

BELLBROOK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Bellbrook, Ohio

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An ARRL Special Service Club

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NEXT MEETING

3rd Thursday, <u>16 July 2015</u>, 7:30 PM

BARC Clubhouse & Communications Center Sugarcreek Elementary School, Room 1 Lower Level 51 South East Street, Bellbrook Talk-in on BARC 147.045(+) Repeater

Pre-Meeting Hospitality & Fellowship Starts at 7:00 PM

PROGRAM

Go Portable -- Have Fun!

by Fred Stone, W8LLY

Fred will present an overview of "Portable Operations" -- the What, Why, Where, When, Who and How --Places to go, operating activities, typical equipment, and how to set up a portable station in the great outdoors and have F-U-N-!



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BARC July 16th Club Meeting

- Pre-meeting Hospitality & Refreshments
- Program: "Go Portable Have Fun!-" (See Page 1 for details)
- Business meeting

BARC "Dinner & A Movie" (July 23) NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The next **BARC "Dinner & A Movie Night"** will be the <u>4th Thursday</u>—NOT the <u>LAST</u> Thursday—this month only, **7 PM** at the BARC Club House.

This month's movie will be "Interstellar." The dinner menu will be announced at the Club meeting and via the BARC Reflector. All members and guests are invited to enjoy these monthly BARC fun and fellowship events.

BARC Planning Group Meeting (08/06)

The next BARC Planning Group Meeting will be held August 6th (1st Thursday) at 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse. All officers are expected to attend if available and all coordinators are encouraged to attend to participate in the discussions and planning of future BARC activities and projects. BARC members are always welcome to attend.

MVMA MESH Meeting (August 8th)

The next meeting of the GCARES / Miami Valley Mesh Alliance will be Saturday, August 8th, at a location yet to be announced.

BARC August Club Meeting (08/13) NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The August BARC regular monthly Membership Meeting will be held on the <u>2nd Thursday</u> this year.

The annual Bellbrook Lions Festival will be taking place on the third Thursday on the grounds of Sugarcreek Elementary School and this means that the availability of convenient parking for meeting participants will be very limited on the regular meeting night.

Bellbrook Lions Parade (August 22)

The three day Bellbrook Lions Festival starts Thursday 20 August on the grounds of Sugarcreek Elementary School. The 69^h Annual Lions Festival Parade will step off at 4:00 PM Saturday, August 16.

We will need at least a dozen radio operators to help line up the parade and provide safety and logistic communications support. BARC members will gather at the Bellbrook Community Church parking lot [Vemco Drive & West Franklin Street (SR-725)] at 2:30 PM to pick up a safety vest, a line-up sheet and an assignment. Operators need to be at their assigned posts by 3:00 PM.

Further information will be disseminated at the July and August meetings and via the BARC Reflector. Please put this on your calendar and plan to help.

Ohio QSO Party (August 22)

The 2015 Ohio QSO Party takes place Saturday 22 August for 12 hours from 12 Noon to 12 Midnight. This is a fun and easy operating event and we would like to see many BARC members spend at least a little time operating from the BARC Communications Center.

If you would like to operate during this activity, or willing to at least give it a try, please contact BARC Communications Center Coordinator Eric Vinande KG6NFJ at <u>EVinande@gmail.com</u>.

Reminders and further information will be disseminated via the BARC Email Reflector as the date approaches.

Montgomery County ARES (08/25)

The next Montgomery County ARES general membership meeting will be held on the last Tuesday, August 25th, at 7:00 PM at the American Red Cross Dayton Area Chapter, located at 370 West First Street, just east of I-75 in downtown Dayton.

For more information about Montgomery County ARES, contact EC Rob Flory KA5RUC at ka5ruc@mocoares.org

Greene County ARES (08/31)

The next Greene County ARES meeting will be held Monday, August 31st, 7:30 PM, at Beavercreek Township Fire Station 61 Training Room, Dayton Xenia Road just west of Orchard Lane. Further details in BARC August Newsletter.

For more information about Greene County ARES, contact EC Fred Stone W8LLY at W8LLY@ARRL.net

GENERAL INFORMATION & REPORTS

BARC "Silent Keys"

The Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club extends its condolences to the families of recent "Silent Keys" Fred Bramsway and Harold Finafrock.

Fred "Gunny" Bramsway, age 68, KD8 "Victor Whiskey Hotel" passed on Tuesday, June 30th, at his residence in Beavercreek. Visitation was held Thursday evening, July 2nd, at Victory Baptist Church in Beavercreek and funeral service was held on Friday morning, July 3rd at Victory Baptist Church. BARC was represented by several members at the visitation and funeral.

Gunny was the grandfather of BARC member Ryan Bowman KD8VIG and father-in-law of BARC member Steve Bowman KD8VPT. Gunny's daughter Heather and granddaughter Hailey both have expressed interest in becoming hams.

Gunny earned his Technician Class license in November, 2013, following his participation in the Greene County Technician Class license course. He was an active member of BARC and will be missed.

Harold Finafrock, age 84, WD8RBR, passed on Sunday, July 5th. Visitation will be Saturday, July 25th, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at Conner & Koch Life Celebration Home in Bellbrook.

Harold, a Bellbrook resident, became a ham in the mid-1970's following participation in one of BARC's early license courses and quickly advanced to Extra Class license. Harold had a military background in electronics and was an excellent CW operator. He also was a very skilled craftsman and built some of his early ham equipment and accessories. He was an AMSAT member and one of his special interests for a number of years was amateur radio satellite communications.

Harold was an active BARC member for a number of years but has been an inactive ham for the past several years.

BARC Weekly Net

Remember to join your friends for the BARC weekly Net on Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM on the BARC 2m repeater, 147.045 (+)(no PL).

The Net provides an opportunity between Club meetings to share news and information about Club and personal projects and activities.

A BIG THANK YOU to co-Net Control Stations Eric Vinande KG6NFJ, Greg Goffe N8DRG and Mike Kinsey KD8GME, and Megan Espenshade-Vinande KD8RES who substitutes for Eric occasionally.

BARC Fundraising Opportunities

<u>KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM</u>

Please remember to use your Kroger Card when shopping at Kroger's and support BARC through the Kroger Rewards Program. If you have not yet signed up and need help, please bring your Kroger Card to the next BARC meeting and we'll help you get registered.

<u>AmazonSmile Rewards Program</u>

BARC is now registered in an Amazon rewards program called **AmazonSmile**. Charitable and nonprofit organizations receive **0.5%** of total purchase price (small but it adds up over time). A web page of basic Q&A info on the AmazonSmile program is available at:

http://smile.amazon.com/about/ref=smi_se_ft_abt_saas

You <u>must</u> shop through **smile.amazon.com** for BARC to receive benefits. You can use your existing Amazon account. To sign up, simply search for Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club as your preferred charity when prompted.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for BARC members (and family and friends) to support BARC, at no cost to you, every time you shop at Amazon. When you shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection & convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to BARC. So, be sure to register in AmazonSmile the next time you shop At Amazon and then log back in at AmazonSmile.

ARRL Discounted Membership Offer

BARC members are reminded that one of the benefits of Club membership is the opportunity to become an ARRL member at a discounted rate.

BARC is an ARRL affiliated club and receives a commission for new first-time ARRL memberships transacted through the Club. BARC passes on this discount as a club membership benefit in order to promote ARRL membership.

BARC members currently receive a \$15 discount on a <u>NEW</u> first year ARRL membership cost <u>when</u> <u>placed through the Club</u>. Please contact BARC Treasurer Paul Sharp KD8OPN for details.

PAST ACTIVITIES

Minutes—June 18th Club Meeting

By Steve Siwecki, KD8NUC, Secretary

Officers and Members-at-Large Present: 5

- Don Parker KB8PSL, President
- Chris Stauter KD8APN, Vice President
- Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer
- Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
- Jerry Cornett KD8TVP, Jr. Director

General Membership present: 22 Guests: 2 Total Attendance: 29

Quorum: Yes

Officers and Members-at-Large Absent:

• Megan Espenshade-Vinande KD8RES, Sr. Director (excused)

Vice President Chris Stauter called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Don Parker will arrive late this evening due to a scheduling conflict.

Members and guests present introduced themselves.

Meeting Program: Darryl Fowler KD8JQE presented a thorough breakdown of the upcoming BARC 2015 Field Day event, 27-28 June. The presentation was interactive with many BARC members participating in the discussion.

Member News:

- Fred "Gunny" Bramsway KD8VWH, who has been ill, is now home. It is not known if he is able to have visitors at this time.
- Wynn Rollert W6CDR sent BARC a Thank You card expressing his gratitude for all of the support following a recent personal tragedy. The card was passed around the clubhouse for members to read.

Member **Gerd Schrick WB8IFM** made the following announcements/comments:

- The Milford Amateur Radio Club Hamfest will be held Saturday, June 20. There will be some equipment dealers but it is primarily a flea market. Gerd will represent AMSAT.
- The National AMSAT Conference will be held in Dayton this year on October 15th.
- Gerd asserts that using the phonetic "Golf" for the letter "G", per the International Phonetic Alphabet, is hard to understand during periods of QRM. Rather, he recommends using "Germany" as the phonetic, particularly during our upcoming Field Day when identifying BARC's call "W8DGN". He notes that "Mike" for "M" is also problematic.
- Gerd shared the following sentiment that hams are "Not strangers; just friends who have never met"
- BARC member Carey Alexander K8DOT is now in a nursing home. He may attend the Field Day picnic.

• Gerd has a number of Post Cards for the European Hamfest.

Member **Henry Bussey W8TOG** made the following comments:

- BARC has a key to the gymnasium door for handicap access to the clubhouse.
- Please do not put trash in the clubhouse recycle bin.

Clubhouse Security. VP Chris Stauter has nothing new to report but reminded the membership that the recent vandalism of BARC's lockbox has prompted a need to evaluate overall Clubhouse security to consider any additional security measure that might be implemented. He is continuing to investigate such measures and will present a report at the next Planning Group meeting.

Emergency, Education, and Newsletter Coordinator Fred Stone W8LLY reports:

- Ohio ARES is on alert due to the excessive rainfall. Fred notes that the local golf course and driving range, and also the Sackett-Wright Park shelter and soccer field areas are "lakes".
- The overhead ceiling speaker project had been necessarily delayed while he tended to his wife during her extended illness.
- The clubhouse antenna project will continue after Field Day.
- No Newsletter or Education report.

Little Miami River Kleeners (LMRK). Darryl Fowler reports that the 2015 LMRK public service event (June 6th) was a success. The LMRK organizers were glad that BARC participated again. This year LMRK's own communication group co-located with BARC's net control at the Bellbrock Park shelter. They felt it helped their communications efforts as they could directly hear our net communications. Darryl also reminded participants that Fred Stone has the remaining LMRK T-shirts for participating BARC members that have yet to be claimed.

Secretary Steve Siwecki reported, on behalf of **Hospitality coordinator Tink Siwecki KD8NUA**:

- BARC Dinner and Movie Night will be held Thursday, June 25. Meatball subs, pasta salad and fruit will be served followed by "The Game" featuring Michael Douglas.
- A request for **Field Day Picnic RSVPs** was sent via the BARC e-mail reflector. As of this evening only six people have responded. Please RSVP to ensure enough food is provided.

Citizens Emergency Response Training (CERT). Ken Cornett N8SPW reports that CERT training in association with the Beavercreek Township Fire Department will be available again in October 2015. The additional training is possible thanks to a Greene County grant. Ken described the training in detail and will keep the membership informed as the registration period approaches.

Treasurer's Report. Mr. Paul Sharp reports the following BARC fund status as of June 9, 2015:

Funds	08-May-15	Income	Expense	9-June-15
General				
Comm Center				
Refreshments				
Repeater				
ALL FUNDS				

Paul also reports:

- Quarterly **Kroger Community Rewards** income of \$126.38 was recently received.
- An apology letter was received from the juvenile who vandalized the BARC lockbox. Paul read the letter aloud to the members present. A check was also received to cover the replacement cost of the lockbox.
- ARRL insurance provider "Hays" has been replaced by "Risk Strategies". Paul has noted improved service with the new provider.
- Income from **Amazon Smile** is available. Paul will check with Sr. Director Megan Espenshade-Vinande for account access (Megan is currently on "Maternity Leave").

Congratulations to Megan KD8RES and Eric KG8NFJ on the birth of their first baby – *Lyra* – who made her entrance at 11:32 Friday, May 29.

Approval of the May 2015 Club Meeting Minutes. Fred Stone W8LLY put forth a motion to approve the May 2015 meeting minutes as written. Joe Muchnij N8QOD offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report. Joe Muchnij N8QOD put forth a motion to approve the June 2015 Treasurer's report. Ken Gunton W8ASA offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Old Business

Antenna Rotor Refurbishment Project. Jim Tiderman N8IDS has six BARC rotors ready to reassemble. He will be able to complete one or two per week. Prior to this month, Jim has been quite busy as Hamvention General Chairman.

Antenna Building Class/Workshop. Ken Cornett plans to develop and hold a hands-on antenna building class and workshop in July or August. He will likely offer the event through GCARES.

President Don Parker reports:

- BARC 40th birthday will occur on July 4th 2016. A birthday "bash" with a cookout and a special event station is planned.
- The July 2, 2015 Planning Group Meeting is cancelled due its proximity to the Independence Day Holiday this year. The next Planning Group meeting will be held on the regularly scheduled meeting day of August 6, 2015.
- The August BARC General Membership Meeting will be held one week early on the second Thursday, August 13, 2015, due to the Lion's Club Festival which is held on the school grounds—and thereby limiting convenient available parking for BARC meeting attendees.

Darryl Fowler reports that the Raven Rock Shoe Store located near Wilmington Pike and Clyo Road is going out-of-business and may have **emergency safety vests** available at highly discounted prices.

Adjournment. Henry Bussey W8TOG put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jim Totten WA8HUB offered a second to the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Notes—July 2nd Planning Group Mtg

The July Planning Group meeting was cancelled due to its proximity to the July 4th Independence Day Holiday.

BARC 2015 Field Day Exercise

A Summary Report will be presented in the August Newsletter and a Photo Review of BARC's 2015 Field Day Exercise will be presented as the program for the August Club Meeting.

A big thank you BARC Field Day Coordinator Darryl Fowler KD8JQE and to all of the others who participated to make Field Day 2015 another successful BARC event.

Happy Birthday, BARC !!

BARC turned 39 on the 4th of July!

The Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club was officially founded on July 4, 1976, our country's 200th birthday, by 20 charter members. Thus, this year marks the Club's 39th birthday.

BARC was initially organized in the summer of 1974 as the *Communications Group* for the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Disaster Plan established following the April 3rd 1974 "Xenia Tornado."

Preliminary plans already have been discussed for a BARC 40th Birthday Bash to include a cookout, open

house and special event station. So start gathering up your party supplies and plan to celebrate BARC's 40th next July.

Please see below for:

- -- BARC Calendar
- -- 2015 Officers & Coordinators
- -- In the Event of an Emergency Situation
- -- Directions to the BARC Clubhouse

BARC CALENDAR

(all times are local)

JULY	2015
04 Sa	Happy Birthday BARC – 39 years old
Cancelled	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
16 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
23 Th	BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900
	NO GCARES Meeting This Month

AUGUST 2015

06	Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
13	Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
22	Sa	Bellbrook Lions Festival Parade Meet at 1430—Bellbrook Community Church Parking Lot—Ops on 147.405(s)
22	Sa	Ohio QSO Party 1200-2400
25	Tu	Montgomery County ARES Meeting, 1900, Red Cross Dayton Area Chapter
27	Th	BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900
31	Μ	GCARES Meeting, 1930, BTFD Station 1

SEPTEMBER 2015

	MIDER 2015
03 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
06 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130
13 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130
17 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting, 1930 BARC Clubhouse
19 Sa	USAF Marathon, WPAFB
20 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130
24 Th	BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900
27 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130
	NO GCARES Meeting This Month

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01 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse			
03 Sa	GCARES & Ohio Section ARES 2014 Simulated Emergency Test			
04 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130			
06 Tu	Bellbrook Fire Department Open House BFD Station 2, 1800-2100 BARC Display and interaction w/Public			
11 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130			
15 Th	BARC 4 th Annual Chili Supper, 1830 Invite Spouse / Family Brief Regular Monthly Meeting, 1930 BARC Clubhouse			
18 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130			
25 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130			
26 M	GCARES Meeting, 1930, BTFD Station 61			
27 Tu	Montgomery County ARES Meeting, 1900, Red Cross Dayton Area Chapter			
29 Th	BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900			

NOVEMBER 2015

01 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130
05 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
07 Sa	ARRL November Sweepstakes—CW BARC Comm Center—Starts 1600 Saturday, Ends 2200 Sunday
08 Su	Technician Class License Course BARC Clubhouse—Training Center 1830-2130
15 Su	Greene County License Tests 1800, BTFD Station 1
19 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
21 Sa	ARRL November Sweepstakes—Phone BARC Comm Center—Starts 1600 Saturday, Ends 2200 Sunday
	NO GCARES Meeting This Month

DECEMBER 2015		
03 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse	
17 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse	
	NO GCARES Meeting This Month	

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NETS Daily 1030, 1615 and 1845 Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN) (Sunday Primary: 3972.5 KHz LSB through Saturday) Alternates: 3968 & 7272 KHz LSB 1900 Newcomers & Elmers Net Sundays (Cincinnati) 146.670 (-) (123.0 PL) 2000 BARC Weekly Net Sundays 147.045 (+) (no PL) 2100 Miami Co. Voice/Data Net (Data Net follows Voice Net) Sundays 145.230 (-) (no PL) 1900 Ohio ARES HF Net W8SGT Net Control at OEMA HQ Tuesdays Primary: 3875 KHz LSB Alternate: 7240 KHz LSB 2000 Ohio Digital E Mat

Tuesdays	2000 Ohio Digital Emergency Net Primary: 3580 KHz USB Alternate: 7072 KHz USB
Tuesdays	2000 MoCoARES Weekly Net 146.640 (-) (123.0 Hz PL) (Except—No Net on last Tuesday of even months (MoCoARES meeting) (Except—On 2 nd Tuesday: Voice and Data Net on 444.250 (+) (123.0 PL)
Tuesdays	2100 GCARES Net (Voice/Data/Mesh) 146.910 (-)(no PL) [Alt = 147.045]
Wednesdays	2000 Ohio District 3 ARES Net (West Central Ohio Regional Net) 145.110 (-) (67.0 Hz PL)
Wednesdays	<u>2000 Beginners Net</u> (Dayton Area) 444.87 (+) (94.8 PL)

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In the event of an actual, anticipated or potential emergency situation,

MONITOR (or ACTIVATE)

a Greene County Information & Alerting Net on 147.165 MHz

Directions

to the BARC Clubhouse and Communications Center

The BARC Clubhouse & Communications Center Rooms 1 & 3 Lower Level Sugarcreek Elementary School 51 S. East Street, Bellbrook (One block east & one block south from the traffic light in downtown Bellbrook — Enter at South end of building)