

BISHOP AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Minutes for meeting on April 9, 2013.

Meeting called to order by president John Shepherd (AD6NR) shortly after 7PM.
Self introductions indicated 26 total attendees, 22 members.

Treasurer's Report: Bob (N7RAP) gave complete report, highlighted by income of \$395 (including proceeds from Amateur Radio Class), expenses of \$290 (mainly Forrest Service repeater site fees and purchase of study manuals for the Radio class above). Checking balance was \$1,316.90. Savings (reserve) funds of \$1,011.38. Duplexer Capitol fund of \$1,578.88.

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting authored by Olin (WA7YXY) approved as corrected.

Announcements: T-hunt and Club breakfast scheduled for April 20. T-hunt by Keith and Rich will start at 10AM on Red Hill.

Bob Moss (W7WOW) asked for operators to please check in to 75M net on Sunday. 39.90 MHz at 8:30 AM Sundays. John Husband (K6MWK) has lowest antenna – about 1 inch above the ground.

Coming events: Simplex Contest rules handed out and explained by Bob (W7WOW). Spare copies left with President and Secretary.

BARC and SARC in the Park (Lone Pine) on May 4 at 11 AM. Meeting will also include swap meet.

Same date (May 4) for the Volunteer Exam session in Bishop.

List of topics for the June or July club meeting program presented.

Program: Kurt (W6PH) and Hank (W6SX) put on a training program on how to succeed in radio contesting. Major emphasis was in preparing for the annual Field Day to be held at Kurt's cabin near Lone Pine. Some highlight include operation of the logging program, new section abbreviations, power multipliers (30 Watts is usually the optimum for points), bonus points, GOTO and VHF stations, “Run” vs “Search and Pounce”, how to communicate with new operators, dealing with “dupes”, and following proper operating protocol. Examples of objectives other than points that can be done on Field Day – a great opportunity for “worked all States” contacts, and working interesting areas that would not normally be on the air. Lots of operators are on the air, and just about all of them are hunting for contacts!

Other Business:

Keith (KJ6IXM) won the 50/50 drawing.

Program for June or July meeting was discussed and a vote taken. “Sharpening your EMCOM Operating Skills” was selected from the list.

Bob (W7WOW) presented information on the bi-monthly HF contest. Bob brought copies of the Rules/Instructions sheets, and some logging sheets. Spare copies were left with the President and Secretary.

Bob also announced that the ARES was going to instruct a packet radio class in Tonopah on May 16.

Phil (K0RVD) now has 11 people in his Technician radio license class. Students and visitors are welcome to come to the meetings. Meetings are Thursdays, 7 PM, at the Volunteer Fireman's Training Center off East Line Street near Bishop. There is to be a Volunteer Exam session on the last day of class.

Mike (W6HDV) is planning for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday operation of the Mule Days special event station. We have W4M (We for Mules) as the station call. More details will be presented at next months meeting. Some equipment was displayed on the front table, including a service monitor donated to BARC by Dan Merrill, and a Cantenna dummy load brought in by Walt (K6BDD).

Meeting Adjourned a 9:17 PM.

Jon Patzer, NW6C.