

Branch County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2008

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*The September 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.

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 July meeting minutes as published. The motion was approved by the majority.

EMERGENCY COORDINATORS REPORT:

*Larry, WB8R, told of many new and exciting things coming.

Here are some of the topics Larry covered:

*D-STAR equipment. It is anticipated that we may some day have a D-Star repeater in the county.

*Applefest.

*S.E.T. on September 27th.

*One day Tech Class. Larry mentioned that the recently held Tech Class was a huge success. Everyone who took the class, passed their test and earned their ticket.

*At this point in time, Larry is thinking along the lines of having another 1 day class sometime in the fall.

REPEATER REPORT:

*Arnie Hayward, NS8T, reported that the repeater had a brief episode of sickness, but quickly healed itself once again. There have been no reports of any further problems.

*Mike Jepson informed the group that the 440 repeater was working barefoot for the time being. The amplifier was in need of some work but that would be corrected before too long. However, the repeater is still working superbly, partly due to the fact that the antenna is at such a great height.

*Once again, thanks go to Mike for maintaining this fine repeater.

BOARD MEETING:

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

The Club's nonprofit update.

Applefest.

D-Star radio

Liars Club.

Website update.

The next Board meeting will tentatively be held on October 7th at the usual place and time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arnie Hayward, NS8T, has begun a project in which he is gathering photos of former members of the Club and the Ham Community. Obviously, the further back in time of these photos, the more of interest they would be. Arnie has made good headway in this project but would certainly appreciate any photos people would care to send to him. Arnie will be putting these together in a Rogue's Gallery type format for display in the Club Station room.

UPGRADES – NEW CALLS – NEW HAMS:

KD8JEG, Mayann Worley. New ham.

KD8JEH, Amanda Klein. New ham.

KD8JEI, Albert Miller. New ham.

KD8JEJ, Frank Barker. New ham.

KD8JEK, Timothy Miner. New ham.

KD8JEL, Justin Lopshire. New ham.

KD8JEM, Kenneth Miller. New ham.

KD8AGZ, Andrew Glenn to General. (Now W8CSS)
KD8ATL, Patrick Beeman to Extra. (Now N8VM)
KC8ZFQ, Bob Worley to Extra.

Mayann Worley is the XYL of Bob Worley, KC8ZFQ.

Amanda Klein is the XYL of Ed Klein, KC8MCC.

Al Miller is Captain Miller from the Coldwater Fire Department.

Frank Barker is Deputy Sheriff Miller from the BC Sheriff Department

Tim Miner is our county's Emergency Management Coordinator

Justin Lopshire is a friend of Andrew's who also works at WTVB

Kenneth Miller is the son of Gene Miller, KC8PWB

NEW EQUIPMENT:

Nothing new for the month

DX:

Andrew got a little 2 meter repeater DX in. Andrew made a repeater contact in Indianapolis.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Dale Williams is penciled in for October. Dan has to contact him to see if this is still the deal.

November is the ever popular Club Officer Elections. You should plan on bringing your own seating, since this event usually fills the house.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Applefest.
S.E.T.

PROGRAM OF THE EVENING:

Liars Club. The ultimate winner was Amanda Klein. Amanda won a 2009 all expense paid membership to the BCARC. Way to go Amanda. She certainly showed up the old timers with her expertise and ability to see through the fodder.

OTHER:

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bill Slade. There was \$17 in the "can" and being difficult to split \$17 without some "coin", Bill won \$9. Bill donated \$1 to the Club, making the split \$8 for Bill and \$9 for the Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Kubiak, KB8VWI