

# Bishop Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes April 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by BARC President Adrian van der Riet (N6VDR) - Agenda attached

Introductions around the room (13 members present) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking balance; \$2,409.34; Savings balance \$1011.36 - details posted on Web Site

Adrian announced that Fried (WA6WZO) made a donation to BARC of several ARRL publications: The Field Day Handbook, Software Library for Ham Radio (CD), 2011 Repeater Directory (CD), Extra Class License Manual, General Class License Manual, Instructors Manual for Technician and General Class Licenses, and The Field Day Handbook. If you are interested in borrowing any of these please contact Adrian

Last Month's meeting notes were posted on the web site: Adrian (N6VDR) made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob Payne (N7RAP) and accepted unanimously by a voice vote.

### Upcoming Activities

T-Hunt next Saturday April 16: Starts at 10AM from the top of Red Hill; Directions to the starting point and rules posted on the BARC website. Adrian will be the "Fox" this month so expect a challenge. Good luck hunters!

Hospice Run: Len, Walt and Bob will be supporting this event starting at 08:30 at Browns Town on Saturday April 16.

Rookie Round Up SSB HF Contest – April 17 – starts at 1800 UTC for 6 hours. For "inexperienced operators" but experienced ops are encouraged to participate. Any BARC members that participate – please share your experience at the next meeting.

### Old Business

1) Batteries for Silver Pk Facility: Continued from our Jan 13 meeting: pending access to the facility in the spring.

2) Linking of Silver and Mammoth: Continued

3) Purchase of new antenna: Antenna has been ordered – awaiting confirmation of total cost (including shipping) and expected ship date from Sinclair Technologies (post meeting Note: Ship date from the factory is May 13.)

4) BHS50: Adrian is awaiting list of participants

5) Visit to Mammoth: Visit by Adrian, Jon (NW6C) and John (AD6NR). Repeater is in good shape in a well protected area with a large number of other repeaters and related communication gear. Adrian was able to access the repeater from this laptop. The ID was changed from a 15 minute to 10 minute interval. Jon and Adrian checked what they believe is the antenna on the roof. It appears old but in generally good shape. It is a unity gain "baseball bat" type fed by Heliac. NOTE: Any future visits should be on a weekday and needs to be closely coordinated with Mammoth Mountain Security.

6) Field Day: There has been minimum response to the e-mail asking about interest in FD 2011. We need someone to help set up a computer logging system (Kurt suggested CT - which is free SW and does a good job). Anyone interested please contact John AD6NR. A location has not yet been decided - suggestions welcomed - contact John. It was suggested we use N6OV for FD. John needs to find out if the trustee determines the operating privileges for the FD station. This could be a problem as Mike (W6HDV) in a general class operator and we should like to use the advanced and extra portions of the bands. It suggested that this would be a fine opportunity for the trustee upgrade to Extra (help in upgrading was offered to Mike (W6HDV) by several members!). (Post meeting Note: the N6OV trustee license issue was sorted out. The operator privilege is that of the licensee operating the station, regardless of who the trustee is or what the trustee's license class is

### **New Business**

1) Updates to the website: Bob (N7RAP) reported that the meeting minutes, T-Hunt rules, map to the T-hunt starting point, and classifieds are now on the website. He will be posting the financial report also. If you have any classified ads please send to Bob and he will post them on the website

2) EMCOMM: There was considerable discussion about what we should be doing as a club for EMCOMM. Bob W7WOW is the Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Esmeralda County NV. There is an Orange Section Information on 3.965 MHz at 8AM on Sundays. Apparently there is no EC for Inyo County CA. Mike (KA6HII) reported that there is a 2 meter antenna at Northern Inyo Hospital and at one time there was a net for the local hospitals. Apparently there has not been any activity for at least 2 years. Mike (KA6HII), Kurt (W6PH) and Rich (KF6YLW) have participated in this net in the past. There is no equipment at Southern Inyo Hospital. The purpose of the net was to off-load communication from Public Safety channels. There is apparently no infrastructure left to support this mission. It is unclear there is any real need for this capability.

There did not seem to be a consensus on what should be done by the club for EMCOMM.

There are opportunities for public service not related to EMCOMM (i.e. the BHS50 hospice 10K). There was general consensus we should support these events and pursue similar activities.

There was general consensus that we should be able to directly communicate among ourselves both on HF and VHF: Adrian suggested using the existing net on Sunday mornings at 8:30 on 80M (3990 KHz) to start a "communicate with ourselves" HF effort. Most of us in the Owens Valley and adjacent areas should be able to communicate on 80M during the day.

Adrian made a motion to start a 2M simplex net on 146.94 starting 30 minutes before the regular Wednesday 2000 on the 34/94 repeater. This would provide experience in relaying information as not everyone can hear everyone else. Participants should try to use emergency power when they check in. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the members present.

3) Bob (W7WOW) made a motion to "have all members that have equipment in the BARC repeater building to inventory their stuff, item, model#, & serial # and turn in the list to the club secretary by the July 2011 meeting. All equipment not accounted for by that date will be removed prior to the August meeting. A determination of what to do with the unclaimed equipment will be determined at the August 2011 meeting." The motion was seconded

by John (AD6NR) to enable discussion. There was considerable discussion – the general feeling was that the “removing all the unaccounted for equipment” was not practical and too harsh. John (AD6NR) made a motion to amend the motion to read: “have all members that have equipment in or associated with the BARC repeater building to inventory their stuff, item, model#, & serial # and turn in the list to the club secretary by the July 2011 meeting. A determination of what to do with the unclaimed equipment will be determined at the August 2011 meeting. Kurt (W6PH) seconded the motion to amend. There was no discussion about the amendment. The original motion as amended as approved unanimously by the members present.

#### **Show and Tell**

Kurt presented his HDR 13C (originally published by Ted Crosby): A classic 13 tube double conversion home brew SSB receiver. The workman ship was excellent and was a great example of home brew ham radio equipment of an earlier era. Some would say from the “golden age” of ham radio (thanks Kurt)!

Jon (NW6C) gave a show and tell of several different types of feed lines (Rigid COAX, Heliac and ladder line).

#### **Technical Question Time**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

John Shepherd (AD6NR)

BARC Secretary

### **BARC Agenda for meeting on Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Call to order – 7 PM.**

**Self introductions (around the room)**

**Treasurers Report**

Minutes from previous meeting –  
website. [www.N6OV.com](http://www.N6OV.com)

*Please all read before the meeting. Posted on BARC*

**Upcoming Activities in the next month:**

1. T-hunt at 10AM Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April - reminder (1 min.) Rules and map posted on BARC website.
2. Rookie Roundup HF contest – April 17<sup>th</sup> (10 min.)

**Old Business:**

1. Backup batteries for Silver. - Adrian(1 min)
2. Linking of Silver and Mammoth Repeater – Adrian (1 min)
3. Purchase of new antenna – John (1 min.)
4. BHS 50 race – Adrian (2 min.)
5. Report from visit to Mammoth Repeater site – Adrian (5 min.)
6. Field day 2011 – John (5 min.)
7. Additional old business.

**New Business:**

1. Updates to website (5 min.)
2. YOU and EMCOMM – open discussion (30 min.)
3. Simplex net on 2m (10 min.)
4. Additional new business.

**Presentations:**

1. Jon NW6C – Soldering RF connectors.
2. Show and Tell. Bring your gadgets, new or old, big or small to show and explain to the other members. (? Min.) (This is only as good as YOU make it.)
3. Technical question time. If you have a technical question, now would be a good time to ask. (? Min.)(Answers provided by those present. Correct or relevant answers not guaranteed. ☺)

**Adjourn**

## Bishop Amateur Radio Club - Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: APRIL 13 2011

Name	Call Sign	BARC Member (Y/N)
JOHN SHEPHERD	AD6NR	Y
Everett Stovey	KD6IRK	Y
ADRIAN Van DER RIGT	N6VDR	Y
Bob Moss	WDWOW	Y
KURT PAUER	W6PH	Y
Michael Fitzsimmons	W6HDV	Y
Ed Fitzsimmons	KJ6KAW	Y
Walt Lockhart	K6BDI	Y
Richard A. Rynne	KF6YLW	Y
Michael Suony	K6#FI	Y?
Gale Sharkey	K6CJB	Y
Bob Payne	N7RAP	Y
Jon Patzer	NW6C	Y