

B.A.R.C.

August 24, 2010

Barrow County Regional Medical
Number Present: 14 Members & 2 Visitors

The FIRST meeting of newly formed Barrow Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 pm with Vice President, Steve Donellan, N5SMD, presiding. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

PROGRAM

Charles Pennington, K4GK, gave a highly informative lesson on traffic handling in all situations. He cited one particular disaster in Georgia in which a tornado had touched down. There was a request for blood made over amateur radio. When it arrived, no one could account for who had made the call. Mr. Pennington passed out samples of radiograms and the ARES ICS-213 compliant radio message form. In addition he gave out a list of national and statewide (ARES) traffic system nets.

MINUTES

The motion was made by Cal, K4JSR to accept the minutes for the meeting dated July 27, 2010 as they were posted on the website. This motion was seconded and approved by show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Calhoun, KJ4DDZ, reported that we had \$176.70 in the account. No credits or debits pending.

VE REPORT

There were three applicants for exams at the testing session. 1-Tech, our own Joe Baird, KJ4WIT upgraded to Extra, and one attempted upgrade to Extra.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cal is starting an Extra Ham Radio Class; they will begin Sept. 9th at the Mormon Church, and will last from 7pm to 9-9:30pm. Classes will be each Thurs. except Thanksgiving and Dec. There are plans to start a General class in January.

Jug Tavern Festival is Sept. 11th, and we will have a demo station there.

Satham Sunflower Festival is Sept. 18th and we will have a demo station there also.

BSA Radio Merit Badge class will be in Auburn, Sept. 25th from 9am to 3pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jug Tavern Festival: Set-up begins at 9am, and we have requested one of the corners of the pavilion for our use. We may run CW, RTTY (rx only), PSK31 and SSB, and will use the club callsign. We will also need help for the tear-down. Marty has offered the use of his solar cell and BIG battery for use while we are there. We will need help with the tear-down.

Satham Sunflower Festival: Set up begins at 7am and will run from 8am to 5pm depending on the crowd. Plans are to have a HF transceiver and a 40 meter dipole with 15 meter capabilities. We will be running on battery power. There will be posters of our past activities, brochures and pamphlets. The new club banner may be in by then. The club's pop-up shelters will be used and we have requested a site on top of the hill. As with the Jug Tavern Fest., we will utilize the club callsign for contacts.

BARC wear will be available for order at the next meeting.

The club website has been updated and all letterhead and any correspondence will reflect the club's new name. In addition, we will get the club call updated with the FCC and get the club bank account

updated with the new name of the club.

We will once again apply for affiliation with ARRL. This should be done by the end of the year. The process takes several months.

Tickets were passed out at the beginning of the meeting for a drawing and Dave Calhoun was the winner of a coffee cup.

With no further business, Cal made the motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Dave and approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary

B.A.R.C.

September 28, 2010

Barrow County Regional Medical
Number Present: 15 Members & 2 Visitors

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with President, Bill Wilson, KJ4EX presiding. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

PROGRAM

Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, who is running for the ARRL Southeastern Division Vice-Director, gave a program on the importance of youth in the amateur radio community. She talked about the 5 purposes of ham radio then expanded the discussion to include youth. She gave ways to get kids attention by games and colorful signs, prizes and acknowledgements. She shared tips and hints to getting them and keeping the youth involved. Andrea then stated her reasons for running for the position of ARRL Vice-Director and what she would try to accomplish if she was elected to this position.

MINUTES

The motion was made by Steve, N5SMD to accept the minutes for the meeting dated August 24, 2010 as they were posted on the website. This motion was seconded by Collin, KJ4UFC and approved by show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Calhoun, KJ4DDZ, reported that we had \$141.70 in the bank. The Club has written a check for \$75 to cover our table at the Stone Mtn. Hamfest. In addition we gained \$40 in dues from two new members.

VE REPORT

There were no new tech or upgrades at the last session. The next testing session will be Oct. 9th at 3pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The repeater had been giving the club some problems and Bill has been working on correcting the desense problems.

OLD BUSINESS

The application for ARRL affiliation for the club was re-submitted. As there are no conflicts with the club's new name and ARES, the application should be approved quickly.

Bill is also still working on getting information from the screenprinter for our BARC wear. He will follow up within the week.

The Winder Jug Tavern Festival was a big hit. We had a lot of fun and there was a lot of public interest. Photos were posted on the site and the operators were as follows: Bill KJ4EX, Steve N5SMD, Marty KD4HLV, Ron WA4AUU, Laura K4TGR, Collin KJ4UFC, Jere N4DQ, Dave KJ4DDZ, Joe KJ4WIT, Mike KJ4PBR and Davis K1DGW.

The Statham Sunflower festival was fun but public interaction was not as good as the Jug Tavern Fest. The operators were: Bill KJ4EX, Steve N5SMD, Ron WA4AUU, Laura K4TGR, Collin KJ4UFC, Berk KB4JEH, Mike KJ4PBR and Jim KJ4IDJ.

Marty KD4HLV gave an update on the Radio Merit Badge class. There were a total of 6 boys from Auburn Troop 774 and Loganville Troop 535 that took part in the five hour class. Photos were taken for the Barrow County newspaper. Marty announced that there will be a Camporee in Statham on the

weekend of Oct. 16, and that this camporee will coincide with the JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) Event, and he will have a station set up for the Scouts to make contacts with each other.

Steve told the Chapter that the request for modifications on the Club callsign has been submitted and should be appearing in the FCC database soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Our bank has been taken over by Community and Southern. All funds are intact. We will change the names and signatures on that account as soon as possible after the elections in November.

With no further business, Cal made the motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Dave and approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

Emails with information on upcoming fall events are going to be sent out. They will include the Stone Mtn. Hamfest. We will have a club table set up for this.

We are also participating in the Auburn Christmas Parade and the Bethlehem Christmas Radio Operation, as well as our annual Christmas breakfast at the Golden Corral.

In January, we plan to participate in the GARS Techfest. We are still taking suggestions for what we can do there.

Laura has tickets available for the Hamfest. They are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the gate.

Tickets were handed out at the beginning of the meeting and at the end of the meeting there was a drawing. Ron won the two tickets for the Hamfest and Burke won the 440 antenna.

With no further business, Steve made the motion to close the meeting with Jim seconding it. The vote was approved by the membership in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary

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October 26, 2010

Barrow County Regional Medical
Number Present: 16 Members & 0 Visitors

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with President, Bill Wilson, KJ4EX presiding. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

PROGRAM

No program tonight.

MINUTES

The approval of the minutes were postponed due to late posting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill, KJ4EX, tried to get an updated bank statement, and is having a difficult time of it since the bank's takeover and name change. We still have to redo the signatures to reflect the club's name change and officer change. We will do it after elections. The approximate balance is: \$105.00

VE REPORT

The next testing session will be Nov 13th at 3PM at the Auburn City Hall. Steve is still in the process of working with the City of Auburn on the testing dates for 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Repeater Update: The N Connector was the cause of the problems we were having with repeater, and it has been corrected. The repeater has also been moved to a climate controlled location. We are still working with the manufacturer on the tone control. It sounds great.

W4RBR, Bob's 440mhz repeater is up and down and he has a replacement repeater coming.

Burk, KB4JEH has some plastic that he wants to give away and he is also looking for someone to assist in the CW portion of the Boy Scout Communications Merit Badge.

Cal, K4JSR announced that Ty's widow, Katherine will be having a garage sale on Nov. 20 for Ty's estate. Details are to be forthcoming.

Bill, KJ4EX brought several small batteries to the meeting for anyone who wants some. They are great for small radios and HT's.

OLD BUSINESS

There has been no official news from the ARRL on our affiliation application.

BARC wear is available and Bill has made an order and will turn it in Monday. If you would like to make an order make your check out to Bill and don't forget to add 7% sales tax to the order.

Marty, KD4HLV, reported that there were around 220 boys at the Chattahoochee Dist. Camporee. He set up the JOTA station and the boys there made lots of contacts and it drew lots of interest from the boys and the leaders. The club's callsign was used for the event. Cal was there to teach the first part of the CW course.

Steve, N5SMD, stated that the club callsign has been updated with the FCC to reflect the club's name change.

NEW BUSINESS

The election of officers will be in November and the nominations are as follows:

President- Steve N5SMD
Vice President- Bill KJ4EX
Secretary- Laura K4TGR
Treasurer- Jim KJ4IDJ
Exec Comm- Marty KD4HLV
Exec Comm- Dave KJ4DDZ
Exec Comm- Burk KB4JEH

Nominations are still being accepted.

CLUB EVENT SCHEDULE

November 6th and 7th: Club information table at Stone Mtn. Hamfest
Co-chairs: Steve and Marty Laura, K4TGR has tickets: \$6 now or \$8 at the gate.

November 23rd: Club meeting- Elections No program (?)

December 4th: Winder Christmas Parade 4PM until 6PM will participate with radio checkpoints.
Need a Chairperson- Cal (?) Bill is also looking into reflective vests for members to wear. He will update us at the next meeting.

December 4th and 5th: Bethlehem Christmas Radio Operation- Noon Dec. 4th through Noon Dec. 5th. All bands for 24 hours. The event will be held at the Bethlehem Pavilion on 22 Star Street in Bethlehem, GA. We will use the club callsign WR4BC "Bethlehem Christmas". This will run in conjunction with the Winder Christmas parade. A special order of 1000 QSL cards have been ordered for this occasion. Co-Chairs: Bill and Steve

December 18th: Club Breakfast at 9:30AM at the Golden Corral in Winder. Chairperson: Cal

*****Note***** No Meeting In December

January: GARS Techfest A no-go. It is too late in planning. The club will support any member that would like to participate though. No Chair for this event.

With no further business to discuss, Cal made the motion to close the meeting and Steve seconded with approval by show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary

B.A.R.C.

November 23, 2010

Barrow County Regional Medical
Number Present: 18 Members & 3 Visitors

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 pm with President, Bill Wilson, KJ4EX presiding. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

PROGRAM

In lieu of the program, Bill gave his President's report for 2010. He thanked all of the members for their support and participation. He is proud to have an enthusiastic group of hams in the club and pledged to keep helping the club in any way.

One of his new additions to the club was to establish a photo contest. The first winner of the contest went to Dennis Heavner, WN4AZY for his picture of Collin Campbell, KJ4UFC operating a station while Layla and Kyle Donellan looked on.

Bill gave an extra special thank you to Marty and Cal for their work with the Boy Scouts and to Steve for serving as his Vice President and for his work with the VE team.

MINUTES

Jim, KD4IDJ made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting dated, 09/28/10 as posted, Martin, KD4HLV seconded. The motion was carried by show of hands. Jim also made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated 10/26/10, with Martin again seconding. The minutes were approved by vote of the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The officers and exec. committee are planning to meet at the bank on December 11th around 9AM to complete the name change on the club's account and to sign new signature cards.

NOTE We will need a new EIN number to reflect the club's name change before we are able to move forward with the banking changes, Steve, N5SMD is heading the effort.

VE REPORT

The next testing session will be December 9th at 7PM at the Mormon Church. All elements will be available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for ideas for club programs. Give Bill or Steve your submissions.

Planning has begun for our Spring picnic and Field Day preparations, details will be given as they become available.

Congratulations were given for Ron Kriest, WA4AUU for passing his Extra exam!!

Cal, K4JSR said that the estate sale for Ty's widow went very well and thanked all that helped out.

Steve announced that the club will have a new mailing address: PO Box 951, Auburn, GA 30011.

OLD BUSINESS

Stone Mtn. Hamfest was a big success. We had a lot of members stop by and lots of interest in the club. We are looking forward to it again next year.

BARC is now listed on the ARRL web site as an Affiliated Club. The certificate was framed and given to Steve.

The second order has been placed for BARC wear. Deliveries for some orders were made tonight. Bill will accept orders as needed and he is hoping to improve the turn around time of the vendors. Bill will also look in to getting a light weight t-shirt (maybe with pockets) for summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections:

A call was made for additional nominations for 2011 club officers, being none the nominations are:

President- Steve Donellan, N5SMD

Vice President- Bill Wilson, KJ4EX

Secretary- Laura Campbell, K4TGR

Treasurer- Jim Jackson, KJ4IDJ

Executive Committee:

Berk Ruiz- KB4JEH

Martin Ernst, KD4HLV

Dave Calhoun, KJ4DDZ

The decision was made to vote on the 2011 officers by show of hands of membership present, and the election vote was unanimous. All of those nominated for offices were elected. Congratulations to all!!

CLUB EVENT SCHEDULE

December 4th: Winder Christmas Parade 4PM until 6PM Member will participate with radio checkpoints. We plan to meet at Ingel's Supermarket at 3:30. Steve said that both the parade and the Bethlehem radio operation were well publicized and he had gotten lots of emails in response.

December 4th and 5th: Bethlehem Christmas Radio Operation- Noon Dec. 4th through Noon Dec. 5th. All bands for 24 hours. The event will be held at the Bethlehem Pavilion on 22 Star Street in Bethlehem, GA. We will use the club callsign WR4BC "Bethlehem Christmas". This will run in conjunction with the Winder Christmas parade. A special order of 1000 QSL cards have been ordered for this occasion. Co-Chairs: Bill and Steve Setup will begin at 9AM on Dec. 4th. and tear down will be at noon on Dec. 5th. QSL cards are ready if contacts will send an address label and \$1.

December 18th: Club Breakfast at 9:30AM at the Golden Corral in Winder. Chairperson: Cal

*****Note***** No Meeting In December

With no further business to discuss, David, KJ4DDZ made the motion to close the meeting and Steve seconded with approval by show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary