

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes July 10, 2012

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

Introductions around the room (14 members) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$1,916.14; Savings Account \$1,011.36; Repeater Capital Fund \$1,127.78

June Meeting minutes: Motion to accept as amended by Adrian (N6ZA) Second by Jon (NW6C)

Upcoming activities in the next month:

EMComm Simplex Net on 146.94: Thursday July 12 at 7:30 PM - everyone please join in and participate and try to run your station on emergency power.

T-hunt: Saturday July 21 at 10AM: Details on the BARC Website: Adrian (N6ZA) is this month's Fox.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting: Saturday at 8:00 before the T-Hunt at Carl's Jr. on Main St. Bishop

Sunday Morning 80M Net Next Sunday at 08:30 Local time on 3990 KHz.

IARU HR World Championships: July 14 / 15th

August UHF Contest: August 4/5th

Best in the West Off-Road Race: August 12 - contact Bob (W7WOW) for details.

Old Business

Field Day 2012: John (AD6NR) reported a preliminary score of 3080 points. We had 1255 QSO's (with a 2x multiplier for less than 150 watts) plus 200 points for 2 transmitters on emergency power, 100 bonus points each for publicity, making a satellite contact, having a formal educational activity, 20 points for a participant 18 yrs of age or younger, and 50 points for electronic submittal of our entry. This score would have put us 118 out of 387 entrants in Class 2A last year. The bands were better this year so the scores should be higher. We will see how we did when the results are listed in the Jan 2013 QST.

T-Hunt Rules: A meeting on potential new rules was held at 6:00 PM before the monthly BARC meeting. The T-hunters present made the following changes to the rules: the day of the hunt to be the second Saturday after the monthly BARC meeting; establish 146.565 as the "official" T-Hunt frequency; T-hunters that participate in at least 4 of the last 12 hunts are eligible to vote on rule changes; increase the distance from a 2 wheel road from 25' to 250'; the normal hunt duration is now 3 hours rather than 2; the Huntmaster (aka FOX) can declare an "alternate" type of hunt with a two week advance notice to the club members. Proper notice would be announcing it at the BARC meeting and e-mailing the members. Alternate hunts might be a "4x4" hunt, "all on foot", "call for the transmitter," or others. A set of rules for several types of alternate hunts will be established in the next few

months. However, the Huntmaster may hold an alternate hunt by simply providing the rules and scoring method along with the 2 week notification. Additionally an alternate start location will be established further south (perhaps around the Alabama Hills). Once established, that start point can be designated by the Huntmaster with the typical 2 week notification. In order to provide better visibility and a record of our T-Hunts, the winner of the hunt will be requested to fill out a form within 7 days of winning the hunt and submit it to our Webmaster (Bob Payne (W7RAP)). The form will provide basic information on the hunt. That information will be posted on the BARC website. We will be more conscientious in following T-Hunt rule #12: transmit the starting mileage from the start point to the Fox at the beginning of the hunt.

Mazourka to Silver Link: Dennis (W6IY) reports he has the 94 to 76 half working but the 76 to 94 needs more work.

Mammoth to Silver Control System: John (AD6NR) reports that the controller has been assembled and checked out. He plans to take the current system down next week to install the new controller. He expects no more than 1 week before re-installing the link with the ability to control it from both Silver and Mammoth.

Club Project - Tape Measure Yagi: Ed (N7SSP) showed an example of the TMY. Dennis (W6IY) passed around a signup sheet for the project. The cost will be about \$20. This is a great antenna for T-Hunting with an excellent front to back ratio and is easy to store and assemble when needed.

Noisy Antenna on SBC building on Silver Pk: Jon (NW6C) has taken over this effort. He discussed the issue with the SBC representative but has not gotten a call back as yet.

Noisy PS on CAP repeater in Federal building: Dennis (W6IY) reports he has not been called back by his CAP contact.

New PS for BARC 34/94 repeater: Continued until next month.

New Business

W6IY repeater on 34/94: As approved by BARC last meeting the W6IY repeater will be shifted from 31/91 to 34/94 as a permanent change. If necessary it can be shifted back to 31/91. The website will be updated and a note added to that effect.

BARC to Join NARCC: Jon (NW6C) proposed that BARC (N6OV) join the Northern Amateur Relay Council of California (NARCC). The fee is \$20. NARCC is responsible for repeater coordination for northern California. The Mammoth repeater is coordinated via NARCC. The motion was seconded by John (AD6NR) and approved by unanimous voice vote.

New Silver Peak Trustee: Adrian (N6ZA) announced that the BARC Board of Directors has appointed John Shepherd (AD6NR) as Trustee for the BARC facility on Silver Pk. Adrian thanked Dennis (W6IY) for his many years of service as Trustee.

USFS Silver Pk Site Inspection: The USFS will conduct a inspection of the Silver Peak Communication Site on July 26th. This will include the BARC Facility.

