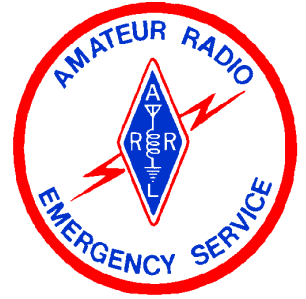


**BELLBROOK
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**
Bellbrook, Ohio
W8DGN



An ARRL Special Service Club

November 2019 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

3rd Thursday, 21 November, 7:30 PM

BARC Clubhouse & Communications Center
Sugar Creek 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

Using SDRs With Amateur Radios

by Roger Parrett, NQ8RP

Roger will present an overview of how he configured a software defined radio (SDRPlay RSPduo) to his Icom IC-7200 Transceiver using various off-the-shelf hardware and software components in order to achieve better receiver performance and panadapter support when working FT-8.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BARC November 21st Club Meeting

7:00 PM: Pre-meeting Hospitality & Refreshments

7:30 PM: Regular monthly Club meeting

Program Presentation:

Off Grid Communications

by Roger Parrett, NQ8RP

Business meeting: Follows Presentation

- **Nominations Committee Report**
- **And Open Nominations from the Floor**

BARC Ham Shack Tour (11/23)

This is a special event activity for BARC to be held Saturday 23 November starting at 9:30 AM at the Clubhouse with breakfast and a few briefings from various members about their stations.

The group then will move out to tour several members' stations and the BARC / GCARES repeater site. The "Tour" is planned to conclude between around 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM.

John Westerkamp W8LRJ has planned and will be coordinating this activity. He requests all who plan to participate in this event to let him know by mid-day Friday so he will be sure to have enough food available for breakfast.

BARC "Dinner & A Movie"

There will be **NO BARC "Dinner & A Movie Night" in November and December because of the proximity to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.**

The next BARC "Dinner & A Movie Night" will be January 30, 2020, on the usual **LAST** Thursday of the month, at 7 PM at the BARC Clubhouse.

The movie title and dinner menu will be announced at the January Club meeting and via the BARC Reflector. All members and guests are invited to enjoy these monthly BARC fun and fellowship events.

NEXT MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

BARC Skills Night (12/03)

The next BARC Skills Night will be held December 3rd (1st Tuesday) at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Details and information about the presentation will be announced via the BARC email reflector.

BARC Planning Group Meeting (12/05)

The next BARC Planning Group Meeting will be held December 5th (1st Thursday) at 7:30 PM at the

Clubhouse. All Officers and Directors 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 \(12/12\)](#)

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** provides a great place to experiment and work on projects and equipment, etc.

[MESH Group Meeting \(12/14\)](#)

The next meeting of the GCARES / Miami Valley Mesh Alliance will be Saturday, December 14th at the DARA Clubhouse.

[BARC December Club Meeting \(12/19\)](#)

The BARC December General Membership Meeting will be on the usual 3rd Thursday, December 19th. **Special business will be the Election of 2020 Officers.** Further details in the December Newsletter.

[BARC 12th Annual Holiday Luncheon \(Friday 12/27\)](#)

All BARC members, "friends of BARC," and their spouses/significant others and families are invited to attend the 12th Annual BARC Holiday Luncheon on **Friday, December 27, 11:30 AM at Marion's Pizza** in Beaver Creek. Plan now to join your BARC friends for this Holiday Get Together!!

Seating will be reserved in the "group party area." **Gather between 11:00 and 11:30 AM** and we'll order around 11:30 AM. Plan now to join us for this ***BARC Holiday FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP event.***

[Beaver Creek 34th Annual New Year's Eve 5K Resolution Run \(12/31\)](#)

Plan now to participate in the ham radio support for the 34th Annual Beaver Creek 5-K Resolution Run New Year's Eve. 30-plus operators are needed to provide safety and logistics communications and help light the course with their vehicle headlights during the race.

This is a preliminary announcement. Further details and information in the BARC December Newsletter and via the BARC email Reflector (and other area email lists).

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

[Spring Greene Co License Courses](#)

Spring 2020 Greene County amateur radio license courses, jointly sponsored by BARC, UVARC, XWARN and GCARES, will begin Sunday evening 09 February at 7:00 PM and will continue weekly through Sunday 05 April.

Easter Sunday is April 12th next year; thus, the Spring Test Session will be held Sunday 19 April at 6:00 PM at the usual Beaver Creek Township Fire Station 1 (Greene County #61) on Dayton-Xenia Road, just west of Orchard Lane.

[Greene County ARES Meeting \(10/28\)](#)

The next Greene County ARES meeting will be held February 24th (the last Monday) at 7:30 PM, at Beaver Creek Township Fire Department Station 1 (GC 61) Training Room, 1295 East Dayton Xenia Road, just west of Orchard Lane.

More information and discussion items will be distributed via email announcements prior to that meeting.

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

[Montgomery County ARES \(10/29\)](#)

The next Montgomery County ARES general membership meeting will be held February 25th (the usual last Tuesday) 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 and agenda items will be announced via email prior to that meeting.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION & REPORTS

Greene County VE Test Results

The Fall Greene County VE Test Session was conducted Sunday 10 November at Beaver Creek Township Fire Station 1 (GC #61).

The following Technician Class students took the test and earned their license:

- KE8NHQ Carrie Campbell, Bellbrook
- KE8NHR Joe Sabo, Fairborn
- KE8NHS Austin Collins, Kettering
- KE8NHV Jenifer Lansing, Spring Valley
- KE8NHW Jeannie Holt, Fairborn

Several others are planning to take the test later this month or next.

BARC member Jim Martin KE8KWB upgraded to General Class and BARC member Jack Pence upgraded to Extra Class.

Let's CONGRATULATE all of these new and upgraded hams!

Several of these new hams already have joined BARC or have expressed interest in joining. Please welcome them!

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 Meetings Now Being Streamed

Thanks to Jim Wilder and John Westerkamp, BARC monthly 3rd Thursday Club meetings now are being streamed on the internet. If you are not able or available to attend a meeting in person, you are invited to watch via "Zoom Meeting" at 7:30 PM ET. The link is: <https://zoom.us/j/565453878> for the currently scheduled July 18 and August 15 meetings. Watch for an announcement from John Westerkamp a day or two prior to the monthly meetings for updated information. If you have questions, you can email John W8LRJ at westerkampj@gmail.com

BARC 2020 Dues Now Payable

BARC Treasurer Paul Sharp KD8OPN has announced that he now is accepting dues for 2020.

Most BARC memberships expire December 31, 2019—including new hams licensed in 2019 who paid 2019 dues and received free HT Transceiver.

The Free Memberships for hams newly licensed in 2019 expire 12 months from the end of the month first licensed. Free memberships for new hams licensed in November or December 2019 are good through December 31, 2020. New members joining BARC in November or December 2019 pay \$15 which includes 2020 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 2019 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.
- 2019 memberships become delinquent if not renewed by the February 2020 meeting. The 2020 Membership Directory will include all members who have renewed or joined by 1 March 2020.

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 2020 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 2020 BARC Directory will be distributed by email and a few printed copies may be available at the March 2020 Club meeting.

[BARC Meeting Presentations](#)

2019 Scheduled Meeting Presentations

- **Nov:** “~~(Title TBA)~~” by Darryl McGill KD8IZY
- **Dec:** “NanoVNA” by Trevor Clarke K8TRC

Please contact Vice President Jim Totten WA8HUB with suggestions for future presentations.

We'll be starting a new List of Presentations for 2020 -- Think about it . . . What topics would you like to hear about? What can **YOU** contribute??

[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 BARC 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 currently fulfill the monthly schedule for **Regular Net Control Stations**: Jim Dean KE8HUD (1st Sunday), Tink KD8NUA & Steve KD8NUC Siwecki (2nd Sunday), Eric Vinande KG6NFJ (3rd Sunday), Paul Sharp KD8OPN (4th Sunday) and John Westerkamp W8LRJ (5th Sundays).

[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-October 17th Club Meeting](#)

Officers and Members-at-Large Present: 6

- Tink Siwecki KD8NUA, President
- Jim Totten WA8HUB, Vice President
- Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer
- Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
- James Lusk KC8EFD, Senior Director
- Roger Parrett NQ8RP, Junior Director

General Membership Present: 31

Guests: 11

Total Attendance: 48

Quorum: Yes

Officers and Members-at-Large Absent: 0

BARC Annual Chili Dinner. The dinner opened with prayer at approximately 6:30 PM

Call to Order. The president called business meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Approval of Club Meeting Minutes. Ken Gunton W8ASA put forth the motion to approve the September 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes as written. Jim Totten WA8HUB offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership in attendance.

Treasurer's Report. Paul Sharp provided the financial summary for the period ending 9 October:

Paul reports that a \$500 donation check was received from the Lion's Club for BARC's overall organization and management of the parade for the Lions Club.

Ray Hitt N8VMX put forth the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Joe Muchnij N8QOD offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership in attendance.

Paul also announced that a Net Controller is needed for the 1st Sunday of the month.

QSL Coordinator: Jim Gifford KD8APT was appointed by the president to the BARC QSL Coordinator position.

Steve Siwecki KD8NUC put forth a motion to confirm Jim Gifford KD8APT as BARC QSL Coordinator. Ray Hit N8VMX offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

Adjournment. Jim Totten WA8HUB put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emerio Ordoñez KE8JNQ offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

[Planning Group Notes-Nov 7, 2019](#)

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary

Officers & Members-at-Large Present:

Natinka Siwecki KD8NUA, President
Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
James Lusk KC8EFD, Sr. Director
Roger Parrett NQ8RP, Jr. Director

Functional Coordinators Present:

Henry Ruminski W8HJR, GCARES Liaison
Fred Stone W8LLY, Newsletter
John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Education

General Membership Present:

Jacalyn Wysong KE8LZE

Officers & Members-at-Large Absent:

Jim Totten WA8HUB, Vice President
Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 by the President.

On-Air Morse Code Course. Ralph Pamer AA8P will conduct beginners Morse code classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:30PM on 145.850 simplex. This is open to the in-range Amateur Radio community.

BARC Holiday Luncheon. The BARC 12th Annual Holiday Luncheon will take place on Friday, December 27th at 11:30 AM. Reservations will be made for 11:00 AM to start gathering.

Communication Center. Fred Stone will prepare and communicate a proposal for a Communication Center Committee. Said committee could be better thought of as a "Focus Group" consisting of high-level stakeholders such as the:

- Communication Center Coordinator;
- EmComm Coordinator;
- MESH Lead;
- Contesting Lead'
- other interested parties,

whose roles are directly affected by club station assets and readiness. The group would foster synergy to ensure the needs of each function are met, coordinate tasks for timely completion, and ease the decision-making burden from the time-limited planning group.

Treasurer's Update. Paul Sharp reports in absentia the interim period-to-date BARC financials. He also notes that BARC Membership Dues for 2020 are now payable.

Sunday Night BARC Net. BARC Net Coordinator Paul Sharp reports, in absentia, that we now have a full complement of Net Controllers for the BARC Net, thanks to Jim Dean KE8HUD taking the 1st Sunday of the month.

Personalized BARC Pop-up Canopy. Jim Totten continues to pursue this effort which will be funded by fundraising separate from the club treasury.

Field Day Picnic Canopy. Jim Lusk will coordinate with Ray Hitt concerning procurement of an additional 20-foot (or so) canopy similar to the unit we have been using for the last three field day events.

Connectors for 7/8" and 1/2" hardline. John Westerkamp will check with Wynn Rollert concerning donation of compatible connectors. Otherwise Fred will check on sources and order the needed connectors.

Completion of Antenna Installation. Fred has a list of tasks and an action plan. John Westerkamp is coordinating with Lynn Rogers KE8FLL on machining needs and the possibility of installing the unique guying system reported at a prior meeting.

EmComm. Fred and Roger discussed completing the installation of six to eight antennas for EmComm. Six antennas would be the minimum needed since two antennas are currently available for EmComm use.

R-9 Vertical Antenna. John Westerkamp reports that the assembly of the antenna is underway.

Fire Department Inspection. Fred reports that a fire inspection was held in the school building. There were several findings within the BARC Clubhouse which were corrected by Roger Parrett and Fred (replacing ceiling tiles, hanging fire extinguisher on wall, eliminating one of two AC extension cables on projector).

Bellbrook Fire Department Open House. Roger Parrett reports that the open house went well. He indicated that for future events a more stunning display, such as an SDR waterfall, would capture more attention from visitors. He also noted it would be less noisy if BARC could be located back in the "training room" as in past years (vs. the engine bay).

IRLP/EchoLink. Eric Vinande KG6NFJ reports, in absentia, that eight users can now be simultaneously connected via EchoLink to the 147.045 repeater.

Tech Night/Skills Night. Trevor Clarke K8TRC reports, in absentia, that the next Tech Night will be combined with the next Skills Night. He has sent a BARC reflector message with details.

Clubhouse Internet. The building internet has been down for some time. Fred can provide a temporary hot-spot while he checks with School Administration.

BARC Primary POC with Sugarcreek School Superintendent. Upon Fred's recommendation, the president has appointed Clubhouse Coordinator James Lusk to replace Henry Bussey W8TOG as the BARC primary POC with the Sugarcreek School Superintendent concerning BARC Clubhouse working relationship. James consents to the appointment as he currently serves as clubhouse coordinator and is a Bellbrook resident near the building. Fred Stone and Roger Parrett, also Bellbrook residents and readily available, will serve as back-up POC's.

BARC Marquee Signs. Fred will contact the Lions Club as to the status of the installation at the various city limit locations.

Adjournment. The President adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Please see below for:

- Regularly Scheduled Nets
 - *BARC Calendar*
 - *2019 Officers & Coordinators*
 - *In the Event of an Emergency Situation*
 - *Directions to the BARC Clubhouse*
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED NETS

Daily (Sunday through Saturday)	1030, 1615 and 1845 <u>Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN)</u> Primary: 3972.5 KHz LSB Alternates: 3968 & 7272 KHz LSB
Sundays	<u>1900 Newcomers & Elmers Net (Cincinnati)</u> 146.670 (-) (123.0 PL)
Sundays	<u>2000 BARC Weekly Net</u> 147.045 (+) (no PL) [Alt = 443.675]
Sundays	<u>2100 Miami Co. Voice/Data Net</u> (Data Net follows Voice Net) 145.230 (-) (no PL)
Tuesdays	<u>1900 Ohio ARES HF Net</u> W8SGT Net Control at OEMA HQ Primary: 3902 KHz LSB (+/- QRM) Alternate: 7240 KHz LSB
Tuesdays	<u>2000 Ohio Digital Emergency Net</u> Primary: 3585 KHz USB Alternate: 7072 KHz USB
Tuesdays	<u>2000 MoCoARES Weekly Net</u> 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	<u>2100 GCARES Net</u> (Voice/Data/Mesh) 146.910 (-)(no PL) [Alt = 442.725]
Wednesdays	<u>2000 Ohio District 3 ARES Net</u> (West Central Ohio Regional Net) Primary: 145.110 (-) (67.0 PL) Alternate: 146.820 (-) (77.0 PL)
Wednesdays	<u>2000 Beginners Net</u> (Dayton Area) 444.875 (+) (94.8 PL)

BARC CALENDAR

(all times are local)

NOVEMBER 2019

02-03 Sa-Su	ARRL November Sweepstakes—CW BARC Comm Center—Starts 1600 Saturday, Ends 2200 Sunday
03 Su	Technician Class License Course, 1900 BARC Clubhouse—Training Center Room reserved from 1830-2130
05 Th	<u>BARC Skills Night</u> 1900 BARC Clubhouse
07 Th	<u>BARC Planning Committee Meeting</u> 1930 BARC Clubhouse
09 Sa	Mesh Group Meeting, 0930-1200, BARC Clubhouse
10 Su	Greene County License Tests 1800, BTFD Station 61
14 Th	<u>BARC Tech Night</u> 1900 BARC Clubhouse
16-17 Sa-Su	ARRL November Sweepstakes—Phone BARC Comm Center—Starts 1600 Saturday, Ends 2200 Sunday
21 Th	<u>BARC Regular Monthly Meeting</u> 1930 BARC Clubhouse
-----	NO BARC "Dinner & A Movie"
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DECEMBER 2019

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