



## Instructions for New Milpitas ARES/RACES Ham Radio Operators

You've got your amateur license and you want to get connected with the ARES and RACES group in Milpitas what do you do next? Here's a few steps that will help you get connected with the group.

- Visit our web page at <http://www.qsl.net/mares>.
  - Here you'll find all these instructions, plus lots more information about ARES/RACES operations in Milpitas and the rest of Santa Clara County.
- Join our mailing list
  - Visit <http://mailman.gth.net/mailman/listinfo/mares> and sign up. All of our operating events and drills are announced via this mailing list.
- Program our local repeater, W6MLP, into your radio. The repeater's frequency is 145.430MHz, offset, and a 85.4Hz PL. If you forget the repeater information, you can find it here <http://www.qsl.net/mares/freq.shtml>.
- Turn on your radio every Tuesday night at 7PM and join us on our weekly Milpitas net on the W6MLP repeater. It only lasts ten minutes or so, and it gives you a chance to make sure your radio works and that you can communicate with everyone else.
- Most importantly, PARTICIPATE! There are the weekly nets mentioned above, and there will be regular training exercises and practice drills during the year. I guarantee that if you don't practice NOW, when everything is calm, you'll never be able to help us when there is a real emergency!