

# Montrose Amateur Radio Club

## Monthly Meeting November 20, 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-eight members were in attendance.

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **President**, Lew French KCØUER, acknowledged visitors Larry Braden, Jan Hessenflow, Melvin Simler KDØDOD, and Carol Simler KDØDOB. Member Pam Smith KE7VYB
- **Secretary**, Cindy Spade KDØEQN, announced October minutes were distributed via email. Bill Meyers WBØCQG motioned to approve, Dick Noble KCØJEA seconded, the minutes were approved as distributed via email. Cindy announced several projects she is currently working on. She mentioned she is putting together a welcome packet for all new members which will be made available electronically. She also created a mock up brochure for review which will be helpful to introduce prospective members to club opportunities. In accordance to the by-laws, all future memberships (new or renewal) will be by application. Reasons for the application include support for membership dues and ARRL membership reports. ARRL memberships obtained or renewed through the club benefits the club monetarily. We need 51% participation in ARRL in order to maintain our affiliation with ARRL.
- **Treasurer**, Lanay Crow KC5QBH, was not present. She provided a report indicating one outstanding check. Lew mentioned the remaining coax and connectors have been sold however more is on order. Bill WBØCQG motioned to approve, Dick KCØJEA seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved.
- **Vice President**, Dick Schultz KDØESZ, provided a list of 14 current net control operators for the Sunday night 2 meter net. He encouraged everyone to get experience as net control operator and check into the HF net on 3.995. On HF, net control is determined by station signal strength. Lew solicited comments; Don Smith provided positive comments, discussion followed regarding issues.
- **Activities Director**, Richard Wojciechowski KCØVQC, announced there are few activities in the near future. He invited members to share any activities for the coming year.
  - **Skywarn Days** –weekend of Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at the Weather Service in Grand Junction, Ron Rich will discuss further
  - **Christmas Party** – is confirmed for December 13<sup>th</sup>
  - **April 2010** – Mass Casualty Incident Exercise (possibly)
  - **May** – Tailgate Party

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ARES District 25** Emergency Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, reported things are progressing with our interaction with Delta and Montrose Counties Sherriff and Police departments. Further, we are developing good working relationships with Montrose and Delta County Emergency Management offices.
- **Delta County RACES** Officer, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, had nothing further to report.
- **Montrose County RACES** Officer, Lew reported he and Chris WBØITG met with Montrose County and gave a sales pitch for installation of a digipeater at the Nucla Airport; we are trying to combine forces and utilize their building, power, and tower with our gear to offer packet communications to the west end of Montrose county. We agreed to write a formal letter of request.
- **Skywarn** Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, reported the National Skywarn event is the weekend of Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at the Weather Service in Grand Junction beginning Noon on Saturday, ending Noon on Sunday. The event is for any ham regardless of Skywarn affiliation. We will set up HF radios in the weather service office and contact other weather service offices within the United States, Canada and Mexico in a field day style point driven event. Delta, Montrose and Mesa County place in the top 2-3 nationwide every year. This event provides an opportunity to watch meteorologists work and ask them questions. There will be a training this spring hosted by the weather service in Grand Junction for anyone interested in Skywarn certification.
- **VE Coordinator**, Steve Schroeder KIØKY, announced the next testing session is scheduled the same day as Skywarn, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Masonic lodge in

Cedaredge. Two examinees are scheduled to test for a technician class license. Anyone wishing to upgrade their license is invited to test that day.

- OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
- **Field Day** – Royce Seymour AAØJD announced the results in the latest December QST. We placed 72<sup>nd</sup> nationwide out of 500, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state in 2A category; our club put forth a good effort. He gave a big thank you to all.
  - **Colorado QSO Party** – Lew identified several of our club members who placed in the top 3 in their category of the contest including Bill Meyers, Bill Bear, Connie Schaeffer, Steve Schroeder, and Ike Topliss.
  - **Christmas Party** – Lew acknowledged Terry Tippie NØXMI, and Phyl Tippie NØSLF, in the crowd as our head chefs. Royce, event chairman, announced the party is at Bill Heddles at 1pm on December 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a “meet and eat” activity with a \$10 limit gift exchange by gender. There will be two door prize gifts; one for any attendant and one for a Ham only. Terry NØXMI offered as an option a Rib City Grill banquet style barbeque meat pan priced by the pound. Typically rated for ½ pound per person; service for 40 people will cost approximately \$150. Discussion followed. KIØKY motioned to plan for 40 guests and have the executive board firm up the numbers, Dick Noble seconded the motion. Prior to the motion being voted upon, KIØKY amended the motion; to include “for the cost of all food including door prize gifts not to exceed \$250.” Bill Meyers seconded the amendment and the amendment to the motion passed. Ike Topliss W7XG seconded the amended motion and the motion carried. Royce reminded everyone to bring a traditional side dish; dessert, hot vegetables, drinks, etc however no alcoholic beverages please.
  - **Public Information Officer** – Lew suggested we have a separate PIO, we could publicize results from field day and the Colorado QSO party. This is not an elected office, Lew offered to work something up pending his schedule and available free time.
  - **Executive Board Meeting** – Lew French KCØUER, discussed the results:
    - **Membership**
      - Difficulty reconciling membership rosters. We will start fresh with the new year.
    - **Brochure**
      - Cindy presented to the executive board, all are encouraged to review.
    - **Property Inventory**
      - Lew distributed a list of current inventory (logged thus far).
      - He requested all members review the list for accuracy
      - Hopefully the list will assist future equipment purchases
    - **Constitution and By-Laws**
      - The executive board was unable to review and comment on all the proposed changes at this time but will continue to work on this
  - **Auction**—Jim Frank KCØBNM phoned Lew to inform the club about an electronics auction at Daytel on North Park Ave by the Vista Charter School off the new bypass in Montrose. They are selling a variety of electronic items; wires, soldering irons, test equipment, torroids, o-scopes etc. They are open for inspection tomorrow (Nov 21st) at 7:30 AM; the verbal live auction begins 9:30 AM.
  - **Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Club** – Lew attended a meeting and found they produce and sell a nicely formatted statewide repeater map printed on waterproof Tyvek including frequencies for most repeaters. MARC is a member of this organization.
  - **Citizen’s Police Academy** – Lew French KCØUER, reported he had a meeting with the Emergency Management Coordinator who gave an announcement the Montrose Police Department is going to host a citizen’s police academy in January. See Lew for more information if you are interested.
  - **Nominating Committee** – It is now time to form the committee; nominations are in January, elections are in February. Chris DePuy WBØITG, Bob Schaeffer KJØG, and Ron Rich KCØGKZ comprise the committee; they will determine their chairman and provide their report in January.
- PROGRAM**
- by Lew French on Battleship Texas and Contacting Historic Ships
- ADJOURNMENT**
- Don WBØDSG motioned to adjourn, Ike Z7XG seconded; the meeting adjourned 8PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Spade KDØEQN, Secretary*