

## Mountain Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

2008-11-19

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| KDØDZR | John Tine II<br>John Tine III |
| KBØVVA | Dean Buckhouse                |
| KBØVUX | Gloria Buckhouse              |
| KCØHIL | Scotty West                   |
| AGØA   | Galen Steele                  |
| KØDRJ  | Don Johnson                   |
| KCØYVU | Rod Hindley                   |
| KCØSPW | Erin Moraine                  |
| NØPSD  | Patty White                   |
| NØPKA  | Fred White                    |
| KCØWPL | Bill Olson                    |
| KØUIQ  | George Smith                  |
| KCØRAU | George Parkhurst              |
| ACØED  | Bill Sands                    |
| KCØZMQ | Carol Napier                  |
| KØMIS  | Mike Napier                   |

- At 7:03PM Dean Buckhouse called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves.
- Scotty, KCØHIL, moved to approve the October 2008 meeting minutes. John, KDØDZR, seconded the motion.
- Wes, KØHBZ, submitted a treasurers report to Dean, KBØVVA, on 2008-10-31.

### New Business:

- Skywarn Recognition Day will be 5-6 December at the Pueblo Weather Service. This is always a fun event and everyone is encouraged to participate.
- Dean thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Wes during and after his recent surgery.
- HAMCON 2009 (website: [www.hamconcolorado.org](http://www.hamconcolorado.org)) is coming up at the end of May 2009. The MARC VE team will conduct the VE sessions at HAMCON. Scotty, KCØHIL, gave a good summary of the event. Riley Hollingsworth will speak plus many others.
- Field day will be June 27-28 2009. Once again, Dean, KBØVVA, has offered to conduct the event on his property in Lake George.

### Old Business:

- The Christmas party will be at next month's meeting 5:30 – 9:00PM. The club will buy a ham and turkey. Mealtime will be 6:30PM. Everyone should bring a side-dish and a dessert or salad. Scotty, KCØHIL, will send out an announcement via Yahoo Groups.
- MARC QSL cards have been designed but not yet ordered.
- Repeater Status:
  - There is no output from the 146.685 machine on Badger Mountain but it is still receiving and transmitting on the link frequency. Dean, KBØVVA, explained how linking works in the MARC repeater system.
  - The battery for the Tenderfoot site is still sitting in Dean's garage – he'll install it next time

he visits the Tenderfoot site.

- Dean talked about using the repeater system's reverse auto-patch. Dean Haskins used to take care of this stuff, Kit likely has this information now. Dean suggested getting several club members to know how to use these advanced repeater functions. Scotty, KCØHIL, said the repeater manuals should be in the MARC office.
- Dean, KBØVVA, would like to turn the courtesy tones on on each of the MARC repeaters.
- Carol, KCØZMQ, asked why Padre always sounds noisy into the repeater. Dean explained the path between Padre's location, Conifer, and Tranquil Acres is a difficult one for radio waves to travel.
- Don, KØDRJ, announced that PPARES will be supporting the Salvation Army Meals programs on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Contact Henry, KCØNAJ, to volunteer.
- Don also announced that PPARES will be supporting the upcoming Festival of Lights Parade in Colorado Springs.
- Patty, NØPSD, asked about PPARES ID cards wondering when PPARES would conduct an ID card session. PPARES is now having monthly membership meetings at the Gold Hill Police Station in Colorado Springs and will occasionally conduct an ID card session. One was conducted this past summer and it may be next summer before the next ID card session is held.
- Rod, KCØYVU, asked about paying MARC dues. Dean can accept dues and has the receipt book to give receipts. Dues are \$20 per year. The \$20 covers all immediate family members.
- Mike, KØMIS, has retired! Carol, KCØZMQ, brought a cake and we all celebrated.
- George, KØUIQ, moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike, KØMIS, seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.