



## RACES – Mountain District – Mile High Radio Club

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**Officers** - President: Vi Hallacy K6VBH, Vice President: Vacant, Membership: Rick Foster KG6TIJ  
Secretary: Christy Huss KG6AVU, Treasurer: Bill Tell KD6KTV,  
**Board Members:** Chris Johnson K6IDY, Wayne Laube KJ6HYC, Tom Unwin WA6SSS  
**RACES EC:** Bill Baker KN6JV

# MOUNTAIN FLASHES – NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER - 2011

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## County wide Monthly Roll Call

### First Monday of the Month

*Will be on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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**

## September - Wednesday Roll Call

### is held at 1900 Hours

*This month's callers are;*

7th: Pat KG6AVZ      14<sup>th</sup>: Paul KI6TIL  
21<sup>st</sup>: Kathy KA6MOM      28<sup>th</sup>: Tom KJ6IPW

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

MHRC / Club / RACES: Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>  
General Meeting at 6:30 PM

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

## **Presidents Message**

Working communications this year at the Jazz Festival was much less confusing due to the new system put together by Rick Foster. Much of the messaging went directly in a department instead of passing through Communications. A thunder shower added a bit of excitement and cooled down the temperature quite nicely also.

I am looking forward to the next MHRC meeting when the Nominating Committee will announce the slate of officers for next year. I have contained my curiosity and refrained from asking questions about their progress (I think) and anticipating they have a group that will have new, exciting and fresh ideas.

Somehow it doesn't seem like four weeks since the August meeting but the calendar says that the next meeting is coming up this week.

I hope to see a good attendance now that summer, with all its many attractions that kept people away, is over.

Vi Hallacy K6VBH  
President



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### ***Mile High Radio Club Board & General Meeting Minutes Meetings Held on August 11<sup>th</sup>***

1835 - Meeting opened by President Vi Hallacy  
There were 13 members in attendance and two  
guests, Ed Sherman – K6ERS and Robert Huss  
- KI6EAH

Pledge of Allegiance - Bill Tell

Minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> in newsletter – Motion to  
approve Bill Baker Second – Rick Foster

Treasurer's report for 8/9/2011 – Treasurer Bill  
Tell noted monies received for upcoming radio  
class - Motion to accept Treasurer's report –  
Paul Miglin Second – Rick Foster Ayes:  
all Nays: none

Correspondence - Chip Wallace, W6POO, from  
Palm Springs and Idyllwild submitted an  
application - motion to accept Chip Wallace as a  
member - Bill Baker Second - Rick Foster  
Ayes: all Nays: none

Old Business -

Repeater Problems - some adjustments to the  
repeater will be made to try to correct problems.

The Portable repeater parts are in and work is  
progressing.

Repeater Call Sign - the documents for the new  
sign are being filled out.

Radio class – 32 + students are participating and  
the class is going well. The need for a General  
Class was discussed.

Interference from Orange County - options to  
lower repeater noise was discussed, including  
adjusting antenna directions.

Contact list - discussion

The Nominating Committee would like to receive  
input from members, new people and new ideas.

New Business -

Jazz Festival - this year is not a RACES event  
and volunteers will need to pick up a Jazz t-shirt  
for \$10 at the Festival's volunteers meeting on  
the 24th. Volunteers need to park in the lots and  
catch a shuttle to the festival.

MDP will have an earthquake drill on September  
10th - participation by the Club and RACES was  
discussed.

Donations - Motion that unless otherwise  
specified, the \$600 donation from the Festival  
and future donations will be put into the General  
Fund - Rick Foster Second - Wayne Laube  
Ayes: all Nays: none

Thanks to Christy Huss for the cookies.

1930 - Motion to adjourn - Vi Hallacy Second -  
Bill Baker

Christy Huss KG6AVU  
MHRC Secretary

### ***RACES Report – Mountain District***

More communications training is needed in this  
Mountain District. If we look around the country  
we can see that there are more than enough  
rough roads and hazards ahead that can (likely  
will) challenge our communications capability to  
the limit.

We have worked to grow systems and  
communicators to man those systems but have  
failed to convince those same communicators  
that it isn't just having an amateur radio license  
on the wall that makes a system work - - it's  
having those same license holders train to use



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their equipment, use the language, use the networks effectively and be ready to act as a communications team. THAT'S WHAT MATTERS. That's everything from talking the talk to writing the message to relaying a message to being on the right frequency and knowing your radio. Even checking in to our net roll calls is basic/basic.

Some radios out there have so many frequencies programmed in that getting to a useful one is next to impossible. Great for display but can be useless in an emergency. Never-the-less, knowing how to add frequencies, tones and offsets as needed IS important.

I have no doubt that all licensed operators mean well and feel fully ready to respond but.....!

With that said, I plan to resume training. You will also have a say in what you feel is needed. We will discuss meeting dates /times / topics at the up-coming MHRC meeting (s).

Bill Baker KN6JV  
Mountain District EC – RACES