

SC4ARC GENERAL MEETING
MROSD Skyline Field Office (Alpine Ranger Station)
July 16, 2016

Officers Present:			Other Members Present:	
President	Neil Panton	W6VG	Will Johnson	W6NZH
Secretary	Pat O’Coffey	KJ6GMG	Jack McKinnon	KK6MLA
Treasurer	Peggy Wargo	KI6PGA	Craig Eddy	KG6UWG
Member At Large	Mike Pittaro	KG6VCP	Mary Panton	AF6IE
Radio Officer	Peter Chupity	KI6FAO	Bryan Osborne	KD6UCA
Public Info Officer	Lisa Chupity	W6LSC	Bob Smith	W6RES
			David Trupiano	KK6UBJ
			Jim Sencenbaugh	K6TPS

New member Jim Sencenbaugh introduced. Welcome, Jim!

1.0. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President and Chair Neil Panton at 10:08 a.m.

2.0. Announcements

- 2.1. Peggy passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the La Honda Fire Brigade Chipping Program. Volunteers are needed for July 23 / July 24 and for July 30 / July 31. Morning shifts are from 0900 – 1230; afternoon shifts are 1230 – 1600. The main responsibility is checking in those who arrive and making sure that there is no inappropriate dumping. Please contact Peggy if you can volunteer.
- 2.2. Pescadero Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, July 17, at the Pescadero Community Church, at 0900.
- 2.3. Pescadero Barn Sale was today, Saturday, July 16.

3.0. Officer Reports

3.1. Secretary – Pat O’Coffey

- 3.1.1. Pat reported that we currently have 38 members.
- 3.1.2. Time to sign-up for Net Control August through October. Still have lots of open slots – please contact Pat to sign up.

3.2. Treasurer – Peggy Wargo

- 3.2.1. Peggy reported a current balance of \$7,188
- 3.2.2. Year-to-date income is \$1635
- 3.2.3. Year-to-date expense is \$450
- 3.2.4. Peggy announced that she will be stepping down as Club Treasurer the end of 2016.

3.3. Radio Officer – Peter Chupity

- 3.3.1. In conjunction with the Half Moon Bay Radio Club, we held a Technician Licensing Class on June 4 – 5. The class was held at the CEOC in Half Moon Bay. There were a total of 14 students. Of those 14, 10 have now taken the test, with 9 passing. Hopefully a few more will follow up with testing. A Practical Class is scheduled for Sunday, July 24, at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club. It will start around 1130 or 1200.
- 3.3.2. Peter reported that the repeater is performing well, but Winlink was down last week for the second time this year. It is now back up and running. While Winlink was down, the Digipeater continued working, so we still had connectivity.

4.0. Field Day, 2016

- 4.1.** A total of 21 members participated in this year's Field Day activities in some capacity: set-up, operators, tear-down, etc. We had a total of 217 contacts – 79 less than last year – but we had fewer operators this year. We did well on bonus points, including getting 100 points for social media – Facebook and twitter. Thank you, Lisa!
- 4.2.** We only made 13 digital contacts. The digital process was very slow. It took about an hour to make one digital contact. Mike suggested two reasons for this: inexperienced operators on digital (for instance, they would leave frequency before being recognized) and RF interference from the antenna that was 40' directly above. We discussed having a dedicated digital station next year. Hopefully, by then, the Emergency Coordinators will be trained on digital operation and in turn, they will be training other members.
- 4.3.** The Resource Trailer was a GREAT SUCCESS! Thanks to Will for donating it and many, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard on getting it ready for Field Day!!!

5.0. Miscellaneous Business

- 5.1.** Craig suggested that we have a **Youth Outreach Program** at the La Honda and Pescadero schools to generate interest in radios prior to Field Day. We would then hopefully get more GOTA visitors / operators. We need to bring this up again early in the year – January.
- 5.2.** The **Pescadero Arts and Fun Festival** is August 20 / 21. We will have an SC4ARC Booth at the event. Neil passed around a sign-up list for volunteers at the Booth. Contact Neil if you can volunteer for a couple of hours.
- 5.3. Amazon Smile:** If you sign into Amazon via Smile Amazon, you can now select SC4 Amateur Radio Club as your selected charity. This costs you nothing. For every purchase you make through Amazon Smile, if you have selected our club, we will receive .5% of that purchase in donations from Amazon. It's a small amount, but it adds up. Peter has also set-up a "Wish List" on Amazon.

6.0. Technical Session – Thank You Bryan, Neil and Craig

- 6.1.** Bryan gave a demonstration of the antenna set-up at the Ranger Station. If you took pictures, please send them to Pat. She is putting together an operating manual for the antenna set-up process.
- 6.2.** Neil and Craig demonstrated some portable antenna set-ups that are very quick and efficient in getting on the air during an emergency.

7.0. Next Meeting: August 20, Pescadero High School Board Room.

- 7.1.** There will be a demonstration of the radio room / equipment at the High School.

8.0. Meeting Adjourned: 1217 hours