

Branch County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2008

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*The July meeting of the Branch County Amateur Radio Club was held in the training room at the Coldwater 911 Center. 17 members and guests were present. Dan Sprow, the President of the BCARC called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

*The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

*As is the tradition, introductions were made around the room.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI, gave this month's financial report.

A motion was made to accept the financial report as read. The motion was approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made to accept the June meeting minutes as published. The motion was approved by the majority.

EMERGENCY COORDINATORS REPORT:

*Larry says "Once again, lots of stuff going on".

*Larry talked about the Letter of Understanding between the police, and fire departments and the office of Emergency Management and the RACES group. It was agreed that our group would provide emergency communication if called upon.

*We will be holding a one day Tech class on the 9th of August, 2008, followed by a VE test session.

REPEATER REPORT:

*Arnie Hayward, NS8T, gave this months repeater report and it went something like this:

*A new antenna has been installed at the Sheriffs department for the 2 meter repeater. It is working well and the intermittent noise we were experiencing is now gone. The range seems to be just a little better but the noise was the big issue. One of the main problems found was that the jumper wire was not tight and no weather sealant had been applied when the old antenna was installed. It is believed that water had gotten into the jumper and violated the integrity. Larry is slowly and painstakingly dissecting the cable to see if and how the various layers were effected.

*While at the site, Larry and Arnie decided to enter the Jailhouse to look over the repeater situation. They further decided to unhook the old repeater and attach the repeater which had been taken out of service more than a year ago because of some unknown failure. As sometimes happens, the repeater had healed itself at some point during its time off and has been working very well ever since.

*It was also found that the locks on the repeater cabinet had been tampered with, so some new, more tamper resistant locks have been purchased.

*Larry presented Bob Worley and Charles Matusak (not present) each with a \$50 gas card as a token of appreciation for their work in installing the repeater antenna.

BOARD MEETING:

The July Board meeting was held at the Coldwater Bob Evans restaurant. The main topics of discussion were:

The finished repeater antenna project.

Field day results.

Upcoming meeting topics.

The next Board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in August at the usual place and time.

FIELD DAY RESULTS:

*266 contacts. 216 SSB and 50 CW. Last years total points was 254.

*632 points.

*22 participants.

*Nancy Slade is eager to give it another go at next years event.

UPGRADES – NEW CALLS – NEW HAMS:

Nothing this month.

NEW EQUIPMENT:

Everyone is too poor.

DX:

Nothing mentioned.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

August will be the collaborative Foxhunt in place of the regular meeting.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Foxhunt.

PROGRAM OF THE EVENING:

QSL card night. Those with interesting QSL cards gave a brief description of the card/contact and what made it special

OTHER:

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Nancy Slade. There was \$15 in the can which was split right down the middle. (The money, not the can).

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI