



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Meeting - Minutes

October 5, 2021, 7:08 pm
Masonic Lodge, Twin Peaks

I. Welcome

The meeting began officially by President Vic, KK6WKI. We had 3 new guests attending.

II. Introductions and Reports

President's Comments

Vic mentioned the Route 66 presentations for the evening.

Vice President Report

Gary, AA6GJ enjoyed supporting Route 66 and hopes to continue, it was fun being the pileup!

Secretary Report

Hopefully everyone received the October newsletter. There are lots of upcoming events to participate in.

Treasury Report

Patty, KK6LWH provided the bank balances via email. Our opening balance was \$8,522.73 with \$80.00 in membership fees, \$235 in sale items and \$2,000 in donations (support for this summer's activities) for a total deposit of \$2,315.00. There were no expenses for the month. The total funds on deposit in our account is now \$10,837.73, as of October 5.

With new people in attendance, we had a round-robin introduction.

III. Weekly Nets - summary

Denise, N6DEE, our net control manager, did not attend tonight but we shared the ongoing nets available to club members. Don't forget the Echolink capability on the YL Happy Hour net.

- Monday Nights: 1900 (7:00 p.m.) MTARA2
- Tuesday Nights: 1900 (7:00 p.m. MTARA5, WB6LVC, Debbie is the net controller
- 1st Wednesday (of the Month) Night: 1930 (7:30 p.m.) HF 'family 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.

Ken Witte, the local Red Cross disaster captain, attended the meeting and made a special request for Red Cross volunteers. See the website volunteerconnection.redcross.org for more information.

Route 66

The main portion of the discussion was with Jeff Richardson, W6JJR. Jeff and the Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club are the major organizers of the just concluded Route 66 ham radio special event. In 1999, the Northern Arizona DX group began thinking about a Route 66 ham radio special event. After running the event for 2 years, the task transitioned to the CBARC folks where it has continued for the last 20 years. There were a total of 22 stations this year, Jeff has been in charge 18 of those 20 years.

Route 66 linked the west coast of the US to the middle of the country. There are stations from Santa Monica to Chicago, from W6A to W6V, next year the second Kingman station, W6F, will be dropping out and we will return to the end station at W6U. The modes for the special event are HF, SSB, CW and digital modes. Digital seemed to be very popular this year.

The event planning for next year begins again right after the event is over. The total QSOs as of today, are 53,317. Last year, out total was 54,331. The big winner, station-wise was W6H, New Mexico with a total of 8,139 QSOs.

As part of the event, chasers can request certificates, decals and QSL cards. A certificate team assembly line is needed to fulfill these requests, so if you have the time, come down to the Patton station on Wednesdays about 6:30 pm for the foreseeable future!

The event for 2022 is from September 10-18.

CBARC History

The Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club formed in 1937, disbanded during World War II, and reformed in 1947 and has been steady ever since. It has been headquartered at Patton Hospital for the last 31 years. The Patton station has full HF and VHF/UHF stations with a 67' antenna tower. The Patton station performs a vital EMCOM role for the state-wide hospital system. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, the station is the lead with Sacramento on their 40 meter EMCOM net.

Every Wednesday evening, the station is open.

Dave and Vic gave a photo overview of the W6C/p station at the Wigwam Motel in Rialto, CA. We were operational on September 13 and 16 from 10am - 2 pm with about 130 total QSOs made. There were 2 stations running on 20 and 40 meters, a Yaesu 891 and an ICOM 7300. We had Jeff, Mo, Vic, Gwen, Gail, Lorna, Debbie, Gary, Jo (and Matt), Sandy, Mike and Jim and Rhonda participate over the 2 days (W6JJR, KK7KC, KK6WKI, AG6OB, KM6GBN, KJ6GFS, WB6LVC, AA6GJ, N6NTJ and Matt, W6SJE, W6WAR, KM6YCA and KM6TBZ, respectively).

Gary and Debbie spoke to their success as W6C from their home QTH, fun to be the pile-up!

Maria did some 'real-word' training at Tracy's station as W6C during the event as well.

2022 Slate of Officers

The MTARA 2022 slate of officers is being formed and the following folks have volunteered, there is still an opportunity for folks to step up and submit their names for consideration.

- Lorna for President
- Chet as Vice President
- Debbie as Secretary
- Nancy as Treasurer

Upcoming Events

- October 23, Saturday 9am - 4pm, part 1 of map, compass and GPS tools and techniques
- November 3, Wednesday 9am - 2pm, The "I am lost" field event

Door Prizes

Kenny, KM6WVK was the winner of the 220 net checkin for this month. He has also volunteered a hand engraved knife for our December Christmas raffle.

Gary, AA6GJ won the test leads door prize

Lorna, KJGGFS won the 12 volt power supply

John, WA6PJ won bag field day

Lorna, KJ6GFS won the grand prize Baofeng tri-band radio as well!

The October 3-9 **Fire Prevention Week** is ongoing until Saturday at midnight. Vic will be looking for support for that fun week's activity! Put that on your calendar and let him know if you are interested in operating as N6F. You DO NOT need to be a fireman to support this activity

The Gran Fondo just wrapped up and we were given a \$500 donation for our support.

The next event may be the Blue Jay Christmas Parade, but it still up in the air.

VI. Wrap-up and Close

Next meeting – November 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed by Vic at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted, respectfully by Dave, K6WDE



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association

Treasurer's Report

October 5, 2021

Opening balance September 9, 2021 \$8,522.73

Deposits:

9/14/2021 – Memberships	\$80.00
9/14/2021 – Sale item	\$235.00
9/14/2021 – Donations	\$2,000.00

TOTAL Deposit \$2,315.00

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Expenses:

NONE	\$0.00
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TOTAL Expenses \$0.00

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Balance as of October 5, 2021 \$10,837.73

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Szychowski, Treasurer