

BISHOP AMATEUR RADIO CLUB minutes for meeting on February 12, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President John Shepherd (AD6NR).

Attendee self introductions: 18 members in attendance.

Treasurer's report: Checking balance of \$1,807.94. Income of \$190 from dues and a \$20 donation. Expenses were an SCE power bill of \$46.90. Duplexer capital fund of \$1,515.78 after donation of \$20 from Olin and \$33 from the 50/50 drawing. \$1,011.38 in reserves (savings account).

January Minutes: Read and accepted. They have been posted on the BARC website.

Program: Paul Doste (KK6BAF) brought a presentation to the meeting revolving around his activities with his search dog Buster. Buster was left in Paul's car, as dogs were not permitted in the Salvation Army Church that we use for the club meetings. Problems with the power point images being way "zoomed in" made for a ragged beginning of the presentation, but after feeble efforts by other club members to fix the problem, Adrian came through with a "work around" that let Paul manipulate the zoom during his presentation.

Paul started with some of his beginnings with Buster, trained as a rescue/recovery dog after avalanches. Then Paul went on to his recent efforts with Buster aiding in finding remains of WWII soldiers on Tarawa, a major battleground. Paul covered some of the history of WWII in the Pacific and tied it to the recovery efforts they are now part of. He explained how he and Buster were part of a History Flight program that involved historic research spanning from military records to interviews with surviving residents, families of lost servicemen, and on site investigation for correlation. A radio controlled drone was used for accurate mapping on Tarawa. He is also working with a scientist that is applying mass spectrometry to analyze grave sites, particularly for decay products of burials, and how human remains differ from other burials. This gives a human view into what a dog is "seeing" with its sense of smell. Paul also covered some of his other search projects from other wars (Vietnam), and spanning from local crime scenes to Asia and Europe. He commented that local residents had always been very cooperative in the efforts to find lost graves. Restrictions on dogs entering certain countries was a travel problem. Paul stated that he and Buster worked as volunteers for this program, and that his reward for their efforts was being able to bring a sense of closure to family members of the missing. They finally knew how and where their missing member had gone.

Club Breakfast and Transmitter Hunt: Delayed due to many participants being out of town. Breakfast now planned for Saturday February 23, 8:00AM at Petite Pantry. T-hunt, 10:00AM, starting on Red Hill.

Announcements:

Kurt is headed for Bermuda and will be setting up a contest station there. He will make a call to the Owens Valley on 21.38 MHz.

BARC and SARC in the park is planned for May 4th in Lone Pine.

Dennis introduced out of town BARC member Ed (AE4TM).

50/50 Drawing: Won by Bob (N7RAP), who donated the proceeds to BARC.

Mule Days, May 23 to 26: Mike gave update on the BARC plans for Mule Days participation. W4M (We for Mules) has been secured as the special event call. Mike has obtained a location at the Bishop City Park to set up our station at no charge to the club. Similar sites for commercial vendors could cost \$400. Keith (KJ6IXM) has volunteered to bring his mobile "shack" to the park. An event volunteer sign in sheet will be circulated at our next club meeting. We will need operators and more suitable antennas. A recommendation was made to have the club buy and provide a Cushcraft R8 for this purpose. Some debate ensued on the merits of the R8 vs other verticals, and the merits of vertical vs horizontal antennas. A quoted price of \$539 had been obtained on a new R8. Adrian (N6ZA) made a motion, seconded by Mike (W6HDV) to have BARC purchase the antenna. Motion passed with no opposition.

"Clipperton" expedition is coming up soon.

Next Program: Hank Garretson (W6SX) from Mammoth Lakes is planning to attend our next meeting with a program on contesting.

A Silent Auction of electronics items, mainly early test equipment, was arranged by Adrian. Proceeds were to be given to the club. Jon (NW6C) seemed to be the major bidder, with \$20 to the club for some classic alternating current KW level power meters.

Gigi (KW6Y) is compiling a list of media contacts for the club to use after she leaves the area. A discussion was had about electronic certificates that can be printed or emailed. Adrian and Gigi will have the Elecraft KX1 with them on their travels, and they are intending to keep up a website blog.

Motion by Adrian, second by Bob, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned a 8:50 PM.

Jon Patzer, NW6C.