

Meeting called to order by President John Shepherd at about 7 PM.

Meeting participant's introduction round: AA7GK, K0RVD, K6JNX, WA7IQO, N6SRI, KK6HTM, KD6IXK, NW6C, W6IY, Gordon, KK6BAF, K6MWK, KA6HGI, W6HDV, N7RAP, K6UN, AD6NR.

December BARC minutes were approved as submitted.

New Treasurer Terry (K6UN) did not have totals at hand. Expenses and savings were basically unchanged from last year, while income was changing by the minute. Terry was busily processing renewals as the meeting started. He had also been working on a more integrated spreadsheet to handle membership and the roster.

Activities:

January 29 at 8 AM for Club breakfast at Denny's, possibly followed by transmitter hunt at 10 AM. T-hunt has been curtailed since most of the hunting candidates pool has dissipated. Adrian and Gigi are traveling the country, Rich and Keith have not been up to the trip from Lone Pine, and now Olin has left for Oregon. Maybe a suspension of activities until warmer weather is in order.

7:30 AM Sunday HF net. Len (WA6IQO) has been net control lately and gave a progress report to members.

CW sweepstakes contest was last weekend. Several members participated, with Kurt being our champion.

Phone contest is coming up.

Other Items:

We do have a Radio Club library. John Shepherd is the keeper and hauled the bulk of it to tonight's meeting. It does contain exam study material - with the Technician material valid until July, when a new question pool is scheduled to be implemented.

New BARC QSO and QSL cards were available at the meeting.

Proposal for a BARC sponsored scholarship fund has been postponed until next month.

BARC duplexer for the 146.94 repeater on Silver Peak? Used, new, what type, what brand? Terry (K6UN), Jeff (AA7GK), and Jon (NW6C) appointed to come up with a solution by next meeting.

Further pursuit of Silver Peak noise problems are to resume when the weather on the mountain top warms up. Improved band pass filtering and repair of a bad insulator on the "A" power transmission line last year helped. The "A" line still adds a lot more to the noise floor than the "C" line.

As for the Transmitter hunts, Dennis (W6IY) suggested having a hunt restricted to handy talkies with

omnidirectional antennas. Aluminum covered tubes would be permitted as attenuators, then the placement in relation to the operators body would indicate direction. Dennis was willing to set up a demonstration at the next meeting.

Ultra-marathon? Steve (N6SRI) was wondering about the status. John stated that the last he had heard was that there still was no new race director. Jeff had heard that an organization out of San Francisco had volunteered to manage the race.

Dennis inquired about possibly using touch tones combined with tone decoding on members receivers to mute said receivers unless there was an important bulletin or a message just meant for that receiver. Building suitable decoders could be a club project (about \$25 in parts). Many of the newer radios have "touch tone" decoder capabilities built in. Suggestion to bring your radios, particularly handy talkies, to the next meeting for experimentation.

Phil brought a "project box" to the meeting, and also some early post card / QSL card specimens to view. An Amateur Radio license exam is to be given in Mammoth toward the middle of February. The new Technician question pool is to come out at the end of June. The next Volunteer Exam session in Bishop is scheduled for February 1st.

Terry (Treasurer): Check the roster to make sure your information is correct. He will make needed corrections.

What class are we going to run at the Field Day – 2A or 3A? It is not too early to start planning. It was agreed that Kurt was the best one to handle Field Day operations, so he was sort of appointed in absent-ea.

How about a Special Event station for Mule Days? Getting a Special Event radio call is relatively easy, but having the event announced in QST has to be done over 60 days prior to the event date. The mobile Ham Shack is still awaiting installation of the replacement axle. Terry and Paul (KK6BAF) will check to see what is available at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Setting up in the Bishop Park (as last year) would be free. The Fairgrounds usually charge. Years ago, the Salvation Army invited us to join them in their area at the Fairgrounds. Ambient noise was a problem.

John (K6MWK) won the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM – then on to the visiting and presentations

John (AD6NR) demonstrated an Aritsu portable spectrum analyzer that he had on loan from the Schat.net store in Bishop. He had been teaming up with Ed (N7SSP) to try and track down signal interference sources in the Chalfant Valley area. Some of these signals appeared to be disrupting wireless internet service being provided by Schat.net. Greg (KJ6KO) used a similar unit last summer to track down some of the interference sources on Silver Peak.

Jon (NW6C) brought some floor maps of the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas to the meeting.

Jon Patzer (NW6C), Secretary, Bishop Amateur Radio Club Inc.

