



## Mountain Top Amateur Radio Meeting - Minutes

October 6, 2020, 7:00 pm

Online Zoom session

### I. Welcome

Tracy, WM6T, opened the Zoom session shortly before 7:00 pm, we had xx members attending. Jodi and Tracy built the attendee list as folks checked in.

The meeting began officially by President Vic, KK6WKI, at 7:09 pm.

### II. Introductions

#### President's Comments

Vic, KK6WKI welcomed the MTARA group to our monthly meeting. We are still locked down, but we continue to pick up new members, and it is nice to see so many smiling faces.

This Friday is day #2 of the Technician Class sponsored by MTARA and being held on Zoom. There are 26 students and MTARA members can audit if they'd like a refresher. Send an email to Tracy if you'd like that refresher invitation.

Soon (first of the year?), we will be able to have physical meeting. We miss the welcome table, the paper agenda, our raffle tickets, the free items and items for sale table. But the most things we miss are the goodies that Paula whips up!

Some of our events continue to be cancelled, the Kids on Public Land and the Gran Fondo just as examples.

Vic spoke to the **Fire Prevention Week Special Event** occurring until Saturday, the 10th. Along with other firefighters, Vic is operating as N6F, search him out on your favorite HF spotting network.

Vic also spoke of the October MARS - Amateur Radio interoperability exercise occurring. The remaining dates are this Friday, the 9th and the following: 12, 15, 18, 21, 24 of October. The exercise occurs at 12:00 noon, PDT on 60 meters, channel 1, 5330.5 MHz. You may be speaking to the military directly OR MARS ham radio operators. Don't be surprised at the Military callsigns during your conversation.

Vic encouraged all members to read the Bylaws changes sent out. We will vote on these changes at the November meeting and via email.

Tracy will do the Elmer session, part 1 today and part 2 Thursday via Zoom with a focus on mapping and its uses for us amateur operators.

#### Vice President Report

Gary, AA6GJ and Debbie miss being with all their MTARA members. Gary is offering a new General class Zoom series starting tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. Send him an email at [aa6gj@arrl.net](mailto:aa6gj@arrl.net) if you are interested. Again, 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. Exam sessions, depending on number of folks testing, may be in his back yard!

Debbie, WB6LVC, is now in charge of the 220 net on Tuesdays and looking for other net controllers to volunteer. It is painless, with plenty of support for newbie net controllers. Your commitment maybe once a month to every two months. Contact her to volunteer!

### III. Secretary Report

Dave, K6WDE highlighted the October Newsletter. If you didn't receive it, drop Tracy a line, but you can always download the latest version on the MTARA website.

#### Newsletter highlights

The ISS continues to make passes overhead and with your mobile or HT, you should be able to hear the astronauts as they fly overhead with their new Kenwood repeater system. With a little more work, you may actually use it as a repeater to make contact with other hams!

Route 66 was smashing success. Many thanks to the CBARC and MTARA club members who supported as chasers and as W6C activators. Preliminary numbers for W6C were 2144 QSOs. MTARA members as W6C managed 1420 QSOs, about 2/3 of the contacts.

The September WWFF-KFF and POTA MTARA activation of the San Bernardino NF was a success, 64 contacts were made. KM6UWI, AJ6FN, KG4SXQ, KK6WKI, KJ7LMP and K6WDE with assists from KJ6IJM, had great fun. The next activation with KM6DTQ, KJ6FQP, N6NTJ and WA6PJ is still in work due to the closure of the national forests.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Patty, KK6LWH provided the bank balances. We had an opening balance as of October 6 for the amount of \$9,195.92. We had deposits on September 29 of \$121.00 with no new expenses. Our balance as of October 6 is now \$9,316.92

### V. Weekly Nets - no new news!

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

- Monday Nights: 1900 (7:00 PM) MTARA2
- Tuesday Nights: 1900 (7:00 PM) MTARA5
- Wednesday Nights: 1930 (7:30 PM) HF 'family 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 - if you are looking for a shirt ...

- Club jacket details will be coming out soon in an email to all. Approximate price is \$45 - \$49. A new tweak to the lettering is in work, scrip vs block.
- **Name tags** – Harlan Technologies, Name Tags by Gene, (715) 340-1299, [www.hampubs.com](http://www.hampubs.com), Shawn Harlan – KA9BXA, [harlantech@gmail.com](mailto:harlantech@gmail.com)
- **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.

#### Question and Answer Session

Tracy spoke to the bylaws changes, please read and digest. Our original bylaws came from another club (when we were first formed) and we are tailoring them to reflect our directions. Vote in November and via email. The bylaw changes will help simplify elections and generally clean stuff up. You can VOTE NOW! We need 104 votes or 2/3 off the membership for these changes to be ratified.

Vic finished his discussion on the HF Fire Prevention Week special event. The theme this year is fire safety in the kitchen. Stations N0F through N9F and the two wildcard stations KF2FIRE and VE3FIRE will be on the air through out the week. Last year, N6F had 1479 contacts, the 2nd highest station. You can earn a certificate for working 10 or more of the 12 stations. The exchange will be a signal report, your name and your state. The SE station will give you a kitchen specific fire safety tip!

### **Floor questions**

- Gail asked the dates of the Fire Prevention SE: October 4 - 10
- Alvie asked if the Fire Prevention SE was an HF exercise only: Yes, HF only
- Marilyn asked Gary a question about the General Exam class, is there still room?: Yes, it starts tomorrow night for 6 weeks through November 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Send email to him [aa6gj@arrl.net](mailto:aa6gj@arrl.net)
- Alvie expressed interest and asked if it was too late to join the General Class sessions?: Nope, the class is using the Gordon West General Class license book. From Amazon, it is a 1-2 day delivery of the 2019-2023 edition, cost is \$26. You do NOT need the book for the first session.

Ted mentioned that Gary is an excellent teacher, he audited the last Technician class that Gary offered.

Vic discussed the MARS interoperability communication exercise on October 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24. It is at 12:00 noon PDT on HF 60 meter channel 1, 5330.5 MHz. AE6ML, Mike made contact with MARS stations 9HH9RT and 9HH9CV today. He was asked for his city and state locations.

Tracy wrapped up the general discussion with the "The Great Shakeout" (earthquake preparedness) October 15. Put it on your calendar and at 10:15 a.m., you are encouraged to checkin on the ECS ETAC4, Channel 1, for a quick status check.

### **Elmering Session - Tracy, WM6T**

Elmering session delayed until Thursday. Technical difficulties getting the presentation up, so it will be the topic for Thursday's ZOOM session. Tracy will take about maps in general, what maps can do for us as ham radio operators. We will discuss how to do repeater coverage map as well as home antenna coverage maps for your new antenna. Finally, how maps can help us in CERT exercises, S&R, POTA/ KFF, IOTA, and gridsquare searches. We will use Google Earth, it is a little more powerful than Google Maps.

### **VIII. Wrap-up and Close**

Next meeting – November 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was closed by Vic at 8:03 pm

Minutes submitted, respectfully by Dave, K6WDE



## Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association

### Treasurer's Report

October 6, 2020

Opening balance September 1, 2020 \$9,195.92

Deposits:

September 29, 2020 – Dues \$45.00

September 29, 2020 – Sale Items from Ham Swap 9/5/20 \$76.00

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TOTAL Deposit \$121.00

Expenses:

No Expenses \$0.00

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TOTAL Expenses \$0.00

Balance as of September 30, 2020 \$9,316.92

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Szychowski, Treasurer

## MTARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHECK IN

Name	Call Sign	Check In
Mike Alexander	KN6BYH	
Gene Anastasi	KJ6LMP	
Gwen Anastasi	KN6FKN	
Don Arcega	KK6TUV	
Joy Arcega	KK6TUU	
Niki Arcega		
Ramon Arcega	KK6TUW	
Elvira Atkinson	KN6HRH	
Jill Barkley	KM6GBM	
Lyle Barkley		
Dennis Barrett	KJ6RKQ	x
Lisa Barrett	KJ6VJB	
Ron Barrett	KJ6VJA	
Suzanne Barrett		
Donna Berenato	KK6TCR	
Greg Berenato	AJ6FN	x
Paul Berglund	AI6AP	
Fletch Birge	KJ6GFK	
Gail Brarmann	KM6GBN	x
Daniel Bremer	KI6TNE	
Dave Bremer	W6DVE	x
Tina Bremer	W6TNA	x
Travis Bremer	W6RAZ	
Kristine Brock	KG6RFY	
Diane Bruns	KK6LWV	
Rick Bruns	KK6GWO	
Bill Clark	KJ6LJF	
Ed Clark	KM6UWI	
Raquel Comstock	KK6TUZ	
Liam Coyle		
Karen Crouch		
Theresa Cummings	KJ6OXQ	
Clint Dauge	NR6T	
Jeff Davis		
Linda Davis	KK6GWP	
Ken DeCroo	KK6LWN	
Tammy DeCroo	KK6LWO	
Jean Eloie	KK6EDC	
John Emig	W6GC	x
Rebecca Emig	W6CYS	
Gary Erro	W6ERO	
Eddie Escalera	KN6HJT	
Merry Escalera	KN6HJU	
Dave Esquer	K6WDE	x
Sandi Esquer	W6SJE	
Bill Fields	KK6TVB	x
Matt Fleming		
Michael Fox	KN6FMZ	x
Chris Frisbie	K6CWF	
Alvie Grant	KG4SXQ	x
David Grimshaw	KJ6OXL	x
Michael Grow	KD6OJV	

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Name	Call Sign	Check In
Suzanne Grow	KM6JFW	
Dede Hermon	K6DDZ	x
Tom Hermon	K6KTH	x
Bill Herrera	KE6SDF	
Bruce Herrick	KJ6IJM	x
Gary Heston	W6KVC	x
Carol Higginbotham	WA6UVQ	
Jen Horton	KM6WVJ	
Kathy Howe	KI6YLF	
Stan Howe	KI6YLG	
Dennis Hughes	KE6RYZ	
Christian Hummel	KK6ATE	x
Cheryl Hunter		
Jason Hunter	KJ6LAQ	
John Hunter	KJ6BWJ	
Robert Ippolito	WB6URC	
Debbie Johnson	WB6LVC	x
Gary Johnson	AA6GJ	x
Dale Johnstone	N6TVF	x
Marilynn Jordan	W7MCJ	x
Tom Kelley	KJ6ZNY	x
Marlene Kiemel	K7MHK	
Warren Klein	KJ6WV	
Christopher Kozuma	KI6PHW	
Glenn Kozuma	WA6PPC	
Grace Kozuma	KJ6ZTJ	
Allan Lauchlan	KB6CWO	
Phyllis Lauchlan		
Maria Laverty	KM6DTQ	x
Mike LeClaire	AE6ML	x
Erin Lenocker	KG6MZD	
Garrett Lenocker		
Jodi Lenocker	WA6JL	x
Julia Lenocker		
Ryan Lenocker	WA6ERA	
Tracy Lenocker	WM6T	x
Denise Loxton	N6DEE	
Ron Lucchesi	KN6FNA	
Dennis Lumley	WB6RCK	x
Kenny Majors	KM6WVK	
Cristy Marquez		
Shannon Marquez	KN6IBE	
Victor Marquez	KK6WKI	x
Paula Marzicola	KK6LWW	
Janice Mason	KM6VWY	
Steve Mason	AF6CO	
Jim Miller		
Karen Miller	KJ6RKJ	
Ingrid Newcombe		
Steve Newcombe	KM6WVL	
Irene Oliver	KK6FYH	
Michael Oliver	AE6MO	x

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Chet Olson	AE6CO	
Jeff Palmquist	N6SAM	x
Ron Pearne	K6GVL	x
John Philp	WA6PJ	x
Patrick Pirtle	KN6JID	
Lorna Polley	KJ6GFS	
Ernie Poulin	KK6UIC	x
Shaunna Poulin		
Alex Quesada		
Roger Ramirez	W6RJC	
Bill Rhetts	K2PTL	
Steve Robinson	KK6APF	
Mary Rose	KK6APM	
Mike Rose	KK6APN	
Raffi Saroyan	N5NIA	
Aaron Scullin	K6AMS	
Alexander Scullin	KI6LXD	
Lance Scullin	KK6TVI	
Melissa Scullin	KI6RUM	
Susan Scullin	KI6LWV	
Madison Siedschlag	KK6LWJ	
Nancy Siedschlag	KJ6KMM	
Steve Siedschlag	KJ6KML	
Ted Silon	KK6LWK	x
Jasmeet Singh	KM6NUK	
Bodie Smith	KM6MLQ	
John Snedden	KT7P	x
Terese Snedden		
Marlin Snyder	KK6EDE	
Chrystal Stenberg	KK6API	
Craig Stenberg	KK6APH	
David Stern	KK6LWQ	
Nancy Stern	KK6LWP	
Rick Stevens	KM6CGX	
Doug Stewart	K8DES	
Jo Stringfield	N6NTJ	x
Robert Swain	KJ4SR	
Patty Szychowski	KK6LWH	x
Mary Tansey	KJ6IZU	
Carlos Tarango		
Jaye Tarango	KJ6AHK	
Richard Teter	KK6SJJ	
Bob Tiberi, Jr	K3RCT	
Kris Torrey	N3FH	
Assunta Vickers	KJ6FQP	
Gordon West	WB6NOA	
Suzy West	N6GLF	
John Wolcott	KB6OVO	
Shirley Wolcott		
Bob Worley	K5AGX	

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