



Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Serving Barrow County Georgia and adjacent Counties -- Repeater WR4BC 145.13 (-) PL 100 Hz.

BARES Executive Committee Meeting Q1
January 14, 2010 – 7PM
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7 Members Present

Bill Wilson, KJ4EX – President
Steven Donellan, N5SMD – Vice President
Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI – Secretary
Dave Calhoun, KJ4DDZ – Treasurer
Cal Neff, K4JSR – Executive Committee
Berk Ruiz, KB4JEH – Executive Committee
Jim Jackson, KJ4IDJ – Executive Committee

Meeting called to order by Bill Wilson KJ4EX – President at 7PM

Bill Wilson KJ4EX stated that BARES will have 4 Executive Committee Meetings in 2010. (One each quarter) The meetings will be for the primary purpose of event type planning with a flexible agenda outline with adjustments as necessary.

Announcements:

- Bill Wilson, KJ4EX indicated that membership has to be at least 50% (Active) this year
- Cal Neff mentioned that WX prefix callsigns are unable to secure a GA auto license plate because WX is reserved for the next series of Wildlife plates. Keep that in mind before changing to a WX type call.
- Weather Net will start on the BARES repeater Feb 3. This also happens to be the same day as the statewide Tornado Drill. There was some discussion about NCS backup for this net.

Membership Drive:

Steven Donellan, N5SMD reported that as of this meeting, 327 letters have been mailed to all Barrow County Hams as well as Hams in surrounding/neighborhood zip codes to Barrow County. The neighboring zip codes are 30019-Dacula to the West, 30517-Braselton to the North, as well as 30548-Hoschton to the North, 30549-Jefferson to the North East, and 30622-Bogart to the East. At this point only 11 letters have come back returned of which 5 were able to be emailed.

Steven Donellan, N5SMD also relayed a compliment to our club – There was an inquiry by phone to take a ham test here. This individual lives 70 miles away but said that after several failed attempts to locate other test sessions and clubs with no response, he contacted BARES and we were the easiest and most accessible club and he was very appreciative of that.

Review of Calendar:

- March – Barrow County School Demo Station – Does anyone have a contact within the school system?
- March – 2&30 Cal will have a Radio Programming Tutorial at the Auburn Fire Station

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- April – GA QSO Party and Spring Club Picnic – This will allow us to operate as a club during the contest as well as practice field day operations.
- April – Hospital Day – 4 hr Demo Station outside

- June – Public Service Day – More details to come. Date has not been set but inquiries have been made to Judd Smith and Cecil Kidd.
- June – Field Day, site will be in Auburn this year. Working on location in Auburn. Also plan to setup antennas and radios early (that Friday afternoon and evening) Also to have Club pot luck dinner.
- July – Auburn 4th of July Event – Perhaps a demo station???
- August – JOTA Event – Who is the D.E.? Start planning early...
- August - Winder Lazy Daze Festival
- September - Statham SunFlower Festival
- October - Jug Tavern Festival & Auburn Fall Festival
- November – Barrow County School Demo
- November – BARES Table at Stone Mountain Hamfest
- December – Winder Christmas Parade
- December – BARES Christmas Breakfast

Bill Wilson indicated that as a club we will tend to everybody's interest. Ham Radio is a multi-faceted hobby and we will try to bring everyone together by offering a variety of things and not just focusing on one particular area. He also stressed the importance of needing experienced General Class or higher operators to help mentor/Elmer others in the club as well as providing support at various events. In addition, he indicated that hopefully with an increase in membership we will begin to have adequate support for activities and events.

We should share our experiences with visitors.

Bill also indicated that it would be nice to have various members of the club stop by during ham classes in show of support. In addition, more help is needed teaching classes...

Go Kits:

Club has 2 HF radios

Looking at having footlockers with battery cables, coax, and rope. This will be ready in ? months. Will also have 80 meter dipole with clips on wires to change bands.

Berk suggested having the radio manual in the kit for radio familiarity.

Berk also mentioned that he knows of a resource that has poles/masts, for 1\$ a 4ft section. He also elaborated on an emergency flag pole antenna solution, has demo at his house.

Encourage Membership

All membership renewals as well as new memberships will be required to complete the new membership documentation as the club needs updated records on all of its members. If you have already paid dues for 2010, you will need to complete the membership forms as soon as possible. Membership forms are on the website as well as available at all club meetings.

The application has been enhanced with additional contact information as well as an interest survey and areas of feedback for future programs, events, and activities.



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Bill is getting quotes for patches/shirts/products

Taking orders in January Meeting... All information is on the club website.

Cal Neff, K4JSR suggested that we continue to allow Dennis and Fe Hevener and family to have another a year of free membership because of the resources that they provide to the club with the hosting of our club website and the bandwidth that is required to accommodate the site traffic.

Motion was made by Bill Wilson, KJ4EX and seconded by Berk Ruiz, KB4JEH. Unanimous approval by Executive Committee.

Hospital Station is ready according to Jere N4DQ,

On Saturday January 30th. Antenna party for the hospital station. 10AM till finished

Final transition activities – Still working on getting the Treasurer transitioned and signature cards signed. Bill and Cal will work with Dave Calhoun and Steve Lynn on getting this resolved before club meeting in January.

Fundraising Ideas – Club Auction??? Discussion on ideas for 2010...

BARES Club Net – 8:30pm every Monday starting January 18th on the club repeater. Please check-in. Repeater will announce reminders at 51 minutes after the hour on the day of.

Need to get 501C – will require \$700 dollar fee. More later...

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted
Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI
BARES Secretary