

Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association

Minutes for 3/01/2022

Welcome:

President Lorna Polley/KJ6GFS welcomed everyone to our monthly meeting via Zoom @ 19:05. VP Chet Olsen/AE6CO commented on our current weather status.

Introductions and Reports:

We welcomed some guests to our meeting this month. Vic's (KK6WKI) daughter, Shannon-KN6IBE and son in-law, Roger-W6RJC as well as Vic's adorable grandson, Augustine, joined us. We also had Dr. Ginger Gabriel and Larry Spence/KE6MAE.

Minutes from the past meeting on 2/01/2022 were read by Gary/AA6GJ who was standing in for Debbie/WB6LVC.

Treasurer Nancy/K6CUB reported that our beginning balance was \$11,874. With additional dues of \$560 and a donation of \$5 pending, our ending balance for the month of February will be \$12,439 when all clears the bank. 141 members have paid their dues and are in good standing. Thank you, one and all!

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

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:

Tracy/WM6T, shared that tonight there would be two presentations, three raffles and a surprise video. We were all then treated to an adorable video of Vic's grandson, Augustine, doing his rain-maker dance in his swing. Fantastic! (By the way, Augustine is only 6 months old.)

Presentation:

Bill Mader/K8TE, gave a presentation about RF in the shack. Bill is the ARRL Section Manager for New Mexico. He discussed the ways of dealing with interference by asking questions and talking to others to discover the causes and remedies for the problem. Some points were: How do I know what it is?, Reporting to others who have the same problem, searching for the causes, mitigation, and avoidance strategies.

Tracy/WM6T, had a presentation on Static Electricity and Electronics. He shared that some ways to decrease static electricity were through the use of a whole-home humidifier, adding house plants as they “sweat” water into the atmosphere, and using an anti-static spray. Tracy shared the recipe for a homemade spray: mix Downy fabric softener with water using an 8-1 ratio. That is, 8 parts water to 1 part Downey. This is mixed in a spray bottle that you then use to spray carpets, furniture, mats and so on. The effect lasts approximately 2 weeks.

Tracy shared with the club about the upcoming Baker to Vegas activity which will take place in April. Hams make take part in the travel OPS from home or work in an EOC>. The club is also donating 12 safety vests to AA6GJ’s group, West End Amateur Radio Group, for use at the B2V event. AA6GJ invited club members to join the West End Group to staff Stages 18 & 19 on site. And another future event, Field Day, will again be held at the Masonic Lodge in June.

Wrap-Up/Close:

The meeting ended with 3 Raffle drawings. The first 2 were for the 220 Net. The December winner was Ted/KK6LWK, and he won a small solar phone charge. The January winner was Mike LeClaire/AE6MO, and he won a black and gray ICOM hat. The Special Raffle for renewed club members was won by Bill Herrera/KE6SDF. Bill gets a choice of either a Baofeng UV-5R or a Wouxon X6-UV3D HT.

President Lorna then thanked K8TE for his presentation as well as adding congratulatory remarks to all of the raffle winners. She also thanked Gary/AA6GJ for stepping in for Debbie as secretary this evening.

The meeting closed at 20:41.

Next meeting will be on April 5, 2022, at 7:00PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Debbie /WB6LVC and Gary/AA6GJ

Approved by: