



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Meeting - Minutes

August 3, 2021, 7:00 pm
Masonic Lodge, Twin Peaks

I. Welcome

The meeting began officially by President Vic, KK6WKI. Vic introduced our newest ham, Judy Meadows, KN6PXC, who passed her Technician exam recently. He also congratulated Dennis, KJ6RKQ on passing his Amateur Extra exam.

II. Introductions and Reports

President's Comments

Vic mentioned the upcoming activities, particularly this weekend's Running Springs Hilltop Days. Some members who are CERT will be supporting that activity.

Vice President Report

Gary, AA6GJ handed the report over to Debbie. She and Tracy held the drawing for the 220 net raffle. Remember, all who check in on Tuesday night 220 net are automatically eligible for the drawing. The winner was Rhonda Larson, KM6YBZ.

Secretary Report

Dave was busy getting ready for his presentation and had no report. Hopefully everyone received the July-August newsletter.

Treasury Report

Patty, KK6LWH provided the bank balances that are included in this month's newsletter. Our opening June 1 balance was \$10,385.99 with \$550.00 in deposits and expenses of \$1864.59 for the month. The total funds on deposit in our account is now \$9,021.40 as of July 6.

III. 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 p.m.) MTARA2
- Tuesday Nights: 1900 (7:00 p.m.) MTARA5, WB6LVC, Debbie is the net controller
- Wednesday Nights: 1930 (7:30 p.m.) HF 'hamily hamster' net starting on 7.223MHz. This net follows the Skywarn and Mountain CERT nets at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m., respectively on the MTARA-2 repeater. Ed, KM6UWI will taking the reins once per month now, look for his invite!
- Friday Night YL Happy Hour: 1700 (5:00 p.m.) MTARA5, K6DDZ at net operator

IV. Club Items - if you are looking for a logo-wear ...

- **Name tags** – Harlan Technologies, Name Tags by Gene, (715) 340-1299, www.hampubs.com, Shawn Harlan – KA9BXA, harlantech@gmail.com
- **Club jacket and shirts** – Classic Images, 23723 Rocky Dell Dr. Crestline, (909) 338-2281. They know all about the MTARA layouts, great folks to work with!

V. Club Events, General Discussion, and Information.

Tracy discusses the just completed Fourth of July week 13 Colonies Special Event. Two members, KK6WKI, Vic and AJ6FN, Greg were awarded personalized 13 Colonies mugs for their 'clean sweep' efforts. Congrats to both!

In support of the Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club (CBARC), we look forward to the upcoming Route 66 W6C Special Event from September 11-19. Two days, Monday, September 13 and Thursday, September 16, will be portable operations at the Wigwam Motel on Foothill Blvd. in Rialto. We will be looking for MTARA members to help support that CBARC activity. [Click here](#) for more details and contact Dave, K6WDE, if you are interested in operating from the Wigwam.

The October **Fire Prevention Week** will be coming soon as well. Vic will be looking for support for that fun week's activity! Put that on your early October calendar!

Gene, KJ6LMP, thanked the club for supporting the Sea Cadets ham radio activity on Thursday, July 15. The focus was getting the students 'on-the-air' making real- world contacts. K6WDE, Dave and AJ6FN, Greg, spearheaded that activity with station setup and student hands-on tutoring. Thankful for the great propagation on 20, 40 and 6 meters, the 8 students managed 34 contacts. With support of our local ham friends, the Sea Cadets made contacts from Hawaii to Chile to Spain and all points in between. Greg and Dave were awarded personalized Appreciation Certificates and Sea Cadet member T-shirts!

Tracy mentioned the upcoming activities:

- August 7, Tour de Big Bear
- August 20-21, Kodiak 100 communications support
- September 11-19 - Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club Route 66 Special Event activator support
- September 25 - Big Bear Gran Fondo communications support
- December 4 - Blue Jay Christmas Parade communications support

Additionally, the club is still planning, based on interest the following activities:

- TBD - "I am Lost" Field Training
- TBD - Digital Modes Workshop

Main Presentation

W6SJE and K6WDE recapped their bucket list adventure to the 49th state, Alaska. Playing HF QRP radio with locations deep in valley with tall peaks surrounding presents significant challenges. It was a fun, radio adventure. If the opportunity presents itself, go north!

Right before the break, the club celebrated DeDe's, K6DDZ, 39th birthday with cake and song!

Elmer Session

Bill Szychowski, KK6TVB, recapped his 2 meter Laird antenna build and tuning process. This antenna is built for heavy-duty repeater use and hopefully, will boost his signals into the MTARA2 repeater. Antenna tuning is an iterative, careful process!

In closing up the meeting, the evening's raffle grand prize for the 17' Tram 1481 antenna was won by Paula Marzicola, KK6LWW, congrats to her!

VI. Wrap-up and Close

Next meeting – September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed by Vic at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted, respectfully by Dave, K6WDE

MTARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHECK IN

Name	Call Sign	Check In
Gene Anastasi	KJ6LMP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		
Jackee Benson	KM6MLB	
Ron Benson	KM6DSU	
Donna Berenato	KK6TCR	
Greg Berenato	AJ6FN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Berglund	A16AP	
Gail Brarmann	KM6GBN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Bremer	KI6TNE	
Dave Bremer	W6DVE	
Tina Bremer	W6TNA	
Travis Bremer	W6RAZ	
Michael Brewer		
Kristine Brock	KG6RFY	
Diane Bruns	KK6LWV	
Rick Bruns	KK6GWO	
Madilyn Cendejas	KM6EVS	
Bill Clark	KJ6LJF	
Ed Clark	KM6UWI	
Steve Combs	KN6LUR	
Raquel Comstock	KK6TUZ	
Liam Coyle		
Tom Crosser	K7XCB	
Karen Crouch		
Theresa Cummings	KJ6OXQ	
Jim Dahl	WI6X	
Clint Dauge	NR6T	
Jeff Davis		
Linda Davis	KK6GWP	
Ken DeCroo	KK6LWN	
Tammy DeCroo	KK6LWO	
Art Dixon	KM6LDN	
Jean Elo	KK6EDC	
John Emig	W6GC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Emig	W6CYS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Erro	W6ERO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eddie Escalera	KN6HJT	
Merry Escalera	KN6HJU	
Dave Esquer	K6WDE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sandi Esquer	W6SJE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bill Fields	KK6TVB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt Fleming		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Michael Fox	KN6FMZ	
Alvie Grant	KG4SXQ	
David Grimshaw	KJ6OXL	
Dede Hermon	K6DDZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hermon	K6KTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bill Herrera	KE6SDF	
Bruce Herrick	KJ6IJM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Heston	W6KVC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carol Higginbotham	WA6UVQ	
Kathy Howe	KI6YLF	
Stan Howe	KI6YLG	
Dennis Hughes	KE6RYZ	
Christian Hummel	KK6ATE	
Robert Ippolito	WB6URC	
Debbie Johnson	WB6LVC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Johnson	AA6GJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dale Johnstone	N6TVF	
Marilynn Jordan	W7MCJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Seline Karakaya	N6SEL	
Nancy Karlson	K6CUB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Kelley	KJ6ZNY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marlene Kiemel	K7MHK	
Warren Klein	KJ6WV	
Christopher Kozuma	KI6PHW	
Glenn Kozuma	WA6PPC	
Grace Kozuma	KJ6ZTJ	
Bill Kummer	KI6GQX	
Jim Larson	KM6YCA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rhonda Larson	KM6YBZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Allan Lauchlan	KB6CWO	
Phyllis Lauchlan		
Maria Laverty	K6RMA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike LeClaire	AE6ML	
Erin Lenocker	KG6MZD	
Garrett Lenocker		
Jodi Lenocker	WA6JL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julia Lenocker		
Ryan Lenocker	WA6ERA	
Tracy Lenocker	WM6T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Denise "Dee" Loxton	N6DEE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ron Lucchesi	KN6FNA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Lumley	WB6RCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kenny Majors	KM6WVK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cristy Marquez		
Victor Marquez	KK6WKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paula Marzicola	KK6LWV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lauren Meisenheimer	KM6DTJ	
Greg Mote	N6GM	
Ed Muskita	AA6DZ	
Ingrid Newcombe		
Steve Newcombe	KM6WVL	
Irene Oliver	KK6FYH	
Michael Oliver	AE6MO	

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Chet Olson	AE6CO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Palmquist	N6SAM	
Ron Pearne	K6GVL	
John Philp	WA6PJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lorna Polley	KJ6GFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ernie Poulin	KK6UIC	
Shaunna Poulin		
Alex Quesada		
Roger Ramirez	W6RJC	
Shannon Ramirez	KN6IBE	
Bob Renison	WA6QJF	
Steve Robinson	KK6APF	
Mary Rose	KK6APM	
Mike Rose	KK6APN	
Raffi Saroyan	N5NIA	
Craig Schubel	KN6PLO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aaron Scullin	K6AMS	
Julina Scullin		
Lance Scullin	KK6TVI	
Melissa Scullin	KI6RUM	
Susan Scullin	KI6LWW	
Dawn Selleck		
Laurie Semietan	KM6EVR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Semietan	KN6PH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Siedschlag	KJ6KMM	
Steve Siedschlag	KJ6KML	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ted Silon	KK6LWK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jasmeet Singh	KM6NUK	
Bodie Smith	KM6MLQ	
John Snedden	KT7P	
Terese Snedden		
Marlin Snyder	KK6EDE	
Chrystal Stenberg	KK6API	
Craig Stenberg	KK6APH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Stern	KK6LWQ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Stern	KK6LWP	
Doug Stewart	K8DES	
Jo Stringfield	N6NTJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert Swain	AF6R	
Patty Szychowski	KK6LWH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Tansey	KJ6IZU	
Carlos Tarango		
Jaye Tarango	KJ6AHK	
Bob Tiberi, Jr	K3RCT	
Assunta Vickers	KJ6FQP	
Gordon West	WB6NOA	
Suzy West	N6GLF	
John Wolcott	KB6OVO	
Shirley Wolcott		
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Dusty Meadows	KN6PXC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Visitor: Fletch Birge KJ6GFK

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