

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes August 10th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by BARC President Adrian van der Riet (N6VDR)

Introductions around the room (10 members) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$1,824.63; Savings Account \$1,011,36. See Website for details.

Last Month's meeting notes were posted on the web site: Correction to July Minutes: T-Hunt postponed to August rather than July. Adrian made the motion to accept the minutes pending correction, second by John (AD6NR), unanimously accepted by hand vote.

Upcoming activities in the next month:

T-hunt: Saturday following the meeting at 10AM: Details are on the BARC Website: Ed Fitzsimmons (N7SSP), Mike Fitzsimmons (W6HDV) and John (AD6NR) will be hiding - good luck to the hunters!

Rookie Roundup: August 21st. The Rookie Roundup is a contest aimed at Amateurs licensed for three years or less. This six-hour event is held three times per year (April, August and December). Rookies can contact anybody, while "Old Timers" make contact with only Rookies. Mentoring is a big part of this event!

CW Ops Club: August 20/21. See link for details: <http://cwops.org/>

"Best in the West off road race": Las Vegas to Reno August 19th. Bob (W7WOW) will be manning the Lida Junction Pit location at NV Hwy 266 and US95. He helps welcome - contact Bob for details

Old Business

- 1) Batteries for Silver Pk Facility: Load test conducted. Verbal report by Dennis (W6IY): Pulled 30A for ~3Hrs. Stared at ~12 volts and dropped 0.32 volts over the test. There was an initial drop in voltage and then relatively steady for the test. Dennis will provide a draw down curve and documentation for a record to be kept at Silver PK.
- 2) Linking of Silver and Mammoth: Dennis reports the link will be a in-band low power repeater with on/off tone control.
- 3) Mounting new antenna: Another day of work scheduled for next Sunday. The new structure should be completed and the new antenna mounted in its final location.
- 4) Field Day report: Final 2011 FD N6OV score: 1722 points. Great job everyone!
- 5) Silver Peak Inventory: Final inventory received from Dennis. John will put inventory in the Excel spread sheet. Occupants of Silver Pk. will be requested to update inventory when equipment is added, removed or changed.
- 6) Name Tags: Keith Distributed new name tags to all members present. They are very attractive with a VERY strong magnet. THANKS KEITH!!

7) Cactus Radio Club request for space on Silver Pk.: Request denied by unanimous hand vote of members present: Consensus was that BARC prefers open systems and there was not a significant benefit to BARC to provide space CACTUS. (CACTUS would pay for power and offered BARC space on Burnt Pk in return)

8) Red Cross request for space on Silver Pk.: Proposed RC/BARC agreement posted on BARC website. A lawyer friend of Greg (KJ6KO) analyzed the agreement and provided comments: any interested members can request a copy from Adrian. Adrian had complied and the questions for the Red Cross submitted by the members. There was some minor discussion on the questions but the general consensus was that the questions were appropriate. Dennis (W6IY) had not submitted any questions but read a list of his issues/concerns and proposed answers/solutions to those issues/concerns. Dennis agreed to rework his comments into the question format originally requested and submit them Adrian by next Monday for inclusion in the list of questions.

New Business

1) BARC EMComm exercise (simplex net on 146.94 at 7:30 PM) will now be on the Thursday following the monthly BARC meeting.

2) Greg (KJ6KO) has offered some brand new 12V @ 110AH batteries for use on Silver Pk. They are the sealed type (do not give off hydrogen). Adrian will contact Greg and ask for 4 batteries. These batteries would replace the existing batteries on Silver Pk. They could likely use the same charging system.

3) Proposal by John (AD6NR) to consider moving the BARC meeting so as to not conflict with the local four wheel drive club meeting. This would allow participation by members in both clubs in both clubs! Mike (W6HDV) also brought up the issue of an alternate location because the Salvation Army intends to vacate the current facility sometime in the future. Adrian will contact the Salvation Army to see if there are alternate times that could be available for BARC meetings.

MOTION by Gigi (N6GIG): Move BARC meeting to a time and day to be more conducive to attracting more members to BARC. Second by John (NW6C). Approved by unanimous hand vote.

Show and Tell

Gigi (N6GIG) showed a video of the antenna structure work to date on Silver Pk. Unfortunately the projector did not work so we all gathered around the computer screen. We will try for a better projector for the new showing (probably updated as the final work is completed).

Technical Questions

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

John Shepherd (AD6NR)

BARC Secretary

Bishop Amateur Radio Club - Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: Aug 10 2011

Name	Call Sign	e-Mail	BARC Member (Y/N)
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"Ed" Fitzsimmons	N9SSP		
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Joy Franson	KK4AMT	Joy@LonePineQuilting.com	Y
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GIGI VAN DER RIET	N6GIG		Y