

Montrose Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting

August 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

- The monthly membership meeting of the Montrose Amateur Radio Club (MARC) was called to order 7PM at the Olathe Community Center, 115 Main St., Olathe, Colorado, by the vice president, Dick Schultz KDØESZ. Twenty-seven were in attendance including three visitors.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **President**, Lew French KCØUER, was not present.
- **Secretary**, Cindy Spade KDØEQN, announced that webmaster John Sell KCØETV, has recently updated posting the minutes on the MARC website. She reported that more than half our club members hold an extra class license. The minutes were approved as posted on the website.
- **Treasurer**, Lanay Crow KC5QBH, was not present. The Treasurer's report shows the check for the community center rental remains outstanding. The Treasurer's Report was approved as prepared.
- **Vice President**, Dick Schultz KDØESZ, requested ideas for future programs. Programs should run 15-30 minutes and of a technical nature.
- **Activities Director**, Richard Wojciechowski KCØVQC, requested volunteers sign up for the Imogene Pass run occurring September 12th. Bob Schaeffer KJØG requested contest operators for the Colorado QSO Party sign up and declare the county they intend to work. Richard announced another possible activity on September 19th. The Delta Summit Rescue together with the boy scouts is planning a 12 hour bicycle ride west of Delta and may need our support. Richard also asked for suggestions for future activities where our talents may be utilized.
 - **Rimrock Run** - is schedule November 7 in Grand Junction area 06:30AM
 - **Peace Ride** - We covered a lot more territory than initially planned. Overall, the communications went extremely well. The ride coordinators intend to annualize this event and wish to continue to use our help with future rides.
 - **Web Training** – All are invited to review the website and visit often as the website is undergoing several updates and changes. John Sell KCØETV provided training to show others how to access and update the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ARES District 25** Emergency Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, invited everyone to turn on their 2 meter radios and tune to the Cedaredge repeater frequency; ARES has a special training event planned. Ron is working with the city of Montrose to activate a repeater in that area. Discussion and concern of liability followed. The city will own the repeater and be the trustee; Marc's role is to provide technical assistance and expertise.
- **Delta County RACES** Officer, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, had nothing further to report.
- **Montrose County RACES** Officer, Lew French KCØUER, was not present.
- **Skywarn** Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, reported that last month there were three callouts. The excitement involved one wall cloud and a few tornadoes, one of which touched down in Crawford. Dick Schultz informed the group how to get involved with Skywarn activities and where to acquire training.
- **VE Coordinator**, Steve Grewe KØSX, was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Brainstorm** – Dick Schultz KDØESZ, announced that antenna building, project elmer, and operating skills-awards-DXing were the top 3 items of interest in which the club will focus on over the course of the next year.
- **Net Control Operators** – Dick Schultz KDØESZ, requested volunteers to perform the duty of Net Control for the Sunday evening net on the Cedaredge repeater. He encouraged everyone to participate in order to help gain operating experience.
- **Web Training** – John Sell KCØETV, held training at the Hotchkiss Fire Department. Four were in attendance including Ron Rich KCØGKZ, Richard Wojciechowski KCØVQC, Dick Schultz KDØESZ, and Cindy Spade KDØEQN.
- **Refreshments Signup** - The list is caught up through the end of the year. Ron Rich KCØGKZ will inquire about leaving the supplies at the Olathe Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Christmas Party** – Will almost certainly be in one of the rooms at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center again. The date and time to be determined. This is potluck style.
- **Future Programs** – Dick Schultz KDØESZ, requested volunteers to present a program. Dave Casler KEØOG, offered to provide a program on solar power.
- **Portable Emergency Repeater** – Dick Schultz posed the question: Should we as a club set up a portable emergency repeater so we can operate a repeater in remote locations for emergency communications? Discussion followed, and it was determined this is against the club by-laws. Further discussion followed on the topic of digipeaters. The club showed enough interest to offer this topic as a future program.
- **Colorado QSO Party** – The event is from 6AM to 10PM on Sept 5th. The exchange is call sign, name, and county or spc. The website is www.ppra.org/coqp for further info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cindy Balaz ACØNH, from the Grand Junction Club, invited everyone to attend their Club picnic Friday, Sept 11, 6PM, Lincoln Park.
- The club breakfast on Sept 5th will be in Olathe.
- After the meeting, tonight's program will be on antenna tuning
- Tom Floyd KØTAF became a silent key August 17, 2009
- The meeting adjourned 8PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Spade KDØEQN, Secretary