



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Meeting - Minutes

November 2, 2021, 7:10 pm

Masonic Lodge, Twin Peaks

I. Welcome

The meeting began officially by President Vic, KK6WKL. We had 2 new guests attending.

II. Introductions and Reports

President's Comments

Vic's presidency is ending, his reign ends next month. We will have elections next month and we will have a chance to nominate additional candidates tonight. Today discussion will give a wrap-up of Pacificon from some of the MTARA attendees.

Welcome Dave, AA6ZH from Running Springs and Karen is a guest attendee tonight.

Vice President Report

No report

Secretary Report

Hopefully everyone received the November newsletter. There are lots of upcoming events to participate in. Check it out!

Treasury Report

Patty, KK6LWH provided the bank balances. Our opening balance was \$10,837.73 with \$40.00 in membership fees, \$95 in sale items and \$500 in donations (support for this summer's activities) for a total deposit of 635.00. There were no expenses for the month. The total funds on deposit in our account is now \$11,472.73, as of November 2. The outgoing board blow-out dinner is still being formulated, suggestions from the board are Cabo San Lucas, Bora-Bora and Fairbanks, Alaska. Unfortunately, the membership suggested the fine dining at the Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center.

III. Weekly Nets - summary

Denise, N6DEE, our net control manager 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

On the Monday net, we will continue with road and hazard reports during the net. It's nice to keep everyone aware of mountain activities. Denise also encourages net attendees to participate in the round robin aspects of the Monday net, members DO have stuff to bring to the table, don't be shy.

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.

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 tonight and submit their names for consideration.

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

There were no nominations from the floor.

Pacificon Wrap-up

We started with Gary's short video of the Gordo 'MTARA Pun-sters' video during breakfast on Saturday. It was painful to watch.

K6WDE, Dave, gave an overview of the K7JA ultralight antenna beam design seminar on Friday. Chip is a most impressive speaker and his portable designs were outstanding, low cost and low weight.

K6DDZ, Dede, gave a rundown of the Friday LIVE YL happy hour. It was held in person with 18 people in attendance enjoying the outdoor beautiful weather. There were plenty of YLs, OMs and extra celebrities who joined in.

Gary, AA6GJ, discussed the small loop antenna seminar hosted by Michelle, AA6MP. It was very enlightening and enjoyable. If you're interested in further antenna design considerations, consider the work down by Tom Schiller, N6BT, antenna designer extraordinaire!

Debbie, WB6LVC, discussed the YLRL forum moderated by Kristine and Michelle. She followed that up with an overview of the 'Ladies of the Net' YL group. She encouraged more YLs to join the organization

For the sake of time, Tracy, WM6T's EMCOMM resilience discussion was postponed.

We have donated equipment essentially on 'long-term loan'. If you are interested, let Tracy know. There are ham radio keys, radios, antennas, tuners and lots of other cool stuff. These are NOT for sale, but to be made available on long-term loan to MTARA members.

Elmer Session

After the break, Tracy, WM6T gave an overview of the GAIA software package for computers, tablets and smart phones. Harnessing the power of the built-in GPS on most modern devices, provides a tremendous mapping tool at your fingertips.

There are 3 software packages that Tracy utilizes: the GAIA software suite, the free Google Earth Pro and SARTrack

Upcoming Events

- Tomorrow - November 3, Wednesday 9am - 2pm, The "I am lost" field event

The next event will be the **Blue Jay Christmas Parade**, looking for volunteers. It will be on **December 4**, 1:00 pm show-up. Stan Howe is in charge from CERT, ECS and MTARA. Stan needs 4-6 more people.

VI. Wrap-up and Close

Don't forget the hand engraved, custom knife donation from Kenny, KM6WVK, for the December meeting

DOOR PRIZES, the winners were:

Earbuds - Jill Barkley, KM6GBN

HRO lanyard and charger - K6CUB, Nancy

ARRL FD Lunchbag - Gary

Ethernet cable and lanyard - K6DDZ, Dede

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

The meeting was closed by Vic at 9:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted, respectfully by Dave, K6WDE



Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association

Treasurer's Report

November 2, 2021

Opening balance October 5, 2021	\$10,837.73
Deposits:	
9/14/2021 – Memberships	\$40.00
9/14/2021 – Sale item	\$95.00
10/22/2021 – Donations	\$500.00
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TOTAL Deposit	\$635.00
Expenses:	
NONE	\$0.00
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TOTAL Expenses	\$0.00
Balance as of November 2, 2021	\$11,472.73

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Szychowski, Treasurer