



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Meeting - Minutes

January 5, 2021, 7:00 pm

Online Zoom session

I. Welcome

Tracy, WM6T, opened the Zoom session shortly before 7:00 p.m., 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 7:07 pm.

II. Introductions

President's Comments

Vic, KK6WKI welcomed the MTARA group to our monthly meeting. Happy New Year to all. Don't forget, dues are yearly from January to December, payable now. Twenty dollars for a single member and \$30 for a family. The main presentation tonight was by Tracy, WM6T, addressing emergency communication focusing on weather reporting.

Vice President Report

Gary, AA6GJ, welcomed everyone for the new year. He mentioned that the church had a fire and the club made a donation of \$1,000.00 to help defray costs.

III. Secretary Report

Dave, K6WDE highlighted the January Newsletter. If you didn't receive it, drop Tracy a line, but you can always download the latest version from the MTARA website. Highlights were the antenna party at Assunta's, KJ6FQP and how Jo, N6NTJ came into ham radio. Both were great reads as was Gary's Ponder the Pool General Class questions GB511 and GB513!

Don't forget Quartz-Pause and Winter Field Day!

IV. Treasurer's Report

Patty, KK6LWH provided the bank balances. We had an opening balance as of November 30 in the amount of \$9,336.92. We had deposits for December and early January of \$1,305.00 (dues, sales and donations). We made a donation to the Presbyterian Church for \$1,000.00. They had a small fire in the sanctuary and they need some significant repairs. Our balance as of tonight, January 5 is now \$9,641.92. Steve shared a photo of the damage to the church.

Dennis Hughes is continuing to support our 220 repeater, but has incurred some costs that we will be reimbursing him shortly.

V. Weekly Nets - summary!

Denise, N6DEE, our net control manager shared the ongoing nets available to club members. We now have Echolink capability on the YL Happy Hour net too!

- Monday Nights: 1900 (7:00 PM) MTARA2
- Tuesday Nights: 1900 (7:00 PM) MTARA5, WB6LVC, Debbie is the net controller
- Wednesday Nights: 1930 (7:30 PM) HF 'family hamster' net starting on 7.223MHz. This net follows the Skywarn and Mountain CERT nets at 6:30 and 7:00 pm, respectively on the MTARA-2 repeater.
- Friday Night YL Happy Hour: 1700 (5:00 pm) MTARA5, K6DDZ at net operator

Denise continues to look for new volunteer net control operators. Let her know!

VI. Club Items - if you are looking for a new jacket as the cold weather descends ...

- **Club jacket** details are in the December newsletter. Available now, order!
- **Name tags** – Harlan Technologies, Name Tags by Gene, (715) 340-1299, www.hampubs.com, Shawn Harlan – KA9BXA, 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.

We continue to look for suggestions and ideas of what direction YOU would like the club to go in. We are still hoping to get back on the air for WWFF and POTA fairly soon. The successful "I am lost" event will be back on with 2 new events, specifically for those who were unable to attend the first session.

We are glad that Carol is with us tonight via ZOOM, she will be home soon!

Question and Answer Session - there were none.

Elmering Session - Tracy, WM6T

Tracy gave us his emergency communication (EMCOMM) presentation. We are faced with unique challenges here on the mountain due to weather, fire and other mother nature-driven events. The Net Control Operator (NCO) will be whomever gets on the radio first to report the situation. Others will come on board as needed. Emergency traffic will be passed to the 911 calling center or, if you are CERT or ECS, to the appropriate agency.

There are planned nets and unplanned nets during . Remember, the weather here can drive all kinds of scenarios. Planned nets can handle travel related nets, but weather can drive unplanned nets due to rockslides, earthquakes ...

Nets can help us monitor members as they come up or go down the hill, we can track them and ensure their safety (personal safety communications).

We DO NOT self-activate. ECS and CERT members and ARES members are activated differently. Be aware of the differences. Again, DO NOT self-activate.

The NCO is the first person to report a situation. Roll calls may or may not be appropriate, situation dependent. You as a participant, will monitor and will listen for instructions and directions.

Equipment is scattered throughout the mountain from Crestline to Big Bear. There are ECS, CERT and ARES components. Repeaters are scattered throughout as resources.

The personal reporting form is key. Download it! There was a live demo of the form usage from the reporter/recorder and the NCO.

Skywarn may request elevation and snow or rain depth at your location during the winter time.

There was a question and answer session that followed.

If you are interested in becoming an NCO, let Denise or Tracy know and they will get you the pertinent information.

Vic mentioned the Keller EMCOMM HUB net on Sundays run by KK6CTT, Rick. In real life, the first unit on scene is the incident commander. We are not in the real world, so if you see something, say

something - ON THE RADIO! We need to get help to our fellow mountain folks, don't be shy about getting on the radio. The radio is a vital life-line to keeping our mountain safe.

VIII. Wrap-up and Close

Next meeting – February 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was closed by Vic at 8:41 pm

Minutes submitted, respectfully by Dave, K6WDE



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association

Treasurer's Report

January 5, 2021

Opening balance November 30, 2020	\$9,336.92
Deposits:	
12/08/2020 – Memberships	\$340.00
12/17/2020 – Memberships	\$380.00
12/08/2020 – Sale	\$35.00
12/08/2020 – Donation	\$100.00
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TOTAL December Deposit	\$855.00
1/4/2021 – Memberships	\$450.00
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TOTAL DEPOSITS	1,305.00
Expenses:	
Donation to the Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
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TOTAL Expenses	\$1,000.00
Balance as of January 5, 2021	\$9,641.92

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Szychowski, Treasurer

1/5/2021

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	
Lisa Barrett	KJ6VJB	
Ron Barrett	KJ6VJA	
Suzanne Barrett		
Donna Berenato	KK6TCR	
Greg Berenato	AJ6FN	✗
Paul Berglund	AI6AP	
Fletch Birge	KJ6GFK	
Gail Brarmann	KM6GBN	✗
Daniel Bremer	KI6TNE	
Dave Bremer	W6DVE	✗
Tina Bremer	W6TNA	✗
Travis Bremer	W6RAZ	
Michael Brewer		
Kristine Brock	KG6RFY	
Diane Bruns	KK6LWV	
Rick Bruns	KK6GWO	
Bill Clark	KJ6LJF	
Ed Clark	KM6UWI	
Steve Combs	KN6LUR	
Raquel Comstock	KK6TUZ	
Liam Coyle		
Tom Cresser	K7XCB	
Karen Crouch		
Theresa Cummings	KJ6OXQ	
Clint Dauge	NR6T	
Jeff Davis		
Linda Davis	KK6GWP	
Ken DeCroo	KK6LWN	
Tammy DeCroo	KK6LWO	
Jean Eloe	KK6EDC	
John Emig	W6GC	
Rebecca Emig	W6CYS	
Gary Erro	W6ERO	
Eddie Escalera	KN6HJT	
Merry Escalera	KN6HJU	
Dave Esquer	K6WDE	✗
Sandi Esquer	W6SJE	
Bill Fields	KK6TVB	✗
Matt Fleming		
Michael Fox	KN6FMZ	
Chris Frisbie	K6CWF	
Alvie Grant	KG4SXQ	

Name	Call Sign	Check In
David Grimshaw	KJ6OXL	
Michael Grow	KD6OJV	
Suzanne Grow	KM6JFW	
Dede Hermon	K6DDZ	✗
Tom Hermon	K6KTH	✗
Bill Herrera	KE6SDF	
Bruce Herrick	KJ6IJM	✗
Gary Heston	W6KVC	
Carol Higginbotham	WA6UVQ	✗
Jen Horton	KM6VWJ	
Kathy Howe	KI6YLF	
Stan Howe	KI6YLG	✗
Dennis Hughes	KE6RYZ	
Christian Hummel	KK6ATE	✗
Cheryl Hunter		
Jason Hunter	KJ6LAQ	
John Hunter	KJ6BWJ	
Robert Ippolito	WB6URC	
Debbie Johnson	WB6LVC	✗
Gary Johnson	AA6GJ	✗
Dale Johnstone	N6TVF	✗
Marilynn Jordan	W7MCJ	
Nancy Karlson	KN6LUT	✗
Tom Kelley	KJ6ZNY	✗
Marlene Kiemel	K7MHK	
Warren Klein	KJ6WV	
Christopher Kozuma	KI6PHW	
Glenn Kozuma	WA6PPC	
Grace Kozuma	KJ6ZTJ	
Jim Larson	KM6YCA	✗
Rhonda Larson	KM6YBZ	✗
Allan Lauchlan	KB6CWO	
Phyllis Lauchlan		
Maria Laverty	KM6DTQ	
Mike LeClaire	AE6ML	✗
Erin Lenocker	KG6MZD	
Garrett Lenocker		
Jodi Lenocker	WA6JL	✗
Julia Lenocker		
Ryan Lenocker	WA6ERA	
Tracy Lenocker	WM6T	✗
Denise Loxton	N6DEE	✗
Ron Lucchesi	KN6FNA	
Dennis Lumley	WB6RCK	✗
Kenny Majors	KM6VVK	
Cristy Marquez		
Victor Marquez	KK6WKI	✗
Paula Marzicola	KK6LWW	
Janice Mason	KM6VWY	
Steve Mason	AF6CO	
Lauren Meisenheimer	KM6DTJ	
Jim Miller		
Karen Miller	KJ6RKJ	

Name	Call Sign	Check In
Greg Mote	KN6LUU	✗
Ingrid Newcombe		
Steve Newcombe	KM6WVL	
Irene Oliver	KK6FYH	
Michael Oliver	AE6MO	✗
Chet Olson	AE6CO	✗
Jeff Palmquist	N6SAM	
Ron Pearne	K6GVL	
John Philp	WA6PJ	✗
Patrick Pirtle	KN6JID	
Lorna Polley	KJ6GFS	✗
Ernie Poulin	KK6UIC	✗
Shaunna Poulin		
Alex Quesada		
Roger Ramirez	W6RJC	
Shannon Ramirez	KN6IBE	
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	KI6LWW	
Madison Siedschlag	KK6LWJ	
Nancy Siedschlag	KJ6KMM	
Steve Siedschlag	KJ6KML	✗
Ted Silon	KK6LWK	✗
Jasmeet Singh	KM6NUK	
Bodie Smith	KM6MLQ	
John Snedden	KT7P	✗
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	✗
Robert Swain	KJ4SR	
Patty Szychowski	KK6LWH	✗
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	