

BISHOP AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Minutes for meeting on May 14, 2013

Meeting called to order by president John Shepherd (AD6NR) at 7 PM.

Roll call: 22 attendees, with all but about 4 being Club members.

Treasurer's Report: Complete report by treasurer Bob Payne. Summary: Checking \$1,111.27, Savings \$1,011.38, Duplexer fund, \$1,611.28. \$100 donation by Kurt. Over \$100 for materials to put on Amateur Radio class.

Minutes: Accepted as posted on BARC web site.

Announcement and concerns:

Is BHS 50 Ultra-marathon in conflict with our monthly Transmitter hunt? No, but it will conflict with the Mule Days Special Event station.

Mary Stinnett has just received her Amateur Radio license and is attending the meeting tonight with her Husband Bill (KI6YUD). Terry looked up Mary's call (KK6EIS) and her son Ryan's call (KK6EIT). 80 meter Sunday net has changed time from 8:30 AM to 8 AM., and from 3.995 MHz to 3.985 MHz. Dayton Hamfest is this month, explaining the absence of some of our members.

50/50 raffle handled by Len (KI6IQO). Everett (KD6IXK) was the winner.

John (AD6NR) brought the BARC library to the meeting. Lots of good reading, including current license study material.

Program: John fired up the computer and projector for a power point presentation on the installation of BARC's HF antenna on Keith's Ham Shack. Then more pictures of BARC and SARC in the park, Lone Pine.

Phil (K0RVD) brought the club up to date on the progress of the Amateur Radio class. Four of the class members have already taken their license test and passed. Mary and her son Ryan are two of those four. Rick and Pat (EIU and EIV) are the other two.

A special exam session is planned for the last class session on May 23.

Phil has also planned a field trip to Amateur Electronics Supply (AES) in Las Vegas, for class members and anyone else who wants to make the trip. Attendees are to arrive at the Shell Y-mart at the north end of Bishop by 7:45 AM so they can head for Vegas by 8 on May 18.

An inquiry was made about the cost of the class to the club. Study books were a bargain at \$23 each, with no charge for shipping. Additional expenses were accrued when copies of additional study material was printed, including glossy full color UPS frequency charts. The charts ended up costing about 83 cents each. More thought will be given in future classes about better balancing the costs so they won't hurt BARC's treasury. With four new hams already, it seemed that overall, the expenses have been justified. Phil thanked club members that helped him with the class presentations.

BHS50.com Ultramarathon:

Pre-entries have been maxed at the 300 limit. Runners will start by the Millpond Gazebo at 6AM Saturday May 18th. They will probably still be coming in to the finish (same location) at 1AM Sunday. This is a benefit run by the Northern Inyo Hospital Foundation. Radio operators are needed to communicate with the aid stations and to track the runners by checking off their entry numbers on the

spreadsheets for those stations. Radio operators are very much appreciated by the runners. John is still working on the spreadsheet entry lists. There is always a need for additional operators, even if it is just for a short time to give the assigned operators a break. John has already sent out an email with guidelines for the radio operator positions. All BHS50 radio operators are welcomed to the pre-race dinner and presentation Friday evening.

Mule Days Special Event: John displayed the new Club banner for the Special Event station with radio call W4M (We For Mules). We can use lots of operators for this station. Event station should be set up starting at 1:30 PM on Thursday, May 23. Event runs for four days. Station will be adjacent to pond in the Bishop Park. Mike Fitzsimmons (W6HDV) is doing most of the coordination, and will have a booth nearby. Permission was asked for Club funds to buy ice cream and sodas. Moved, seconded, and passed to allow up to \$100 for such provisions. QSL cards for this event can be done by "Photo QSL". We should wait until after the event to see how many cards will be needed. A notice of "SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) will receive cards first!" should be posted on our web site. Motion made by Bob (W7WOW) and Len (WA6IQO) to request webmaster Bob (N7RAP) to post this message. Passed with no opposition. QSL card will be orders after the event.

Bob (W7WOW) inquired about the Club issuing member identification cards. Seemed like a good idea.

Field Day:

11 AM Saturday June 22 to 11 AM Sunday June 23. Setup can start at 11 AM Friday. Location is to be at Kurt's cabin above Lone Pine. Olin has been researching bonus points, with lots of 100 point bonuses available – eg. publicity, solar power, HQ message copy.

New Business: Maybe.

Silver Peak:

Improvement of the .94 repeater is still a work in progress. John has made a lists of tests and results obtained so far, and is accepting ideas on how to proceed further. A circulator needs to be installed in any case. This would also provide more meaningful test results. Repeater parameters remained unchanged through the last set of tests, with those tests consisting mainly of establishing sensitivity and noise figures with different antenna and duplexer configurations. Work on links to Mammoth and Mazourka Peaks is also being done. Flip input and output frequencies as another test? Nothing further planned until after Mule Days.

How about a "hands on" class for transceiver operation to help new licensees. Mike (KJ6WXR) attended one of these put on by a four wheel drive club. It was well received there. John (AD6NR) will see about organizing "how to operate the radio" sessions.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Jon Patzer, NW6C,
BARC secretary.