

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes February 8, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by BARC President Adrian van der Riet (N6ZA)

Introductions around the room (18 members - 2 visitors) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$2,297.72; Savings Account \$1,011.36. See Website for details.

January Meeting minutes: Motion to accept as amended by Kurt (W6PH) Second by Len (WA6IQO) accepted by unanimous hand vote.

Upcoming activities in the next month:

EMComm Simplex Net on 146.94: Tomorrow evening at 7:30 PM - everyone please join in and participate and try to run your station on emergency power.

T-hunt: Saturday February 11th at 10AM: Details are on the BARC Website: Gigi (N6GIG) is this month's fox.

South Africa FD: This Saturday is the Field Day in South Africa - may be a chance to work some DX

ARRL International DX CW Contest: February 17 - 18

ARRL International DX SSB Contest: March 3 - 4

Old Business

1) Club Project: Off-set attenuator - Adrian (N6ZA) will have components list at the next BARC meeting - sign up sheet passed around

2) T-Shirts: Presentation by Keith on T-Shirts/Patches/Coffee Mugs. Club selected good quality T-Shirts with pockets silkscreened with the BARC logo in black on the back. We will be using Design Unlimited of Mammoth as the vendor. We need to order at least 3 dozen. Kurt (W6PH) said he would up-front the cost of the T-Shirts so we can get them on order. We can pay him back as they are sold. (THANKS KURT!!) The price will be between 11 and 15 dollars depending on the final count. A sign-up sheet was passed around and 36 shirts were ordered. (A copy of the sign up sheet is attached). An e-mail will be sent out to the entire membership to see who else would like T-Shirts. Dead line for ordering shirt is February 20th. Patches and Coffee Mugs can be ordered from Keith (KJ6IXM) individually.

3) Ham Class: Three organizations have voiced interested in a class for the Technician Amateur Radio License: The Eastern Sierra 4 wheel club, the Salvation Army, Inyo Search and Rescue, and several individuals are also interested. John (AD6NR) has volunteered to organize and be the lead instructor for the class and Jon (NW6C) as agreed to assist. Other members may be needed to contribute as well. There was discussion on how the class could be organized (i.e weekly classes, a single "cram" session) . John is going contact potential participants to see what they would prefer. The goal is to complete the class and have the exam before FD 2012. John will present a status report at the next meeting.

The issue of location was discussed. Gigi (N6GIG) will see if the college could be used and Adrian (N6ZA) indicated the "Posse Hut" could probably be made available for the class.

New Business

Bishop Ultramarathon: Marie Boyd was not able to attend this meeting. She will try to be at the next meeting. The Marathon is May 19th. This is a major activity for BARC and Amateur Radio plays a key role in this benefit event. Volunteers are needed!! Contact Adrian (N6ZA) if you can help.

Field Day 2012: Field Day is the last full weekend of June (Kurt (W6PH) was volunteered is cabin near Lone Pine as the FD site. He can provide antennas, a generator and a dry place for the FD. This is an excellent location for FD. John (AD6NR) volunteered to be FD 2012 FD Chairperson. A sheet was passed around for people to indicate their interest in FD and what they would be willing to do. (Copy attached). FD is one of the oldest and probably the most fun of all the contests in Amateur radio. There is an opportunity for everyone to participate. If you are interested please contact John at johnshepherd@earthlink.net

Sierra Amateur Radio Club (SARC) Ham Class: SARC is holding an 8 week Technician license class in Ridgecrest. See their web site for details.

SARC/BARC (AKA SARC and BARC in the PARK): SARC and BARC are planning for a get together (swap meet / eye ball social / Pot luck Lunch?) at the park in Lone Pine in April or May (before it gets too hot!). Kurt (W6PH) is organizing.

Silver (34/94 repeater) / Mazourka (16/76 repeater) Link Discussion: Dennis (W6IY) is working on a link between the Little Lake / Mazourka and Silver Repeaters. This will connect to the link from Silver to Mammoth and create the ability of hams from Ridgecrest to Mammoth to connect via the Owens Valley 2Meter repeaters (on demand only). He expects to complete the project by summer.

New Meeting Day: Mike (W6HDV) talked with the Salvation Army and any week or day of the month is open for our 7 PM meeting. After some discussion of moving the monthly BARC Meeting Day/week a vote was held: 1st week of the month = 2 votes; 2nd week = 15 votes; 3rd week = 2 votes; 4th week = 0 votes; Monday = 1 vote; Tuesday = 16 votes; Wednesday = 0 votes; Thursday = 2 votes; Friday = 0 votes.

BARC MEETING WILL BE THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING IN MARCH!!!

Key for Salvation Army Facility: Dennis asked if an additional key could be made available for the facility to support the VE exam activities. Mike (WA6HII) will inquire. Adrian say he would give his key to Dennis if another key could not be acquired.

Breakfast Meeting: John (AD6NR) brought up the possibility of a monthly breakfast get together. After some discussion it was decided to have breakfast at 8AM the Saturday of the T-Hunt at Carl's Junior. Everyone is invited - not just T-Hunters! Next Saturday will be the first get together.

Technical Questions

None:

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM - motion by Gigi (N6GIG) Second my Earl (KI6AIK)

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NAME	Color of shirt	Size	Quantity
X Bob	Orange	XL	2
Gale	PINK	L	1
Rich	WHITE	XXL	2
Keth	Orange or yellow	XXXL	2
Joe	"	XL	2
X Kingi	Yellow	S	1
JEN WATCO	Yellow	XL	1
" "	RED	XL	1
BOB PAYNE	LIGHT BLUE	XL	2
- Mike Fitzsimmons	Yellow	XL	1
Ed Fitzsimmons	Yellow	XL	1
EAL GANN	Yellow	XXL	1
Everett Storey	Yellow	XXL	1
Steve Storey	Yellow	XXL	1
DENNIS CLARK	YELLOW	LG	2
MARK KELLER	YELLOW	LG	1
MARK KELLER	ORANGE	X LG	1
Chuck Spencer	"	X LG	1
Jon Patzer	WHITE	XL	2
Jack Sutherland	orange	LG	1
Michael FRANZ	orange	XXL	1
ADRIAN NEZA	ORANGE	LG	1
JOHN ADONIA	ORANGE	M	2
MARILYN OLTMANS (W6MSP)	ORANGE	XXXL	2
	YELLOW	XL	2

