



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Meeting - Minutes

February 2, 2021, 7:00 pm

Online Zoom session

I. Welcome

Tracy, WM6T, opened the Zoom session shortly before 7:00 p.m., we had 52 members and 2 guests 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. Happy birthday to Steve, but he is not here. Since March 2020, we have recruited 35 new members! For our new members, when we resume our physical meetings at the Presbyterian church in Lake Arrowhead, we have a main presentation and an Elmer session after the break. The most incredible goodies are made by Paula, KJ6LWW! We miss those.

Tonight, Kevin from Bioenno will talk about new products in our emerging session.

Finally, don't forget club dues are now past due. They are \$20 per person or \$30 for a family.

Vice President Report

Gary, AA6GJ, welcomed everyone as well.

Debbie, a member of the local chapter of the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL), reported on the events that ladies are doing. As district 6, they have a story in the YLRL newsletter, the Harmonics. Check it out if you can.

III. Secretary Report

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

Patty, KK6LWH provided the bank balances. We had an opening balance as of January 1 in the amount of \$9,641.92. We had deposits for January of \$360.00 (dues and sales). Our balance as of tonight, February 2 is now \$10,001.92.

Tracy reported, as Education and Membership that the due are past. If you are a renewing member, just send in a check, no new membership application is required.

Check out the previous newsletters on the MTARA website, available for download.

A few membership statistics, 42% of the members are YLs, and 80% of those are licensed, at least half of those are above General and Extra class!

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.

Elmering Session - Kevin, KI6DHQ, National Sales Representative for Bioenno Power

Kevin gave a great overview of the company and the design of the products that the company is involved in. Bioenno is working in a variety of industries in addition to the ham radio crowd. Bioenno is working with scientific endeavors, from fish hatchery and conservation to the use of power sources for medical and marine applications. These are just a few examples, see their website for more details.

He spoke to new products for the ham radio operator, batteries capacities and portable power packs with built-in inverters. He was anxious to share new foldable solar power panels from 40 to 100 watts ratings.

He continues offering a significant discount to MTARA members for orders placed online. The code is MTARA2021 for a 15% discount. Thank you!

There was a short question and answer session and finally, Bioenno was generous in providing 2 door prizes for attendees. The MTARA board will figure out how to equitably distribute the BPS60 LITE and BPS100 LITE folding solar panels at their next board meeting.

General Discussion

Bruce, KJ6IJM spoke to tracking down a RFI problem in his shack in La Quinta. After 2 weeks of troubleshooting, the noise was isolated to the new ceiling 'can' light LEDs that he had recently installed!

Winter Field Day (January 30-31) status update

Ed, KM6UWI, made 19 contacts and had great fun

Dave, K6WDE, made 50 contacts on Sunday only

John, KT7P, made 20+ contacts utilizing his 'directional' vertical

Vic, KK6WKI, played for a while and nailed 56 QSOs. He was chasing as a 1H ORG station on battery. He used the N3FJP logger.

Tracy, WM6T, made, 20+ on Saturday with some of those being CW contacts

KK6WKI recapped the 2020 MTARA club accomplishments:

We continued our monthly club meetings via zoom

We continued our weekly zoom elmering presentations

We started a newsletter

We offered a Tech class via zoom

We offered a General and Extra review class via zoom

We had two testing sessions in Big Bear

We had testing at the Masonic Lodge with twelve people passing and all with total isolation protocol.
We participated in some amateur radio Special Events
Some members participated in POTA and WWFF
We had our first Radio Expo (swap-meet)

The MTARA board will be meeting soon to map out our strategies for the 2021 year, given that COVID-19 may be around for a while.

VIII. Wrap-up and Close

Next meeting – March 2, 2021 at 8:34 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

February 2, 2021

Opening balance January 1, 2021	\$9,641.92
Deposits:	
1/28/2021 – Memberships	\$350.00
1/28/2021 – Sale item	\$10.00
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TOTAL December Deposit	\$360.00
Expenses:	
	\$0.00
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TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00
Balance as of February 2, 2021	\$10,001.92

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Szychowski, Treasurer

MTARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHECK IN

2/2/2021

54 members

Name	Call Sign	Check In
Aaron Scullin	K6AMS	
Alex Quesada		
Alexander Scullin	KI6LXD	
Allan Lauchlan	KB6CWO	
Alvie Grant	KG4SXQ	X
Assunta Vickers	KJ6FQP	X
Bill Clark	KJ6LJF	
Bill Fields	KK6TVB	X
Bill Herrera	KE6SDF	
Bill Kummer	KI6GQX	X
Bill Rhettis	K2PTL	
Bob Renison	WA6QJF	X
Bob Tiberi, Jr	K3RCT	
Bob Worley	K5AGX	
Bodie Smith	KM6MLQ	
Bruce Herrick	KJ6IJM	X
Carlos Tarango		
Carol Higginbotham	WA6UVQ	X
Cheryl Hunter		
Chet Olson	AE6CO	X
Chris Frisbie	K6CWF	
Christian Hummel	KK6ATE	X
Christopher Kozuma	KI6PHW	
Chrystal Stenberg	KK6API	
Clint Dauge	NR6T	
Craig Stenberg	KK6APH	X
Cristy Marquez		
Dale Johnstone	N6TVF	X
Daniel Bremer	KI6TNE	
Dave Bremer	W6DVE	X
Dave Esquer	K6WDE	X
David Grimshaw	KJ6OXL	
David Stern	KK6LWQ	
Debbie Johnson	WB6LVC	X
Dede Hermon	K6DDZ	X
Denise "Dee" Loxton	N6DEE	X
Dennis Barrett	KJ6RKQ	
Dennis Hughes	KE6RYZ	
Dennis Lumley	WB6RCK	X
Diane Bruns	KK6LWV	
Don Arcega	KK6TUV	
Donna Berenato	KK6TCR	
Doug Stewart	K8DES	
Ed Clark	KM6UWI	X
Ed Muskita	AA6DZ	
Eddie Escalera	KN6HJT	
Elvira Atkinson	KN6HRH	
Erin Lenocker	KG6MZD	
Ernie Poulin	KK6UIC	
Fletch Birge	KJ6GFK	
Gail Brarmann	KM6GBN	X
Garrett Lenocker		
Gary Erro	W6ERO	
Gary Heston	W6KVC	X
Gary Johnson	AA6GJ	X
Gene Anastasi	KJ6LMP	X
Glenn Kozuma	WA6PPC	
Gordon West	WB6NOA	
Grace Kozuma	KJ6ZTJ	

Name	Call Sign	Check In
Greg Berenato	AJ6FN	X
Greg Mote	AJ6RH	X
Gwen Anastasi	KN6FKN	
Ingrid Newcombe		
Irene Oliver	KK6FYH	
Janice Mason	KM6VVY	
Jasmeet Singh	KM6NUK	
Jason Hunter	KJ6LAQ	
Jaye Tarango	KJ6AHK	
Jean Eloe	KK6EDC	
Jeff Davis		
Jeff Palmquist	N6SAM	X
Jen Horton	KM6VVJ	
Jill Barkley	KM6GBM	
Jim Dahl	WI6X	X
Jim Larson	KM6YCA	X
Jim Miller		
Jo Stringfield	N6NTJ	X
Jodi Lenocker	WA6JL	X
John Emig	W6GC	X
John Hunter	KJ6BWJ	
John Philp	WA6PJ	X
John Snedden	K7TP	X
John Wolcott	KB6OVO	
Joy Arcega	KK6TUU	
Julia Lenocker		
Julina Scullin		
Karen Crouch		
Karen Miller	KJ6RKJ	
Kathy Howe	KI6YLF	
Ken DeCroo	KK6LWN	
Kenny Majors	KM6VVK	
Kris Torrey	N3FH	
Kristine Brock	KG6RFY	
Lance Scullin	KK6TVI	
Lauren Meisenheimer	KM6DTJ	X
Laurie Semietan	KM6EVR	
Liam Coyle		
Linda Davis	KK6GWP	
Lisa Barrett	KJ6VJB	
Lorna Polley	KJ6GFS	X
Lyle Barkley		
Madilyn Cendejas	KM6EVS	
Maria Laverty	K6RMA	X
Marilynn Jordan	W7MCJ	
Marlene Kiemel	K7MHK	
Marlin Snyder	KK6EDE	X
Mary Rose	KK6APM	
Mary Tansey	KJ6IZU	
Matt Fleming		
Melissa Scullin	KI6RUM	
Merry Escalera	KN6HJU	
Michael Brewer		X
Michael Fox	KN6FMJ	
Michael Grow	KD6OJV	
Michael Oliver	AE6MO	X
Mike Alexander	KN6BYH	
Mike LeClaire	AE6ML	X
Mike Rose	KK6APN	

Name	Call Sign	Check In
Nancy Karlson	KN6LUT	X
Nancy Siedschlag	KJ6KMM	
Nancy Stern	KK6LWP	
Niki Arcega		
Patrick Pirtle	KN6JID	
Patty Szychowski	KK6LWH	X
Paul Berglund	AI6AP	
Paul Semietan	KN6PH	X
Paula Marzicola	KK6LWW	X
Phyllis Lauchlan		
Raffi Saroyan	N5NIA	
Ramon Arcega	KK6TUW	
Raquel Comstock	KK6TUZ	
Rebecca Emig	W6CYS	
Rhonda Larson	KM6YBZ	X
Richard Teter	KK6SJJ	
Rick Bruns	KK6GWO	
Rick Stevens	KM6CGX	
Robert Ippolito	WB6URC	
Robert Swain	KJ4SR	
Roger Ramirez	W6RJC	
Ron Barrett	KJ6VJA	X
Ron Lucchesi	KN6FNA	
Ron Pearne	K6GVL	X
Ryan Lenocker	WA6ERA	
Sandi Esquer	W6SJE	
Shannon Ramirez	KN6IBE	
Shaunna Poulin		
Shirley Wolcott		
Stan Howe	KI6YLG	
Steve Combs	KN6LUR	
Steve Mason	AF6CO	
Steve Newcombe	KM6VWL	
Steve Robinson	KK6APF	
Steve Siedschlag	KJ6KML	
Susan Scullin	KI6LWW	
Suzanne Barrett		
Suzanne Grow	KM6JFW	
Suzu West	N6GLF	
Tammy DeCroo	KK6LWO	
Ted Silon	KK6LWK	X
Terese Snedden		
Theresa Cummings	KJ6OXQ	
Tina Bremer	W6TNA	X
Tom Crosser	K7XCB	
Tom Hermon	K6KTH	X
Tom Kelley	KJ6ZNY	X
Tracy Lenocker	WM6T	X
Travis Bremer	W6RAZ	
Victor Marquez	KK6WKI	X
Warren Klein	KJ6WV	
Kevin Zanjani	KI6DHQ	X
Tom Woodard	KI6GOA	X