

Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association

Minutes for 2/1/2022 via Zoom

Welcome: President Lorna Polley/KJ6GFS greeted the club members, welcoming them all back on Zoom again.

Introductions and Reports: Lorna then passed the introductions over to VP, Chet Olsen/AE6CO, who said he was excited to hear the reports from those who attended Quartzfest.

Minutes from the past meeting on 1/05/2022 were read by Secretary Debbie Johnson/WB6LVC. Request for articles for the Newsletter was stated. All must be sent to Debbie by 02/11/2022.

Treasurer Nancy Karlson/K6CUB then gave the treasurer's report. As of 1/30/2022, the balance was \$11,874.27.

Weekly Nets: Denise, N6DEE, NCO Coordinator

Mondays at 7:00PM, MTARA Net, MTARA-2

Tuesdays at 7:00, MTARA 220 Net, MTARA-5

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, Skywarn and at 7:00, Mountain CERT Net, MTARA-2

Wednesday/Monthly on 7.223 and on Zoom, at 7:30, The HF Net

Fridays at 5:00, The YL Happy Hour Net, MTARA-5

Club Items:

- A. Name tags – Harlan Technologies, Name Tags by Gene, (715) 340-1299, www.hampubs.com Shawn Harlan – KA9BXA, harlantech@gmail.com
- B. B. Mouse Pads
- C. T-shirts – Port Authority K42OP – Dark Green, L420 – Dark Green, K100LS=Dark Green: Embroidery, Classic Images, 23723 Rocky Dell Dr., Crestline, (909)338-2281

Club Events, Discussions/Information:

1. Membership reminders were stated. When you have paid, Tracy will let you know it has been processed via an email.

2. Dale/N6TVF, informed the club members that the antenna set-up at the church is in place. 2 meters is working. Now the actual antenna needs to be put up.
3. Tracy is offering a CW Class if there are enough interested members. Please send him an email if you are interested.

Presentation:

Next was a “Sharing” Session of the members who had attended the Quartzfest gathering last week.

The hit of the gathering was John’s/ KT7P, homemade cinnamon bread, most definitely!

Dave and Tina (W6DVE, W6TNA) told us of the W5YI testing group’s success (100%), and of the seminars, trail rides, campfires and gatherings from the week.

Tracy/W6M6T, talked about the Special Event Station, DX station, the Pico Balloon launches and the raffles, He was a super, busy fellow, dealing with the entire schedule and all the changes that took place daily. Gary/AA6GJ, ask for any interested members who would like to help the West End Ham group on the Baker to Vegas weekend to let him know as they need extra helpers. He also mentioned the 2 CW sessions Tracy and he had presented and how well they were attended.

Jim/KM6YCA and Rhonda/KM6YBZ, shared their interesting story of the “The 3 Miracles” about how their car bumper had come off and 1. Gary/AA6GJ had some rope to tie it back on which Tracy assisted with, 2. They found a strap on the side of the freeway to reinforce it in place and 3. The fellow who repaired it on the spot didn’t charge them anything!!See-there still are kind and helpful people in the world. 😊

Jodi shared about the Red Cross presentation on how to be prepared in a medical, emergency. And Tracy added about the outstanding emergency vehicle the group had brought with them that all could tour.

And John/ KT7P shared about the Arizona DX group and what they have been doing. Plus, the fact that his bread starter is from 1995!!

And although not present, Gary/W6KVC was commended for all of his hard work at the event, taking care of PA setups, Amateur TV connections and just about anything else that needed to be done in the AV department. Tracy shared that both he and Gary where thanked at the closing ceremony, too,

*Additional note: Gene/KJ6LMP, reminded everyone to check the email that Tracy had sent out in reference to the batteries Gene has available. Please contact him directly about that issue.

The second part of the presentation was an Elmer session given by Tracy/WM6T, entitled: “Antenna Basics and Terminology – A Refresher”. The slides from the presentation have been upload if you wish to review the topic. A Q and A session followed.

Wrap-Up/Close:

The meeting was then handed back to our President, Lorna, who again thanked everyone for their attendance. She wished them well and reminded them that the next meeting would be on Zoom on 03/01/2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:23

Next meeting will be on 03/01/2022.

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Johnson/WB6LVC

Approved by: