task. Using not only amateur radios we also the campus radios and GMRS type radios. The communications was improved over previous years but is still in need of better equipment. However the RACES operators did the job well.

In September RACES supported a Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) communications exercise with communications set up at both Station 23 and IFPD.

Also this month, The Idyllwild Community Fund awarded a sizable donation to The Mile High Radio Club toward the its Repeater Fund which will enhance Amateur Radio Communications for Emergency communications by Races Mountain District as well as any communications that the Club or District Races undertake. Current



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funding will allow beginning to acquire components and assembling the repeaters.

Later in September Riverside County OES activated RACES for 4 days to staff fire watches and where possible patrols. Mountain District responded with operators in Mountain Center, Pine Cove, Poppett Flats and Pinyon Pines. No fires were reported in the local areas and a stand-down order was issued for the last day as winds subsided.

73, Bill Baker KN6JV

MINUTES OF THE MILE HIGH RADIO CLUB/ RACES MEETING September 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Christy Huss at 1809. There were seven members and one guest, Don Hamilton, in attendance. The meeting was held in Bill Baker's home as the Idyllwild Fire Department required the use of the usual meeting place. Members were notified of the change by phone calls and a sign was posted on the training room door at the Fire Department.

The August minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter by a motion made by Rick Foster, seconded by Chris Johnson and approved unanimously.

Vi reported she had talked to a person at the Post Office about the fee for the P.O. Box and was told that we had to pay it if we did not have a street address. She will look into this.

Vi reported she has received a letter from the Idyllwild Community Fund stating that they have awarded \$1,800 to us for the Portable Repeater Fund. The Directors of the Fund have asked that at least one MHRC member be present at a meeting at the Idyllwild Fire Department on September 11. Vi and Bill Baker stated they

would attend. Bill Tell will come and take pictures for the Newsletter and write an article about the award for the Town Crier and our Newsletter.

Don Hamilton submitted his application for membership to the Club and was approved unanimously. He stated his wife also wished to be a member and she was approved also.

There was a lengthy discussion about the components for the portable repeater and all decisions were tabled. Don Hamilton said he would help with the portable repeater as he has some experience with repeaters.

Bill Tell asked for more input from the members for the Newsletter. Chris said he had some pictures taken when he put up his new antenna that he could contribute.

A nominating committee made up of three board members, Bill Tell, Rick Foster, Chris Johnson and RACES EC Bill Baker said they would be willing to serve as board members next year and would act as a nominating committee to find the officers for next year.

Bill Tell reported that the committee for revising the by-laws had met and would have the proposed revisions ready for the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1949 to enjoy refreshments furnished by Rick Foster.

The RACES meeting was called order by Bill Baker. KN6JV, Mountain District EC, 2008. He stated that RACES and MDP would be having a drill on Saturday, September 12 and asked for volunteers. Vi will open up the radios at the Idyllwild Fire Station and Bill B. will open up Sta 23. Bill Tell will take pictures. We will use the 213 form for message handling.

Bill B. passed out the new RACES membership cards to those members at the meeting, Vi



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Hallacy, Bill Tell, Don Oertel, Chris Johnson, Christy Huss and himself.

Bill asked if people were still interested in a Fox Hunt and said Tom Unwin had used the same technique at the Jazz Festival to help locate a person there who was carrying a radio. The response from the members was good so Bill said he would talk to Chris Milford about having a Fox Hunt.

The meeting was adjourned at 2035. The next meeting will be held on October 8th, 2009 at the Idyllwild Fire Station.

73, Vi Hallacy K6VBH

Quiz: Back to basics.

1. It's OK to keyup a repeater without using your call sign to test if you can hit it:

- A) More than once in a series of tests; B) Never;
- C) Late in the evening; D) At any time.

2. Ducting often occurs when:

- A) A warm air mass supports a cool air mass;
- B) layers of clouds are separated by several hundred feet; C) Most often when northern lights are visible; D) When a warm air mass rides on top of a cool air mass.

Up-Coming Events Schedule:

October Meeting – We will be voting on new Board Members and Directors. Please show up and have your voice heard. Also we expect to look at the some of the By-Law revisions we have been discussing.

Lake Perris Fair - Radio operators are needed to man equipment and demonstrate communications at the Perris Fair.

Dates are October 10 – 18th. Operating hours are --weekdays 4PM to 10PM and weekends 10Am to 10PM. If you can work any hours of any day(s) please contact Bob at: ki6dip@arrl.net.

There will be Popup shelters, tables etc. The operation will likely be entirely outside.

I'm sure you will have some time to see exhibits etc. but expect to man radios too. Check to see if you have to take any of your own gear.

The location is at the Perris Fair grounds off the Ramona Expressway.

Sign-up in order to have tickets..

Try it --you'll like it.

November 7 Idyllwild Heath Fair. We will be exhibiting at the Idyllwild School Gym between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. Please remember to bring canned food items for the Help Center.

Thank you, Bill Tell KD6KTV



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Humor!!! It's all in one's perspective.

A ship's Captain, observing a light across the water, had his signalman instruct the other vessel to change course ten degrees south.

A reply came back "change you course ten degrees north"

The Captain responded testily "I'm a Captain, change your course ten degrees south"

The reply, "I'm a seaman 1st class, change your course 10 degrees north"

The Captain was furious "change your course now! I'm on a battleship"

"Change your course ten degrees north, sir, I'm on a lighthouse"

Quiz Answers;

1: b

2: d

From the Editor;

You should all be proud of Bill Baker and Vi Hallacy for putting on a great presentation to the Idyllwild Community Fund reception. This event was held on September 24th at the Silver Pines Lodge where many members of the community attended. This was a great venue to get the word out on Ham Radio operations.

Also, Bill Baker and Vi Hallacy were able to list the club's physical address where the repeater station resides. This allowed for the club to retain our PO Box 1204 for no cost! Kudos you two!

Respectively submitted, Bill Tell KD6KTV