

July 14, 2020, 7:00 pm Online Zoom session

I. Welcome

Today's meeting was an experiment. Tracy, WM6T, opened the Zoom session shortly before 7:00 pm, we had 39 members attending. Lorna and Tracy built the attendee list as folks checked in. Tracy discussed the COVID-19 lockdown we all face and the fact that the Presbyterian church remains locked down and will be for the foreseeable future.

The meeting began officially by President Vic, KK6WKI, at 7:07 pm. He also discussed the situation we find ourselves in. He mentioned the ongoing Tuesday and Thursday Zoom sessions and the ongoing nets. Even though we are socially distant, we remain a very busy club online.

II. Introductions

Vic began with introducing our new members, we have added 4 members in the past months. Two were present via the Zoom session.

KG4SXQ, Alvie, from San Bernardino. He has a Technician license, has been in ham radio since 2003. He was introduced to the club through the CBARC morning tech net. A few members have been working with him to get him further on the air and he presently has 2 meter and 440MHz radio capability. He is anxious to continue exploring the new digital modes.

Greg and Donna, AJ6FN and KK6TCR from Highland. Greg is a long-time ham, licensed in high school as a Novice, then General licensed a year later. He took his exams when CW was a requirement. He finds himself a happily retired high school Biology teacher and 30 years later, licensed as an Amateur Extra. He likes to build antennas, QRP and recently has resumed his radio control airplane hobby.

Gary, AA6GJ, gave a quick Vice President's report. He and his wife, Debbie, WB6LVC live in Rancho Cucamonga. He is a member of the West End Amateur Radio Group. He encourages folks looking for license upgrades to check out his QRZ and **personal home page**. He has Zoom classes covering both the Tech and General license exams and plenty of PDF tutorial materials available. As a new CVE, Gary can perform individual testing as well.

III. Secretary Report

Dave, K6WDE agreed to step in as secretary a few months ago. He discussed the monthly newsletter encouraging the membership to submit articles for future issues. Stay tuned to the August newsletter, operator reports of Field Day!

In addition, a WWFF/POTA/SOTA (parks and summits on-the-air) San Bernardino National Forest WA6MTN activation is planned for late summer or early fall. This will be an opportunity for club members to practice HF and VHF/UHF contacts locally and throughout the U.S. The WWFF/POTA/ SOTA programs are fun activations of various parks, monuments, national forests, peaks and everything in between!

IV. Treasurer's Report

Patty, KK6LWH provided the bank balances. At present, we have \$9,237.09 in our bank account. We have added \$90 due to four new memberships. We believe that President Vic is due 2 sets of Ninja steak knives for most new members recruited.

V. Weekly Nets

Denise, N6DEE, our net control manager shared the ongoing nets available to club members

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- Monday Nights: 1900 (7:00 PM) MTARA2
- Tuesday Nights: 1900 (7:00 PM) MTARA5
- Wednesday Nights: 1930 (7:30 PM) HF 'hamily hamster' net starting on 7.223MHz
- Friday Night YL Happy Hour: 1700 (5:00 pm) MTARA5

She continues to look for new volunteer net control operators.

VI. Club Items

- Name tags Harlan Technologies, Name Tags by Gene, (715) 340-1299, <u>www.hampubs.com</u>, Shawn Harlan – KA9BXA, <u>harlantech@gmail.com</u>
- Mouse Pads
- Shirts Port Authority K420P Dark Green, L420 Dark Green, K100LS Dark Green: Embroidery, Classic Images, 23723 Rocky Dell Dr. Crestline (909) 338-2281

VII. Club Events, General Discussion, and Information

Tracy opened up with a forum and questions/answers.

Tom, KJ6ZNY still has not had his membership check cashed, we will check into it. Bill's, KE6SDF check has also not been cashed.

Dede K6DDZ, mentioned an upcoming POTA weekend activation coming up.

Tracy mentioned the upcoming "I am lost" event. We will have club members lost in their vehicles in the forest and other members being home-base, guiding them back to safety. We are shooting for mid to late August and more details to follow.

The Zoom presentations will be ongoing but maybe once per week in August.

Our repeaters usage:

- The MTARA2 repeater on Heap's Peak belongs to a club (not us) and the trustee let us use it for emergency use. ARES, SkyWarn and CERT are also users. The repeater is also linked to the trustee's 440 and 10 meter repeater.
- MTARA5 on Keller Peak shares resources with the main KP repeater. The private repeater is for our use only.
- MTARA6 is our new emergency repeater, it can be used up to 72 hours per month. It is on 2 meters with coverage for the local mountains.
- Radio programming masks are available from Tracy, drop him an email.

We may soon have a "Swap Shop" – maybe an upcoming event on a Saturday at the Masonic Lodge in Twin Peaks, more information to follow.

Upcoming Events

- Virtual QSO Today Hamfest, August 7-8-9, about 70 speakers presentations for FREE!
- <u>DX Engineering Virtual Hamfest Saturday July 25</u>, \$1000 raffle tickets for the morning and afternoon sessions
- If you are looking to obtain or upgrade a ham license, send email to Tracy

Open forum:

Gran Fondo? Will it go on as planned? John Emig, W6GC, the event organizer mentioned that the September 11-12 event will begin at 5:00 pm. One hundred runners will have 30 hours to complete the 100 mile course. The event has been scaled back due to COVID-19 concerns.

Vic has been chasing DX and has a little text message group that he sends out messages when openings are spotted. Let him know if you want in on his list. KM6UWI, N6NTJ, AA6GJ, K6WDE and AJ6FN are on his list so far.

Rick KM6CGX checking out John in AZ

Debbie and Gary finally snagged the last 13 Colonies station right before the contest was over. Thanks to those who let him know during last Tuesday's 220 net.

An update from John, KT7P in Arizona. He has been amazed at the antennas, wires, towers, linked repeaters, nets, and 6 meters openings into AZ. It was good to see everyone!

Vic, Dale had a nice visit recently at Vic's shack, maintaining social distancing protocols.

Denise, as we all do, misses Paula's pastries.

Chet and Paula's Yellowstone Adventures, part 3. Their axle broke on the trailer, which was a replacement axle that had been recalled but never repaired. Axles are hard to find for older Airstreams. They are still outside Yellowstone Park. Plan 1 and 2 failed, they are now on plan 3. A new axle may arrive by this Friday and they maybe home in 1 to 2 weeks.

VIII. Wrap-up and Close

Next meeting – August 4th, 2020 @ 1900 Hours The meeting was closed by Vic at 8:03 pm

Minutes submitted, respectfully by Dave, K6WDE

MTARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHECK IN

Name	Call Sign	Check In	Name	Call Sign	Check In	Name	Call Sign	Check In
Gene Anastasi	KJ6LMP	x	Carol Higginbotham	WA6UVQ	x	Roger Ramirez	W6RJC	0
Gwen Anastasi	KN6FKN	~	Jen Horton	KM6WVJ	^	Bill Rhetts	K2PTL	
Don Arcega	KK6TUV		Kathy Howe	KI6YLF		Steve Robinson	KK6APF	х
Joy Arcega	KK6TUU		Stan Howe	KI6YLG		Mary Rose	KK6APM	x
Niki Arcega	KK0100		Dennis Hughes	KE6RYZ		Mike Rose	KK6APN	
Ramon Arcega	KK6TUW		Christian Hummel	KE6RTZ KK6ATE		Aaron Scullin	K6AMS	Х
				KKOATE		Alexander Scullin	KI6LXD	
Jill Barkley	KM6GBM		Cheryl Hunter				KI6LXD KK6TVI	
Lyle Barkley	KICDKO		Jason Hunter	KJ6LAQ		Lance Scullin		
Dennis Barrett	KJ6RKQ		John Hunter	KJ6BWJ		Melissa Scullin	KI6RUM	
Lisa Barrett	KJ6VJB		Robert Ippolito	WB6URC		Susan Scullin	KI6LWW	
Ron Barrett	KJ6VJA		Debbie Johnson	WB6LVC	х	Madison Siedschlag	KK6LWJ	
Suzanne Barrett			Gary Johnson	AA6GJ	х	Nancy Siedschlag	KJ6KMM	
Paul Berglund	AI6AP		Dale Johnstone	N6TVF	х	Steve Siedschlag	KJ6KML	
Fletch Birge	KJ6GFK		Marilynn Jordan	W7MCJ	х	Ted Silon	KK6LWK	Х
Gail Brarmann	KM6GBN	Х	Tom Kelley	KJ6ZNY	Х	Jasmeet Singh	KM6NUK	
Daniel Bremer	KI6TNE		Marlene Kiemel	K7MHK		Bodie Smith	KM6MLQ	
Dave Bremer	W6DVE	х	Warren Klein	KJ6WV		John Snedden	KT7P	х
Tina Bremer	W6TNA	х	Christopher Kozuma	KI6PHW		Terese Snedden		
Travis Bremer	W6RAZ		Glenn Kozuma	WA6PPC		Marlin Snyder	KK6EDE	
Kristine Brock	KG6RFY		Grace Kozuma	KJ6ZTJ		Chrystal Stenberg	KK6API	х
Diane Bruns	KK6LWV		Allan Lauchlan	KB6CWO		Craig Stenberg	KK6APH	
Rick Bruns	KK6GWO		Phyllis Lauchlan			David Stern	KK6LWQ	
Bill Clark	KJ6LJF	х	Maria Laverty	KM6DTQ	х	Nancy Stern	KK6LWP	
Ed Clark	KM6UWI		Erin Lenocker	KG6MZD		Rick Stevens	KM6CGX	х
Raquel Comstock	KK6TUZ		Garrett Lenocker			Doug Stewart	K8DES	
Liam Coyle			Jodi Lenocker	WA6JL	х	Jo Stringfield	N6NTJ	х
Karen Crouch			Julia Lenocker			Robert Swain	KJ4SR	
Theresa Cummings	KJ6OXQ		Ryan Lenocker	WA6ERA		Patty Szychowski	KK6LWH	х
Clint Dauge	NR6T		Tracy Lenocker	WM6T	х	Mary Tansey	KJ6IZU	~
Jeff Davis	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i		Denise Loxton	N6DEE	X	Carlos Tarango	100120	
Linda Davis	KK6GWP		Ron Lucchesi	KN6FNA	Χ	Jaye Tarango	KJ6AHK	
Ken DeCroo	KK6LWN		Dennis Lumley	WB6RCK	х	Richard Teter	KK6SJJ	
Tammy DeCroo	KK6LWO		Kenny Majors	KM6WVK	^	Bob Tiberi, Jr	KIRCT	
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Jean Eloe	KK6EDC		Cristy Marquez				KJ6FQP	
John Emig	W6GC	Х	Shannon Marquez	KN6IBE		Gordon West	WB6NOA	
Rebecca Emig	W6CYS		Victor Marquez	KK6WKI	Х	Suzy West	N6GLF	
Gary Erro	W6ERO		Paula Marzicola	KK6LWW		John Wolcott	KB6OVO	Х
Eddie Escalera	KN6HJT		Janice Mason	KM6VWY		Shirley Wolcott		
Merry Escalera	KN6HJU		Steve Mason	AF6CO		Greg Berenato	AJ6FN	Х
Dave Esquer	K6WDE	х	Jim Miller				4	
Sandi Esquer	W6SJE		Karen Miller	KJ6RKJ				
Bill Fields	KK6TVB	Х	Ingrid Newcombe					
Matt Fleming			Steve Newcombe	KM6WVL				
Michael Fox	KN6FMZ		Irene Oliver	KK6FYH				
Chris Frisbie	K6CWF		Michael Oliver	AE6MO				
Alvie Grant	KG4SXQ	х	Chet Olson	AE6CO		ļ		
David Grimshaw	KJ6OXL		Jeff Palmquist	N6SAM				
Dede Hermon	K6DDZ	х	Ron Pearne	K6GVL	х			
Tom Hermon	K6KTH	х	John Philp	WA6PJ	х			
Bill Herrera	KE6SDF	х	Lorna Polley	KJ6GFS	Х			
Bruce Herrick	KJ6IJM	х	Ernie Poulin	KK6UIC				
Gary Heston	W6KVC		Shaunna Poulin					
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