

Minutes – MARC Meeting 15 October 2008

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1902 – Meeting called to order by President Dean Buckhouse (KBØVVA)

1902 – Introductions; 22 people in attendance

1904 – Officers reports

- No reports were given from the Vice President or Secretary

1904 - Treasurer's Report

- Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) was absent and a printout of the report was not available. An update was given that the club has spent the county funds, and more details will be given in a later meeting. The club is still solvent.

1905 – Business

- Old Business: Ann (ACØFB) was absent and we did not have an update on the QSL card for the club that she was looking into.
- (1906) New Business
- Hamcon 2009 will be held in Estes Park from 29 – 31 May. There's talk of Riley Hollingsworth being at the convention again this year. The MARC VE team will be doing the VE session for the convention. More information can be obtained at <http://www.hamconcolorado.org>
- (1913) The question was raised about having a MARC Christmas party this year. Don Johnson (KØDRJ) moved that the club have said party, the motion was seconded by John Tine (KDØDZR) and was passed. The club will have a Christmas party this year. A request for a volunteer to organize the party was made. John (KDØDZR) offered to cook the turkey for the party. This will be held in December on the normal meeting night, which will be 17 December. There will be a “white elephant” gift exchange for those wishing to participate.
- (1919) Field Day/Campfest 2009
 - It was noted that these activities in 2008 had a very low turn out. The question regarding if we still want to have them, combine them into one event, etc was put forth for members to think about and offer opinions and suggestions. Dean (KBØVVA) indicated that his property is available again for the events.
- (1923) Repeater Status
 - Dean (KBØVVA) informed the club that until recently the Badger Mtn. repeater had been operating without a battery backup. Some of the county funds were used to purchase a battery for this site. It was also noted that the Tenderfoot site had been operating without a battery backup for over a year. County funds were used to purchase a battery for this site, and Dean (KBØVVA) has it ready to go in. Discussion of putting a packet node on both of these sites is still taking place.
- (1927) Carol Wilson (KCØDTQ) will be performing in an organ concert in the Springs and flyers were made available for those interested.
- (1927) Thanks to Don (KØDRJ) for providing the refreshments for this month's meeting. Carol (KCØZMQ) and Mike (KØMIS) volunteered to bring them for the November meeting.

1928 – Break

1948 – Call back to order

2000 – Program

- No program was set up for this month, instead a discussion of the state of the meetings was held.
- The question was posed regarding why the meeting attendance was down and what could we do to generate interest in coming to the meetings again. Comments and suggestions were asked for regarding how to solve this issue as well as what members would like to see at the meetings. The following is a list of those ideas brought up
 - Don (KØDRJ) suggested we do a little bit of advertising, such as via e-mail or a call around.

It was noted that in the past the club used to have a small ad in the Courier regarding the meeting. This is an ad that the paper provides free of charge to local clubs and organizations to let the public know of the meeting. This will be investigated and see what it may take to start this up again.

- An increase in participation from those in attendance was suggested in the form of more show and tells, etc.
- Perhaps looking into more technical programs would be in order
- Having a vendor demo was suggested. Try to get a store such as HRO (and others) to come down and display what is currently on the market was brought up.
- The length and time of the meetings may be a factor for those who have work schedules that can not always accommodate the current schedule.
- Holding the meeting at different places (such as restaurants) or other activities was suggested.
- Having meetings geared towards those people who are interested in becoming hams, and having programs that could help with that was another suggestion. Along with this, having an Elmer night would be good as well.
- A question about the refreshment spreads was raised as being related to attendance.
- Providing a demo of Mickey as well as training on its operation was suggested
- Using the Yahoo e-mail group to hold discussions, rather than just have it being used for the meeting notifications was brought up
- Incentives relating to dues or door prizes was another idea presented
- A question regarding having a presence at any of the runs, or having other displays and demos for the public was raised. Thinking to maybe get the club in front of the public a bit more.
- Sending post cards to all the local hams as an invite/reminder has worked in other areas and was a suggestion to be looked into.
- Having something in the repeater system other than the phone patch for a draw was brought up.
- A question was raised about having programs relating to demos of test equipment
- A night to show off homebrew projects was another idea for a program to draw people in. Along these same lines was consideration for a night to construct antennas

2011 – Show and Tell

- Don (KØDRJ) brought in his new go-kit set up to get ideas, comments, thoughts, suggestions, and opinions on.
- (2018) Dean (KBØVVA) brought out the radios that were purchased with the county funds for the club to see. The club has purchased Icom IC-2820s with D-STAR boards to go into the Teller County Sheriff's Emergency Command Post vehicle. We will be looking to get a group together at some point to go up to Divide and perform the installs.

2032 – Meeting was adjourned.