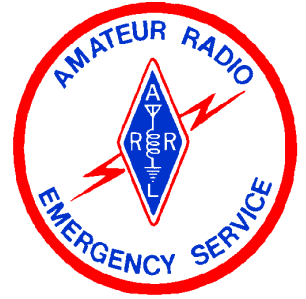


**BELLBROOK
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**
Bellbrook, Ohio
W8DGN



An ARRL Special Service Club

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NEXT MEETING

3rd Thursday, 18 May 2017, 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

Hamvention® 2017

General Discussion by Meeting Attendees

Join in a general discussion about your plans for *Hamvention® 2017*

- What equipment purchases are you considering?
 - What Forums are you planning to attend?
- Do you participate in any special interest group meetings?
- How are you planning to get to the Hamvention® venue?
 - What else interests you at Hamvention®?

HAMVENTION NOTES

A lot of information about the 2017 Hamvention® is available on the Hamvention.org website. Check it out!

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Field Day Committee Meeting (04/18)

The next BARC Field Day Committee Meeting is Tuesday 16 May 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. All sub-committee coordinators are encouraged to be present for the continuing planning process and any others interested in being part of or observing the planning for BARC's 2017 Field Day Exercise are welcome to attend.

BARC April General Meeting (05/18)

- **7:00 PM:** Pre-meeting Hospitality & Refreshments
- **7:30 PM:** Regular monthly Club meeting
- **Program:** *Hamvention Plans* by BARC Members
- **Business meeting**

Hamvention 2017 (05/19-21)

The 2017 Dayton Hamvention premieres at its new Greene County Fairgrounds venue Friday 19 May and continues on Saturday through Sunday 21 May. All the details are available on the Hamvention website at Hamvention.org.

Dinner & A Movie" (05/25)

The next BARC "Dinner & A Movie" Night will be **May 5th** (the usual LAST Thursday) at 7 PM.

Tink will announce the MENU and the MOVIE TITLE at the General Meeting Thursday evening.

Plan now to attend with your significant other for a great meal, a good movie and the usual Fun, Food and Fellowship with your BARC Friends!

BARC Planning Group Meeting (06/01)

The next BARC Planning Group Meeting will be held June 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.

MVMA MESH Meeting (06/10)

The location and further details of the next Miami Valley Mesh Alliance meeting on June 10th will be distributed by an email reminder early June.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

BARC June General Meeting (06/15)

Next month's BARC General Membership Meeting will be held on the regular 3rd Thursday Meeting night (June 15th) at 7:30 PM at the BARC Clubhouse.

[BARC Field Day Exercise \(06/24-25\)](#)

BARC's 2017 Field Day Exercise will be held, as usual, on the 4th full weekend of June--Saturday & Sunday 24-25 June--at Sackett Wright Park Shelter #1. Planning currently is in progress and complete details will be available in next month's Newsletter and discussed in the June Meeting Presentation.

[Montgomery County ARES \(06/27\)](#)

The next Montgomery County ARES general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, June 27th, 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 \(08/28\)](#)

The next Greene County ARES meeting will be Monday, August 28th, 7:30 PM, at Beaver Creek Township Fire Department Station 61 Training Room, 1295 East Dayton Xenia Road, just west of Orchard Lane. Further details in the BARC August Newsletter and via the respective email lists.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION & REPORTS

[Greene Co VE Test Session \(4/23\)](#)

The Greene County Spring 2017 VE Test Session was held Sunday 23 April at 6:00 PM at Beaver Creek Township Fire Station 61.

Congratulations to the following Greene County License Course students: [Ramon Verdaquer KE8GVF](#) Bellbrook, and [Mick Mehlhorn KE8GVG](#) Centerville passed Technician Class; [Jim Cappelli KE8GVD](#) Beaver Creek and [Barry Berty KE8GVD](#) Centerville passed both Technician & General; [Lynn Rogers KE8FLL](#) upgraded to General Class and [Bill Ringle KE8FLM](#) upgraded to Extra Class.

Ramon, Mick, Barry, Lynn and Bill are BARC members.

[Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Parade](#)

BARC Public Service Coordinator Don Parker KB8PSL reports the following 15 BARC members supported the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Parade Saturday morning 22 April:

[Net Control Station](#) - Greg Goffe N8DRG

[Assisted Parade Lineup on Vemco & Regent Park](#)

- Jim Totten WA8HUB
- Don Parker KB8PSL
- Tink Siwecki KD8NUA
- Steve Siwecki KD8NUC
- Chris Stauter KD8APN (also 'motorcycle patrol')
- Ray Hitt N8VMX (also drove 'BARC Car' in parade)

[Assisted Parade Lineup on Little Sugarcreek Rd](#)

- Joe Muchnij N8QOD

[Merged Parade at SR-725 & Little Sugarcreek Rd](#)

- Jim Lusk KC8EFD
- Dave Walton KD8GCR

[Paced Parade](#)

- Larry Darner KD8RER (SR-725 & Dot's Market)
- Mark Gunton N8MTG (SR-725 & Dot's Market)
- Andy Berger KD8WEY (725 & Presbyterian Church)
- Roger Parrett NQ8RP (SR-725 & Key Bank)

[At Reviewing Stand with PA Announcer](#)

- Ken Gunton W8ASA

Members gathered at 0900 in the parking lot of the Bellbrook Community Church on West Franklin Street at Vemco Drive to pick up a line-up sheet, an assignment and a safety vests and then reported to their assigned positions by 0930 to get parade units lined up. The parade began at 1030.

This is a community service project that BARC has supported since the first Sugar Maple Parade in 1979. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped make this another successful BARC public service event.

[BARC 2017 Meeting Presentations](#)

BARC Program Coordinator Ken Moak KM8AM provides the following Schedule of Programs to be presented for the next several Club Meetings. (Scheduled programs are subject to change based upon the availability of the presenter.)

[May:](#) "Pre- Hamvention Discussion" by members

[Jun:](#) "BARC 2017 Field Day Plan," Darryl, KD8JQE

[Jul:](#) "Weak Signal Operation (JT65, JT9, MSK144, WSPR)," Joel, AC8SM

[Aug:](#) "Post FD Wrap Up," Darryl, KD8JQE

[Sep:](#) "Emcomm, Mesh & Winlink Digital Communications," Fred, W8LLY & Bill, WA8APB

[Oct:](#) "Annual Chili Dinner"

[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.

Thank You! to our current regular Net Control Operators Ken Moak KM8AM, Greg Goffe N8DRG, Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Eric Vinande KG6NFJ and Mike Kinsey KD8GME.

[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 now 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. To sign up, 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. 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 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-April 20th General Meeting](#)

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC

Officers and Members-at-Large Present: 3

- Chris Stauter KD8APN, President
- Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
- Jim Totten WA8HUB Sr. Director
- Don Parker KB8PLS, Jr. Director

General Membership Present: 22

Guests: 4

Total Attendance: 29

Quorum: Yes

Officers and Members-at-Large Absent:

- Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer (excused)
- Ray Hitt N8VMX, Vice President (excused)

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

Introductions: Members introduced themselves and guest were introduced and welcomed. Some of the guests present will be taking their license exam on Sunday.

Meeting Program – How to get to Hamvention® 2017 by Larry Sack N8QMN. How to get to the Greene County Agricultural Center Fairgrounds - roadways to fairgrounds, parking at fairgrounds, off-site parking areas and shuttle buses.

Sugar Maple Festival Parade. Don Parker reported that the parade will be held this Saturday (4/22). He encouraged new volunteers to participate. Greg Goffe N8DRG will be the Net Control Station. Volunteers are to arrive at 9:00 am at the Bellbrook Community Church parking lot on Vemco Road, and to be at their posts by 9:30. The parade will start at 10:30 am. Please bring a reflective vest if you have one.

Sale of donated equipment. Ken Gunton W8ASA reminded the membership to consider purchasing recently donated equipment, located at the back of the clubhouse. Please look over the items, make an offer, and make a payment directly to Paul. Everything must go.

Approval of the February 2017 Club Meeting Minutes. Jim Totten WA8HUB put forth the motion to approve the February 2017 meeting minutes as written. Janet Graham W8ICQ offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

March Meeting Minutes. No business was conducted at the annual March Dinner Meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant thus there are no minutes to approve.

Treasurer's Report. Secretary Steve Siwecki provided a brief report on behalf of Treasurer Paul Sharp (absent).

Education Coordinator Report: Fred Stone W8LLY reported that the ham licensing courses had ended the Sunday before Easter. The exams will be held this Sunday at the Beavercreek Township Fire Station #61 at 6:00PM.

EmComm Coordinator Report. Fred Stone reported that BARC & GCARES will jointly participate in the NVIS event this Saturday (4/22) from 10 AM – 4 PM. Rain is expected so the event will be held at the BARC Communication Center.

Hospitality Coordinator Report: Tink Siwecki KD8NUA reported that the **BARC Dinner and Movie night** will be held on April 27th. The movie will be "The Knowing". Dinner menu TBA.

President Chris Stauter Announced:

- Little Miami River Kleeners (LMRK) – June 3rd
- Field Day – June 24th – 25th.
- Ground Crew needed to help install new hardline at the repeater site – Date TBD.
- Work partner needed for roof antenna work.
- Reminder to disconnect antennas from patch panels when finished operating at the clubhouse.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Ken Gunton W8ASA. Joe Muchnij N8QOD offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

[Planning Group Notes—May 4th, 2017](#)

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary

Officers Present:

Chris Stauter KD8APN, President
Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
Jim Totten WA8HUB, Sr. Director

Functional Coordinators Present:

Henry Bussey W8TOG, Deputy Treasurer
Darryl Fowler KD8JQE, Field Day Chairman
Jim Lusk KC8EFD, Clubhouse
Tink Siwecki KD8NUA, Hospitality/Librarian

Fred Stone W8LLY, Education/Emcomm/Newsletter

General Membership Present:

Mel Metzler KD8VWC
Roger Parrett NQ8RP
Dave Walton KD8GCR

Officers Absent:

Ray Hitt N8VMX, Vice President
Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer
Don Parker KB8PSL, Jr. Director

The Meeting was called to order at 7:32 by the President.

Repeater Status. Russ Roysden N8NPT reports in absentia that he is meeting the repeater site owner tomorrow to locate the Internet connection. At that time, he will probably pull the 440 machine to send back to Yaesu for the firmware upgrade.

Communication Center. Ken KM8AM and Karen KM8Q Moak report in absentia that there are several QSO parties occurring this weekend.

Fred Stone reported on the following items:

- **Clubhouse Emergency Lighting.** Nothing significant to report.
- **Repeater Site Hardline.** Ken Moak is working on procuring the hardline.
- **6m FM Repeater Donation.** They may decide to use a duplexer
- **Removal of Old GCARES Repeater in Storage.** Nothing significant to report
- **Spring 2017 Ham License Courses.** Four students received their Technician license. Two students passed the Technician and went on to pass the General. One or two students passed the Technician, General and Extra License. Lynn Rogers KE8FLL upgraded to General.

Financial report as of 3 April 2017: Paul Sharp reports in absentia the interim period financial summary and also reports that the club liability insurance will be paid this month.

Sugar Maple Festival Parade. The parade went well. There was a suggestion to use the repeater in the future or to erect an antenna at the reviewing stand.

BARC Website and Related Internet Services. Nothing significant to report.

ARRL Field Day 2017 / June 24th – 25th. Darryl Fowler reports that Field Day meetings have been held. Equipment inventory will take place May 13th. The next field day meeting will be held May 16th. The committee must still decide on bands and modes for antenna planning.

LMRK – June 3rd. Darryl Fowler reports that about four more operators are needed for the event.

Sale of Donated Equipment. Ken is not present to report but there are still plenty of items to sell. The BARC MESH project will claim a monitor and maybe a keyboard (internal BARC use/ no charge).

Equipment in coal bin, trailer etc. Nothing significant to report.

Winlink. Fred Stone provided a description of the current BARC/GCARES Winlink efforts. A future workshop on Winlink technology may be offered. Winlink will be demonstrated at Field Day.

Adjournment. The president adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:08 PM.

Please see below for:

- Regularly Scheduled Nets
- *BARC Calendar*
- *2017 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
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Sundays	<u>1900 Newcomers & Elmers Net (Cincinnati)</u> 146.670 (-) (123.0 PL)
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Sundays	<u>2000 BARC Weekly Net</u> 147.045 (+) (no PL) [Alt = 443.675]
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Sundays	<u>2100 Miami Co. Voice/Data Net</u> (Data Net follows Voice Net) 145.230 (-) (no PL)
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Tuesdays	<u>1900 Ohio ARES HF Net</u> <u>W8SGT Net Control at OEMA HQ</u> Primary: 3920 KHz LSB (+/- QRM) Alternate: 7240 KHz LSB
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Tuesdays	<u>2000 Ohio Digital Emergency Net</u> Primary: 3585 KHz USB Alternate: 7072 KHz USB
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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))
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Tuesdays	<u>2100 GCARES Net</u> (Voice/Data/Mesh) 146.910 (-)(no PL) [Alt = 442.725]
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Wednesdays	<u>2000 Ohio District 3 ARES Net</u> (West Central Ohio Regional Net) Primary: 145.110 (-) (67.0 PL) Alternate: 146.640 (-) (123.0 PL)
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Wednesdays	<u>2000 Beginners Net</u> (Dayton Area) 444.875 (+) (94.8 PL)
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BARC CALENDAR

(all times are local)

MAY 2017

04 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
13 Sa	MVMA--Miami Valley Mesh Alliance Meeting, 0930-1200, DARA Clubhouse
16 Tu	BARC Field Day Committee Meeting 1900 BARC Clubhouse
18 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
19-21	Hamvention [®] -- Greene Co. Fairgrounds
25 Th	BARC "Dinner & A Movie" 1900 BARC Clubhouse

Additional Calendar will be added next Newsletter

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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)