

Bishop Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes September 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by BARC President Adrian van der Riet (N6ZA)

Introductions around the room (18 members) (see attached sign-in sheet)

Treasurer's report: Checking account \$1,635.86; Savings Account \$1,011.36; Repeater Capital Fund \$1,170.78

August Meeting minutes: Motion to accept by Adrian (N6ZA) Second by John (AD6NR)

Upcoming activities in the next month:

EMComm Simplex Net on 146.94: Thursday Sept 13 at 7:30 PM - everyone please join in and participate and try to run your station on emergency power.

T-hunt: Saturday Sept 22 at 10AM: Details on the BARC Website: Marilyn (W6MSO) is this month's Fox.

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

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

Everest Challenge Bicycle Race: Sept 29/30th

California QSO Party: Sept 6/7 th

ARRL VHF QSO Party: September 8/10th.

General

50/50 :won by AD6NR - Donated to equipment fund

Club Library: Many good books to borrow - please sign out when you take one

Classified on N6OV.com: Several items currently on the web site - note to Bob (N7RAP) to add something

Float Trip on the Owens: Organized by Keith (KJ6IXM) - next Saturday - 2 to 3 hours leaving at 11PM - contact Keith for details (KJ6IXM@gmail.com)

K6L: Special Events Station for the Lone Pine Film Festival Oct. 5,6,7. Operators welcome contact Keith for details.

BARC T's: 3 available from Kurt (W6PH)

Old Business

Tape Measure Yagi Build: We had six builds but did not have quite enough time to finish - everyone has the instructions and will finish at home. Contact Adrian if you need coax or connectors. Before next BARC meeting we will tune them to frequency. Contact Dennis (W6IY) if you have questions or need help.

Mazourka to Silver Link: Dennis (W6IY) and Kurt (W6PH) working on the engineering architecture.

Other info on Silver: John (AD6NR) reported that he, Jon (NW6C), and Dennis (W6IY) had a work party today that resulted in the N6OV 34/94 repeater being reconfigured and installed in an open rack. The W6IY "back up" repeater has been taken down for maintenance and repair. Plans were developed for upgrading the DC wiring and isolating the batteries to the N6OV repeater. Effective Receiver Sensitivity (ERS) measurements on N6OV indicated about 6dB of "site noise" degradation of the receiver. Additionally a 6 can Sinclair duplexer was substituted for the original 4 can DB products for testing. On-site testing indicated little difference between the two duplexers. However, "real world" performance may be different. Efforts are continuing to identify and eliminate site related noise. The low voltage cut-off switch for the battery bank has been ordered by John (AD6NR).

New Business

Club Reflector: Suggestion by KJ6KO: discussion on the advantages of BARC reflector; it would be a good method of exchange for the entire club - not just the ones that can come to the monthly meetings or check into the nightly net. May not be too expensive (Yahoo Group?). Continued to future meeting.

Presentation to Dennis (W6IY): Dennis Clark was presented with a plaque to honor his many years of service to BARC.

Club Breakfast: Adrian notes that there has been very low participation lately - would a change in venue or time increase participation? General discussion was that the day and time was fine. A new venue might be a good idea. Discussion on selecting a venue concluded that the winner of the previous T-Hunt should choose the venue starting this month. Marilyn (W6MSO) was not in attendance so John (AD6NR) Marilyn's OM, was designated to pick - Denny's will be the venue of the next club Breakfast on Saturday Sept 22.

Change W6IY back to 31/91? Discussion concluded that it would be operationally more effective if the W6IY was changed back to its original 31/91 channel. Dennis agreed to make the change however, the repeater has been removed from Silver Pk for service so there is currently no back up repeater on either channel. There is no estimate when the repeater may be re-installed. There was also a discussion of coordination: Jon (NW6C) took the action to contact NARCC to have both the W6IY 31/91repeater and the N6OV 34/93 repeater listed for coordination.

Newsletter: The BAC newsletter really needs content. Please contribute items of interest so we can have a reasonable newsletter. Content should be send to Bob (N6RAP)

Show and Tell

Kurt (W6PH) made a presentation on the upcoming Everest Challenge Bicycle Race. He presented diagrams of all the aid stations and points where we will be supporting the race with emergency communications. He invited any interested operators to put their names on the sites where they would like to serve. He also emphasized that our only job is emergency communication. We are not responsible for any administrative or operational aspects of the race.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM

Submitted 9/19/2012 John Shepherd BARC Secretary.

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NAME	CALL	BARRC MEMBER
Bob Pender	N7KAB	YES
MIKE FITZSIMMONS	W6HDV	YES
Ed Fitzsimmons	N7SSP	YES
Gale S	K16CJP	X
Phil Hartz	K6BVD	YES
DENNIS CLARK	W614	YES
JOHN McVICKER	KJ6WPH	YES
JIM Nelligan	K6JNX	Y
JRIAN VAN DER RIET	N6ZA	Y
Jon Patzer	NW6C	YES
Richard J. RYAN	KF6YLW	YES
FRED RICHTER	K6GDH4	YES
Evelet Storey	K6GIX1C	YES
STEVE STOREY	NA	NA
GIGI VAN DER RIET	KW6Y	Y
RUSS ADAMS	N66V	Y
KURT PAUER	W6PH	Y
BOB MOSS	W7WOW	Y