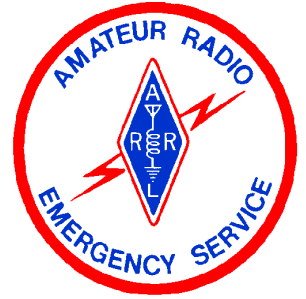


**BELLBROOK
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**
Bellbrook, Ohio
W8DGN



An ARRL Special Service Club

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NEXT MEETING

BARC 9th ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER

6:30 PM

3rd Thursday 18 October

At the Clubhouse

**Invite your spouse & family
or “significant other”**

(Brief Business Meeting)

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

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BARC October 18th Club Meeting

- 9th Annual Chili Supper—BARC Clubhouse
- **Starts at 6:30 PM** Gather between 6:00-6:30 PM
- Several varieties of Chili, cornbread, desserts — provided by various members
- Soft drinks, bottled water
- Invite your spouse / significant-other / family to join you for this annual event — Come and Enjoy!!
- Brief Business meeting

Greene Co License Courses (continuing)

Fall amateur radio license course, jointly sponsored by BARC, UVARC, XWARN and GCARES, began Sunday 09 September at 7:00 PM and will continue weekly through Sunday 05 November.

The Exam Session will be held Sunday (Nov. 11th).

Montgomery County ARES (10/23)

The next Montgomery County ARES general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23rd, 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.

The Program will be a presentation on NVIS and portable antennas.

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

BARC "Dinner & A Movie" (10/25)

The next **BARC "Dinner & A Movie Night"** will be on the usual **LAST** Thursday, October 25th, at 7 PM at the BARC Club House.

The movie title and 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.

Greene County ARES Meeting (10/29)

The next Greene County ARES meeting will be held on the last Monday, October 29th, 7:30 PM, at Beaver Creek Township Fire Department Station 61 Training Room, 1295 East Dayton Xenia Road, just west of Orchard Lane.

The primary agenda item will be a Debriefing for the 2018 ARES Simulated Emergency Exercise (SET) held 06 October.

For more information about Greene County ARES, contact EC Henry Ruminski, W8HJR, at Henry.Ruminski@wright.edu

BARC Planning Group Meeting (11/01)

The next BARC Planning Group Meeting will be held November 1st (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.

[BARC Tech Night \(11/08\)](#)

BARC Tech Night will be held monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 PM and all members and guests are invited and encouraged to attend for an educational evening.

Some Tech Nights may have a presentation or demonstration about using the available test equipment for testing, evaluating and repairing equipment, or other related topics.

The BARC Service Bench is available for members' use at any day or time. However, please be aware that the Service Bench may be pre-scheduled on Tech Nights for special projects, demonstrations or presentations. Members are invited to suggest, offer or request Tech Night demonstrations or projects of special interest.

The Service Bench also has a coax outlet connected to a port on the Antenna Patch Panel for connecting a transceiver, etc., on the Bench to one of the HF, VHF or UHF antennas. A Dummy Load also is available for testing transmitters.

BARC's **SERVICE BENCH** was recently constructed to give BARC members a place to work on their equipment and/or construct new equipment, kits, etc.

[MVMA MESH Meeting \(11/10\)](#)

The next meeting of the GCARES / Miami Valley Mesh Alliance will be Saturday, November 10th at BARC Clubhouse.

[Greene County VE Test Session \(11/11\)](#)

The Fall 2018 Greene County VE Test Session will be Sunday, November 11th, 6:00 PM, at Beavercreek Township Fire Department Station 61 Training Room, 1295 East Dayton Xenia Road, just west of Orchard Lane.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

[BARC November Club Meeting \(11/15\)](#)

The BARC November General Membership Meeting will be on the usual 3rd Thursday, November 15th. Further details in the November Newsletter.

GENERAL INFORMATION & REPORTS

[BARC Clubhouse Street Level Access](#)

Remember that street level access to the BARC Clubhouse is now available for members preferring not to have to climb up and down steps in order to attend BARC meetings, movie night and other Club activities.

A volunteer team of BARC members will take turns welcoming members and guests, who prefer street level access, to enter at the Gym exterior entrance on the north side of the school (near the rear north-east corner) from apx 7:00-7:30 PM on regular meeting nights and movie nights.

NOTE: If you arrive after 7:30 PM, please call the BARC Clubhouse Phone Number (937-985-7698) so someone can come open the door for you. We don't want anyone not to attend Club meetings and activities because of the steps.

[BARC 2019 Dues Now Payable](#)

BARC Treasurer Paul Sharp KD8OPN has announced that he now is accepting dues for 2019.

Most BARC memberships expire December 31, 2018—including new hams licensed in 2018 who paid 2018 dues and received free HT Transceiver.

The Free Memberships for hams newly licensed in 2018 expire 12 months from the end of the month first licensed. Free memberships for new hams licensed in November or December 2018 are good through December 31, 2019. New members joining BARC in November or December 2018 pay \$15 which includes 2019 dues.

- Annual membership renewal is \$15 per member and \$3 for each additional family member living at the same address.
- BARC members first licensed in 2018 who elected free membership will be notified by the Treasurer of their free membership expiration date. Such members will pay a pro-rated amount of dues for the 2019 membership year.
- 2018 memberships become delinquent if not renewed by the February 2019 meeting. The 2019 Membership Directory will include all members who have renewed or joined by 1 March 2019.

Dues help support Club activities such as the Clubhouse, the Communications Center, Field Day

expenses, the Repeaters, and other purchases and activities as approved by the Club during the year.

BARC Treasurer Paul Sharp will accept dues at Club meetings and other Club activities or you may send your check via U.S. mail to:

**Paul Sharp KD8OPN, BARC Treasurer
PO Box 73, Bellbrook OH 45305**

When you pay your 2019 dues, please complete and return a new Membership Registration Form to update Club records. Registration Form available from Treasurer or may be downloaded from BARC website.

A separate Registration Form should be completed for each family member. Please include ALL of the information requested (for Club records). You may draw a circle around any information you do not want published in the BARC Directory. Information in the BARC Directory is confidential only to the extent that the Directory is distributed only to Club members and is not to be given out to non-members.

A 2019 BARC Directory will be distributed by email and a few printed copies may be available at the March 2018 Club meeting.

BARC 2018 Meeting Presentations

BARC Program Coordinator Jim Totten announced the following Schedule of Programs to be presented for the remaining 2018 meetings.

2018 Scheduled Meeting Presentations

Oct: "9TH Annual BARC Chili Supper"

Nov: "Portable/Off-Grid Digital Operations",
Roger Parrett NQ8RP

Dec: "VLF Experiments", Brian Dukes KI8FW

Please contact Vice President Jim Totten WA8HUB with suggestions for future presentations. Two topics already suggested are:

1. Basic Operating Techniques - HF
2. Basic Operating Techniques - VHF

If you would like to speak on one of these topics or another topic or demonstration, please let Jim know. Presentations normally are 20-45 minutes and can be in whatever style you prefer.

BARC Weekly Net—Sundays 8 PM

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). BARC's 70cm repeater, 443.675 (+)(no PL), is the alternate in the event the 2m repeater is not useable.

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

Thank You! to the following BARC member who fulfill the monthly schedule for current **Regular Net Control Stations:** Ken Moak KM8AM (1st Sunday), Steve Siwecki KD8NUC (2nd Sunday), Eric Vinande KG6NFJ (3rd Sunday), Paul Sharp KD8OPN (4th Sunday), and Mike Kinsey KD8GME (on 5th Sundays).

Backup Net Control Operators who offer to substitute for regular NCO's include Chris Stauter KD8APN, Karen Moak KM8Q, Larry Darner KD8RER and Greg Goffe N8DRG.

BARC Fundraising Opportunities

• Kroger's Rewards Program

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.

• AmazonSmile Rewards Program

BARC is registered in an Amazon rewards program called **AmazonSmile**. Charitable and non-profit 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 must shop through **smile.amazon.com** for BARC to receive benefits. You can use your existing Amazon account. When you sign up for **AmazonSmile**, simply select 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. Just log in to Amazon like you usually do and you'll be asked if you want to use AmazonSmile. Just click YES and you're ready to shop.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, 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 price.

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

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

PAST ACTIVITIES

[Minutes-August 23rd Club Meeting](#)

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary

Officers and Members-at-Large Present: 5

- Tink Siwecki KD8NUA, President
- Jim Totten WA8HUB, Vice President
- Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer
- Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
- Don Parker KP8PSL, Senior Director

General Membership Present: 24

Guests: 3

Total Attendance: 32

Quorum: Yes

Officers and Members-at-Large Absent:

- James Lusk KC8EFD, Junior Director (excused)

Call to Order. The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Members and Guests Introduced themselves.

Meeting Program. "Grounding & Bonding" by Ken Moak KM8AM.

Approval of Club Meeting Minutes. Ken Gunton W8ASA put forth the motion to approve the August 2018 General Membership Meeting minutes as written. Jim Totten offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership in attendance.

BARC Financial Report. Treasurer Paul Sharp reports, in round numbers, an "all funds" beginning balance of \$6284; \$60 of income; \$181 in expenses with an ending balance of \$6163 for the BARC financial reporting period ending in September. BARC has since received \$21.90 from Amazon Smile; \$78.40 from Kroger Community Rewards; and a donation of \$500 from the Bellbrook Lions Club (for

BARC's overall management of the 2018 Bellbrook Lions Festival Parade).

Paul asks that members check the monthly club roster updates, sent via the email reflector, to ensure their member data is accurate.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report. Jim Totten WA8HUB put forth the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Joe Muchnij N8QOD offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

Trailblazer Run Event. Darryl Fowler KD8JQE is organizing Amateur Radio Communication for this event to be held 23 September from 1-6 PM. He is seeking volunteers and requires a minimum of 7 volunteers. Darryl asks for commitments by tomorrow.

All BARC / No Bite Challenge. Bob French AC8ZU explained the streamlining of the All BARC/No Bite Challenge. Please see the reflector email that he sent out yesterday for details.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Tom McClory KE8FWZ expresses his thanks to BARC for hosting this upcoming event on the 3rd Saturday of October. Trevor Clarke K8TRC is the BARC liaison. Please see the reflector emails for details and contact Trevor or Tom to volunteer.

Annual Chili Dinner Meeting. BARC's annual chili dinner takes the place of the October General Membership Meeting. Please see Tink and sign-up to bring chili, bread or fixings. The dinner starts at 6:30 on Thursday October 18th. No business will be conducted.

Clubhouse Facility. The president reminded the members to keep the clubhouse, including the new electronics service bench, clean and free of clutter.

Nominations Committee. Fred Stone W8LLY, Henry Ruminski W8HJR, and Darryl Fowler KD8JQE volunteered to serve on the nomination committee this year to establish a slate of candidates for election of BARC officers and the Jr. Director for 2019

Janet Graham W8ICQ put forth the motion to approve the Nominations Committee volunteers. Joe Muchnij N8QOD offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

Education. Fred Stone reports that sixteen Technician Class license students, four General Class license students and 3 Amateur Extra Class license students reported for training. An additional three students are expected for the General Class license course.

Simulated Emergency Test (SET). BARC and GCARES will participate in the 2018 SET on 6 October from 8:30 until noon. Roger Parrett NQ8RP will coordinate BARC's participation, and Henry Ruminski W8HJR will coordinate GCARES. Please see the newsletter for a detailed description of the SET and how to participate.

Contesting. Ken Gunton reports upcoming contests include CQWW DX SSB, CQWW DX CW and the ARRL Sweepstakes. He encourages member participation for enhancement of one's radio operator abilities.

Microwave Update (MUD) 2018. Member Joe Muchnij reports that the international MUD Conference will be held in Dayton this year at the Holiday Inn near WSU. Full details can be found at microwaveupdate.org.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Ken Gunton W8ASA. Bob French AC8ZU offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

[Planning Group Notes—Oct. 4th, 2018](#)

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary

Officers & Members-at-Large Present:

Natinka Siwecki KD8NUA, President
Jim Totten WA8HUB Vice President
Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
Don Parker KB8PSL, Sr. Director
James Lusk KC8EFD, Jr. Director

Functional Coordinators Present:

Roger Parrett NQ8RP, EmComm/Prep
Fred Stone W8LLY, Education/Newsletter

General Membership Present:

Trevor Clarke K8TRC
Dave Walton KD8GCR
Darrel Fowler KD8JQE
John Westerkamp W8LRJ

Guests:

Tom McClory KE8FWZ

Officers & Members-at-Large Absent:

Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by the President.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). JOTA at the BARC Clubhouse is shaping up. To date seventeen scouts have signed up to participate. Radio operations are planned from 1-3 PM local and 7:30 – 10:00 PM local. See past BARC reflector emails for details.

Clubhouse EmComm Generator. Nothing Significant to report.

BARC Meeting Teleconferencing.

John Westerkamp and Jim Wilder WG8KGB have proposed the use of Zoom.us to video teleconference BARC general membership meetings for those members unable to attend in person. Access would be strictly controlled and limited to members, or to guest program presenters only (e.g. via invitation and passcodes). An HD camera and tripod are currently available in the clubhouse. The Planning Group consents to the teleconferencing provided that John and Jim (or their designee) take full responsibility for implementing and running the teleconference.

Annual Chili Dinner Meeting. BARC's annual chili dinner takes the place of the October General Membership Meeting. The dinner starts at 6:30 on Thursday October 18th. No business will be conducted.

BARC Community Marquee Signs. Fred Stone has received a quote from "Signarama". The cost for five signs will be approximately \$500 or \$100.00 per sign. This includes a one-time set-up cost divided across the initial five signs. The new signs will be patterned after the original BARC marquee signs for better visibility and readability. The planning group has consented to the purchase of the five signs to replace the four Bellbrook community marquee signs plus one for club use. The Lions Club (owner of the marquee boards) will mount the signs. Any future printings of these signs will not include the one-time set-up fee.

Clubhouse. Fred will introduce Clubhouse Coordinator Jim Lusk to with the new school superintendent.

Lions Club Donation. The president sent a thank you letter to the Lions Club for their recent donation.

Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Fred Stone provided a detailed description of BARC's planned participation in the 2018 SET. The newsletter also provides a description of the SET and how to participate.

Bellbrook Fire Dept Open House. The 2018 annual Bellbrook Fire Department Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at Bellbrook Fire Station 22. Set up will take place at 5:30. Roger Parrett and Fred have volunteered to participate. Fred will seek additional volunteers.

Communication Center Antennas. The half inch hardline is still currently stored at the repeater site and needs to be transported to the clubhouse. Ken Moak will be contacted concerning the purchase of appropriate connectors. Lynn Rogers will be

fabricating new robust mounts for the vertical antenna to be refurbished by the "Tech Night" participants.

Repeaters. The repeater site owner is currently unavailable to install the 7/8" hardline but Repeater Coordinator Russ Roysden believes that the installation can still occur before cold weather hits.

A duplexer would eliminate the need for separate send and receive antennas for BARC's future 6-m repeater.

A repeater back-up generator is still a necessity. Options are the propane-fueled generator previously donated to BARC by XWARN or the tower owner's generator currently located at the repeater site (may need to be repaired first).

Ham Class Online. Member John Westerkamp provided an overview of an online ham license course the he and Jim Wilder provide. The course is presented live via Zoom.us. They have recently trained three out-of-area students. John and Jim inquired about the use of the Clubhouse facilities to host the independent online courses. The course duration is one weekend lasting 5-hours on a Saturday and 5-hours on a Sunday. The Planning Group consents to the use of the clubhouse facilities provided non-interference with BARC events or the Greene County license courses.

Donated Equipment. A radio system was recently donated by a former Club member. The Planning Group has decided to keep the radio as a spare for Club use and possible use as a loaner for members.

ARES Connect. John Westerkamp is currently the GCARES representative for "ARES Connect"; a volunteer management, communications, and reporting system.

Clubhouse "Magic Jack" phone. Members are reminded to leave the Magic Jack computer power on in order to receive calls at the clubhouse.

Adjournment. The president adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NETS

Daily (Sunday through Saturday)	1030, 1615 and 1845 Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN) Primary: 3972.5 KHz LSB Alternates: 3968 & 7272 KHz LSB
Sundays	1900 Newcomers & Elmers Net (Cincinnati) 146.670 (-) (123.0 PL)
Sundays	2000 BARC Weekly Net 147.045 (+) (no PL) [Alt = 443.675]
Sundays	2100 Miami Co. Voice/Data Net (Data Net follows Voice Net) 145.230 (-) (no PL)
Tuesdays	1900 Ohio ARES HF Net W8SGT Net Control at OEMA HQ Primary: 3902 KHz LSB (+/- QRM) Alternate: 7240 KHz LSB
Tuesdays	2000 Ohio Digital Emergency Net Primary: 3585 KHz USB Alternate: 7072 KHz USB
Tuesdays	2000 MoCoARES Weekly Net 146.640 (-) (123.0 Hz PL) (<u>Except</u> —No Net on last Tuesday of even months (MoCoARES meeting)) (<u>Except</u> —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 = 442.725]
Wednesdays	2000 Ohio District 3 ARES Net (West Central Ohio Regional Net) Primary: 145.110 (-) (67.0 PL) Alternate: 146.820 (-) (77.0 PL)
Wednesdays	2000 Beginners Net (Dayton Area) 444.875 (+) (94.8 PL)

Please see below for:

- Regularly Scheduled Nets
 - *BARC Calendar*
 - *2018 Officers & Coordinators*
 - *In the Event of an Emergency Situation*
 - *Directions to the BARC Clubhouse*
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BARC CALENDAR

(all times are local)

OCTOBER 2018

04 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
06 Sa	GCARES & Ohio Section ARES 2016 Simulated Emergency Test
07 Su	Technician Class License Course. 1900 BARC Clubhouse—Training Center Room reserved from 1830-2130
09 Tu	Bellbrook Fire Department Open House BFD Station 2, 1800-2100 BARC Display and interaction w/Public
11 Th	BARC Tech Night 1900 BARC Clubhouse
13 Sa	MVMA--Miami Valley Mesh Alliance Meeting, 0930-1200, DARA Clubhouse
14 Su	Technician Class License Course, 1900 BARC Clubhouse—Training Center
18 Th	BARC 7 th Annual Chili Supper, 1830 Invite Spouse-Family-Significant Other Brief Regular Monthly Meeting, 1930 BARC Clubhouse
21 Su	Technician Class License Course, 1900 BARC Clubhouse—Training Center Room reserved from 1830-2130
23 Tu	Montgomery County ARES Meeting, 1900, Red Cross Dayton Area Chapter
25 Th	BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900
28 Su	Technician Class License Course, 1900 BARC Clubhouse—Training Center Room reserved from 1830-2130
29 M	GCARES Meeting, 1930, BTFD Station 61

NOVEMBER 2018

01 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
03-04 Sa-Su	ARRL November Sweepstakes—CW BARC Comm Center—Starts 1600 Saturday, Ends 2200 Sunday
04 Su	Technician Class License Course, 1900 BARC Clubhouse—Training Center Room reserved from 1830-2130
08 Th	BARC Tech Night 1900 BARC Clubhouse
10 Sa	MVMA--Miami Valley Mesh Alliance Meeting, 0930-1200, BARC Clubhouse

11 Su	Greene County License Tests 1800, BTFD Station 61
15 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
17-18 Sa-Su	ARRL November Sweepstakes—Phone BARC Comm Center—Starts 1600 Saturday, Ends 2200 Sunday
-----	NO BARC "Dinner & A Movie"
-----	NO GCARES Meeting This Month
-----	NO MoCoARES Meeting This Month

DECEMBER 2018

06 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
08 Sa	MVMA--Miami Valley Mesh Alliance Meeting, 0930-1200, DARA Clubhouse
13 Th	BARC Tech Night 1900 BARC Clubhouse
20 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
-----	NO BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900
-----	NO GCARES Meeting This Month
-----	No MoCoARES Meeting This Month

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In the event of an actual,
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MONITOR (or ACTIVATE)

a Greene County
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on 147.165 MHz (Alt: 147.045)

Directions to the BARC Clubhouse and Communications Center

The BARC Clubhouse
& Communication 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)