

Montrose Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting October 16, 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-one members were in attendance plus one visitor.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **President**, Lew French KCØUER, acknowledged visitor Larry Braden of Montrose.
- **Secretary**, Cindy Spade KDØEQN, distributed minutes from the previous meeting. She announced that last month 20 members were in attendance. The minutes were approved as prepared.
- **Treasurer**, Lanay Crow KC5QBH, provided a report indicating revenue this past month from dues and connectors. She provided a membership dues report, and 2008/2009 club financial reports for review. The Treasurer's Report was approved as prepared.
- **Vice President**, Dick Schultz KDØESZ, mentioned the Sunday Night HF net. A discussion transpired with a recommendation to create a procedure how to progress if our planned frequency of 3995 is in use; either moving down the band incrementally or selecting an alternate frequency. Further discussion will occur during the net.
- **Activities Director**, Richard Wojciechowski KCØVQC, verified QSO logs from the Colorado party were submitted.
 - **Skywarn Days** –weekend of Dec 5th at the Weather Service in Grand Junction
 - **Christmas Party** – is confirmed for December 13th
 - **Rimrock Run** – in November, the exact date to be confirmed
 - **CQWWDX/CW Contest** - is the last full weekend in November
 - **Punkin' Chunkin'** – pumpkin launch will be October 24th around 9-10 AM between Olathe and Montrose – look for the canons.
 - **Illinois QSO Party** –October 18th, 11AM – 11PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ARES District 25** Emergency Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, reported on the recent SET training. We demonstrated we can communicate and "get the job done". Approximately 16 folks checked in to the net, including some participants from Denver. We demonstrated we are there if necessary and can get the job done. NVIS HF between Hotchkiss and Delta with the ability to send winlink messages by radio proved this.
- **Delta County RACES** Officer, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, had nothing further to report.
- **Montrose County RACES** Officer, Lew French KCØUER, had nothing to report.
- **Skywarn** Coordinator, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, Ron Rich KCØGKZ, reported the event is the weekend of Dec 5th at the Weather Service in Grand Junction beginning Noon on Saturday, ending Noon on Sunday. This is a good time to play radio on HF, PSK31, etc. We would like to get as many to come down and participate and get a free tour of the weather service and see how they forecast the weather and launch a weather balloon.
- **VE Coordinator**, Steve Grewe KØSX, reported three examinees tested at the last session. All three passed the Technician exam. The next session is scheduled December 5th. The testing sessions will be updated on the ARRL website, however a special test session may be scheduled as needed. Extra Class Licensed Amateurs are invited to join the VE team. Steve likes to schedule 5 VEs for each session to account for backups and last minute schedule conflicts. Lew gave a special thanks to Steve KIØKY, Joe NØGYP, Steve KIØMR, Art NN7A, Steve KØSX, and other VEs for their continued committment.

- OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
- **Executive Board Meeting** – Lew French KCØUER, discussed the results:
 - **By-Laws were reviewed and need updating**
 - Calls for an Executive Board Meeting every other month. This will now be followed and the next meeting is scheduled November 20th.
 - Secretary-Treasurer job is one position however there was never a by-law change. Our recommendation is to keep the position as two positions.
 - Definition of “member” and “associate member” – a member is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator who has paid dues, and an associate member is one who pays dues but is not a licensed operator.
 - Club membership – per the by-laws, membership shall be by application. One is being created for both new and renewal memberships.
 - **The MARC Roster**
 - Member information will only be made available to other club members.
 - The current roster will be purged to remove non-members as defined by the by-laws.
 - **Inventory and Equipment**
 - Lew asked members to consider what type of equipment they would like the club to invest.
 - We are working on an accounting of our current equipment and the status of each.
 - **Public Information Officer**
 - We are looking for someone to fill this position
 - **Club Brochure**
 - This was an item of interest at the brainstorming session but had less interest than other topics.
 - Steve Grewe mentioned it would be beneficial to have a brochure to hand to prospective members.
 - **Nominating Committee** – It is time to begin thinking about elections again. A nominating committee will be set up at the next meeting. Nominations are in January, elections are in February.
 - **December Meeting** – There will not be a general membership meeting in December; the Christmas Party will take the place of that meeting.
 - by Dick Schultz on emergency battery backup power
 - The meeting adjourned 8PM.

PROGRAM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Spade KDØEQN, Secretary