

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes March13, 2012

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

Introductions around the room (22 members - 4 visitors) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$2,321.82; Savings Account \$1,011.36. See Website for details.

February Meeting minutes: Motion to accept as amended by Len (WA6IQO) Second by Gigi (N6GIG) 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 March 17th at 10AM: Details are on the BARC Website: Ed and Mike Fitzsimmons are 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.

CQ WPX SSB Contest: March 24-25th

Presentation

Bishop Ultramarathons: Marie Boyd provided information on the May 19 Bishop Ultramarathons. **Ham Radio Operators are needed to support this event!!** Communication is a critical part in assuring the safety of the runners. This is a benefit for the Northern Inyo Hospital Foundation Equipment fund. There will be over 150 runners in the 100K, 50Mi, 50K and 20Mi runs. Adrian van der Riet will be sending out a sign-up sheet shortly. Please sign up to support the very important event.

Old Business

1) Club Project: Off-set attenuator - Adrian (N6ZA) has nearly all the components. Current plan is to build the kit on Saturday March 31 at 10AM at the Salvation Army facility. Adrian will confirm. There is likely be another build date if you can't make this one.

2) T-Shirts: Keith will have final pricing and availability tomorrow and will e-mail the folks that ordered T-Shirts

3) Ham Class: The Ham Class is scheduled to start Thursday March 29 at 6:30 (to 8:30) at the Bishop Fire Department training center on East Line St. It will run for 8 weeks with the final session as a question and answer review and the license exam to be scheduled as soon after as possible after the final class. We will be using the

ARRL Technician Class license Manual. John Shepherd (AD6NR) and Jon Patzer (NW6C) will be the teachers. So far 7 people have signed up with more expected soon.

The Sierra Amateur Radio Club (SARC) kindly provided a copy their training materials and permission us use them for the class (Many Thanks from BARC to SARC!!!)

Field Day 2012: Field Day is June 23/24. (Kurt (W6PH) has volunteered is cabin near Lone Pine as the FD site. He will provide antennas, a generator and a dry place for the FD. This is an excellent location for FD. John (AD6NR) is the 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 and everyone that shows up will be encouraged and helped to participate by the "old hands." The premise is simple: contact as many other FD stations as possible in 24 hours. The exchange is your class (e.g. "2A" for a two transmitter station running on emergency power) and the ARRL section to which you belong (in our case "ORG"). Please join in and get some time on the air - it simple easy and a lot of FUN! If you are interested please contact John at johnshepherd@earthlink.net

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 on Sunday April 29.. Kurt (W6PH) is organizing and will confirm the date shortly.

Silver (34/94 repeater) / Mazourka (16/76 repeater) Link: Discussion: Dennis (W6IY) was getting a new car in Oregon so he was not able to report on progress.

Key for Salvation Army Facility: Dennis asked if an additional key could be made available for the facility to support the VE exam activities: Adrian working the issue with SA.

New Business

BARC Repeater Capital Improvement Fund: After considerable discussion about the potential need to replace W6IY's 4 can duplexer currently being used on the BARC 34/94 repeater, filter testing and other steps that may be necessary to decrease the current noise problems on the repeater a motion to "Establish a capital equipment fund to be used for improving the BARC 34/94 repeater" was made by John (AD6NR) and seconded by Bob (W7WOW). Passed by unanimous hand vote (no "No's" and no "abstains"). Note: funds will tracked and reported to the club by the treasurer but a separate account will not be established.

Raffle Proceeds to capital equipment fund: Rich (KF6YLW) made a motion to have the BARC funds derived from the "50/50" raffle be placed in the 34/94 repeater capital equipment fund (RCIF) . Second by Gigi (N6GIG): Approved by unanimous hand vote (no NO's and no "abstains")

Raffle Winner: Rich (KF6YLW) - who kindly donated his portion to the RCIF (Thanks Rich!!)

Technical Questions

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM - Motion by Earl (KI6AIK) Second by Len (WA6IQO)

Bishop Amateur Radio Club - Sign In Sheet

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Name	Call Sign	BARC Member (Y/N)
KURT PAUER	W6PH	Y
Michael Fitzsimmons	W6HDV	Y
Ed Fitzsimmons	N7SSP	P
Richard J. Rynno	KF6YLW	Y
BOB PAYNE	N7RAP	Y
Keith Ferguson	K76IKM	Y
Waff Lockhart	K6BDE	
MARK T. KELLER	KE6SRX	Y
Gigi Van der Pret	N6GIC	Y
JOHN SHEPHERD	A76NR	Y
Jon Patzer	NW6C	Y
Jackie Bramlette	K6H6I	Y
EARL GANN	K16AIK	Y
Bob Mork	W7WOW	Y
Gale Sharkey	K16QJP	Y
AL GEIGER	K66FB	Y
EDFRIEDE GEIGER	N6LNX	Y
Michael Franz	K6HIJ	
Russ ADAMS	NJ6V	Y
Ken Kempster	W66EQD	Y
TIM Nellissii	KN6SF	Y
Phil Hartz	K6RVD	N
Gregory Stacey	N6GKA	Y
Steve Steix		
ADRIAN VAN DER RIET	N6ZA	Y
Jack Sutherland	K66WK	Y

