

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES : 27 January 2009**  
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**Announcements**

- Reviewed Severe Weather Awareness Week. Contact Eddie Gilbert ([edgilbert@sindstream.net](mailto:edgilbert@sindstream.net)) if you are able to monitor one of the tornado sirens next Wednesday, February 4 at 9:00 A.M. Don will be net control for the drill. Frequencies will be 146.550 with a back-up of 146.580.
- There will be a Skywarn class on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the old hospital in Winder. Contact Eddie or Cal to register.
- The one-day Technicians licensing course has been cancelled. The next course will probably be in mid-March. All attendees must have the ARRL manual before class starts
- There will be a VE testing session on Saturday, January 31 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. at the Leisure Services building in Winder. This will probably be in room 126.
- Dues for 2009 are due now.
- The club is organizing classes for those wishing to upgrade their license. There was good interest in this and Cal will confirm the dates. These will probably be held on Thursday nights.
- Cal authorized Luther to firm up the arrangements for use of the park in Statham for Field Day on June 27-28.

**Program**

- Luther presented his outstanding home-brew AM receiver made from a 1929 plan.
- Cal presented an outstanding program on Selecting the Proper Soldering Equipment for your Shack.

**Future Programs**

- The February program will be on formal traffic handling procedures using both the ARRL and the ICS forms
- The March program will be presented by Susan and her husband Mike on her role of the ARRL Section Manager and his role as an Official Observer.
- The April program will be on military radios
- The May meeting will be preliminary planning for Field Day.
- The June meeting will also be on Field Day planning

Minutes taken by Steve, N5SMD

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

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES : 24 February 2009**  
**www.barrowhamradio.org**

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President**

**14 Licensed Operators and 2 Guests Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**PRESENTATION :** Charles Pennington, K4GK, Message handling 101 – Charles gave an excellent presentation on the ARRL Message/Traffic formats and touched on the NIMS Message form. Charles also reports that a new NIMS form is in the works, more like the ARRL form.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

**January Minutes** – Steve, N5SMD took minutes with Bill's (KJ4EX) absence at the January meeting. They were in turn emailed to Bill, who will post them via email.

**Treasurers Report** – The 2008 End-of-year balance was \$444.80. \$130 in dues was collected at the January meeting for an End-of-Month January balance of \$574.80. (\$60 in additional dues were collected at the February meeting – Bill)

**Cal, K4JSR** – The Leisure services hours are changing, and we will not be able to hold VE Exams, Ham Classes, and other later events will have to be relocated. Anybody with ideas about an alternative FREE location for these events, please contact Cal.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**No OLD business was discussed tonight**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**No NEW business was discussed tonight**

**CLOSING –**

**The March Club Meeting** will be our Birthday Meeting, and we will enjoy the company of Susan, AF4FO, ARRL Georgia Section Manager and Mike, K4HBI, Georgia State Official Observer Coordinator and also DEC for Army MARS. We will begin the meeting at 6:30 PM, to discuss some preliminary Field Day Planning “stuff”.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday March 24th 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned.

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

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES : 24 March 2009  
www.barrowhamradio.org  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARES - 2 YEARS**

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:35 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President**

**16 Licensed Operators and 1 Guest Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

**HAM CLASS LOCATION : Location for Ham Classes has been secured at the Dunahoo Pharmacy. There are 3 rooms available in the front area, but they must be scheduled to coordinate access. POC is Berk, KB4JEH.**

**FIELD DAY 2009 : Bill, KJ4EX discussed potential plans for this years Field Day Operations. Discussion covered Antennas, station setups, member assignments, class of operation and more. This meeting outlined plans, next months meetings will identify specific areas of need for members to volunteer for. There has also been a sign-up sheet placed on the web site for "coverage", but little participation has been seen so far. More next month.**

**HOSPITAL DAY : Coming up in April, Cal, K4JSR to check on details.  
DISCUSSION -**

**Cal, K4JSR discussed the useage of BALUNS and choosing the correct type for the antenna to be used. There was also a BALUN that had signs of ARCING passed around.**

**Ty, W1TF Discussed the Message Handling Exercise from Sunday Evenings VHF Net. Would like to see more of the same.**

**OFFICIAL -**

**Meeting Minutes of 24 February 2009 - The Meeting Minutes from 02/24/09 were approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.**

**Treasurers Report - No Treasurers Report at this time**

**NEW BUSINESS - No New Business Items were discussed, due to the length of the presentation.**

**OLD BUSINESS - No Old Business Items were discussed, due to the length of the presentation.**

**PRESENTATION :**

**Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, Our ARRL Georgia Section Manager (MOM) Gave a great presentation on the ARRL History, and the "WOW" factor of Amateur Radio. If you missed this meeting and presentation, you missed a GREAT one. Thanks Susan, hope to see you more often. <http://www.arrl.org/sections/GA.html>**

**Mike Swiderski, K4HBI, gave a great presentation on the Official Observer**

**(OO) program. Follow this link to more information. <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/oo.html> Thanks Mike.**

**CLOSING -**

**Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday April 28th, 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.**

**Meeting adjourned FOR CAKE !!**

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

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES : 24 March 2009**

[www.barrowhamradio.org](http://www.barrowhamradio.org)

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President**

**19 Licensed Operators and 3 Guests Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

**FIELD DAY 2009** : Bill, KJ4EX briefly discussed ongoing planning for this years Field Day Operations. There has been a sign-up sheet placed on the web site for “coverage”, email Ty, N1TF to get on the list.

**HOSPITAL DAY** : Coming up in April, Cal, K4JSR for info.

**OFFICIAL –**

**Meeting Minutes of 24 March 2009** - The Meeting Minutes from 03/24/09 were approved and accepted by vote of members present, as published.

**Treasurers Report** – Steve, K1SRL reports the balance in the account is about \$574. Detailed report next month.

**NEW BUSINESS –** No New Business Items were discussed, due to the length of the presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS -** No Old Business Items were discussed, due to the length of the presentation.

**PRESENTATION :**

The Art and Science of QRP by Rich Arland, K7SZ – Rich spoke at length about Military Surplus Equipment, and brought some along which meeting attendees were able to try out including a few of the famous Military style Walkie Talkies. Great Presentation and hands on demonstrations. Many-Many Thanks Rich.

Tonight’s Door Prize was an Autographed copy of “The Art and Science of QRP by Rich Arland, K7SZ” went to Ty, W1TF.

**CLOSING –**

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

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

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES : 26 May 2009**

[www.barrowhamradio.org](http://www.barrowhamradio.org)

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President**

**13 Licensed Operators and 1 Guest Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**OFFICIAL –**

**Meeting Minutes of 28 April 2009 – Approval Delayed, April minutes not yet published – KJ4EX**

**Treasurers Report – Steve, K1SRL**

April Meeting	= \$574.80
Income – Dues and Contribution	= \$50.00
Expenses	= \$0.00
Balance – May 2009	= <b>\$624.80</b>

There are no outstanding bills to pay at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

June 11<sup>th</sup> Exercise – Exercise will be on Thursday morning. Basic scenario is that terrorists steal an airplane, load it with Anthrax and start spraying the Atlanta area. They escape to Barrow County where upon attempting to land, crash the plane. HF and VHF communications will be needed for Barrow County support. Athens area hams and organizations will activate to support, they are also upwind of the event. Expect Athens Regional Medical Center, Clarke County EOC, and North East Georgia Health District EOC's to participate to some extent.

Support requirements at this time in Barrow County and Barrow Regional Medical Center, Barrow Regional Airport, and the POD which will probably be located at the Barrow County Leisure Services Center. Contact Cal, K4JSR to assist at any of these locations.

**PRESENTATION : Bill, KJ4EX**

Field Day 2009 – Bill presented a proposed equipment and antenna layout and diagram. Antennas were discussed, radios, and support equipment. Specific needs will be identified at the June Club meeting.

**DISCUSSION –**

**\*\*\*\* Field Day Covered Dish Supper** – Vote was taken of members present to have a FD Dinner at the site Saturday evening. This would be in the form of a Covered Dish / Pot Luck affair. Signups will be at the June meeting to make sure not everybody brings BEANS. KJ4DDZ will be bringing a double batch of World Famous Hershey Chocolate Brownies. REMINDER, there is **NOT** to be ANY alcohol on site for this FAMILY event. In addition, snacks for the OVERNIGHT operators, and Sunday morning crews would be appreciated too.

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES : 26 May 2009**

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**NEW BUSINESS –**

Cal, K4JSR – Discussion to purchase a projector for use by the Club for Classes and Club presentations. Motion was made by Berk, KB4JEH and seconded by Steve, N5SMD to make the purchase with Treasury Funds. Club voted to purchase projector. Estimated cost is about \$300.

**Do-Si-Do –**

Berk, KB4JEH related a recent tower expedition and transport through Winder (40 or 50 foot tower) in the back of his truck, with two fellows walking the other end through town to his QTH. Quite a story Berk, when you going to raise it?

**CLOSING –**

Jim Jackson, KJ4IDJ volunteered to bring snacks for the June Meeting.

Motion was made by Bill, KJ4EX and seconded by Jim, KJ4IDJ, and Club voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

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

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES : 23 June 2009**

[www.barrowhamradio.org](http://www.barrowhamradio.org)

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President**

**7 Licensed Operators and 1 Guest Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**OFFICIAL –**

**Meeting Minutes of 28 April 2009 – Approved by Vote.**

**Meeting Minutes of 26 May 2009 – Approved by Vote.**

**Treasurers Report – Steve, K1SRL – Absent, May Report follows.**

April Meeting	= \$574.80
Income – Dues and Contribution	= \$50.00
Expenses	= \$0.00
Balance – May 2009	= <b>\$624.80</b>

**Pending Expenditures -**

Receipt for approximately \$200 was turned in to Cal, K4JSR, for Field Day Signs.

No update on status of approved purchase of PC Projector, Cal, K4JSR.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

**Barrow Regional Medical Center** – Jay, KC8VSH is working with Jere, N4DQ on bringing the Ham Station at BRMC into existence. Jere has been working on funding for equipment, BARES is to support the effort financially if needed. A potential Fundraising Project is the manufacture and sale of a Battery Charging System, Cal, K4JSR for details

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**BARES / BRMC MOU** – A first round draft of the Memorandum of Understanding has already been shared with the Executive Committee, and copies were passed out at the Meeting. There appears to be a fair amount of work needed, to insure BARES/ARES and BRMC are in full agreement in regards to Who, When, What, Where, How, etc., BRMC can and will be supported by BARES/ARES in the event our communications expertise is needed.

**HAM CLASSES IN AUGUST** – Cal, K4JSR – Early Planning, possible 1 day Technician Class, possible General Class (6-8 weeks), details at a later date.

**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> – PUBLIC SAFETY DAY AT HOLLY HILL MALL** – From 9 AM till Noon on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, BARES and CERT will be participating in the event. We plan to set up HF and VHF communications demonstration station, and more. Cal, K4JSR for info.



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**PRESENTATION :**

**Field Day 2009 - Bill, KJ4EX** - Recapped plans for stations, setup, operations and tear down. We are going to need a little extra help about 10 or 11 AM Saturday to get the tower up, and then again about 2 PM Sunday to take it down. We encourage ALL operators try to at least come for a visit, Guest Operators should bring a copy of their HAM license and Government Picture ID. The rest of you, we know where you live !! (you should still have a copy of your license in your pocket)

**Field Day Covered Dish Supper on Saturday - Cal, K4JSR**, has been managing the sign ups, not many have signed up yet. Passed around a sign up list at the meeting, this is what we have so far.

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**Cal, K4JSR**, - Plates, bowls, eating utensils, napkins, cups, 2 bags of ice, 3 gallons tea (2 sweet 1 unsweet)

**Catherine, KG4RJM**, Chicken Pot Pie, Devilled Eggs, Musical Fruit, a dessert.

**Steve, N5SMD**, Pasta Salad and a dessert. (Cookies)

**Mike and Nancy, W4WYI**, A casserole and some drinks.

**Bill, KJ4EX**, Macaroni/Spaghetti Casserole, Italian Salad, and a cake.

**Berk, KB4JEH**, Cole Slaw, cookies and maybe Potato Salad.

**Rebecca, KJ4IDJ**, FRESH ROADKILL. (She said it would be a surprise!)

**MegaDave, KJ4DDZ**, Alice B. Toklas Brownies.

Email or Call Cal to get on the list

**Bill, KJ4EX**, will be providing the overnight Crew Midnight meal. “You’ll have to be there to see what I have planned, we won’t be hungry.....Bill” We’ll probably eat about 1 AM or so Sunday AM. ( I really don’t know what I’m going to make yet, but, it’ll be good !!! )

**SOFT DRINKS** – If anybody has a potential Soft Drink Donation source, please check them out, would be appreciated. We will have 2 or 3 Rubbermaid, 6 Gallon jugs full of ice water, but something else besides tea and water would be good.

**REMINDER**, there is **NOT** to be ANY alcohol on site for this FAMILY event.

**Question was raised** – Are we going to be holding a VE Session during Field Day. The answer is NO.

**In addition**, we are not “planning” on having a GOTA Station, but, if anybody is interested bring your stuff, and come on out. Read the FD Rules, the extra transmitter does not count against our TX Count and there are a few other unique rules that may need to be followed.

**REMEMBER – 5A GEORGIA (5 ALPHA GEORGIA)**

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**DISCUSSION –**

**FD Site** – Question was raised about outside lighting, a question that came up before and the answer was yes, there is. As it turns out, that response was referencing standard outside security lighting, none inside the picnic shelter. Bill, KJ4EX to work out lighting arrangements for Picnic Shelter.

**BARES Display Board** – Bill, KJ4EX produced a tri-fold display board with lots of pictures, news articles and more for use at Field day and any demonstration stations we set up. We will have it at the Welcome Table for Field day.

**June 11<sup>th</sup> Regional Incident Exercise** – Cal, K4JSR covered some of the highlights of the event, it was a great training exercise for all organizations that participated. Enthusiasm was high for yet another, the operators who participated are anxious to do it again. The BARES SET is tentatively scheduled for October, now is the time to practice, before the SET. Cal, K4JSR for info.

**CLOSING –**

Bill, KJ4EX has volunteered to bring Snacks for the July Meeting.

Berk, KB4JEH has volunteered to bring ice for drinks at the July Meeting.

Motion was made by Dave, KJ4DDZ and seconded by Steve, N5SMD, and Club voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 28th, 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

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

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES : 25 August 2009**

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

**12 Licensed Operators and 1 Guest Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**OFFICIAL –**

**Meeting Minutes of 28 July 2009** – Not available, notes were taken by Steve, N5SMD, and will be presented at next months meeting for approval.

**Treasurers Report – Steve, K1SRL** – Not present, account balance not available. Will look for report next month.

**Pending Expenditures** – No Update.

**Ralph Tyrell, W1TF, Silent key (SK)** – Memorial Comments and discussion regarding Ty's contributions to the Club, its members, and the communities he lived and served in.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**ONE-DAY TECHNICIAN HAM CLASS** – The BARES sponsored One-Day Technician Ham Class is scheduled for 12 September, and will be held in the JD Withers building in Auburn, GA. Class will start at 9AM, and end at 3 PM. Testing for the class and any walk-ins (Technician, General, and Extra class) will begin at 3:30 PM promptly. See flyer at the end of these minutes for additional information. Book orders for the Technician Class are due ASAP to Cal, K4JSR.

**BARES / BRMC MOU** – After much work by Cal, K4JSR; Davis, K1DGW; and Jere, N4DQ; the MOU between BARES and BRMC has been finalized and is ready for a vote. After some review and discussion, a motion was made by Mike, W4WYI, and seconded by Berk, KB4JEH to adopt the MOU. A vote of the membership present was taken, and the MOU adopted. MOU was signed by Cal, K4JSR, President of BARES, and passed to Jere, N4DQ, representative of BRMC.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**HALL County ARES and Barrow County ARES MOU** – An MOU was presented to the membership present, for county-to-county support within the ARES arena. With one exception, the MOU mostly included existing ARES policy and procedure. Discussion over the need for the MOU, as most items are already covered under ARES followed. Membership present agreed that although it was duplication of existing documentation between Barrow ARES and ARES, that it be put up to a vote. A motion was made and seconded, and upon vote of the membership present, the MOU was adopted for inclusion into the record.

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd) –**

**COMMITTEE FORMED** – Committee was formed to write an MOU between Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club and the Barrow County Emergency Management Agency. Committee members are Cal, K4JSR; Berk, KB4JEH; and Davis, K1DGW.

**COMMITTEE FORMED** – Committee was formed to plan for the upcoming “Jamboree On The Air” (JOTA), hosting local Boy Scout Troops in an Amateur Radio Demonstration Day. JOTA is normally held in conjunction with a District Camporee. Davis, K1DGW will coordinate BARES Committee member attendance at the next District Roundtable in Braselton. Committee members are Cal, K4JSR; and Davis, K1DGW.

(Secretary note – This will probably be a 6 hour field day type setup with a simple dipole antenna system and one or two radios, code practice oscillators, books, magazines, QSL cards, etc., for the Scouts to look at. Emphasis should be on getting the Scouts on the air, making contact with other Scout Groups across the Nation during this event, or some other method for them to experience Ham Radio. Volunteers to setup and man the demo station are needed.)

**COMMITTEE FORMED** – To write an amendment to the BARES By-Laws, for BARES to be the sponsoring organization for Barrow County ARES. The draft is to be presented at the September BARES meeting, and a vote will be scheduled for the October meeting. Committee members are Bill, KJ4EX; and Davis, K1DGW.

**DISCUSSION** – Mike, W4WYI expressed his renewed interest in Ham Radio as the result of Field Day, and his strong desire to bring his CW speed up to a good solid 20 WPM. Anybody that would like to work on this with him, should contact Mike. Bill, KJ4EX, mentioned that there are a few CW operators in the Club, and that perhaps a CW station could be in the planning for next years Field Day.

**CLOSING –**

Bill, KJ4EX has volunteered to bring Snacks for the September Meeting.

Motion was made by Mike, W4WYI and seconded by Steve, N5SMD, and Club voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

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

# **Ham Radio Classes Forming Now**

**The Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club** will be holding a one day class where you can learn everything you need to earn your Technician (entry level) **FCC Amateur Radio License.** (Some prior study necessary.)

**The Technician license is your gateway to the world-wide excitement of Amateur Radio ...**

**... And now you do NOT need to learn Morse code!**

**Class on**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th.**

**9:00 AM TO 3:00PM**

**Location: J. D. WITHERS BLDG**

**7 Seventh St. Auburn, Ga.**

**Required Text is "ARRL HAM RADIO LICENSE MANUAL" 4th Edition \$24.95**

May be bought anywhere or through the Club Contact below:

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST FOR STUDY INFO.**

For registration and more information contact:

**Cal Neff K4JSR**

**770-307-4699**

**cneff1@windstream.net <http://www.barrowhamradio.org/>**

**VE TESTING AT 3:30 PM FOR THE LICENSE**

**\$14.00 fee, photo ID needed. Walk-ins welcome**

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES : 22 September 2009**

[www.barrowhamradio.org](http://www.barrowhamradio.org)

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President**

**11 members Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**OFFICIAL –**

**Meeting Minutes of 25 August 2009** – Not available, will be presented at next months meeting for approval. Minutes taken by Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI.

**Treasurers Report – Steve, K1SRL** – Not present, account balance not available.

**Pending Expenditures** – No Update.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**ONE-DAY TECHNICIAN HAM CLASS RESULTS**– Steve, N5SMD - Event conducted on 12 September, good session.

**ONE-DAY TECHNICIAN HAM CLASS** – Will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, at the JD Withers Building in Auburn. Contact Cal, K4JSR for info. Open VE Testing Session to follow at 3 PM.

**W1TF** – Jerry, N4DQ reported that the Barrow Regional Hospital made a donation in Ty's name.

**HAM LICENSE MANUALS** – Cal, K4JSR reports that he has 1 General Class and 2 Extra Class License Manuals available. There will be classes starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, through November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 7PM to 9 PM, and there will be VE Test Sessions afterwards. No classes scheduled for December.

**DONATION** – Vince, Donated Extra Class CD set by Gordon West.

**CLASS LOCATION** – Berk, KB4JEH, reminded all that the upcoming classes will be held at the Mormon Church, Please remember where you are.

**STATEWIDE SET** – Cal, K4JSR – Scheduled for Oct 2nd, 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup>, email Cal for additional information. Charles, K4GK will have HF net operational all day Saturday. Local net on 146.550 MHz.

**JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA)** – Boy Scout Troops from Hall, Jackson and Barrow counties to potentially participate, location yet to be determined, date Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**B.A.R.E.S. CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST GATHERING** – Make plans to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BARES Christmas Breakfast at Golden Corral. The date will be announced soon, usually about 9 AM, will be the first or second Saturday in December.

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB**  
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**CLUB OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Steve, N5SMD, is heading up the Nomination Committee for 2010 officers. Elections will be at the November Meeting, and the floor will be opened for any additional nominations at that time. If you are interested in serving please contact Steve or one of the other Committee members.

**PART 97** – Cal, K4JSR stressed that each HAM should have a copy of Part 97 readily available, encourage all to read and heed the wisdom of the FCC.

**UGA HOME GAMES ARE BACK** – Stan, WA4DYD – Radio Operators are needed to provide communications between Red Cross Stations during UGA Home Games. There are 15 or 16 locations around the stadium. Licensed volunteer operators will need an HT, spare battery if available, and a fanny pack. The Red Cross had 145 incidents last year. C'mon out and lend a hand, while the DAWGS play.

**30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OPERATION, UGA AND HAM RADIO** – On October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Special Event Station set up and run for 30 hours, to celebrate 30 years of UGA Football and Ham Radio support. The event will begin at 9 AM on the 10<sup>th</sup>, using the Special Call K4G. Operations will include HF and VHF, the Public is invited. Stan Edwards, WA4DYD for info.

**PRESENTATION**

**NEAR VERTICAL INCIDENCE SKYWAVE (NVIS)** – Stan Edwards, WA4DYD – Stan had an excellent presentation on **Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS)** antennas and operations. These antennas are typically low to the ground, and are good for local and regional HF communications in Emergency response and disaster response operations. They are also good if you want to be able to chat with fellow Hams within the same area.

**CLOSING –**

Motion was made by Berk, KB4JEH and seconded by Steve, N5SMD, and Club voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 27th, 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Recorded by  
Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI  
and  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Wilson, KJ4EX  
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

**BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES : 27 October 2009**  
[www.barrowhamradio.org](http://www.barrowhamradio.org)

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:12 PM by Cal, K4JSR, President**

**13 Licensed Operators and 1 Guest Present**

**Introductions were made.**

**OFFICIAL –**

**Meeting Minutes** – The minutes for the August meeting were approved by vote of members present. The September Meeting minutes were taken by Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI and will be typed up by Bill, KJ4EX and submitted. Vote on September and October minutes at the November meeting.

**Treasurers Report – Steve, K1SRL** – Not present, account balance not available.

**Pending Expenditures** – No Update.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA)** – No firm request from any Scout Troop, will follow up next year. We need a liaison to work the project for next year. Cal, K4JSR and Davis, K1DGW to work on.

**BARES CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST GATHERING** – Will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December at 9 AM. First 15 members to arrive will get a \$1.00 off coupon. Looking forward to seeing all there. Pictures will be taken.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**\*\* CHRISTMAS PARADE** – This December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. We will want to discuss this further at the November Club Meeting.

**BARES EVENTS FOR 2010 – DISCUSSION**

**BARROW COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOLS** – It was recommended that we explore some exposure at the Middle School Level.

**BRMC HOSPITAL DAY – (In April if I recall correctly)** – BARES was there in 2009.

**FIELD DAY 2010** – Will be held at an undetermined location in Auburn. The original location does not lend itself to tall antennas, etc. etc. Cal, K4JSR and others to explore other potential sites.

**BARROW PUBLIC SAFETY DAY** – Good Event in 2009, BARES was there, we plan on participating again in 2010.



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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd) –**

**EVENT SUGGESTIONS ?** – If you have any ideas for additional events for the Club to support or Demonstrate HAM Radio to, please contact any of the Club Officers, we really would like to increase exposure in the County, and other groups within the County

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED** – The 2010 nominating Committee is looking for Club members to serve in all elected positions within BARES. The committee consists of Steve Donellan - N5SMD, Jim Jackson – KJ4IDJ, and Dave Calhoun – KJ4DDZ. If you are interested in nominating a fellow Club Member, or yourself, please contact one of these Members.

**ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER – ATTENUION ALL BARES MEMBERS !!** – Elections for 2010 will take place at the November BARES Meeting, please make an effort to get out and support your candidate or campaign : ). 2010 is shaping up to be another GREAT year for us. Hope you can make it.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

**LAWRENCEVILLE HAMFEST, GEORGIA'S LARGEST** – Will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Cal, K4JSR has tickets for \$6.00 each, \$2.00 off gate price. Looks like there will be a great turnout.

**CLOSING –**

Motion was made by Mike, W4WYI and seconded by Steve, N5SMD, and Club voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 24th, 2009, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

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

# BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB MEETING MINUTES : 24 November 2009

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

**16 Licensed Operators and 1 Guest Present**

**Introductions were made.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

**CERT Certs** - Bob Richardson, KJ4PBQ presented ICS 100 completion certificates to Jim Jackson, KJ4IDJ and Berk Ruiz, KB4JEH. ICS100 is the first in a series of Incident Command System courses, the following courses being ICS200 and then ICS700. All three courses are available online, ICS-100 is at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100a.asp> .

Cal Neff, K4JSR wanted to pass on that Bob and Donna had taken their Technician Exams during a BARES VE session, and two weeks later passed their General Exams. Congratulations.

It was also noted that there will be a CERT training class starting in January, contact Bob Richardson, W4RBR.

BARES Will host a Ham Radio TECH DAY, this Thursday at 7 PM at Fire Station #4, on the right, coming into Auburn from Winder, on Highway 8. The primary topic will be VHF operations and installations, HT's, Programming of that new radio and more. Bring your manual if you want to program your new radio!

**The next BARES hosted HAM class** will be for General Class, starting in January, and will run for 10-12 weeks meeting weekly. Contact Cal Neff, K4JSR, for additional info, to sign up and get your book order in.

**BARES CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** – The Annual BARES Christmas breakfast will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Golden Corral Buffet and Grill in Winder. The first 15 people that arrive will get a \$1.00 off ticket for the Breakfast Buffet or other menu items, limit ONE per FAMILY. Looking forward to seeing all there. *Pictures will be taken.*

**BARROW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER** - On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, BRMC held an Emergency preparedness / Disaster Exercise. Cal, K4JSR, Berk, KB4JEH, and Bob, KJ4PBQ participated. Big thanks from Jere, N4DQ for the help.

**BRMC Radio Room** – A trailer behind the Hospital has been identified as a potential/probable Radio Room for BARES and BRMC. The Radio Room will need some cleaning up and arranging of objects currently stored there. Jere, N4DQ is our POC.

**PRESENTATION** – Jere Couch, N4DQ, shared a Vietnam era MARS power point program that included pictures of Radio Stations, Antennas, Operators, and lots more. Great show, was prepared by W4GJ.

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT – 2009**

Presented by Cal Neff, K4JSR, President, BARES

Field Day 2009, BARES garnered 1<sup>st</sup> place in the State of Georgia for category 5A, out of 5 stations in the state. We also placed 43<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation. Highlight of the event was the visit by the Mayor of Winder.

Special thanks to Luther, K4RRP for procuring the site, it was great, and we look forward to visiting again in the future.

Field Day site for 2010 will be located at an as of yet undetermined location in the City of Auburn.

Public Safety Day 2009 was a great event, free food, radios, antennas, Jere's high speed CW work caught some ears. Maybe set up a classic RTTY station next year, that's a familiar sound.

Hospital Day 2009 also a great event.

No Chatauqua in 2009.

Winder Christmas Parade, running too short on time to participate, maybe next year (LATE BREAKING NEWS - BARES will provide parade movement reporting over the course of the parade. Contact Cal to lend a hand, we need more HT's and operators).

Jamboree On The Air 2009 fell through, looking forward to working something out for 2010.

Would like to lay some groundwork in the school system, targeting Middle Schoolers.

HAM Classes and VE Sessions picking up.

VE Session Thursday December 3d, Walk-Ins invited, Contact any VE Team member for additional information.

**OFFICIAL –**

**Meeting Minutes** – The minutes of the September and October meeting minutes were approved by vote of members present.

**Treasurers Report** – Steve, K1SRL – Not present, account balance not available.

**Pending Expenditures** – No Update.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**No Old Business discussed, will just hand it all over to the 2010 CLUB Officers.**

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**NEW BUSINESS –**

**ELECTIONS FOR 2010 CLUB OFFICERS –**

The Nominating Committee consists of Jim Jackson, KJ4IDJ; Steve Donellan, N5SMD, and Dave Calhoun, KJ4DDZ.

And their nominations are as follows :

President – Bill Wilson, KJ4EX  
Vice President – Steve Donellan, N5SMD  
Treasurer – Dave Calhoun, KJ4DDZ  
Secretary – Rebecca Woods, KJ4IDI

Executive Committee – Cal Neff, K4JSR (Immediate Past President)  
Executive Committee – Berk Ruiz, KB4JEH  
Executive Committee – Jim Jackson, KJ4IDJ

The floor was then opened for Nominations. There were NO additional nominations from the floor.

Motion was made to accept the exiting Nominations for 2010 Club Officers, motion was seconded, and membership vote was unanimous to accept the Nominated slate of officers for 2010.

Congratulations to all, and Great Thanks to the 2009 Officers for their Service to BARES.

**CLOSING –**

Motion was made by Mike, W4WYI and seconded by Steve, N5SMD, and Club voted to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 24th, 2010, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. There will be NO REGUALR CLUB MEETING IND DECEMBER 2009. Join us for our ANNUAL BARES Breakfast instead on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Winder Golden Corral. Talk-In on 145.130 WR4BC Repeater.

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