

Montrose Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting

July 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

- The monthly membership meeting of the Montrose Amateur Radio Club (MARC) was called to order 7:05 PM at the Olathe Community Center, 115 Main St., Olathe, Colorado, by the president, Lew French KCØUER.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **President**, Lew French KCØUER, acknowledged and gave a warm welcome to visitor Ricky Riddell KE5VID from Mississippi who recently moved to the area.
- **Secretary**, Cindy Spade KDØEQN, distributed minutes from the June meeting. Dick Noble KCØJEA motioned to approve, Curt Gamble seconded, motion passed. Cindy will provide the minutes and an updated roster to all members via email.
- **Treasurer**, Lanay Crow KC5QBH, reported deposits from the tailgate party and expenses from tailgate and trailer registration renewal. The check for the community center rental remains outstanding. The Treasurer's Report shows a checkbook balance of \$3,421.89 as of 06/30/2009. Dick Noble KCØJEA motioned to approve, Don Smith WBØDSG seconded and the Treasurer's report was approved as prepared.
- **Vice President**, Dick Schultz KDØESZ, requested ideas for future programs.
- **Activities Director**, Richard Wojciechowski KCØVQC, stated how thankful the race organization was for those who participated in the Hard Rock 100 race. They requested names and email addresses of the MARC volunteers. Richard asked for feedback regarding the event and requested photos from Chapman Gulch volunteers.
 - **Aug 9-11** World Peace Bicycle Ride has requested additional volunteers to help provide communications assistance for the World Peace Bicycle Ride in August, especially on August 10th from Ouray to Telluride. This is a challenging area to get communications going. We will work with the Cortez and Durango radio clubs to provide support on the other sides of the passes.
 - **Sep 12** Imogene Pass Run

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **VE Coordinator**, Steve Grewe KØSX, announced four individuals showed up for testing at the June session. The next testing session may be a little later than scheduled, and will be held the 3rd week of October. A new testing schedule for the following year is in the works; obtaining additional VE's may help. The testing schedule for next June will be modified to account for other club activities including field day. Steve announced that the VE's are willing to add a session if someone or a group needs to test on a day other than a scheduled testing session.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Field Day** – Royce Seymour AAØJD, mentioned that in an event like this, a few things go right and a few things go wrong. There was some antenna challenge and a few power bumps (generators running out of gas). When we put the hardware away on the trailer we managed to put a hole in the boards. However, we had a great number of visitors despite the small mention in the newspaper. The club is down to one working computer for logging. Several items were left behind and need to be returned to their rightful owners. We had a good GOTA (get on the air) effort and achieved a new club record. Additionally, we made a Switzerland contact, and two contacts on 6 meters. Sunspots were low this field day, yet we could have worked 10 meters. There is room for improvement, but hope everyone had fun this field day.
- **Coax Purchase** – Ron Rich KCØGKZ has ordered coax and connectors.
- **Hard Rock 100** – Chris DePuy WBØITG, thanked all who volunteered; this is twice the time and effort than field day. This year we overcame repeater challenges (due to winter damage) and Chris thanks all for they were able to adapt to think fast under changing conditions. This year 139 runners started and 105 finished the race ranging in ages from the late 20s up to 73; and all without any medical concerns. Don Smith was recognized and honored for his service; he received a 5 year service pin for his commitment.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Club Logo** – Joe Gaskin NØGYP asked the club president if he had heard from another entity regarding use of our logo. Discussion followed and the members present agreed to disallow use of our club logo.
- **Club Website** – Lew KCØUER announced that John Sell KCØETV is offering a session to teach members how to update our club website. The class will be held August 16th at the Hotchkiss Fire Department at 1330. Contact Lew if interested.
- **Refreshments** – Tom Thompson KØSUM would like to retire from this position. Lew KCØUER asked for volunteers. Tom has done a great job keeping the club supplied with coffee and refreshments.
- **New Laptop** – Bill Meyers WBØCQG proposed the club invest in the needed laptop for field day. Ron WBØCQG mentioned small notebook style computers. Discussion followed. Dick KCØJEA tabled his motion to research possibilities for a new laptop. Since technology changes so rapidly, the topic will be reintroduced in the spring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- After the meeting, tonight's program will be an extension of the brainstorming meeting started in the May meeting led by Lew KCØUER.

ADJOURNMENT

- Ike Topliss W7XG motioned to adjourn, Dick KCØJEA seconded; the meeting adjourned 1950.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Spade KDØEQN, Secretary