

Minutes for 2008 meetings.

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 25 November 2008
www.barrowhamradio.org**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

13 Licensed Operators and 1 Guest Present

Introductions were made.

PRESENTATION : No Presentation tonight due to Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Meeting Minutes of 28 October 08 - The Meeting Minutes from 10/28/08 were approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

Treasurer's Report - Steve, K1SRL - Steve, K1SRL reported a balance of \$309.80 as of the last meeting. He has collected \$115 in the form of a donation(s) and dues, for a projected balance of \$424.80 upon deposit. Dues can be paid at any time, he encourages paying early.

ARES DATABASE UPDATES - Cal, K4JSR requested that all ARES members complete their information sheets and get them turned in as soon as possible.

BATTERIES - Bill, KJ4EX has a good stock of 12 volt gel cell and sealed lead acid batteries, ranging from 2.2 ah to 18ah (motor cycle sized) and a couple sizes in between. If you can use one or more of these batteries for your Ham Station, VHF, HF, etc., contact Bill.

Type 30 Electron Tube Needed - Luther, K4RRP is working on a project, and in need of one or two of these gems. If you have one or more, or know where they can be located at, please contact Luther.

OLD BUSINESS -

ARRL Affiliation - Davis, K1DGW - No Update

BARES Ham License Exams - Cal, K4JSR reported that the BARES VE Team completed their first VE Session, with a 100% pass rate for the two individuals that tested.

December BARES Breakfast - Cal, K4JSR has finalized the reservations for the Annual BARES Breakfast, to be at Golden Corral in Winder again this year. We will meet and eat from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, pay as you go. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will not be a regular Club Meeting in December.

Hoschton Fall Festival - Cal, K4JSR received a Letter from the Mayor of Hoschton asking that we sign up to participate in next years Fall Festival. We were asked to sign up on their website between January and April of next year. It's highly likely that we will participate again. - Closed

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NEW BUSINESS -

!! ELECTIONS !!

Luther Watkins, K4RRP has volunteered to fill the VP position for 2009.

With that, the proposed slate of officers, all volunteers, for 2009 is as follows

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President - Cal, K4JSR
Vice President - Luther, K4RRP
Secretary - Bill, KJ4EX
Treasurer - Steve, K1SRL

Executive Committee Members -
Bruce - KI4VBU
Berk - KB4JEH
Ty - W1TF

The floor was opened for additional Nominations. There were none.

K1DGW moved to accept the proposed slate of officers, KJ4CZE seconded.

A vote was taken, and the proposed slate of officers was approved by the membership present, for the 2009 year.

2009 Activities and Planning - Cal, K4JSR brought up and recommended that everybody begin thinking about activities, events, and possible presentations for the club for next year. He has a couple lined up, but yet unscheduled. We had proposed during the course of the last year that the VP would also be the Activities Coordinator. This will be further discussed and an amendment to the Constitution be drafted for Club Vote.

Some items briefly discussed included -

Field Day 2009 (Sat 27 - Sun 28 June) - Possible site, same site as 08, joint participation with neighboring Club? Start thinking about this major event NOW, planning will begin very soon.

Skywarn training - Tentatively scheduled for the last week of January or the first week of February 2009. Specifics to be announced at a later time, tune in to the VHF net on 146.550 on Sunday evenings at 7 PM for any updates.

Hoschton Fall Festival -

License Exam Scheduling -

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2009 Activities and Planning (cont'd) -

CPR Classes - for members to attend- Duane Keith is to teach a CPR class on a date yet to be determined, the cost will be \$25, this will be the Red Cross CPR program and include adult and child CPR. For further info contact Duane at 706-654-2500. Also the Jackson County CERT website has additional information.

Hospital Day -

Jamboree On The Air - JOTA - (17-18 October 2009)

Support Comm needs (course safety) for local 5K runs and walks -

KI4YQN and some of the XYL's have expressed a desire to do a couple of fund-raising activities for the Club. No details yet.

Ham Radio Kids Day - 20 June 2009 -

School Clubs and Ham Radio -

CERT Drills -

ARES Drills -

MORE - THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER 2008 - SEE YOU AT BREAKFAST ON THE 13TH.

CLOSING -

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday January 27th 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Wilson, KJ4EX
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club**

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB

MEETING MINUTES : 28 October 2008

www.barrowhamradio.org

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

17 Licensed Operators and 3 Guests Present

Introductions were made.

PRESENTATION : Dave Johnston, K4SSU gave his DX 102 presentation, Installing a Tower and Directional Antenna. Many basics regarding tower installation and directional antennas were covered, with a lots of hints and ideas for installing towers. It was a great program, very informative, and identified many simple ways to install towers. One link was given, regarding Municipal Codes, www.municode.com . Thanks Dave, we'll be looking for you about Field Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARES DATABASE UPDATES Cal, K4JSR requested that all ARES members complete the database update form for him to enter, since much of the data previously existing was lost. Database update sheets were handed out to members.

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) Cal, K4JSR reports that the GARS club has ICS training available via their website. Cal will investigate and provide additional information at a later date.

Meeting Minutes of 23 September 08 - The Meeting Minutes from 09/23/08 were approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

Treasurers Report Steve, K1SRL did not have the balance sheet available, reported approximate balance is \$380-\$400. Steve to provide specifics for minutes as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

ARRL Affiliation Davis, K1DGW has agreed to further pursue ARRL affiliation for the Club.

HAM RADIO CLASSES - Cal, K4JSR reports the Technician Ham Class is well under way.

BARES WEAR Ty, W1TF and his XYL Kate, N1INC have been working with a vendor in Athens to provide a single source for all your BARES WEAR needs. Polo Shirts, T-Shirts and HATS are now available to order, visit the BARES web site for additional information or contact Ty.

WR4BC Repeater Update Bill, KJ4EX - The existing Dual-Band antenna is going to be replaced with a dedicated VHF antenna. At the same time, the height will be increased from 45 feet to about 70 feet. The project has been delayed due to Family Health issues, and other Family matters. Bill hopes to have the upgrades completed within the next 30-45 days. 145.130 (-) no tone.

HAM LICENSE EXAMS The BARES VE team will conduct an Examination Session on the 20th of November at 7 PM, at the Barrow County Leisure Services Building. Examinees will need to bring two #2 Pencils, a pen, a copy of their current license and or any CSCE. You will also need to bring \$14 in cash, correct change PLEASE, and 2 forms of Identification, one with a photo. For further information check the BARES website at www.barrowhamradio.org .

BRASELTON SKYWARN TRAINING Eddie, KJ4CZE reported that the Braselton Skywarn Training was a huge success, and thanked all who

participated. He also reminded us that the heart of Winter and then Spring, are just around the corner, and prompted all of us to be prepared.

NEW BUSINESS ☐

BARROW SET ☐ Cal, K4JSR - The Barrow Simulated Emergency Test is scheduled for Noon on November 8th. The Net will be called on 146.550 MHz. All members are encouraged to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS ☐

With the Chautauqua Festival not being held this year, there are no Public Service Events scheduled for the rest of the year for the Club.

BARES Christmas Get Together ☐ Cal, K4JSR will try to schedule the BARES Christmas Breakfast/Brunch on either the 13th or 20th of December, some time between 9 AM and 11 AM. There will be NO regular meeting in December.

ELECTIONS COMING IN NOVEMBER ☐ This is your chance to step up and help the BARES organization with your expertise. There will, as always, be plenty of support for those that choose to serve, or those you think should serve. Nominations will be taken, votes taken and counted, for the 2009 Calendar Years Club Officers. Berk, KB4JEH is the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, contact Berk for further information if interested in Nominating or Volunteering.

CLOSING ☐

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday November 25th 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Wilson, KJ4EX

Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB

MEETING MINUTES : 23 September 2008

www.barrowhamradio.org

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

13 Licensed Operators Present

SPECIAL PRESENTATION : Stan Edwards, WA4DYD gave an excellent presentation and slideshow on NEHD Emergency Preparedness Briefing. Presentation lasted about 50 minutes, and covered information on plans for NorthEast Georgia ☐s Hospitals in the event of various scenarios, and how Ham Radio can assist. (Really too much to cover here, perhaps we can get a

copy of the presentation.) (Stan also advised that Clarke County is slated for an Exercise in December)

Upon conclusion of the presentation, the Meeting Minutes from 08/26/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS □

Treasurers Report □ Steve, K1SRL □ Steve was absent, balance on 7/21/08 was 349.80.

Lawrenceville Hamfest is the next one in the area, first weekend in November.

HAM RADIO CLASSES FORMING □ Cal , K4JSR will be conducting Ham Radio Classes for Technician and General Class licensing. Both classes will be conducted at the Barrow County Leisure Services Center at 175 2nd Street , in Winder. General Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7 Pm to 9 PM and Technician Classes will be held on Thursdays from 7 PM to 9 PM. General Classes begin on Wednesday September 24th, and Technician Classes on Thursday September 25th. Classes will run for 8 weeks, culminating with a testing session for all prospective licensees on or about the 20th of November. Contact Cal at 770-307-4699 or at cneff1@alltel.net for information and to sign up.

Berk, KB4JEH □ Berk knows of a third party that has a couple hundred feet of Rohn 25G tower sections, and some 45G sections also. Contact Berk if you are interested in getting some for a reasonable price.

OLD BUSINESS □

HOSCHTON FALL FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND □ Everything is set for BARES to operate a booth for the event, which runs Friday the 26th of September from Noon to 9 PM, and Saturday the 27th of September from 9 AM to 9 PM. Possible activities include VHF Operations, HF Operations, Computer Slideshow, Ham Radio information, etc. Brain Greer (KD4DLV) is coordinating the Booth sign-ups. Listing will be posted on the BARES Web Site at www.barrowhamradio.org .

CLUB SHIRTS □ Berk - KB4JEH, and Ty - W1TF delivered the initial run of T-Shirts and Polo Shirts. Cost is \$22 for the Polo and \$16 for the T-Shirts. They look great, I'm sure there will be more orders as they show up at the meetings and events. Ty is also looking into getting some Hats made, may also want to check into some patches too for jackets and stuff. Maybe a patch on the hat, etc., will see what Ty can come up with.

ARRL Affiliation □ Cal, K4JSR - Pending

BARES Repeater □ Bill, KJ4EX reported that the repeater will remain in its current operational state for the near future. There are plans to raise the antenna another 30 feet. The raising will be coordinated with the group in October, assistance will probably be needed. WR4BC (145.130 □ shift, no PL tone)

OCTOBER SET (Simulated Emergency Test) □ BARES will participate in some fashion, plans yet to be decided □ Contact Cal , K4JSR for information.

(EC (Cal) and AECs to plan)

Barrow County ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinators Appointed □ Cal, K4JSR □ The following BARES members have been appointed Assistant Emergency Coordinators.

Bill, KJ4EX □ Chief Assistant EC

Dennis, WN4AZY □ AEC for Western Barrow County and CERT Liaison

Eddie, KJ4CZE □ AEC for SKYWARN

Don, K9CRB □ AEC for Civil Air Patrol Liaison, and Net Control

Ty, W1TF □ AEC for Eastern Barrow County

Berk, KB4JEH □ AEC Public Information Officer

Davis, K1DGW □ AEC for Southern Barrow County

NEW BUSINESS □

No NEW Business at this meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS □

HAM CLASSES - General Class begins Wednesday the 24th of September at 7 PM and Technician Class begins Thursday the 25th of September at 7 PM at the Barrow County Leisure Services Facility in Winder.

Hoschton Fall Festival □ Friday and Saturday the 26th and 27th of September in Hoschton.

October Simulated Emergency Test □ Saturday October 18th 2008

SKYWARN Training □ Eddie, KJ4CZE □ Will be offered at 7PM on October 20th, hosted by the Braselton Police Department. Contact Eddie for further information.

Stone Mountain Hamfest and Computer Expo □ Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd at Lawrenceville Fairgrounds

Dave Johnson, K4SSU, A DX Big Gun who now lives in Barrow County will be our guest speaker. Don't miss his DX 101 presentation at the October Meeting.

ELECTIONS COMING IN NOVEMBER □ This is your chance to step up and help the BARES organization with your expertise. There will, as always, be plenty of support for those that choose to serve, or those you think should serve. Nominations will be taken, votes taken and counted, for the 2009 Calendar Years Club Officers.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS OUTING □ Start thinking about our BARES gathering for December. Last year we met for Breakfast at Golden Corral. Other ideas? There will not be a regular meeting in December.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION □ Davis, K1DGW □ Briefly outlined Net Protocol and Procedures, and will have more information for us at future meetings.

CLOSING □

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday October 28th 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center . Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Wilson, KJ4EX

Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB

MEETING MINUTES : 26 August 2008

www.barrowhamradio.org

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

12 Licensed Operators Present, 2 NEW Members, and 1 Guest

Jacob Davis (K14WMO) and Tina Corcorran (K14WMN) joined the Club tonight, WELCOME !!

Meeting Minutes from 07/22/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS □

Treasurers Report □ Steve, K1SRL □ Steve was absent, balance on 7/21/08 was 349.80.

SHELBY HAMFEST THIS WEEKEND □ New Location this year, be sure to check the website www.shelbyhamfest.org for directions. This is one of the best there is.

Lawrenceville Hamfest is the next one, first weekend in November.

ARES Instruction □ Cal, K4JSR - Beginning at the next BARES meeting, there will be ARES training conducted for the Club. Each session will cover one or more aspects of Traffic Handling, Emergency Preparedness, Deployment procedures, etc., etc.

NIMS Seminar Scheduled □ There will be a NIMS Seminar conducted on Wednesday September 3rd at the Barrow County Annex, from 9 AM to 11 AM. Pre-registration is required, contact Cal , K4JSR to get signed up ASAP.

HAM RADIO CLASSES FORMING □ Cal , K4JSR will be conducting Ham

Radio Classes for Technician and General Class licensing. Both classes will be conducted at the Barrow County Liesure Services Center at 175 2nd Street , in Winder. General Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7 Pm to 9 PM and Technician Classes will be held on Thursdays from 7 PM to 9 PM. General Classes begin on Wednesday September 24th, and Technician Classes on Thursday September 25th. Classes will run for 8 weeks, culminating with a testing session for all prospective licensees on or about the 20th of November. Contact Cal at 770-307-4699 or at cneff1@alltel.net for information and to sign up.

OLD BUSINESS □

BARES VE TEAM □ We now have our very own Volunteer Examiner Team, with ARRL VEC accreditation, and W5YI VEC accreditation. We are ready to conduct any and all needed tests.

HOSCHTON FALL FESTIVAL □ Everything is set for BARES to operate a booth for the event, which runs Friday the 26th of September from Noon to 9 PM, and Saturday the 27th of September from 9 AM to 9 PM. Possible activities include VHF Operations, HF Operations, Computer Slideshow, Ham Radio information, etc. Brain Greer (KD4DLV) is coordinating the Booth sign-ups. Listing will be posted on the BARES Web Site at www.barrowhamradio.org .

OLD BUSINESS (cont□d) □ CLUB SHIRTS □ RESULTS □ Berk - KB4JEH, Ty - W1TF and Kathryn - N1INC, have been working hard on getting sources and quotes for shirts, hats, etc. After much discussion, and voting, the results are - We are going to purchase our T-Shirts, Hats, Polo Shirts, etc from the Baseball Academy near the Lions Club baseball fields. The shirts/hats etc. will be a medium to light BLUE in color with Yellow Printing on the T-Shirts. The Polo Shirts will be embroidered with the BARES logo in two colors, probably Black and Yellow on the left chest, and the BARES monogram on the sleeve. Cost for the T-Shirts ranges from approximately \$9.50 to \$12.50 each, depending on size, and the cost of the Polo shirts is slightly higher. The club will fund the initial setups and recoup the expense in shirt sales. More information soon, we are working as quickly as we can to get an initial order made before the next Club Meeting, and the Hoschton Fall Festival the following weekend. Additional Orders will be taken at the next club meeting too, but they will take about a week to prepare, and that order will NOT be ready in time for the Hoschton Fall Festival.

ARRL Affiliation □ Pending

BARES Repeater □ Bill, KJ4EX reported that the repeater will remain in its current operational state for the near future. There are plans to raise the antenna another 20 feet. The raising will be coordinated with the group, assistance will probably be needed. WR4BC (145.130 □shift, no PL tone)

NEW BUSINESS □

No NEW Business at this meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS □

Shelby Hamfest - AUGUST 30TH AND 31ST 2008 AT DALLAS PARK IN DALLAS NORTH CAROLINA

HAM CLASSES - General Class begins Wednesday the 24th of September at 7 PM and Technician Class begins Thursday the 25th of September at 7 PM at the Barrow County Liesure Services Facility in Winder.

Hoschton Fall Festival ☐ Friday and Saturday the 26th and 27th of September in Hoscton.

October Simulated Emergency Test ☐ Saturday October 18th 2008

Stone Mountain Hamfest and Computer Expo☐ Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd at Lawrenceville Fairgrounds

PROGRAM/PRESENTATIO N ☐

No program was planned for this evening, Club business took the entire meeting time, and then some☐..

CLOSING ☐

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday September 23rd 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center . Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Wilson, KJ4EX**

> Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 22 July 2008
www.barrowhamradio.org**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:04 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

12 Licensed Operators Present, and 2 Guests

Meeting Minutes from 06/24/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION ☐

No program was planned for this evening, a Field Day Final Planning Meeting was held from 6 PM to about 7 PM. The meeting was held early due to concerns about running over our time set aside for the Hospital Conference Room, running late during the regular meeting, and getting locked in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ☐

CERT Classes ☐ Cal, K4JSR ☐ Anybody interested in signing up for the next CERT Class please contact Cal before August 18th.

Treasurers Report ☐ Steve, K1SRL ☐ Balance as of 7/21/08 is 349.80. Club funded Porta-Potty for Field day at \$85, and had Dues Income of \$60 since

May report.

Barrow County Board of Education □ Cal, K4JSR □ Cal shared a letter with the group concerning our usage of the area we occupied during field day. All is well, and we look forward to working with the BOE as needed in the future.

Ingles Grocery FD Support □ Berk, KB4JEH □ Bill, KJ4EX wrote a thank you letter to Mr. Brian Wages for Ingles Grocery Stores support of our FD operations. Ingles / Mr. Wages provided numerous cases of carbonated beverages (non-alcoholic of course) to keep us cool during the Field Day. The donation was much appreciated. Members present signed the letter, to be hand delivered by Berk.

OLD BUSINESS □

Club T-Shirts etc. □ Berk, KB4JEH and Ty, W1TF working on getting sources and quotes for shirts, hats, etc.

Field Day 2008 In the Books □ Bill, KJ4EX □ I reviewed the logs and due to various issues we will not submit an entry this year. This was our □First Run□, so looking forward to 2009. I would like to suggest beginning planning in January, there really is a lot of ground to cover, and committee planning meetings 2 to 3 months out.

FD 2008 Comments = 100% Success; Slow to my First QSO; Learn Technique; Needed Visitors Table; Need more Publicity; Need A/C; More Signs; Setup was lots of fun; Had Fun; Need Club Shirts to Identify members versus visitors; More experience with ARRL Section Identification; More individual Preparation, personal headphones, CW keys and keyers, etc; Train was annoying.

Field Day Pictures coming in, will be posted on Club Web Site.

ARRL Affiliation □ Pending

BARES Repeater □ Bill, KJ4EX reported that the repeater will remain in its;□ current operational state for the near future, and discussed plans to raise the antenna another 20 feet. The raising will be coordinated with the group, assistance will probably be needed.

NEW BUSINESS □

Executive Committee Members □ The floor was opened to volunteers for filling the Executive Committee positions. Ty W1TF, Bruce KI4VBU and Berk KB4JEH all volunteered. Appointments were voted on and approved by members present.

BARES VE Program □ We now have 4 ARRL VE□s in place. Bill, KJ4EX is going to explore the W5YI VE program and advise potential W5YI VE members of requirements.

Fund Raising □ Cal, K4JSR □ We need to start thinking about raising some funds for Club equipment. Requested that everybody think about any potential opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS □

Hoschton Fall Festival □ Bruce, KI4VBU □ BARES has applied for a booth for the event, sign-ups to man the booth will take place at the next Club Meeting. A booth next to the CERT booth has been requested, for assistance in manning either/both as needed. The Club voted to participate, so we're looking forward to a good turnout to participate in the activities.

October Simulated Emergency Test - Ty, W1TF previously recommended participation in the SET exercise in October.

HAM CLASSES □ Cal, K4JSR □ HAM classes will be held beginning on September at the Barrow County Leisure Services Center in Winder. Classes will be for Tech and General ONLY. Extra Class classes are tentatively scheduled for January 2009.

CLOSING □

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday August 26th 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Wilson, KJ4EX
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB MEETING
MINUTES : 24 June 2008
www.barrowhamradio.org**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

17 Licensed Operators Present

Meeting Minutes from 05/27/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION □

No program was planned for this evening, a Field Day Final Planning Meeting was held from 6 PM to about 7 PM. The meeting was held early due to concerns about running over our time set aside for the Hospital Conference Room, running late during the regular meeting, and getting locked in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS □

Field Day □ Bill Wilson, KJ4EX □ Pretty much everything in-place or covered by members. Looking forward to a great Field Day. We plan on meeting at the site at 9 AM, operation begin at 2 PM, through 2 PM Sunday. See you there !!

Berk, KB4JEH □ Porta-Potty for Field Day to be delivered Friday, club funded the item.

Steve, K1SRL □ **Treasurers Report** □ **Balance as of 6/24/08 is 374.80.**

OLD BUSINESS □

Club Logo □ **Bill, KJ4EX** working on getting some T-Shirts for Field Day trying Iron-Ons, will follow up with a search for a commercial silk screen print .

ARRL Affiliation □ **Pending POST Field Day**

BARES Repeater □ **Bill, KJ4EX** reported that the repeater is still undergoing testing. **Marty KD4HLV** has worked on the duplexers and has taken them to his work to have the guys there give them a look. Some improvement noted, still have a ways to go□..

NEW BUSINESS □

Executive Committee Members □ **We will take nominations and vote in the balance of the Executive Committee as defined in the Constitution and by-Laws at next months meeting.**

BARES VE Program □ **In addition be aligning ourselves with the ARRL VE program, we will also join the W5YI program. The benefit of this is that the W5YI program allows the local VE team to maintain tests for impromptu needs and testing sessions, versus having to order them in advance, and return all copies when a testing session is over through the ARRL program.**

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB MEETING MINUTES : 24 June 2008 - Continued □

UPCOMING EVENTS □

FIELD DAY 2008 □ **THIS WEEKEND !! - June 28th and 29th at Holly Hill Mall in Winder. Setup to start at 9 AM Saturday the 28th, and operations to commence at 2 PM Eastern Time. This will be a great opportunity for all licensed HAMS, regardless of license class, and visitors to operate. There will be no rush to make millions of contacts, but a great opportunity to learn (for all of us). Licensed HAMS should bring a copy of your license.**

Public Safety Day □ **No additional information at this time.**

October Simulated Emergency Test - Ty, W1TF recommended participation in the SET exercise in October. Discussion about other events we as a Club may want to participate in.

Hoschton Fall Festival □ **Eddie, KJ4CZE** mentioned the event is scheduled for the 2nd weekend in September. Yet another opportunity.

HAM CLASSES □ **Cal, K4JSR** □ **Dates and other info not determined yet, however, Tech classes will be held separate from General and Extra Classes to minimize the confusion factor.**

CLOSING □

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday July 22nd 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Wilson, KJ4EX Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB

MEETING MINUTES : 27 May 2008

www.barrowhamradio.org

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

16 Licensed Operators Present, plus 3 Guests

Meeting Minutes from 04/22/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION –

Jimmy Terrell , Director, Barrow County Emergency Management Agency presented. Jimmy made a great presentation regarding Barrow County Emergency Response capabilities, needs, threats, scenarios, and more. He went on to highlight the need for adequate reliable communications and told of his morse code background. A good amount of audience participation was noted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Field Day – Bill Wilson, KJ4EX – The location is set, Holly Hill Mall, on the East side of the Barrow County PDC parking lot (old Walmart), along the tree line. Discussion about equipment, planned operations (2A)(2 Transmitter (HF) Club Station) will be our planned category. Davis showed off his squirrel shooter, er, tennis ball slingshot for getting ropes up into trees, a magnificent device. We still need a kitchen tent set up, and of course much other equipment is needed. Bill, KJ4EX will supply the generator, and one radio (Kenwood TS-2000)(for HF or VHF as needed), a Cushcraft A3, 20,15 and 10 meter 3 element beam (future club equipment), and some “other” items. Bill will circulate an email for additional equipment needs. The next club meeting will be the Tuesday before Field Day, all plans will be finalized then. Check the ARRL Field Day Station Locator at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> and type in WR4BC for call sign locator.

Berk, KB4JEH – to check on Porta-Potty for Field Day (27, 28, and 29 June)

Steve, K1SRL – Treasurers Report – Balance as of 5/27/08 is 284.80.

New Members – Three more Licensed HAMS joined our ranks tonight, they are Brian Greer (KD4DLV), Mike Wolcott (W4WYI) and David Calhoun (KJ4DDZ). Membership now equals 19 Members. Welcome Aboard.

OLD BUSINESS –

Club Logo – Handouts were supplied to members Present and one of the three images, and answer the question “Should the Club Callsign” be included on the Patch. (Results = Image 2 with the call sign, almost unanimously. Image two is the one with the Barrow county outline, and the antenna tower).

Volunteer Examiners – We have 3 Extra Class VE’s in the Club now, would like to get a couple more and get a testing session(s) established. Please contact Steve, N5SMD at Comcast dot net, or Ty, W1TF at yahoo dot com for information.

BARES Repeater – The duplexers arrived! The Duplexers arrived! Unfortunately after the weekend installation, there was a fair amount of receive desense noted on weaker signals, preventing them from getting into the repeater. Most of the local base stations were able to get in and hold the machine quite well. Jeff, KD4AOZ came by the following week, and gave the system a look, and suspects there may be a problem with the duplexers themselves. I later took the duplexers to Jeff in Athens to tune and troubleshoot, and have not heard back from him yet. In the mean time, I received some new cables for the repeater to duplexer cabling, and once I get the duplexers back will continue troubleshooting. Ask Cal , EVERYTHING IS SUSPECT !!

ARRL Affiliation – Cal, K4JSR – Pending.

ARES Database – Davis, K1DGW will update the ARES database with our member data. Those of you that are not in the database yet, can probably expect a call from Davis for info.

NEW BUSINESS –

CERT Exercise – There will be a CERT Exercise this coming Saturday, ARES/volunteers sought to handle Health and Welfare message traffic out of the exercise area between 11 AM and Noon. Traffic is to be originated by Bruce, KI4VBU, through net control Don, K9CRB, planned on 146.550 simplex. Volunteers asked to remain briefly after the meeting to coordinate plans.

CERT Training – The next CERT Training Class will be held later this Fall. All Club members are encouraged to participate. Classes are held once a week, for 2 hours, for about 9 or 10 weeks. Contact Cal, K4JSR or Bruce, KI4VBU for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

FIELD DAY 2008 – June 28th and 29th at Holly Hill Mall in Winder. Setup to start at 9 AM Saturday the 28th, and operations to commence at 2 PM Eastern

Time. This will be a great opportunity for all licensed HAMS, regardless of license class, and visitors to operate. There will be no rush to make millions of contacts, but a great opportunity to learn (for all of us). Licensed HAMS should bring a copy of your license.

Public Safety Day – No additional information at this time.

CLOSING –

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday June 24th 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center . Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Wilson, KJ4EX
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 22 April 2008
www.barrowhamradio.org**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

Introductions Completed, 9 Licensed Operators Present

Meeting Minutes from 03/25/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Welcome Jeff, KD4AOZ and his XYL Debra, KI4FIY visiting from Watkinsville. Jeff has numerous repeaters up in the Athens , Watkinsville area. On 2 Mtrs 147.045 (+) pl 123.00, and 146.955 (-) pl 123.00. He also runs a 6 meter beacon on 50.061 MHz, and a 6 meter repeater on 53.710. There is also a 220 MHz repeater, and at least one 440 MHz repeater, and more that I don't have data for. Thanks for stopping by Jeff and Debra.

Welcome and Congratulations to David Calhoun, KJ4DDZ, who recently passed his Technician license exam, and visited with us this evening. David is a resident of Winder, and we hope to see him a lot more.

Steve, K1SRL – Treasurers Report – Steve joined us this evening, but did not have current figures with him. He gave the group an approximate balance, to be confirmed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

Club Logo – Bill, KJ4EX provided scaled printouts of one of the prospective Club Patches in 3 inch diameter and 4 inch diameter for reference. We need to pick 2 or 3 designs, and hold a vote. Also, the background color needs to be determined for the patch. Also discussed some local and mail order

vendors to have patches made. (Bill, KJ4EX – I will work with Ty in the next 30 days and hopefully we can get something finalized before field day, be expecting an email requesting member votes soon)

Volunteer Examiners – We have two or three registered VE's in the club, but we need at least that many more. If you are interested, please contact Steve, N5SMD, or Ty, W1TF to get signed up and trained. We really would like to start testing soon, we have a few folks waiting in the wings, ready to take their tests.

BARES Repeater – The repeater is currently active (Transmit only) on 145.130 in a Beacon Mode. The repeater will periodically ID and also announce time on the hour, from 6 AM through 11 PM. Duplexers will be ordered within 2 weeks. Bill, KJ4EX for info.

ARRL Affiliation – Cal, K4JSR – Still pending.

NEW BUSINESS –

No New Business

PROGRAM –

No Program scheduled for this meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS –

**** Hospital Day –** This Saturday, 26 April at the Barrow Regional Medical Center . BARES is setting up a booth, right next to the CERT booth. We'll be handing out HAM Radio literature and plan on having a VHF station/position in operation. Setup time is 8 AM, and the event runs from about 9 AM till about 1 PM. We could use a couple more Club Members to assist in manning the booth and discussing HAM Radio with the event visitors. Please come on out if you can. Contact Cal , K4JSR for info.

Public Safety Day – Revisited discussion to have a booth / demo-station at the Public Safety Day event to be held at Holly Hill Mall. Date still unknown at this time, suspect June time frame. Vote was taken at the last meeting, to have and support a booth, tentatively pending confirmation of date of the event. A relatively full day of activities will be scheduled for the event by numerous groups.

Field Day 2008 – Discussion about tentative locations. Three potential locations were identified by the members present, The Winder pavilion area (Berk, KB4JEH to check on availability), Outside the Barrow EOC and the Airport (Cal, K4KSR to check on availability). Bill, KJ4EX scoured the campsite, shelter, and other availability at Ft. Yargo , all areas are booked according to the web site. (I plan on following up with a visit, just to make sure it's not just something they "do", on the web site schedule)

Bill, KJ4EX has purchased a Cushcraft A3, 3-element triband beam for such events and in support of club operations. In addition, all members are invited to attend and operate, bring your radios, use radios that we have there, etc. There were some questions about PC logging software we intend to use. Cal suggested the software package that Dennis provided members of the group some time ago for various modes of operations and logging. Perhaps we

could get a refresher on the program at the June meeting prior to field day. (I missed the original meeting, Bill)

DISCUSSION –

Possible participation in Search and Rescue and other actual disaster events was discussed. Cal , K4JSR outlined some of the required training and other requirements that must be completed before anybody is allowed to support such operations, when asked for or offered by the Club. Contact Cal , K4JSR for information on the required training needed to actively support emergency activities and agencies. Bill, KJ4EX noted that we have a number of CERT Trained members in the Club, and there is more training out there to be had should you desire to get involved.

CLOSING –

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday May 27th 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center . Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Wilson, KJ4EX
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

MEETING MINUTES : 25 March 2008

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARES – We're 1 year old this month

Meeting Called to Order at 7:06 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

Introductions Completed, 11 Licensed Operators, and 2 Guests Present

Meeting Minutes from 02/26/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Berk, KB4JEH – There will be a testing session in Gainesville on Riverside Drive, 3 members of the Club plan on traveling up. Additional riders welcome, contact Berk for additional information.

Steve, K1SRL – Treasurers Report – Treasurer not present, reported balance same as last month. Steve is reportedly "on vacation".

OLD BUSINESS –

Bill, KJ4EX – Repeater is on site, being programmed and tested. Frequency is 145.130 – downshift, no PL tone enabled at this time (PL tone will be 100.0 if and when enabled). Will be ordering the duplexers next, searching for local

sources, but have a Sales Order for a new set at a very reasonable price lacking local procurement.

Cal, K4JSR – ARRL Affiliation / Application is pending at this time.

Ty, W1TF – Volunteer Examiners still needed, contact Ty for info.

Bill, KJ4EX – Vote/Poll was taken via email and we will be applying for a Club Vanity Call Sign. In order of preference, the choices applied for are : WR4BC, WR4ES, WB4RC, WA4RC, and WA4BC.

Ty, W1TF – Further discussion regarding member pages for the Club website, and Officer BIOS. Ty, W1TF, Bill, KJ4EX, and Dennis, WN4AZY to plan and present layout at next club meeting. These can be simple or somewhat detailed, per the members preference.

Ty, W1TF – Club Logos – Ty provided some sheets with various logos that have been submitted to date. The group discussed and settled on a couple general designs. Bill, KJ4EX, is going to work on two or three final designs based on interest of the club members present, and will submit three designs for a preference vote at the next club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Cal, K4JSR - Hospital Day – Discussion to have a booth/demo-station at the Hospital Day event at Barrow Regional Medical Center on the 26th of April. Vote was taken to have and support a booth, was passed.

Cal, K4JSR – Public Safety Day – Discussion to have a booth / demo-station at the Public Safety Day event to be held at Holly Hill Mall. Date unknown at this time, suspect June time frame. Vote was taken to have and support a booth, tentatively pending confirmation of date of the event, was passed

PROGRAM –

Steve, N5SMD – Barrows Own VE Team – Steve presented information and some generic plans for heading up the establishment of the Club's VE Team. Items discussed were ARRL or W5YI affiliation, frequency of scheduled testing sessions, VE certification, and more. Steve has volunteered to be our lead VE.

The group agreed to seek ARRL VE affiliation, VE testing and certification might be on-line, more information later on that.

Frequency of testing sessions was tentatively agreed upon for quarterly, and increase if and when the need arose.

We'll be hearing more, contact Steve, N5SMD, or Ty, W1TF for additional information. **CLOSING –**

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday April 22nd 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

BARES BIRTHDAY PARTY - Cake and refreshments were shared, see pictures on the web site under events. (I am going to send the pictures to Ty to upload, if they are not there when you get this, check back later – KJ4EX)

**Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Wilson, KJ4EX
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club**

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB MEETING MINUTES : 26 February 2008 Revised

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

Introductions Completed, 8 Licensed Operators Present

Meeting Minutes from 01/22/08 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Cal, K4JSR – A member of our Club lost an HT to theft from his personal vehicle during the January meeting. Lock your vehicle, park as close to the entrance as possible, and secure your valuables out of sight.

Cal, K4JSR – Briefly discussed recent Ham Radio exercises, to include the February Statewide Tornado Drill, and Region E Hospital Exercises. Numerous club members participated.

Steve, K1SRL – Treasurers Report – Beginning balance of \$235.00, debit \$10.20 for check printing, resulting balance of \$224.80.

OLD BUSINESS –

Davis, K1DGW – Further discussion and planning for bids on multiple lots of support poles from Military Surplus Sales. Bill, KJ4EX, has registered and will place bids on two lots. Cap for bids was agreed upon as \$100 per lot.

(KJ4EX 3/5/08 – We were outbid on the lots I bid on, and are planning another attempt for the next set of lots. Planning on watching the bidding right up to the closing bell this time, many of the previous lots went for right around \$100, but the lots I initially bid on went for quite a bit more.)

Additional Discussion regarding raising funds to purchase a club radio(s). Also discussed was building 2-meter J-Poles for sale at hamfests. Potential for Club station at Barrow Regional Medical Center when we get some equipment.

Cal, K4JSR – HAM Radio classes going well. Testing scheduled for March 20th 2008 at the Barrow County Leisure Services Building. Testing fee is \$14.00.

Ty, W1TF – Volunteer Examiners Still Needed. Interested persons should contact Ty or Cal for additional information.

Bill, KJ4EX – BARES Repeater - No news, stay tuned.

Bill, KJ4EX – Signed copies of the Original Club Constitution and By-Laws were passed out. Additional copies will be available at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS –

Ty, W1TF – Requested Photos and Bios for Club officers for web site.

Membership – Thanks to Ty, W1TF, and Dennis, WN4AZY for website and support, GREAT JOB !!

Cal, K4JSR – Motion to forego Club dues of the Hevener Family for services and expenses paid out by them for hosting and bandwidth used for the BARES web site. Motion was seconded by Ty, W1TF, and passed unanimously.

Bill, KJ4EX – Submitted a Club Callsign application to Cal, the Club President, who in turn signed the application. Bill signed up to be the Station Trustee. Upon receipt of the Club callsign, we will apply for a unique Vanity Call for the Club. The Vanity call will also be used on the repeater.

Amendment #1 to the Club By-Laws was signed and posted. Amendment to By-Laws, Section 4, is titled "FAMILY MEMBERSHIP".

PROGRAM –

Ty, W1TF – Presented a detailed program on the use of EZNEC and antenna interaction using his properties (past and present) as models. Models included wire antennas, verticals and VHF antennas and their interaction with each other. Great job Ty !!

CLOSING

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday March 25th 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB

MEETING MINUTES : 22 January 2008

Meeting Called to Order at 7:11 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President

Introductions Completed, 11 Licensed Operators Present

Welcome Phil Schmitt, KI4YQN to the Club. Phil, a Winder resident, passed his General Exam at the Gwinnett Tech Fest. Congratulations and Welcome Aboard

Motion by Malcomb, KE4IKE to accept previous meetings minutes by vote, as published on the Club Web site and disseminated to Club Members via E-Mail, versus being read at subsequent meetings. Motion was seconded by Steve, K1SRL. Motion was approved by vote.

Meeting Minutes from 11/27/07 approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cal, K4JSR Amateur Radio Classes are under way, with 6 in attendance at the Barrow County Leisure Services Center. Those interested in upgrading are still welcome to join the classes. Contact Cal for additional information.

Bill, KJ4EX - Winter Field Day will be the 26th and the 27th of January. Those interested in exercising their Field Day capabilities are encouraged to participate, even from home. For more info visit www.spar-hams.org .

Cal, K4JSR Cal will be attending the Georgia State ARES Meeting in Forsyth, Georgia on the 26th of January. Event start time is 11 AM, and is expected to finish up about 4:30 PM. Cal will be driving up, one hour plus each way, and has room for two additional riders. Additional information, contact Cal. <http://www.gaares.org/>

Davis, K1DGW Brought to our attention that the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) at Ft Benning has a "lot" of sectional masting. The lot consists of about 80 canvas bagged "kits", probably on a single pallet, or two. There was discussion about some in the group going in to purchase/bid on the lot. Contact Davis for additional information.

Cal, K4JSR Group needs to start planning for ARRL Field Day in late June. Potential locations were discussed. This will be an on-going item at upcoming meetings.

Dennis, WN4AZY Son mentioned to him that he had seen solar panels for \$1 per watt. Dennis is going to do some more research and see who is selling what and will advise.

Bill, KJ4EX The repeater is ready to be shipped from the vendor. Expected delivery on or about 1 February. The Duplexer Sales Order has been received from the vendor. Expected delivery on or about 15 February or sooner. (May be coming "freight")

Ty, W1TF Volunteer Examiners Needed Ty discussed the need for volunteer examiners in the Club. Handouts were passed around, interested persons should contact Ty or Cal for additional information.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued discussion regarding a "Family Rate" for families with multiple Licensed Amateur Radio Operators at home.

Motion was made by Dennis, WN4AZY to amend the Club By-Laws to include a \$30 Family Rate as dues levied. Motion seconded by Steve, K1SRL. Motion

was approved by vote. The Amendment will be presented to the membership at the next scheduled meeting for membership approval.

NEW BUSINESS Motion by Steve, K1SRL, Treasurer, to require two Executive Officer signatures on all checks issued by the Club. Motion seconded by Dennis, WN4AZY. Motion passed by vote. Signature cards were signed, and will be submitted to the Bank by Steve.

Bill, KJ4EX, Secretary - A "For The Record" copy of the Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club's Constitution and By-Laws was circulated between the Elected Officers and Members for signatures. Copies will be available to all Members at the next Meeting.

Steve, K1SRL, Treasurer Began collecting 2008 dues of \$20 per member, or \$30 per family. \$25 was also collected for License manual sales. Report at next months meeting.

PROGRAM

Floor was opened for discussion on programs for the year.

Ty, W1TF Ty has a copy of EZNEC 5.x and has been working with it for his QTH and wire antennas. He went on to say that it was very interesting the way various wires would interact with each other according to the program. Ty offered to do a program/presentation using EZNEC at a future meeting.

Davis, K1DGW Strange Antennas There was a gentleman that did a presentation at the Gwinnett Tech Fest. Beer Can antennas, Lawn Chair antennas and the like. Davis is going to see about scheduling a presentation for the Club.

Dennis, WN4AZY Flying 6-meter Antenna Spring and Summer are right around the corner. Dennis offered to do a presentation on RC aircraft around June.

If anybody has other ideas or offers, contact our Program Coordinator, Bruce, KI4VBU.

CLOSING

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM, Tuesday February 26th 2008, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.
