

BARC meeting Minutes 3/10/2015

Meeting called to order by president John Shepherd AD6NR at 7:00:31PM.

Attendees 17: AD6NR, N6ZA, KA6HGI, AA7GK, W6KRF, KI6CPA, K6UN, KA6HII, KI6AIK, KK6HTM, K6MWK, K0RVD, W6IY, KF6YLW, AG6WM, KD6IXK.

Visitor: John Bright KF6HQL.

Treasurer's report from K6UN:

Edison has not sent a bill since December so we can expect a big one in the next few months.

Expenses: \$0.00

Income: \$175 (dues)

Checking end balance: \$2,189.20 (General fund: \$1700.64 and Duplexer fund: \$488.56).

Minutes from previous meeting:

Motion to accept without changes by W6KRF, second KI6AIK.

Upcoming Events:

Denny's for breakfast this coming Saturday 14th at 8AM. Be there or be square!

T-hunt later Saturday 14th, 10AM at the top of Red Hill. DETAILS ON N6OV WEBSITE!!!

ARRL Rookie Roundup Contest is April 19th. No rookies in our club but go ahead and work one.

80 meter net is Sunday mornings on 3.950MHz. Early check-ins at 7:30AM, 8:00AM regular start.

80 meter net is Thursday evenings on 3.947MHz. 7:30PM start.

BARC @ SARC in the PARK is April 25th in Lone Pine at the Park at 11AM. Bring gear to swap, sell or give away.

CQ WPX Contest is March 28/29th. The object is to work as many prefixes as possible. Details on CQ website.

Wild West Marathon is May 2nd in Lone Pine. Contact Keith W6KRF if you can help. Volunteers needed.

Field Day is June 26th to 28th. Awaiting W6PH for details.

June Lake triathlon is July 11th. Volunteers needed, Contact AD6NR.

The Wedding of Waters Father Crowley Station is 4th weekend in October. Keith organizing, no details yet.

During Upcoming Events, a discussion ensued concerning the last t-hunt in which NW6C was the fox and K0RVD with K6JNX were the only hunters. NW6C was beaming North but the signal was reflecting South and the fox was not found. KA6HGI attempted to joint the t-hunt but couldn't find the start.

50/50 – Run by KF6YLW. KI6CPA won \$17.

Presentations:

WA6IQO couldn't make it for his presentation on Scanning in Inyo/Mono Counties. Something about too many frequencies and not enough time!!

W6KRF gave a brief history of the 'new' mobile ham shack or 'Shakteau', as it has fondly become known (naming ham shacks is all the rage these days, much like naming ships. Take for example the Titanic. Perhaps one day the Shackteau too will be a household name!!). You can see it for yourself at this year's Fishing Opener. He brought a photographic history which was eagerly passed around. He

handed out copies of the stunning Shackteau newsletter, Volume 1, Issue 1, which was a real hit with the attendees and disappeared faster than candy at a child's party. The Shackteau has already graced the opening of the new visitor center at the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, Mule Days and Field Day to name a few. The Shackteau sports a generator, gas tanks, MRE's (if you're starving), toilet (if you're desperate), water tank, 2 batteries, power poles throughout, solar panel, Alinco DX700 radio, inside lights, improved antenna raising rigging, CB radio and antenna, side enclosure and more!! Events the Shackteau will grace this year include Field Day, BARC @ SARC in the Park and The Wedding of Waters. The main reason for having the Shackteau, according to Keith, is for ARES/EMCOMM. KF6YLW suggested putting a portable repeater in shack. AD6NR has a low power repeater which could be used. Stay tuned!!!

Results of ARRL SSB DX Contest. AD6NR worked 40 of the 48 hours. He had 847 Q's with 244 multipliers. K6UN worked 20 hours and had 325 Q's with 121 multipliers. W6PH was down about 15% from last year with a measly 4,373 contacts, 312 entities and AD6NR thinks around 2.5 million points. W6PH was running 100 watts from Bermuda using an Icom IC-7000. W6SX also worked the contest but we have no results for him. AD6NR and K6UN roughly doubled their points from last year.

AD6NR told us that W6PH had brought up the idea of BARC becoming a contest club. We would need 11 operators to submit logs in order for the club to be entered as a contest club. Entries are per contest. They would not all have to be competitive entries, a log consisting of one QSO would do, as long as a log was submitted. Last year BARC would have been in the top ten in world had we entered as a contest club. I am assuming that was for the ARRL SSB DX Contest. There was a typically lukewarm response and no action taken.

Meeting degenerated into a long discussion of Field Day last year.

Order re-established. Moving on...

Old Business

40 Meter Net by K0RVD – Monday night is a difficult time due to a Veterans net that he runs. He got few stations on the first night with poor conditions. He thought he heard K6JNX, WA6IQO and W7WOW. Not sure of anybody else. Last night saw another attempted but had to move to 80 meters. Phil would like to try another evening and earlier time, possibly before 5PM when conditions are likely to be more favorable. If another night, he'd prefer Wednesday or Thursday. AD6NR suggested he listen on the bands and pick a frequency, relay that to him and he'd email it out to the club. Keith suggested the possibility of a breakfast net. Phil dunked that idea in his coffee!

T-Hunt Status by AD6NR. AD6NR stated that we are struggling with participation and was looking for ideas. I stated that we had decided a few months back that we would ask how many were planning to participate at the meeting before the T-hunt and decide if there were enough to proceed. AD6NR asked and at least five said they would participate; KA6HGI, KK6HTM, KI6CPA, W6IY and K0RVD. The T-hunt was declared a go. AD6NR is going to ask NW6C if he'd be the fox again.

AD6NR gave feedback from the proposed new DWP facilities on Silver Peak. A decision from the Forest Service guy on whether the project will go ahead is still pending. KA6HII asked why the proposed facilities would be problem. AD6NR said the new proposed building would partially cover the current access road, removing the turn-around area as well as block access to their own proposed propane tank, which is placed where a BARC pole is at present.

Mule Days by AD6NR. The W4M call is awaiting approval from the ARRL. The ARRL will put a notice in QST. AD6NR has yet to go to the Mule Days organizers to request the same spot as last year. Operating duration this year will be 9AM Friday 22nd to 5PM Sunday 24th. Volunteer operators needed. Contact AD6NR.

Items from floor:

K0RVD is going to Irvine for the day Thursday 12th and was offering a ride to anyone who wanted to go to Anaheim HRO.

K0RVD asked about feedback for Turner Radio in Lancaster. It was said that W6PH has used him in the past. K6MWK also said he had used him and had a good experience.

K0RVD relayed that K6JNX wanted thank participants for the demonstration at mammoth hospital. The hospital board plus CEO was there and they were impressed and asked lots good questions. Overall the demonstration went very well.

KF6YLW talked about Round Valley Fire. Not sure of the direction of the discussion or question.

AD6NR talked about getting hospitals and shelters to have HF antennae. Radio's are not necessary as operators bring their own. He and K6UN are working with local agencies to become known. They are making slow inroads into supporting served agencies.

Lengthly EMCOMM discussion ensued in which I nearly fell asleep.

Meeting adjourned before any new business could be addressed by AD6NR at 20:50:43. Motion by ?
Seconded by KI6AIK.