



RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER

JUNE - 2011

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County wide Monthly Roll Call

First Monday of the Month

*Will be on **June 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

June - Wednesday Roll Call

is held at 1900 Hours

This month's callers are;

1st: John K6CEH 8th: Kathy KA6MOM
15th: Tom WA6SSS 22nd: Vi K6VBH
29th: Bill KN6JV

June Meeting @ Idyllwild Fire Department – Training Room
Mark Your Calendars!

MHRC / Club / RACES: Thursday June 9th

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the above meetings or call in on the nets.

President's Message

The weather is improving somewhat and it is a little warmer which gives me hope that by Field Day weekend we will be able work outdoors comfortably.

I am looking forward to an event that has always been a pleasurable experience working with old friends and meeting new ones.

Hopefully, the portable repeater will be available to show people and for us to learn how to use it.

We also will have an HF radio available for anyone to use as long as someone with a general or higher license is there.

Setting up a radio station from scratch is always a good learning experience for old hams and especially for new ones who have yet to set up a station in their home.

See you all there.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH
MHRC President
RACES – Mountain District – AEC



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Mile High Radio Club Board & General Meeting Minutes Meetings Held on May 12th

1810 – President called Board meeting to discuss empty Board Vice President position opened by President Vi Hallacy Discussion about procedures used to fill empty Board positions

1820 - Board Meeting closed by President Vi Hallacy

1830 - Regular Radio Club meeting opened by President Vi Hallacy

There were 14 members and 2 guests, K8EBR – Tom Pierce and Don, in attendance Motion to reinstate membership for K8EBR, Tom Pierce – Wayne Laube Second - Don Hamilton
Ayes: all Nays: none

Minutes of April 14th in newsletter – Motion to approve Rick Foster Second – Marilyn Peck
Ayes: all Nays: none

Treasurer's report for 5/12/2011 – Treasurer Bill Tell reported on the American Radio Relay League's decision to move their insurance endorsement to another broker, liability insurance and property insurance were discussed – the Club's Income Tax report was filed by President Vi Hallacy Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Rick Foster Second – Kathy Hamilton Ayes: all Nays: none

Correspondence – 4-16-2011, K6CEH John Hauer sent a letter of resignation from the position of Board Vice President. 4-11-2011, Leslie A, Gudmunson, treasurer of Rotary Anns, sent a \$400.00 donation to the club. Rick Foster noted the MHRC Board members were invited to a Rotary Ann appreciation event.

Old Business –
The Portable repeater was reported to have worked well at the bike race.

The Bike Race was fine, no radio problems reported – some management conflicts were noted.

Radio Field trip to Table Mountain in Anza – no new information on date and time is available.

Repeater interference – It was noted that the problem should be attended to by the repeater Trustee or under his direction.

Radio class – The class is being put together, no dates chosen yet – Garner Valley is encouraged to participate in this class – discussion about costs of Commons building and radios in Garner Valley Station and Commons and a repeater survey should be taken assessing their communication needs.

Financial forecast - It was noted in a discussion about the repeater fund and donations to the repeater fund, that any remaining funds and future donations upon completion of the portable repeaters would go into the general club funds. Uncollected Membership dues – discussion

New Business –
Field Day – This year's Field Day is the last weekend in June. Rick Foster is the organizer and he could use all interested volunteers starting 9:30am on Saturday for setup, working the radios through the night and disassembly on Sunday. A picnic will start approximately 5:00 pm on Saturday.

4th of July – Volunteers needed for parade

Advertising in Club Newsletter – An idea for selling business ads in the Club's newsletter was presented.

Thanks to Bill Baker for refreshments
Adjourn 1930

Christy Huss KG6AVU
MHRC Secretary



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RACES Report – Mountain District

Coming up on mid year and still having no input on good day/dates/times for RACES training and exercises.

For sure having a RACES activity after the MHRC meeting is not suitable. So, I think I'll bite the bullet and say we'll try the Sunday afternoon (weekend before the MHRC meeting day) weather permitting. RACES members (others interested in participating are welcome) will meet at the same site as our Field Day if I get permission. Time 1330 hours, plan on bringing your HT, its manual, good batteries and a chair.

We'll start with setting and using frequencies and tones with simplex. The site being used is quite open and usually we will be able to set up to have good voice contact for instructions. After making "field settings" we can spread out and verify our contact capability with those settings while incorporating message handling.

Granted, this plan is not too suitable for winter but we'll cross that snow bank later.

Speaking of training, both the MHRC and ANZA clubs have been working on a joint Technician license class. Now is the time to get names of people interested in such a class.

Depending on the number of people signing up the class may be held locally in both Anza and Idyllwild or jointly in Garner Valley (subject to availability/cost of the Garner Valley facility).

Having said that, I need you to canvas people you know and see if they have a genuine interest in Amateur Radio and want to attend such a class. I expect the class will begin in late June with an intro session followed by at least 3 Saturday (all day) sessions and a Sunday test session.

We need your input ASAP with names, phone no's, E-mail addresses if possible. The cost will be determined by the number of students, facility cost, book cost, and test fees. Some of the variables have yet to be worked out.

Bill Baker KN6JV
Mountain District EC – RACES

Mountain District RACES and MHRC ALERT

We have received reports through County RACES Officials regarding recent multiple fires over the past few days in the Menifee, Good Hope, Murrieta areas (generally I-215/SR74 area) that have definitely been arson related.

We're asking all RACES, and radio operators to be extra vigilant, even outside the immediate area of concern.

We are not conducting "red flag" patrols at this time. However, you are encouraged to monitor the local repeater(s) for fire/smoke reports and act on them accordingly. In addition, should you observe a "new start" close to your location, make note of traffic leaving the area, especially on lesser used roads and trails. Just observe and report.

Thank you,

Bill Tell KD6KTV
Mountain AEC



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FEMA Administrator Calls Amateur Radio "The Last Line of Defense"

In an [FCC forum](#) on earthquake communications preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency ([FEMA](#)) Administrator Craig Fugate described the Amateur Radio operator as "the ultimate backup, the originators of what we call social media."

The forum-- held May 3 at FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC -- brought together officials from the White House, the Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)), the United States Geological Survey ([USGS](#)), FEMA, the FCC and the private sector.

Fugate and FCC Bureau of Public Safety and Homeland Security Chief Jamie Barnett gave the opening remarks.



In an earthquake communications preparedness forum sponsored by the FCC, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate praised Amateur Radio, saying "...when you need Amateur Radio, you really need it."

Later in the forum, Fugate spoke more on Amateur Radio. "During the initial communications out of Haiti, volunteers using assigned frequencies that they are allocated, their own equipment, their own money, nobody pays them, were the first ones often times getting word out in the critical first hours and first days as the rest of the systems came back up,"

he told the forum. "I think that there is a tendency because we have done so much to build infrastructure and resiliency in all our other systems, we have tended to dismiss that role 'When Everything Else Fails.' Amateur Radio often times is our last line of defense."

Fugate said that he thinks "we get so sophisticated and we have gotten so used to the reliability and resilience in our wireless and wired and our broadcast industry and all of our public safety communications, that we can never fathom that they'll fail. They do. They have. They will.

I think a strong Amateur Radio community [needs to be] plugged into these plans. Yes, most of the time they're going be bored, because a lot of the time, there's not a lot they're going to be doing that other people aren't doing with Twitter and Facebook and everything else. But when you need Amateur Radio, you really need them."

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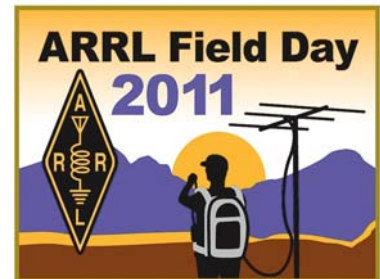
American Radio Relay League (ARRL)

Field Day 2011 – June 25th – 26th

Everyone is invited. We will set up along Highway 243 just south of the Tree Carver on K6GUN's property. Using only emergency power supplies we

set up radio stations for all to operate. Our slogan, "When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works" is more than just words to us as we prove that

messages can be sent in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that are often compromised in a crisis.



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