



An ARRL Special Service Club

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NEXT MEETING

3rd Thursday, 19 December, 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

Overview of the NanoVNA

by Trevor Clarke, K8TRC

Trevor will present an overview of an affordable and open source NanoVNA (Vector Network Aalyzer) that a few BARC members recently have purchased.

He will provide a brief introduction along with his experiences and examples using the device.

A **network analyzer** is an instrument that measures the network parameters of electrical networks. Network analyzers commonly measure s-parameters because reflection and transmission of electrical networks are easy to measure at high frequencies, but there are other network parameter sets such as y-parameters, z-parameters, and h-parameters. Network analyzers are often used to characterize two-port networks such as amplifiers and filters, but can be used on networks with an arbitrary number of ports.

Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah

May your holiday season be filled with the joy of family and friends, rest and relaxation and peace.

And may good health and prosperity be yours all during the coming new year!

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BARC December 19th Club Meeting

7:00 PM: Pre-meeting Hospitality & Refreshments

7:30 PM: Regular monthly Club meeting

Program Presentation:

Overview of the NanoVNA

by Trevor Clarke, K8TRC

Business meeting: Follows Presentation

- Election of Officers & Jr Director

BARC "Dinner & A Movie"

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

BARC 12th Annual Holiday Luncheon (Friday 27 December)

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 Beavercreek. Plan now to join your BARC friends for this Holiday Get Together!!

Tables 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**. **Please email Tink with the number in your party so we can reserve enough tables.**

Beavercreek 34th Annual New Year’s Eve 5K Resolution Run (12/31)

Plan now to participate in the ham radio support for the 33rd Annual Beavercreek 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.

The start and finish are at Beavercreek High School and the course winds through the neighborhood to the North of the school. We provide safety support and course logistics. The streets used by the course are not equipped with lighting, so we provide some sing our vehicle headlights. We also place several generator lights out on the course. We need a few volunteers to help tow the lights out before the event and to return them to the school afterward. The lights are not too heavy and can be towed by almost any vehicle equipped with a 2 inch ball. (contact n8ado@arrl.net if you can help tow lights).

It is traditional to have punch and a snack buffet before the event, so come out early and bring a snack to share.

If you can help with course coverage, come to the DARA Truck behind the school by 7:00 PM for an assignment. The run is a 5k, so expect it to take about an hour from the starting gun at 8:00 PM. Contact n8ado@arrl.net if you would like a particular advance assignment or if you have questions.

Please note that the DARA VE team will have a special test session at the school starting at 5:00 PM. Come out and upgrade your license and stay for the Resolution Run.

NEXT MONTH’S ACTIVITIES

BARC Planning Group Meeting

The BARC Planning Group Meeting scheduled for January 2nd has been cancelled. The next BARC Planning Group Meeting will be held February 6th (1st Thursday) at 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse.

BARC Skills Night (01/07)

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

BARC Tech Night (01/09)

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 (01/11)

The next meeting of the Mesh Group will be Saturday, January 11th at the BARC Clubhouse.

BARC January Club Meeting (01/16)

The BARC January 2020 General Membership Meeting will be on the usual 3rd Thursday, January 16th. Further details in the January Newsletter.

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 (02/24)

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 (02/25)

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

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

- **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-November 21st Club Meeting

Officers and Members-at-Large Present: 5

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

General Membership Present: 33

Guests: 5

Total Attendance: 43

Quorum: Yes

Officers and Members-at-Large Absent:

Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer

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

Introductions: Members and visitors Introduced themselves and new hams were welcomed.

Meeting Program: “*Using SDRs With Amateur Radios*” by Roger Parrett NQ8RP.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Tom McClory KE8FZW thanked the club for hosting JOTA again for the second year. He noted that several Radio and Programming merit badges were awarded to Boy Scouts that attended. Tom personally recognized the following BARC volunteers who helped make the Jamboree a success:

- Trevor Clark K8TRC
- Steve Lubbers K8SLX
- Eric Vinande KG6NFJ
- Jim Wilder WG8KGB
- Bill Beeman KD8DGG

BARC Annual Christmas Lunch. The BARC 12th Annual Christmas lunch will be held on the Friday after Christmas (Dec 27th) at Marion’s Piazza in Beavercreek (SW corner N Fairfield & Dayton-Xenia Rd). Start gathering at 11:00 AM and order at 11:30 AM. This is a self-order and self-pay event.

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.

Approval of Club Meeting Minutes. Ken Gunton W8ASA put forth the motion to approve the October 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes as written. James Lusk KC8EFD offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership in attendance.

Treasurer’s Report. Paul Sharp reports, in absentia, a financial summary for the period ending 7 November 2019.

Jim Totten WA8HUB put forth the motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Ray Hitt offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership in attendance.

2020 BARC Membership Dues are payable to Deputy Treasurer Jim Gifford this evening.

December 2019 Election for 2020 BARC Officers and Jr. Director: The Nominations Committee proposed the following slate of nominees for the December election.

- President: Jim Totten WA8HUB
- Vice President: Don Parker KB8PLS
- Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ
- Secretary: Glenn Rogers KE8LZD
- Junior Director: Joe Muchnij N8QOD

It was noted that Glenn Rogers is currently ineligible per the BARC Constitution and By-Laws since he has not been a member for a full year. Jim Gifford self-nominated for the Secretary seat. Accordingly, the revised slate of nominees stands as follows:

- President: Jim Totten WA8HUB
- Vice President: Don Parker KB8PSL
- Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ
- Secretary: Jim Gifford KD8APT
- Junior Director: Joe Muchnij N8QOD

All seats stand unopposed.

Ken Gunton W8ASA put forth a motion to accept the revised slate of nominees and close nominations. Don Parker KB8PLS offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership in attendance.

2019 Jr. Director Roger Parrett NQ8RP will advance (in accordance with the BARC Constitution and By-Laws) to the Sr. Director Seat on 1 January 2020.

Upcoming Contests: Ken Gunton announced that CQWW CW DX Contest will be held this weekend November 23 - 24, 2019 starting at 0000 UTC Saturday and Ending: 2359 UTC Sunday

Adjournment. Jim Totten WA8HUB put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Rogers KE8FLL offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Planning Group Notes-Dec 5, 2019

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary

Officers & Members-at-Large Present:

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

Functional Coordinators Present:

Ray Hitt N8VMX, Field Day Chairman
Jim Gifford KD8APT, Dept. Treasurer
Don Parker KB8PSL, Public Service
Henry Ruminski W8HJR, GCARES Liaison
Fred Stone W8LLY, Newsletter
John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Education

General Membership Present:

Emerio Ordoñez KE8JNQ

Officers & Members-at-Large Absent:

Roger Parrett NQ8RP, Jr. Director
Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by the President.

BARC Officer Transitions. Outgoing 2019 BARC Officers are reminded to facilitate transition to the newly elected 2020 Officers after the election.

Field Day 2020. Fred Stone recently sent a message from Ohio Section ARRL Education & Youth Coordinator Anthony Luscre K8ZT to the BARC Field Day and Education Coordinators and several others. The Planning Group suggested that other BARC members also might appreciate receiving it. Fred will forward it via the BARC Reflector.

Jim Lusk will pursue purchase of a second large tent for the Field Day Picnic; potentially a 10' x 17' from Harbor Freight.

January Planning Group Meeting. Due to proximity with the holidays, the 2 January 2020 Planning Group meeting is cancelled. The next Planning Group meeting will be held on 1st Thursday, 6 February 2020

Communication Center. Fred Stone is continuing work on preparation of the proposal for the Communication Center Committee per last month Planning Group meeting. He expects it to be completed and distributed prior to the next Planning Group meeting.

Treasurer's Update. Paul Sharp provided, in absentia, an interim period-to-date BARC financial report.

BARC Membership Dues for 2020 are payable.

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

Jim plans on donating the proceeds from the sale of some personal ham equipment and other items to the effort.

Clubhouse Internet. The clubhouse internet has been down for some time. Fred Stone has provided a temporary internet hot spot. Upon further investigation it was learned that all of the internet outlets in the building except for organizations that had an explicit (paid) agreement with the Internet Service Provider had been disconnected at the patch panel in the building. Fred will continue to pursue terms and conditions with the ISP for new service.

BARC QSL Card Coordination. Jim Gifford is requesting help on accessing the computer based QSL logs.

BARC Marquee Signs. Fred has contacted the Lions Club as to the status of the BARC sign installation at the various city limit locations. He reports that installation likely will occur in the spring. Fred's Lions Club contact will, however, inquire at their next planning meeting if it can be done sooner, or if BARC can install the signs. The Lion's club owns and maintains the sign boards.

Clubhouse Security. Don Parker will pursue the ability to lock the top filing cabinet drawer with a combination lock. This is in response to the apparent theft of the presentation pointer that he donated a few months ago.

It was noted that with the current prevalence of inexpensive security cameras, that BARC revisit the concept of monitoring the Clubhouse with security camera devices such as the "Ring".

General Membership Meeting Programs. Jim Totten reports that General Membership Meeting Program presenters and topics have been set for the near term.

R-9 Vertical Antenna. John Westerkamp reports that the antenna is assembled to the extent possible indoors. He will need to talk to Lynn Rogers KE8FLL about constructing a roof mount before assembly can be fully completed.

Tech-Night/Skills-Night/Education.

John Westerkamp reports that the ham shack tours and presentations were a success. Fourteen hams (mostly new hams) attended. Tim Procniar N8NQH also provided an excellent tour and presentation at the BARC repeater site.

Communication Center. John Westerkamp plans to wipe and reimage the computer in station #2 in order to determine if the FT8 software can work properly on our systems. He will purchase some thumb drives to back-up the computer first. He will also purchase some SD cards for use with the ICOM 7300 HF radios.

Potential Radio Donations. The Bellbrook Fire Department may be disposing of some handheld and mobile radios that can be reprogrammed for ham frequencies. The planning group discussed how, if the donation is offered, BARC could utilize them.

Adjournment. The President adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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

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> <u>W8SGT Net Control at OEMA HQ</u> 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) (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	<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)

DECEMBER 2019	
19 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
-----	NO BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900
27 F	BARC 12 th Annual Holiday Luncheon Marion's Pizza Beaver Creek – 11:30 AM (See Upcoming Activities on Page 3)
31 Tu	Beaver Creek 34 th Annual 5K Resolution Run – 8 PM (See Upcoming Activities)
-----	NO GCARES Meeting This Month
-----	No MoCoARES Meeting This Month

NOTE:
2020 currently scheduled or known activities are listed in this edition of the BARC Newsletter under *Next Month's Activities* and under *Future Activities*.
Additional 2020 calendar dates will be added in the BARC January Newsletter.

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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 (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)