

Montrose Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting September 18, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

- The monthly membership meeting of the Montrose Amateur Radio Club (MARC) was called to order 7:00 PM at the Olathe Community Center, 115 Main St., Olathe, Colorado, by the president, Lew French KCØUER. Twenty were in attendance, no visitors.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **Secretary**, Cindy Spade KDØEQN, distributed minutes from the August meeting. She announced the minutes are additionally posted on the MARC website. The minutes were approved as prepared.
- **Treasurer**, Lanay Crow KC5QBH, provided a report indicating no activity this past month. The Treasurer's Report was approved as prepared.
- **Vice President**, Dick Schultz KDØESZ, requested operators sign up for the role of net control operator for the Sunday evening net. He provided a script and roll call.
- **Activities Director**, Richard Wojciechowski KCØVQC, commented on the success of the Imogene Pass Run and asked Chris DePuy WBØITG to give a report
 - **Imogene Report** – Chris thanked all radio operators who volunteered their time. The weather was good for this great training event. Chris reported that 1600 runners signed up, 1127 ran, and 1098 crossed the finish line. Don Smith WBØDSG announced the Telluride Daily Press mentioned MARC as a beneficiary.
 - **Rimrock Run** - is scheduled Nov 7 in Grand Junction area 6:30 AM. We'll wait for the coordinator to contact us. This is also a good net operator training.
 - **Christmas Party** – upcoming potluck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ARES District 25** Emergency Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, announced he is working with ARES, MARS, and RACES in the front range to set up training activities October 3. He will get emails out regarding this training event. Additionally there was another training activity which worked rather well where ARES in Denver needed to pass traffic to the Salt Lake City Airport.
- **Delta County RACES** Officer, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, had nothing further to report.
- **Montrose County RACES** Officer, Lew French KCØUER, reported there was a Montrose Emergency Public Safety Expo. He was interviewed and asked if he would agree to do a 15-20 minute live interview on a show.
- **Skywarn** Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, mentioned an upcoming event (Skywarn Days) around the first week in December.
- **VE Coordinator**, Steve Grewe KØSX, was not present. The next session is scheduled October 10th, at least one is signed up to test. There is a group in Silverton requesting VE's go to Silverton to test there.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Brainstorm** – Lew French KCØUER, reviewed a few of the top items of interest and is making plans to implement them. One item on the list is to have an HF Net. Steve Schroeder KIØKY agreed to initiate the quest. The HF net is schedule to occur directly after the Sunday Evening net at 7:30 PM on 3.995 MHz.
- **Refreshments Etc** - The equipment is now stored at the Olathe Community Center. The PA and the refreshment supplies are both located there.
- **Grand Junction Picnic** – Dick Schultz KDØESZ attended. They had 20-24 members there. There is an open invite to log into the Oatmeal net 7:30 AM on the GJ repeater 146.94 with a 107.2 tone.
- **Colorado QSO Party** – MARC had a great turnout of operators who represented several counties. Bob Schaeffer encouraged everyone to turn in their logs.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Christmas Party** – Lanay Crow KC5QBH, will work to secure the date for either December 6th, December 12th, or December 13th for 1:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- After the meeting, tonight's program will be on a solar powered Ham Shack and a second program using packet to send a text message to a cell phone

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned 8PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Spade KDØEQN, Secretary