

RACES July 25, 2013 @ 1900 hours

**DRAFT** Meeting Notes @ PECOC Building, 3434 E 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85713

### **Team Leader Reports:**

Home Unit - B.Hickey was absent. J.Hand stated that effective August 1<sup>st</sup> B.Hickey and B.Stranger will resign.

Hospital-M.Long stated there will be no Hospital Net until after the RACES election is concluded.

Training-T.Brown stated there will be no TOAD training for the month of July but hopes to have one on the third Saturday in August.

Technology-T.Long had no updates.

### **Open Items:**

**HF Antenna-** J.Hand stated that B.Hickey added a voice “leg” (20 meters of cooper) and is an essential piece added to provide better voice transmission.

**TOAD-**J.Hands stated that ADEM returned the TOAD to OEM and stated the mast has been repaired, along with new rear springs, and a new generator. J.Hand stated ADEM will do the computer and radio upgrades in the fall.

**Laptops-** J.Hand stated that ITD was unable to duplicate the image to the laptops so he asked if any members would like to volunteer in assisting imaging the 25 laptops. S.Boone said he could assist and would talk to J.Hand after the meeting.

**Radio Room-** J.Hand stated that F.Brady has done a phenomenal job with re-arranging the radio room and thanked him for all his hard work. J.Hand also stated that B.Hickey has ben setting up packet email capability for OEM over the last several days.

**Statewide Exercise-**J.Hand stated that he is working with F.Duarte (OEM) on RACES role for this exercise and stated radio communications will be exercised. J.Hand stated Pima County will have a power outage and OEM/RACES will play on day 3 of the exercise which is to take place on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mt.Lemmon Repeater-** J.Hand stated he is going to be working with H.Zappia on a solution.

**Election-** J.Hand asked the committee if they would like the candidates to write a one paragraph statement that gives the members a little insight about them. The members agreed and asked if a picture of the candidate could be attached. J.Hand agreed and stated to the committee that he will collect the candidates’ statements and give them until August 1<sup>st</sup> close of business to be received. J.Hand stated that August 2<sup>nd</sup> he would post the candidates profile on the OEM/RACES webpage and send a ballot via email to all of the members.

### **New Business:**

J.Hand stated that the DAS (Distributed Antenna System) has been installed and AT&T is the only full coverage for now and Verizon, PCWIN, and Sprint will be soon to follow.

J.Hand stated that the OEM RACES website is now up and running and thanked S.Hammnet for all his work on the website. S.Hammnet will be the webmaster and has added RACES links, training calendar, application form, and minutes to the website.

J.Hand stated to the committee if they have any topics they would like to discuss with the committee to submit the request to L.Romero via email and she will include it in the monthly evening agenda for discussion.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1950 hours**