

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 26 January 2010

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Meeting Called to Order at 7:12 PM by Bill, KJ4EX, President

16 members Present, 2 Guests

Introductions were made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS - New Membership applications were handed out to update the club information database and obtain information on interests and capabilities of the Club membership.

2010 BARES PLANNING CALENDAR - Copies of the 2010 Planning calendar for the Club were handed out. If there are any updates, changes or possible additions for the Club to consider, please contact Steve, N5SMD, or Bill, KJ4EX.

BARES WEAR AVAILABLE - Copies of the NEW BARES WEAR order forms were also made available, for any additional information on the clothing, please contact Bill, KJ4EX. Place your order at the meeting, and it will be delivered at the next meeting. Embroidered Polo Shirts, Embroidered T-Shirts, and Embroidered Hats are available. Steve, N5SMD is the point of contact for Official BARES coffee cups.

The above items, and more, are available on the BARES website at www.barrowhamradio.org .

SKYWARN – Al, WX4BCW has resigned his position as Barrow County ARES Skywarn Coordinator. Cal, K4JSR will conduct the program until a replacement volunteers.

NEW CLUB NET ON VHF – The BARES Club Net will meet on Monday evenings at 8:30 on the WR4BC Repeater on 145.130 (-) downshift. This Net is a roundtable “chat” net for club members to share information, and discuss Ham Radio topics. Steve, N5SMD is the Net Control, and encourages others to give it a try.

SKYWARN NET ON VHF – The BARES SKYWARN Training Net will begin on Wednesday 3 February at 7:30 PM on the WR4BC Repeater on 145.130 (-) downshift. Skywarn specific Training and items of discussion will be explained, as well as Net Operations. Cal, K4JSR is the Net Control.

ARES MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Cal, K4JSR, requested all ARES members complete a membership renewal form for 2010. Forms were available at the meeting, or can be obtained from Cal via E-Mail at cneff1@windstream.net .

CERT TRAINING – Cal, K4JSR reports that the next CERT Training Class will begin on February 11th. Classes will be conducted on Thursday nights, and run for 8 weeks. Contact Cal for additional information or to sign up.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd) –

STATE-WIDE TORNADO DRILL FEBRUARY 3rd – The Statewide Tornado drill has been cancelled for this year, due to new requirements by the FCC for the National Weather Service to obtain a waiver to use various media outlets in the drill. ARES will conduct a Skywarn Net beginning at 9 AM anyway, as will many counties. Tune in to HF and or your local ARES VHF repeater to participation.

BARROW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER RADIO ROOM – Jere, N4DQ has the station up and running, the exception being an HF antenna system. Plans to have an antenna party on Saturday the 30th of January have been postponed. Jere took interested parties on a tour of the station after the meeting.

BARES CERTIFICATE – On this date, Bill, KJ4EX, President of BARES, presented Cal, K4JSR with a BARES Certificate of Appreciation for his work over the past two years as Inaugural President of BARES. A Photo of the presentation will be placed on the web site. THANKS CAL !!

OFFICIAL –

Meeting Minutes of 24 November 2009 – Motion and second to forego the reading of the November 2009 minutes, and accept as posted. Passed

Treasurers Report – Dave, KJ4DDZ & Bill, KJ4EX – We are in receipt of the Treasury, will balance, and make needed changes as a result of treasurer change. Bill, KJ4EX, estimated the balance at about \$400, based on last documented report and known expenses since then, less deposits he's holding.

Pending Expenditures – We have an approved motion to purchase a Video Projector for the Club, to use in Ham Classes, Presentations, and as needed. The Executive Committee will address at the treasury grows to an acceptable level to make the purchase.

TRAINING REPORT –

GENERAL CLASS HAM CLASS UNDER WAY – General Class classes are currently under way, it's still not too late to join in, books are available and you would have a little bit of catching up to do. Classes are held every Thursday evening at the Mormon Church in Winder. Contact Cal Neff, K4JSR for info.

ONE-DAY TECHNICIAN HAM CLASS – Will be held on Saturday February 20th, at the JD Withers Building in Auburn. Contact Cal, K4JSR for info. Open VE Testing Session to follow at 3 PM.

OLD BUSINESS –

ARRL AFILIATION – One of the older items of Business, that is on the top of the list of the new President. Bill, KJ4EX advised that ARRL Club Affiliation will be actively pursued, and that 50%

of the club membership needs to be ARRL members. (Application was sent to ARRL on January 28th – Bill)

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NEW BUSINESS

No new business tonight.

PRESENTATION

QRP OPERATION – RICH ARLAND, K7SZ – Rich generously donated all three editions of “Low Power Communications” as a door prize tonight, along with a 15 month CQ Ham Radio Calendar, with great station, antenna, and operating pictures. – The presentation was just outstanding. QRP is using a transmitter with the output power of less than 5 watts. You can optimize your low power station by using efficient antennas, effective calling techniques, and many other means. The Book(s) above are must read. Many QRP nets in operation and many DX stations seek out QRP stations. Jere, N4DQ was the deserving winner of the book set, and Berk, KB4JEH the Calendar. BIG BARES Thanks Rich, and congrats to the winners of the door prizes tonight.

CLOSING –

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February the 23rd, 2010, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Recorded by
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Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club