

Mountain Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Meeting
20 June 2026

Our MARC meeting began at 1907, with Bill Wallick presiding. Intros around the room.
No SK's or awards noted.

Previous meeting minutes were discussed.

No Treasurer's report.

Next VE session, July 4th at the WP Library

Repeaters are ok.
All Star is built for Tranquil Acres.
Some discussion on a GMRS repeater.

Field Day hats were backordered

August 1,2 - Summits on the Air

July snacks Tom Roberts

Lost Zoom connection, had to reboot

Meeting Adjourned at 1930.

11 members, 1 guest (Lewis Duncan, SO Tech Rep)

Submitted by Bill Wallick

Quick recap

This was a club meeting where members discussed various operational matters including banking issues, equipment updates, and upcoming events. The group addressed a bank fee problem where accounts below \$500 would incur \$7 charges, so they moved funds to keep the account balance above the threshold. They reviewed upcoming VE (Volunteer Examiner) sessions, including one planned for July 4th at the Woodland Park Library, though concerns were raised about low attendance due to the holiday. The meeting covered repeater status updates, with reports that systems were working properly except for some scratchy audio on one repeater. Discussion included plans for an All-Star node installation and Starlink router connectivity issues. The group also covered Field Day preparations scheduled for June 26-28 at Lake George, and various members signed up to bring snacks for future meetings. The meeting experienced technical difficulties near the end with network connectivity issues causing participants to disconnect.

Next steps

MARC

- Monitor the VE account balance to ensure it stays above \$500 to avoid bank fees; consider researching alternative banks if needed.
- Coordinate with Greg regarding the All-Star node installation and obtain necessary updates/permissions for installation.

Collaboration

- MARC (or relevant team member): Install the new All-Star node at the repeater site once Greg provides the required information.
- All members interested in Field Day: Confirm participation and coordinate roles for Field Day at Lake George, June 26-28.
- MARC (or designated volunteer): Sign up and bring snacks for the next meeting, as previous volunteer was unavailable.
- MARC (or relevant member): Update and share photos related to the All-Star node installation as discussed.
- MARC (or Treasurer): Follow up on the status of the Treasurer's report and ensure it is distributed for the next meeting.

Summary

Technical and Introduction Meeting Setup

The meeting began with technical difficulties as participants worked to resolve audio and video connectivity issues. Lewis introduced himself as a new participant from Teller County IT, while Victor joined remotely from a camping location at Turquoise Lake. The group conducted roll calls and introductions, with participants sharing their call signs and identifying themselves. The meeting appeared to be in its early stages, with plans to start the formal agenda once Dean, who was expected to join late due to a funeral, arrived.

Banking Requirements and VE Session

MARC discussed banking issues, noting that the bank now requires a minimum balance of \$500 due to increased central control from Salt Lake City, resulting in a \$7 charge for accounts below that threshold. He moved funds to keep the VE account above \$500 to avoid these fees. The group confirmed the next VE session will be held on July 4th at the Woodland Park Library in the downstairs meeting room.

Technical Infrastructure and Connectivity Discussion

MARC and AD0VP discussed various technical issues including repeaters, D-Star equipment, and All-Star nodes. They mentioned working on an All-Star node that could be installed once they coordinate with Greg and Simon Marquez, F5CA. The conversation also touched on Starlink connectivity issues, where MARC noted that outbound connections work but incoming connections are problematic.

Field Day Planning Discussion

The group discussed Field Day at Lake George scheduled for June 26-28, with Marc mentioning he would bring a bike and kids. They addressed technical issues with audio and connectivity problems during the meeting. The discussion included updates on equipment installations, with mentions of All-star nodes and repeaters, though specific details were unclear due to audio issues. The conversation ended with participants experiencing network connectivity problems and deciding to end the call.