

BARC Meeting 1-24-12

07:01 PM – Opening and Welcome by Mike Wolcott, President, W4WYI

Introductions – 12 Members, plus 2 new, 1 guest, and Malachi: )

Bill Wilson – KJ4EX filling as Secretary

Reminder – 2012 Club Dues are Due

W4WYI – Technician Class License classes starting 2 February, at the Mormon Church on Sims Road, in Winder. Location confirmed by Mr Berk, KB4JEH.

W4WYI – Upcoming Events for 2012 :

Georgia QSO party and Spring Barc-B-Q :

- 1 - Simple Daytime Picnic on Saturday, Wire antennas only two transmitter, maybe 3 with cw / digital.
- 2- Night time stations operate (coordinated) during event times and on Sunday.
- 3- Tentative location Statham Ball Fields on Furr Lane (Pavilion)

2012 ARRL Field Day :

- 1- Statham Ball Fields and Pavilion location.
- 2 – Category 6A again this year.
- 3 – Dedicated CW and Digital Stations separated from SSB Stations in Pavilion
- 4 – More ideas ?

Public Service Day

Jug Tavern

Camp Twin Lakes Spin for Kids

Lawrenceville Hamfest

Bethlehem Christmas Station

Christmas parade Course Comm Support

BARC Breakfast

Cal Neff, K4JSR – Barrow Regional Medical Center radio station update. Equipment delivered, Kenwood TS-480S, Alinco VHF 2 meters and Hi-Gain VHF vertical antenna. Coax will be made available once equipment location is determined, as needed.

Bill Wilson, KJ4EX – BRMC radio will primarily operate as a Region E Hospital communications network station.

Treasurers Report – Jim, KJ4IDJ – As of Decemebr 31, 2011 the treasury contained \$555.52. Dues being accepted now.

Call Neff, K4JSR – Statewide ARES Meeting Report –

- Bad Weather that day, it was noted that all the Skywarn and NWS personnel were in Forsyth. Heavy rain and thunder during meeting.
- ICS and NIMS training courses are available on-line for free.
- A Statewide ARES ID is available for \$15, will also require a background check.
- ARRL EC001 course \$50 for ARRL members, \$80 for non-members
- GARS has a version that is free, no details.
- Cal to generate email with further details on above topics

BARC members participated in an antenna party at the home QTH of W4EA, Dan Nixon, who lives just inside Walton County off highway 81. Mike W4WYI, Dave K4SSU, and Bill KJ4EX represented the club. Others represented the SEDXC, and GARS. (Bill - Ssorry I don't know therier names or calls, plus the guy behind the camera.)

January VE Test Session – Ron, WA4AUU reporting - 8 applicants present, all past their first round of tests, a few also passed their next test.

Presentation – Guest Visit by Chief Ranger Ray Smaith, Ft Yargo State park.

Chief Ray spotted Tom Welty, N4TAW during last Octobers Spin-For-Kids mountain bike ride BARC provided course communications for. After a brief discussion, he was invited to visit a Club Meeting.

Ray discussed various events and operations in and around Ft Yargo that could use some additional comm. Support, and possibly other times.

Discussed the North Face Ride and events at a FDR State Park near LaGrange in October, where some additional comms are seriously needed, as discovered during last years event. Additional details on this years event forthcoming, possible overnight shelter and food to be provided. (Bill – I understand this to be a weekend ling event)

Also offered the facilities atFt yargo for BARC activities for little or no charge. (Bill – now considering Ft Yargo for Spring GQP and BARC-B-Q event)

Next meeting 28 Feb 2012.

Motion to close N4TAW, second KJ4EX.

Meeting adjourned



B.A.R.C.  
02/28/2012

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members: 15 Visitors: 1

The meeting began with a welcome from President, Mike Wolcott (WYWYI). As all present were members there was no need for introductions.

There was a correction to the last month's minutes..the amount in the treasury should be \$555.52.

The Treasurer, Tom Welty, gave the balance for the club as \$736.52. He had made a deposit of \$186.00. There was \$50 taken in dues tonight and more dues payments were sent in the mail and has not reached us yet.

#### Old Business:

- 1) GA QSO Party will be April 14-15 at Ft. Yargo State Park. Ray will be contacted about rent for the pavillion. Our BARC family Picnic will also be at the same time. The club will provide burgers and hot-dogs and the rest will be pot-luck. There will be masts and wire antennas and NO towers.
- 2) Field Day: Bill Wilson will be sending out a tentative plan to the members.
- 3) Bill Wilson gave an update on the hospital's radio gear. They have the equipment but so not want a dipole on the roof, and they have no HF antenna. They do not want anything seen from the road.

#### New Business:

At the last testing session there were 5 taking the test and 4 of those passed. There will be an upcoming testing session at the LDS church in about 5 weeks to coincide with the end of the classes. The instructors say all is going well with the classes.

#### Announcements:

Happy Birthday to Burk, Mike & Collin  
Congrats to Marty on the new job.

Bill Wilson said that he brought a number of items from an estate to sale. They are on the back table. Make him an offer.

#### Education/Program:

Bill Wilson at this time took over the podium and began his program on wire antennas. He talked about the several different kinds of wire antennas such as basic, inverted v, and delta loop, and that anyone can use these as they are cheap to make and easy to assemble. He also gave a power point presentation on the several types that included radiation patters, elevations and azimuth projections. All the images he used were courtesy of the ARRL antenna handbook.

Our next meeting will be March 27 and the QSO party plans will be finalized.

With no further business, Tom Welty and Collin Campbell made the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. The vote was apporved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Campbell, K4TGR  
Secretary

B.A.R.C.  
March 27, 2012

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members present: 12 Visitors: 1

The meeting began promptly at 7PM with a welcome from our President, Mike Wolcott.

The minutes from the previous two meetings were read, corrected and approved by vote.  
The Treasurer's Report included a balance on hand of \$786.52. Tom Welty has asked about moving the P.O. Box to a location closer to him. He will contact Steve Donellan about this.

Announcements:

Dues for the club are payable to the club secretary. \$20 for Individual and \$35 for family.  
Tom Welty still has lanyards with the club logo for sale at \$5 each.

New Business:

The hospital has a new CEO and we will make sure he is familiar with our club.  
A statewide drill will be held on April 17.  
Race at FDR Park: no response and can not provide service with no information.  
VE Session: 3 took the test and all passed with one upgrading to General. The next session will be April 21. The May session will be held at the J.D. Weather's building across the street. Classes are doing great and they will test on April 5 at 7PM.  
GA QSO Party and Picnic- Site has been confirmed as #2 area there will be generators and A/C power available. The club will provide the meats for the picnic and members will bring the sides and desserts. Invite your friends and bring your family. Emails will be sent with last minute details and maps.  
Field Day will be the last weekend in June at the Statham Park location. Saturday and Sunday operation. Potluck for food, and extra AC will be provided.  
HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY TO BARC...Cake and drinks served after the meeting.

Old Business:

We are trying to get on the "good side" of the new CEO at the hospital. Cal Neff made a motion to purchase weather radios for the ER and other departments to use. Cal tabled the motion until Joe Baird could talk with the staff and research what would be most feasible. He suggested one for the ER and one for the ICU.

Program:

At the time, Tom Welty gave a talk about his log periodic 2m, 440 antenna by Elk Antenna. It is the type commonly used for fox hunting. It is a forward fed antenna that provides exceptional gain (8db) and can be used for SSB when horizontal. He said he is able to reach 150 miles with 50 watts. He plans to bring it to the QSO Party and maybe do a foxhunt or satellite communications.

With no further business for the club, Tom made a motion to close and Joe second'ed the motion. It was approved by vote.

Ice Cream and birthday cake were enjoyed afterward.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Campbell, K4TGR  
Secretary

B.A.R.C.  
April 24, 2012

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members present: 14 Visitors: 4

The meeting began at 7: 06PM with a welcome from our President, Mike Wolcott. Introductions were made for the benefit of the new folks present.

The minutes from March 27, 2012 were read and approved by vote.

The Treasurer's Report included a balance on hand of \$851.62. There is a deposit pending once funds are obtained from Laura Campbell.

### **Announcements:**

There will be a LEPC meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM at the County Annex Building on E. Broad St. The City of Auburn will host Armed Forces Day on May 19. This is the same day as our regularly scheduled VE Testing. The testing will be relocated to the J.D. Withers Building for May only. Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, May 29 at the hospital.

### **Old Business:**

The weather radios for the hospital was brought up for discussion. Joe Baird reported on possible locations. The tabled motion was voted on and passed. We will purchase 2 Midland WR-100 receivers with one being placed in the reception area and the other near the ICU in the "300" area.

There was discussion on a HF antenna for the Hospital ARES equipment. It is a Terminated Balanced Folded Dipole. Design and function was explained by Bill Wilson and Cal Neff. A commercial version would cost about \$300.00 from B&W. Parts only costs would be approximately \$100. The antenna is 85' long and covers 80-6 meters. This information will be passed to Charlie Hollins at the hospital for their consideration. We still do not have permission from the hospital to erect an HF antenna.

Results of last Saturday's VE testing were announce. There were 6 candidates at the session with 1 passing the Extra and a couple of new Technicians.

The Technician Class was completed and resulted in all 4 new students passing their exam.

There has been no news regarding the club's assistance with the FDR State Park activities in October.

A report was made on the April 17 tornado drill at BRMC and the chemical spill at Rhodia.

Relocating the club P.O.Box from Auburn to Winder was once again discussed. Because of the many changes to bank accounts, ARRL, QSL cards, and many other considerations it was decided to leave the P.O. Box in Auburn for the time being.

### **New Business:**

Happy Birthday to Bill Wilson and Cal Neff.

There was a discussion about combining the June club meeting with the Field Day activities. A motion was made, duly seconded that the June club meeting be held Saturday, June 23, 2012, at the Statham City Park on Farr Road, at 7:00PM.

Field Day plans, potential station and antenna locations were introduced. We plan on operating as Class 6A again this year.

Plans for the General Class License classes were discussed with a tentative session of 6 to 7 weeks. Primary instructors will be Mike Wolcott and Bill Wilson.

Bill Wilson will be taking orders for club apparel with an expected delivery date prior to Field Day.

**Program:**

Bill Wilson presented a program entitled, "Tune My Antenna", explaining the various tuning networks and components.

There being no further business, a motion, duly seconded, to close was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Wolcott, W4WYI  
Secretary, protem



B.A.R.C.  
Date: May 22, 2010

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members and Visitors Present: 13

The meeting began promptly at 7PM with Mike (W4WYI) welcoming all. He began by announcing that there will be a change of date and place for our next meeting. It will be June 23, 7PM at Statham Park where Field Day operations will be in place.

The minutes were approved and will be posted to the website.

### **Announcements:**

The weather radios for the hospital are here and Cal (K4JSR) will be giving information on a ceremony for a write up in the newspaper.

VE testing is coming on well. There were 8 tested and 6 passed. There were people from South Carolina here to test with us.

An Executive Meeting will be June 12 at 7PM in the CERT offices. The meeting for ARES will be June 28.

Classes for General Class licensing will be in July and August at the Mormon Church.

Barrow CERT exercises will begin checks for simplex and repeater on July 21 10AM until noon at Station 6.

Bill Wilson (KJ4EX) is making an order for BARC apparel that will be delivered in time for Field Day. He also has BARC vinyl stickers on sale for \$2.

### **Field Day Planning: June 23 & 24, Statham Park**

There will be a GOTA station on the site for new Hams and those interested in getting back into the hobby. Scripts will be provided if needed. This station will be using a different call but have the same class and section. We will be using the call of Mike W. or who is control operator at the time. Remember that one can only operate within the restrictions of the control operator's license class. This station will require 2 people. (one for contacts and one for logging)

All computers will be linked into one server to make calculating points easier. Class is 6A Section is GA. Emergency power will be used for the event. We will begin at 2PM, with set up beginning that morning. Mike W. said that he will be bringing his G5RV antenna along.

A pot luck dinner is planned for Saturday evening. All other updates will be forthcoming in emails from Bill W. (KJ4EX).

### **Upcoming Events & Festival for Consideration:**

June 9- Faithfest and craft fair (no go)

July 28- Lazy Days Fest. (no go)

Sept. 7 & 8- Jug Tavern Fest. (go..further plans will be made)

Oct. 6- another Faithfest (no go)

Nov. 10- Christmas in the Country (no go)

Christmas in Bethlehem and Winder Christmas Parade (go..plans will made at upcoming meetings)

BARCfeast in December (plans to be made at upcoming meetings)

At this Tom Welty (N4TAW), arrived at the meeting with the weather radios. He has pre-programmed them before the meeting. He also gave a Treasurer's Report showing a balance on hand of \$886.52. He stated that there were two deposits of \$65 and \$35 and a debit of \$41.45 with another debit of \$78.44 that was on the statement yet. This would leave a total of \$774.63

Bill Wilson (KJ4EX), took the podium to go over the logging program that we will using for the Field Day operations, N3FJP logging.

He began with the initial set up of the program, reminding everyone to make sure the call sign we are using is correct (WR4BC) along with our Section, Class and the hours. There will be a space for changing band but the bands will be set up in individual stations so that will not be necessary. You can log by using the TAB button. The screen will include sections worked, and not yet worked. In case of a duplicate contact press ESC. You can edit each entry field if needed. This program includes invalid section section entry and there is a confirmation for deletes.

STATS will be constantly updated as the the event goes on as contacts are added.

Field Day Guides and Rules will be at each station along with maps.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Campbell, K4TGR  
Secretary

B.A.R.C.  
Date: June 22, 2010

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members Present: 18



## **FIELD DAY EDITION!!!!**

B.A.R.C. President, Mike Wolcott (W4WYI) welcomed all and officially opened this special B.A.R.C. meeting at our Field Day location in Statham Park.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes from the previous meeting dated 5/22/12 were approved as posted on the website. Also the details of the Executive Committee meeting were discussed with the members of the club.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

We have a balance on hand of \$766.63 at last report. A deposit of \$30 and a debit of \$59.90 has been recorded. This makes the new balance on hand as \$741.73.

### **Old Business:**

The club has approved participating in the Jug Tavern Festival on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept. We will attend the Saturday of the festival. Bill Wilson (KJ4EX) will be heading the event and will update us through emails.

There has been no update on the Spin-4-Kids. We would like to participate, but have no details from Ray Smith on this or the big ride at F.D.R.

We will also be participating in the annual Stone Mountain Hamfest. Details will be made at a future club meeting. We need volunteers for this event.

We have also agreed to participate at the Bethlehem Christmas event as well as the Winder Christmas Parade. Volunteers will be needed as these events will overlap each other.

The classes for the General Class licensing will begin July 19<sup>th</sup> and will run for 7 weeks. Anyone who would like to be a guest instructor is welcome to participate. The classes will be held at the Mormon Church.

Steve Donellan (N5SMD), has begun training Tom Welty (N4TAW), Mike Wolcott, and Mike Antonucci (K4MAA) on the B.A.R.C. Website.

The V.E. Sessions planned for Oct. and Nov. will need to be moved to the J.D. Withers building or canceled.

C.E.R.T. exercises will be July 21 10am through 12 Noon. They will be testing simplex and C.E.R.T. Repeater 433.525 to coordinate with Station 6.

**New Business:**

The club will be sending out Dues reminder to those that have not paid. We will be suspending those members who have not paid for 2 or more years. If you wish to reinstate your membership you need to pay the current year's dues. Those who do not pay will be purged from the rolls.

**Announcements:**

Jim Jackson (KK4IDJ) announced that the Patriot Guard will be escorting three recovered remains of U.S. Soldiers (MIA's) of the Vietnam War. They will be interred at the Military Cemetery at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. They will be given full ceremonial burials.

With no further business the meeting was officially adjourned and Field Day festivities resumed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Campbell, K4TGR  
Secretary

B.A.R.C.  
Date: July 23,2 2012

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members and visitors Present: 12



B.A.R.C. President, Mike Wolcott (W4WYI) began the meeting at 7:10.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved as posted on the website with the following changes:

- 1) J.D. Witherspoon building should be J.D. Withers building.
  
- 2) The Jug Tavern participation is being headed up by Bill Allen rather than Bill Wilson.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Tom Welty gave a Treasurer's report showing a current bank balance of \$831.73.

### **Old Business:**

Tom Welty reported that club incorporation as a 501.3(c) would cost about \$400 and involves a dozen steps.

Cal Neff suggested that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) be asked to give us a grant to cover the cost. The next LEPC meeting is September 22.

Mike and Cal reported on the Weather Radio presentation to the Barrow Regional Hospital. A copy of the hospital's web site coverage has been added to our web page.

Mike Wolcott and Bill Wilson started the club's General Class license class last Thursday at the Mormon Church on Sims Road. There were 4 candidates attending. Additional participants are expected next week.

Dues notices for past due dues was discussed last month. It was pointed out that our current By-Laws already provide for purging the roll in case of non-payment of dues.

**New Business:**

Mike Wolcott gave a report of last week's VE testing session. We only had one candidate, Daniel Allen and he passed his Technician test.

There was discussion on the club amending its By-Laws to allow for lifetime and honorary membership. Mike Wolcott appointed a By-Laws committee consisting of Bill Wilson, Joey Smith, Michael Antonucci, Cal Neff and Mike Wolcott.

Bill Allen reminded everyone of the YMCA Fun Run 5k and 10k foot race August 11. We need several volunteers to help cover the race course.

**Announcements/Program:**

Bruce Brown, WA8IQF, present a presentation on Hex Beams. It was well received with many questions from the club members. Bruce was very knowledgeable of the subject.

With no further business the meeting was officially adjourned. Our next meeting is August 28th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Campbell, K4TGR  
Secretary



B.A.R.C.  
August 28, 2012

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members and visitors Present: 11

B.A.R.C. President, Mike Wolcott (W4WYI) began the meeting at at 7:00. Introductions were made and visitors were welcomed.

**Secretary's Report:**

The minutes from the previous meeting dated July 23<sup>rd</sup> were read and approved with no corrections. They will be sent to Steve (N5SMD) for posting on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tom (N4TAW) reported there was no activity for the club's account. The balance on hand still stands at \$831.73. He did report that he had two receipts for reimbursement. One for propane for Tom while at the Field Day and one for Bill (KJ4EX) for the booth fee at Jug Tavern Festival.

**Old Business:**

- 1) The by-law committee is still working on the changes. They will be making new rules and stipulations regarding the addition of Honorary Memberships and Lifetime Memberships. Once these changes have been suggested, the proposed changes must be presented at the October meeting then held over to the November meeting for voting by the members of the club. Once approved the roster will be changed to reflect these changes.
- 2) The club will not be participating in the Fun Run that Bill A. (AJ4TX) had been trying to coordinate with us. There was no reply for information and Bill A. will be out of town during that time.
- 3) Jug Tavern Festival will be September 6-8. Will will be in the same location as last year. We will be having a demo station there and some of the kids from the club and the new ham are going to help out with that. In addition, the festival will open one day early (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>) the proceeds from this day of the event will go to a local soldier in Barrow county that had been injured while in Afghanistan.
- 4) Cal (K4JSR) gave an update on the hospital's communication station. Equipment set up has not yet been done. They have received the telescoping masts and tripods, and a shopping trip to HRO will be done soon to get the other required parts. Help will be needed in setting it all up. Cal will send out a message with those details.
- 5) Saturday's Emergency Exercise Drill was successful. The EC for Clarke County was the lead and the repeater on Wauka Mountain was utilized. Cal reported that there was a good number of check-ins from Barrow County.
- 6) The October Spin for Kids is going to have their own security and communication team, so they will not be needing our help this year.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

**VE Testing and Classes:**

General Class classes are doing very well. There is at least one class left and they will begin with the practice testing. The actual testing session should be around September 6<sup>th</sup>.



The last testing session candidate and he passed both Technician and General in the same session.

**Announcements:**

1) There are digital training nets being held on the Wauka Mountain repeater. (145.130 Tone-123.0) They have been sending pictures and information back and forth through several types of digital transmission.

2) The Shelby Hamfest will be September 1 & 2 at their location in Dallas, North Carolina.

**Presentation:**

Tonight our VP Bill (KJ4EX) gave a very informative presentation on Delta Loop Antennas. Along with handouts for reference, he included specifics for several different types of the antennas including the folded dipole and quad loops.

It was a popular subject with many questions asked by the audience.

With no further business the meeting was officially adjourned. Our next meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Campbell, K4TGR

Secretary

B.A.R.C.  
September 25, 2012

Barrow County Regional Medical  
Members and visitors Present: 18



B.A.R.C. President, Mike Wolcott, (W4WYI) began the meeting at at 7:00. Introductions were made and visitors were welcomed.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes from the previous meeting dated August 28<sup>th</sup> were read and approved as posted on the site with no corrections.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Tom (N4TAW) reported there was we have a balance on hand of \$758.39. There were dues from two members to be deposited and a donation check from Scott Brown, (KD4YDD) in the amount of \$700.00 was given to the treasurer by Bill Wilson, (KJ4EX) for deposit on Monday.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) The hospital station setup is coming together. An antenna and coax were purchased at HRO. This week GEMA will be conducting a test drill and a SET is planned for October 6<sup>th</sup>. Operators will be needed in several locations handling traffic. Also, operators needed for shift changes. Since the CERT exercise and the SET will both be on the same day, Tom Welty (N4TAW) will coordinate with Mike Wolcott during the CERT exercise
- 2) Extra License Class instruction is in the works for mid January if there is enough interest generated. It will run for 13 weeks with testing the last week.

### **New Business:**

- 1) Mike W. will be out of town for the next meeting. The By-Laws committee is expected to have their recommendations for review at this meeting.
- 2) The Spin For Kids at Rutledge and Fort Yargo is a go for the club. We are awaiting final instructions from Bill Ronay. Food and restrooms will be available. Any member who has nothing planned for that weekend are encouraged to help out.
- 3) Mike W. has named a nominating committee for potential officers for out next year. They are: Laura (K4TGR), Call (K4JSR), Steve (N5SMD and committee chair) and Bill (KJ4EX).
- 4) Our annual BARCfeast will at our usual location at Golden Corral on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to reserve the larger room. **\* Secretary's Note: The date has been changed to December 8<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict\***
- 5) The P.O. Box is up for renewal and the question to move it to a Post Office closer to the Treasurer or to leave it has been presented. We have 15 days before it is closed. Cal Neff (K4JSR) made the motion to move it to the Bethlehem PO. Sylvia Kreist (WD4AVA) 2nd'ed the

motion and it was approved by vote of the membership present. **\*\*Secretary's Note: After the meeting it was brought up that it would be too costly to move the PO Box, new letterhead, new checks, new brochures..ect.. The Executive Committee discussed the vote and Laura (K4TGR) made the motion to remand the previous vote to move the PO Box. Michael Antonucci (K4MMA) 2nd'ed the motion and it was approved by the Executive Committee. The PO Box will stay where it is in Auburn\***

- 6) Cal has stepped down from heading the communication during the Winder Christmas parade, and the other person that would have taken his place is not going to be available. Laura has volunteered to take it on with the help of Cal. We will be meeting for preparation behind the Fire Department as last year.
- 7) The pavilion for the Bethlehem Christmas event needs to be reserved. Bill W. will make the reservations and be the chair for this event. He will send out an email with other details as the date gets closer.

### **VE Testing and Classes:**

There have been two testing sessions. One for the ending of the General License Classes and our usual session in Auburn. Our last testing session for the year will be October 20<sup>th</sup> and the testing schedule for 2013 is made and is posted on the club website and on the ARRL site. It was also announced that Carol Goodnight (KK4INJ) passed the General License test along with one other as well as one Technician Class.

### **Announcements:**

- 1) A new EC for Barrow County is needed and we need to think about helping out or naming someone who would be interested.

### **Presentation:**

Axillary Emergency Communications

Mike W. and Davis Wallace (K1DGW) attended the 20 hour communication course that went through the requirements needed before being deployed by FEMA in emergency or disaster situations. Along with handouts and a information disc, Mike W. gave instruction on having your FEMA training certificates for IS 100, 200, 700, 701-B, and 800 printed and kept in notebook for proof if needed

Also, he noted that when deployed a volunteer may not be assigned just one task or you may be asked to perform services other than what you volunteered for, along with other do's and don'ts regarding working in an emergency or disaster situation.

With no further business the meeting was officially adjourned. Our next meeting is October 24th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Campbell, K4TGR  
Secretary



Meeting Dated: October 23, 2012  
Members and Visitors Present: 12

The meeting began promptly at 7:00pm. President, Mike Wolcott (W4WYI) was unable to attend this meeting so Bill Wilson (KJ4EX) presided the meeting. Introductions were made and visitors were welcomed.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes from the previous meeting dated, September 25<sup>th</sup> were read and approved with no corrections. They will be sent to Steve Donellan (N5SMD) for posting to the website.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Tom Welty (N4TAW), stated that we have a balance of \$1,347.24 on hand. This includes a reimbursement check of \$38.00 to Steve Donellan for the P.O. Box rental for the year. Tom will begin compiling a budget for the club using past bank statements. He will submit it at a later meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

The By-Laws Committee have some up with a proposal concerning adding a lifetime membership option that will be available to members. They will be submitting this at the next meeting.

The Spin For Kids event was very successful. Carol Goodnight (KK4INJ), Bill W., Tom, and Michael Antonucci (K4AMA) participated. Some at the Fort Yargo site and at the site in Rutledge. They estimated that there were about 800 riders in all. All proceeds from the ride will go towards funding to Camp Twin Lakes for disabled kids summer camps.

Cal will be making reservations for the big room at Golden Corral for our December BARCfeast. It will begin as usual at 9:00AM and immediately afterwards we will leave and go to the site for the Bethlehem Christmas event and begin set up. The newest QSL cards are in and they are beautiful.

We will have a table at the upcoming Stone Mountain Hamfest at the Lawrenceville Fairgrounds. The tickets will be \$8.00 each. We will need several members so others can take a break and shop or visit with friends. Bill W. will have a table in the boneyard for anyone who wants to sell items or equipment you no longer need.

#### **New Business:**

1) The club has been discussing forming into a 5013c. The Executive Committee will need to meet before a decision can be made, and to discuss the event agenda for the next year.

2) The Winder Christmas Parade will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who wants to participate will meet at the Police station behind the Fire Department. Laura Campbell (K4TGR) will be heading this event. Plans will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **VE Testing & Classes:**

At the last testing session one person from Cumming passed his Tech. And General class license tests, and one other person passed their Tech. Test. This was the last testing session for the year. The schedule for next year's testing is on the BARC website as well as the ARRL site.

Those wishing to earn their Extra Class License, there will be a class starting in mid-January at the Mormon Church. Cal Neff (K4JSR) will be heading the classes. Please contact him for any questions.

### **Announcements:**

Annual dues for the club will be due in December and January. Individual dues are \$20.00 and Family Memberships are \$30.00. Cash, check or Paypal to [nctinms@yahoo.com](mailto:nctinms@yahoo.com). Please give the payment to the Secretary so she can mark you as paid and she will tender the dues to the Treasurer.

At this time if there are any changes that are needed to your membership such as changed call signs, emails, addresses, or other personal information, please let the Secretary know so she can update this on the roster.

Sylvia Kriest (WD4AVA) has asked us to remove her email address from the Yahoo Group and the roster.

Elections will be held at the next meeting. Anyone who wishes to be nominated will need to speak to the nominating committee.

### **Presentation:**

Bill W. took to the podium again to talk about the often controversial subject of protecting your equipment from lightning strikes. He pointed out that there is never a 100% guarantee of lightning protection and that good grounding will help minimize that damage to equipment in a lightning strike or EMP.

Along with a handout of information and links to websites, Bill used a block diagram of his house to show what would be protected during a lightning strike and what would not. The areas outside the diagram would be damaged and could possibly harm equipment in the diagram, and that a good grounding system is essential to protecting your assets.

Tom W. gave a slide show of the surge protection that he has at his home and hamshack. Bill also told the group that a separate insurance policy on your equipment in case of damage and that the ARRL offers a insurance policy to it's members.

There were lots of questions and comments and we have been assured that this subject will be presented again.

With no further discussion the meeting as adjourned. Our next meeting will be November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Laura Campbell, K4TGR

Secretary B.A.R.C.



Meeting Dated: 11/27/2012  
Members and Visitors Present: 12

Tonight's meeting began promptly at 7:00 with a welcome from our President Mike Wolcott (W4WYI). A motion was made to open the meeting, and approval was given after the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the last meeting dated 10/23/12 were read and approved with the following corrections: The balance on hand of \$1,347 was not reflecting the reimbursement check to Steve Donellan (N5SMD) for the Post Office Box rent.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The balance on hand is \$1,339.24. This is not including the dues payments turned in at this meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Mike Wolcott recommended that the club will not be attending the Stone Mountain Hamfest next year, due to miss communications from the Alford club. We are free to change our decision at any time if other members feel they want to attend.
- 2) Our annual BARCfeast breakfast will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Winder. We will be meeting there between 9:00 and 9:30. Immediately after our "feast" we will go directly to the site of the Bethlehem Christmas event and set up. The event will run for 24 hours. We will need help for the tear down also. This would be a great time for the newer Hams to get some experience on the air.
- 3) There will be no club meeting in December. Our BARCfeast will take the place of a regular meeting.
- 4) Membership dues are now due in. They are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for family memberships. You can pay at the breakfast; send a check to the club's address, at the January meeting or PayPal. Also if there are any updates to your information, please let the Secretary know so she can update the roster accordingly.
- 5) The By-Laws Committee did not have a proposal to the new change for memberships. This item was tabled until the next meeting in the new year.
- 6) Everything is in order for the radio installation in the hospital. We are awaiting word from Cal (K4JSR) on when we will begin.
- 7) Laura (K4TGR) gave an update on the Christmas parade in Winder. The parade begins at 11:00 so we to meet no later than 10:00 at the Police station behind the Fire Department. She will be sending out reminders as the event approaches. She also informed the members that several Boy Scouts from different Troops will be assisting us at the parade to complete their Emergency Preparation merit badge requirements. They will be placed with members of the club to help pass traffic. We will be attempting to see if we can get some GMRS radios for them to use.

### **New Business:**

1) Our President asked the club to consider a 50/50 pot for the meetings beginning in January. At the beginning of each meeting members will donate cash to the “pot” and at the end of the meeting a ticket is drawn. Whoever wins will get 50% of the cash and the other 50% will go to the club's treasury. The members present all agreed that this would be a great fundraiser for the club.

2) We are looking for program ideas for the next year, and we are all encouraged to suggest ideas or give a program on what you enjoy the most about Ham Radio. Some of the suggestions for the upcoming year are:

a) A Solar Charger for battery and a CERT introduction from Bob.

b) Programming our Radios

c) Digital Simplex

3) Steve Donellan made a motion to provide “paid” membership status to the Hevener Family in lieu of their internet and website services to the club. Jamie Hicks (KK4NAN) 2nd'ed the motion and it was approved by all present with no discussion. It has been noted in the Secretary's record.

### **VE Testing & Classes:**

The were no testing or classes. The testing will resume on January 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Extra License classes are expected to begin in January also.

### **Announcements:**

1) An antenna party for Carol Goodnight (KK4INJ) is in the process of being scheduled. An Email will be sent to the club with details.

2) Mike Wolcott again urged all members to attend the CERT classes and to be FEMA trained in case of a disaster.

### **Presentation:**

At this time the club prepared for the election of our 2013 officers. Michael Wolcott and Steve Donellan expressed their opinion about the duties of each officer and the expectations of those offices within the club.

Steve also suggested that we add two of the newest members of the club to our Executive Committee so they can see how we operate and to give a fresh new perspective from the newest of the group. The Nominating Committee suggested that we add Carol Goodnight and Joey Smith (N4VFA) to the Executive Committee and they accepted.

The club decided to vote on the officers as a whole since there were none competing for offices. The members present and those who were voting by proxy elected the following:

President- Mike Wolcott (W4WYI)

Vice President- Steve Donellan (N5SMD)

Secretary- Laura Campbell (K4TGR)

Treasurer- Tom Welty (N4TAW)

Executive Committee:

Michael Antonucci (K4MAA)

Carol Goodnight (KK4INJ)

Joey Smith (N4VFA)

Congratulations to our new 2013 Officers!!!!

With no further business to discuss, Shannon Baxter (K4SJB) made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Jamie Hicks 2nd'ed the motion and it was approved by all present.

Our next meeting will be January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura J. Campbell, K4TGR  
Secretary