

# **Mountain Amateur Radio Club**

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

### **15 January 2014**

Our meeting began at 1905, with President Mike Stansberry in charge. Following introductions all around, the minutes of the November meeting were read aloud and accepted.

Under Old Business, we have purchased the new repeater for Badger, and a communication table for the Sheriff's office. The county used the remainder of the \$2000 for repairs.

Under New Business, Dean Buckhouse indicates that we will have the \$2000 county budget again. We plan to order a non-penetrating roof antenna mount for the county's communications center. We will then plan a Sunday morning HF Net testing at the communications center.

Dean also talked about Field Day, being the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend in June, at his place in Lake George. As well as CampFest, being the last weekend in August, again at Dean's place in Lake George.

Don Johnson next talked about there being eight public service events on the ARES docket. We can go to the PPARES website to sign up. These events are:

- May 3 – Run at the Air Force Academy
- Jun 8 – Run at the Garden of the Gods
- Jun 21 – Bike ride
- Jun 29 – Pikes Peak Hill Climb
- Jul 6 – Run
- Aug 16 – Run on Pikes Peak
- Aug 24 – Bike ride on Pikes Peak

Don also indicated that TCSAR has seen a surge in amateur license interest, due to being able to get a decent hand held radio for \$40.

No new news on a proposed repeater site east of Lake George.

Our club dues are due. Each attendee at the Christmas Dinner will get a 5 dollar credit to their club dues.

We talked about a "mesh net", typically done with a Linksys WRT54G broadband router. Information can be found on Hamnet.org.

Lucy Stansberry brought a spice cake, so we took a break.

Rich Russel brought a new toy, so we played with it, following the break. A very high tech quad copter, with gimbal mounted WiFi camera, GPS, computerized, OH MY. I can see that under the Christmas tree next year (well perhaps well above the Christmas Tree).

Our meeting adjourned at 2045

Twelve members, one guest present.

Submitted by Bill Wallick (KCØFNV), Secretary