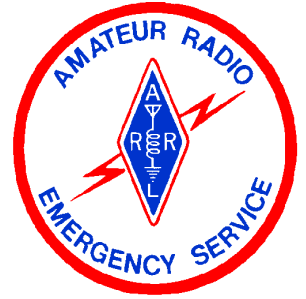


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**W8DGN**



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### **BARC ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 16 March 2017, 6:30 PM<sup>\*</sup>**

The BARC 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on the regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Club meeting night, March 16, at 6:30 PM in the private Banquet Room at Golden Corral restaurant in Beavercreek. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

We will <sup>\*</sup> gather between 6:00 and 6:30 PM in the Banquet Room for pre-dinner fellowship (pick up your beverage as you enter). At 6:30 PM, we will have some brief opening remarks and then “go for the food!” as a group. This event is for members, spouses and guests. The room capacity is 70 and we have been promised exclusive use of the room again this year. Thus, we anticipate having plenty of room. RSVP's are not required but it would be nice to have an idea of how many will be attending. Please email Tink at [KD8NUA@ARRL.net](mailto:KD8NUA@ARRL.net) and let her know. For more information, contact Tink by email or by phone at (937) 478-7831.

Golden Corral is located on north side of street at 2490 Commons Boulevard (one block west of North Fairfield Road). Commons Boulevard is the second traffic light north of Kemp Road (one block north of Chick-fil-A). There is a Lazy-Boy furniture store on the northwest corner at the intersection of North Fairfield and Commons Boulevard.

Each party will pay for its own dinners upon entrance to the restaurant. Cost is approximately \$13 plus beverage and sales tax. There is a discount for seniors. Tips can be left by each party at the table at the end of the dinner. As you probably already know, Golden Corral now has an expanded dinner spread offering a wide variety of meats, vegetables, salads, soups, desserts and beverages—you won't leave hungry!

One of the purposes of the annual dinner meeting is to recognize and thank the outgoing officers and to recognize and congratulate the new officers, and the committee chairs and coordinators. Plan now to attend and enjoy the usual BARC Fun, Food and Fellowship. We'll look forward to seeing you there!!

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### BARC 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting

- **6:00 – 6:30 PM:** Gather at Golden Corral
- **6:30 PM:** Opening remarks / Dinner
- **Program:** No program planned this month
- **Business meeting:** No business planned

### • BARC Field Day Committee Meeting

- BARC Field Day Coordinator Darryl Fowler KD8JQE reports that the first 2017 Field Day Committee Meeting is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 23 March at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse.
- If you are interested in being on the Field Committee or interested and willing to volunteer to be a team leader or a member of one of the Field Day functional groups, please email Darryl to let him know and then plan to attend the March 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting. Darryl previously has reported that he already has reserved Sackett Wright Park Shelter #1 for BARC's 2017 Field Day site.

### • "Dinner & A Movie" (03/30)

The next BARC "Dinner & A Movie" Night will be **March 30<sup>th</sup>** (the **LAST** Thursday) at **7 PM**.

Tink reports that the **MENU** will feature Dot's Broasted Chicken, Broasted potatoes, desserts and popcorn plus the usual soft drinks, coffee and water. The **Movie** will be **The Choice**, a romantic drama about Travis and Gabby who first meet as neighbors in a small coastal town and wind up in a relationship that is tested by life's most defining events.

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 (04/06)

The next BARC Planning Group Meeting will be held April 6th (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (04/08)

The location and further details of the next Miami Valley Mesh Alliance meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> will be confirmed by an email reminder distributed early April.

## [Greene Co VE Test Session \(04/16\)](#)

The Greene County Spring 2017 Amateur Radio License Exam Session conducted by the Greene County Volunteer Examiners (VE's) will be held Sunday, April 16 at 6:00 PM at Beaver Creek Township Fire Station 61 located on Dayton-Xenia Road just west of Orchard Lane. This is an open exam session for all classes of amateur radio licenses. Walk-ins are welcome and advance registration is not required. For more info, contact Fred W8LLY ([W8LLY@ARRL.net](mailto:W8LLY@ARRL.net)).

## **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

### [BARC April Membership Meeting](#)

The BARC April General Membership Meeting will be held on the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 20 April at 7:30 PM. The Refreshments/Hospitality time begins at 7:00 PM. Visitors always welcome.

### [Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Parade](#)

BARC will be assisting the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Parade Committee again this year on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, by helping to direct parade participants to their line-up positions & by providing communications support for coordination, safety and security. As usual, we need around 12 operators to effectively cover this BARC public service event.

**New hams** are especially encouraged to come out and work with an experience BARC member to become familiar with public service support activities and procedures.

The SMF Parade starts at 10:30 AM. Operators need to meet at **9:00 AM** 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. Operators need to be at their assigned positions by 9:30 AM to get parade participants lined up by 10:15 AM. Vehicular units on Vemco will "roll-out" at apx 10:15 AM in order to be at the merging point (intersection of West Franklin St and Little Sugarcreek Road) by 10:30 AM.

This is a community service project that BARC has supported since the first Sugar Maple Parade in 1979. So please come out and do your part to make this another successful BARC public service event.

We will use BARC's primary simplex frequency **147.405** for parade operations again this year.

The parade will be held rain or shine unless there is a severe thunderstorm. Weather is unknown at this time but be prepared--bring your rain gear and a plastic bag to protect your HT, just in case. Also,

bring a fully charged battery or a spare battery and an appropriate antenna for your radio.

Contact Don if you have any questions but please plan to help out with this event.

## [ARES NVIS Antenna Day \(04/22\)](#)

Also on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NVIS Antenna Day sponsored by Ohio Section ARES. The purpose of this event is for ARES groups, radio clubs and individual hams to set up, operate and evaluate performance of different configurations of NVIS type antennas by communicating with other hams across Ohio and surrounding states also using NVIS antennas.

Because of deteriorating propagation conditions on the 80m and 40m bands, 160m and 60m NVIS also will be tested during this year's test. Greene County ARES is planning to operate at two sites within Greene County. One will be in the Bellbrook area coordinated by Bellbrook AEC Fred Stone W8LLY. Another, coordinated by EC Henry Ruminski W8HJR, is planned somewhere between Beaver Creek, Fairborn and Xenia.

BARC members are invited and encouraged to stop by the Bellbrook Site after the SMF Parade to participate or at least visit. Set-up will begin at 0900L and we'll operate until at least 1600L (4 PM).

Further details will be disseminated in the April Newsletter.

## [Greene County ARES \(04/24\)](#)

The next Greene County ARES meeting will be Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 April BARC Newsletter and via the respective email lists.

For more information about Greene County ARES, contact EC Henry Ruminski, W8HJR, at [Henry.Ruminski@wright.edu](mailto:Henry.Ruminski@wright.edu).

## [Montgomery County ARES \(04/25\)](#)

The next Montgomery County ARES general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:KA5RUC@MoCoARES.org)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### & REPORTS

#### BARC T-Shirts

BARC T-Shirts have been ordered and should be available soon for distribution. An announcement will be made via the BARC email Reflector and the Sunday Net when shirts are ready to be picked up.

#### Antenna Project Status Report

BARC Communication Center Coordinator Ken Moak KM8AM reports the following tasks remain in order to complete the Comm Center Antenna Update Project:

1. Assemble and install tri-band 144/220/440 Vertical on Tower-2
2. Assemble and install 144/440 SSB Yagi on Tower-2
3. Assemble and install 12 and 17 meter SSB Yagi on Tower-2
4. Install HyGain rotor in Tower-2
5. Finish assembly of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 80/60/40 Dipole and install on one of the towers
6. Install remainder of 144/440 EMCOMM Verticals on parapet wall
7. Install new feedlines to antennas as needed

Obviously the weather will influence our plans. We'll adapt as needed and accomplish whatever we can given the weather.

#### BARC 2017 Meeting Programs

BARC Program Coordinator Ken Moak KM8AM provides the following Schedule of Programs to be presented for 2017 Club Meetings. (Scheduled programs are subject to change based upon the availability of the presenter or for other reason.)

Jan: "Women in Ham Radio," Thanks to Karen, KM8Q

Feb: **Substituted:** "Winlink Video," Thanks to Fred, W8LLY

Mar: "BARC Annual Dinner Meeting"—no program

Apr: "Hamvention Driving," Larry Sack

May: **Substituted:** Pre- Hamvention Discussion

Jun: "Pre FD 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"

Nov: OPEN

Dec: OPEN

#### BARC Equipment Insurance Renewal

BARC Treasurer Paul Sharp reports that he and Communication Center Coordinator Ken Moak have reviewed BARC's equipment inventory and adjusted the list of equipment items to be insured. They recommended that we go from insuring 102 items at a cost of \$709 to insuring only the 12 high value items at a cost of \$169.40. The Planning Committee/Executive Committee approved this revised plan. BARC's equipment is insured through the ARRL insurance program at a cost of \$1.40 per \$100 of equipment insured.

Following is the list of equipment insured for the period 9 March 2017 to 9 March 2018.

Description	Make	Model #	Serial #	Value
Yaesu	Repeater	n/a	n/a	1,500
Yaesu	Repeater	n/a	n/a	1,500
Transceiver	ICOM	IC-7300	2003010	1,300
Transceiver	Icom	IC-7300	2002862	1,300
Transceiver	Icom	IC-7300	2004327	1,300
Transceiver	Icom	IC-7300	2001004	1,300
Amplifier, HF	Ameritron	ALS-600	11694	1,300
Transceiver	Yaesu	FT-8800R	3K640183	250
Transceiver	Yaesu	FT-897D	3K770174	700
Transceiver	Icom	IC-2820H/ UT-123	1502953	450
Duplexer, 2m	Phelps-Dodge	6 Cavity	n/a	600
Duplexer, 70cm	Motorola	4 Cavity	n/a	600
Total Equipment Value				<b>\$10,800</b>
Annual Policy Premium				<b>\$169.40</b>

Paul invites members to contact him with any questions or concerns.

#### 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).

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

Greg Goffe reports that the Net Control Schedule has been revamped. Our current regular Net Control rotation now includes Ken Moak KM8AM, Greg Goffe N8DRG, Eric Vinande KG6NFJ, Paul Sharp KD8OPN and Mike Kinsey KD8GME.

Thanks, Greg, for this update and a BIG Thank You to all who have volunteered to be regular Net Control Stations (NCS's).

## [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](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](http://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-February 16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting](#)

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC

#### **Officers and Members-at-Large Present: 3**

- Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer
- Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary
- Don Parker KB8PLS, Jr. Director

#### **General Membership Present: 21**

#### **Guests: 5**

#### **Total Attendance: 29**

#### **Quorum: Yes**

#### **Officers and Members-at-Large Absent:**

- Chris Stauter KD8APN, President (excused)
- Ray Hitt N8VMX, Vice President (excused)
- Jim Totten WA8HUB Sr. Director (excused)

**Call to Order.** Treasurer Paul Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introductions:** Members introduced themselves and guest were introduced and welcomed.

#### **Meeting Program – What is Winlink? by Fred Stone W8LLY**

**Education Coordinator Report:** Fred stone reported the following licensing course enrollment:

- Technician Course – 11.
- General Course – 3. This is an opportunity for current Technicians to fill seats.
- Amateur Extra - 3. With two more possibly joining.

**Roof Access.** The contractor has installed the "short door" into the opening. The door is not as wide as expected. Framework around the door is needed. BARC still needs a key to the door. Larry Darner will be asked to construct two sets of steps, inside and outside, as the bottom of the door is not at floor/roof level. The inside steps will be moveable and the outside steps will be fixed. This is a school sponsored and funded project.

**Approval of the January 2017 Club Meeting Minutes.** Don Parker KB8PSL put forth the motion to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes as written. Lynn Rogers KE8FLL offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Paul Sharp reported the financial summary for the period ending 9 January 2017.

Paul also reports:

- Two radios have been sold totaling \$950; \$200 of which has been collected-to date. These funds will be applied to the Communication Center account.
- BARC has received \$32.60 from Amazon Smile.
- BARC T-Shirts: Per Karen Moak KM8Q: see Paul for additional orders.
- Paul is continuing to collect 2017 membership dues. The dues payment deadline for member inclusion in the BARC printed directory is March 1.
- Equipment insurance list is being reviewed. Current costs are \$700/yr. If only the Communication Center and repeater transceivers are insured, the cost would be \$120/yr.

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report.** Joe Muchnij N8QOD put forth the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Janet Graham W8ICQ offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

**BARC Polo Shirts.** Don Parker is accepting BARC Polo Shirt orders:

- Men's Sizes:
  - Small through Large - \$27.50
  - 2XL - \$29.00
  - 3XL - \$30.00
- Ladies' Sizes Small through XL - \$27.50

**Sugar Maple Festival Parade.** Don Parker reports that the parade will take place April 22<sup>nd</sup> and that it would be nice for BARC members to wear their BARC T-Shirt or Polo Shirt.

**Auditing Committee Report:** Henry Bussey W8TOG reported that the committee met on January 19, 2017 to audit the BARC financial records. Three monthly periods were randomly selected for review. No issues were found and the Committee declares the records to be fully acceptable. A written committee report was prepared for the Club records.

**Approval of the Auditing Committee Report.** Janet Graham W8ICQ put forth the motion to approve the Auditing Committee report. Karen Moak KM8Q offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present.

**Hospitality Coordinator Report:** Tink Siwecki KD8NUA reported that the **BARC Dinner and Movie night** will be held on February 23, 2017. The movie will be "Next" following a pulled chicken and sloppy joe dinner.

March 16, 2017 marks our annual General Membership Dinner Meeting to be held at the Golden

Corral Restaurant in Beaver Creek in their party room. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm.

**Communications Center Coordinator Report:** Ken Moak KM8AM provided a detailed report of the Communication Center improvements underway including the following highlights:

- Everything needed to finish the antenna project is present at the clubhouse. The 80/60/40 Tri-Band wire antenna is fully functional and works well! Weather and member illness is currently holding up final installation
- Sale of higher priced radio equipment and accessories is completed. Lower priced items will be offered on e-bay (Ken Gunton W8ASA) and the local amateur radio bulletin boards (Fred Stone).

**Upcoming Meeting Programs:**

- Ken Gunton was ill this evening and the "Operational tutorial and a demonstration of the IC-7300" will be postponed perhaps until May 2017.
- March 2017: Annual Dinner Meeting – No Program
- April 2017: Don Parker will tentatively present information on Hamvention parking. The regularly scheduled presenter will be out of town on business.

**QSL/Logging Coordinator Report.** Karen Moak KM8Q reports that no new QSL cards have been received and that there are none to send. Three contacts were noted in the BARC logs.

**Skywarn Weather Spotter Training.** Don Parker reports that Montgomery County will host weather spotter training on 11 March 2017 at the Miami Valley Hospital Barry Women's Health Center. The basic course runs from 9 AM to noon. The advanced course runs from 1 – 4:30 PM.

**EmComm/Newsletter Coordinator Report:** Fred states that there is nothing significant to report. A member complimented Fred on the newsletter publication.

**BARC Mesh Node Proposal.** The Planning Group in February 2017 consented to recommending to the club the allocation of funds for installation of a BARC clubhouse node. Also discussed was an additional node on the water tower to which BARC has access.

**Motion to approve funding for the Clubhouse MESH node.** Fred Stone W8LLY offered a motion to allocate \$380.00 of BARC funding toward the installation of the Clubhouse MESH node. Joe Muchnij N8QOD offered a second to the motion.

A spirited discussion ensued. A question was raised as to whether the BARC membership knew what MESH is. It was pointed out that not only is there an upcoming program topic on MESH but there have

been past presentations and numerous discussions and demonstrations.

The motion passed by a vote of the membership by a wide margin with only 1 “Nay” vote.

The BARC water tower node will be considered at a future meeting.

**David Kalter KB8OCP Memorial Youth DX Adventure Raffle.** Mike Suhar W8RKO was present this evening to promote the Youth DX Adventure. He was offering raffle tickets for an ICOM-7300 transceiver to be drawn at Hamvention.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Larry Darner KD8RER. Ralph Kanko K4NKO offered a second to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of the membership present. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

## [Planning Group Notes—Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017](#)

By Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary

### **Officers Present:**

Chris Stauter KD8APN, President  
Paul Sharp KD8OPN, Treasurer  
Steve Siwecki KD8NUC, Secretary  
Don Parker KB8PSL, Jr. Director  
Ray Hitt N8VMX, Vice President  
Jim Totten WA8HUB, Sr. Director

### **Functional Coordinators Present:**

Darryl Fowler, KD8JQE, Field Day  
Karen Moak, KM8Q, QSL and Logging  
Ken Moak, KM8AM, Communication Center  
Fred Stone, W8LLY, Edu./Emergency/Newsletter  
Tink Siwecki, KD8NUA, Hospitality/Librarian

### **General Membership Present:**

Henry Bussey W8TOG  
Bill Curtice WA8APB  
Mel Metzler KD8VWC

**The Meeting was called to order at 7:36 by the President.**

### **BARC Website and related internet services.**

Jason Bowman WG8B resigned said responsibilities. Russ has handled Jason’s recommendations for securing administration access. A committed webmaster replacement has not yet been identified. The position will be solicited at the next General Membership meeting. Paul Sharp will contact Russ Roysden concerning interim webmaster duties.

**Roof Access.** The “short door” has been installed. The lock tumbler has been replaced. The door is hard to lock because there is no handle on the door. Children have been observed playing on the roof – this is dangerous and a liability and must be addressed by the school!

**BARC T-Shirts.** Money has been collected, names and call sign information has been sent to Russ Roysden to forward to the vendor for printing.

**Paper and Electronic Logging.** Karen Moak reports that there are no new QSL cards for processing. People are using the logbooks but they are not recording their personal call signs as they should.

**BARC Annual General Membership Dinner Meeting.** The March 2017 General Membership Meeting will be held at the Golden Corral from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Chris Stauter has reserved the entire party room for this time.

**Repeater Site Internet.** Fred Stone reports that the internet is indeed available. The site owner will meet with Russ Roysden to show him the specifics.

Fred Stone reports that the **Spring 2017 Ham License Courses** are well underway. The headcount is as follows:

- **Technician License Course** – 10
- **General License Course** – 3
- **Extra License Course** – 3 to 4.

**Clubhouse Emergency Lighting.** Fred Stone reports that lights are available at Lowes for \$35 - \$50 each. He intends to check Home Depot and compare specifications of available lights.

**Repeater Site Hardline and Tri-Band Antenna.** Installation deferred to warmer weather. Site owner specified 7/8” hardline rather than 1-5/8” because of wind loading. About three hundred feet of feedline is needed. Ken Moak will pick-up the hardline and connectors.

**6m FM Repeater Donation.** Russ Roysden has offered to donate a 6m FM repeater to the club. Unit is still in Russ’s possession. There is no duplexer but two antennas (send/receive) are used instead.

**BARC Clubhouse MESH Node.** The Clubhouse MESH node was approved by the General Membership in February. The MESH antenna will be placed on one of the towers. The Mesh Team will provide Ken Moak two CAT-5 cables to be installed along with coax lines. A discussion on the logistics of the installation ensued.

**Old Repeater in Storage.** Fred Stone reports that said repeater belongs to GCARES and that he will remove it.

**BARC EchoLink/IRLP.** Eric Vinande KG6NFJ reports in absentia “the EchoLink/IRLP hardware is at my house and will emerge once we have internet connectivity at the repeater site”.

**BARC Financial Report.** Treasurer Paul Sharp reports the interim period financial summary.

Paul continues to collect dues for 2017; to date 99 members have renewed their membership out of 109 registered last year. The T-Shirt order will show up as a pass-through in the general fund. Proceeds for surplus comm center equipment continue to come in.

**Club Equipment Insurance.** The insured equipment list has been reduced to the bare necessities. The Planning Group consented to covering six transceivers, one amplifier, two repeaters and two duplexers. Payment is due on 10 March. CO<sub>2</sub> fire extinguishers are needed for the clubhouse.

**Communication Center Update.** Ken Moak reports the following:

- **Rotors:** Rotor #4 Control box has a bad switch. Ken M. will fix it.
- **Antennas:**
  - The Club's 80/60/40 dipole is installed and works great.
  - The Off-Center Fed Dipole has been removed.
  - The Inverted L (160m) has been installed.
  - Tower 2 antennas to be installed soon.
  - Please disconnect feedwires from patch panel when not in use; this is a preventative for lightning protection.
  - Connectors on a 40m antenna were found to be damaged.
- **General Membership Meeting Program topics:**
  - March – Dinner Meeting
  - April – Hamvention Parking and Traffic Control
  - May – JT9 and Advanced Digital Modes
  - June – Field Day
  - TBD - DX Engineering via Skype
  - TBD - IC-7300 Training
- **Sale of equipment** – NSTR
- **Communication Center Remote Access.** Ken Moak explained in detail why remote access is not possible.

**Sunday Night BARC Net.** The new standing monthly net controller rotation is as follows:

- 1st Sunday: Ken Moak, KM8AM
- 2nd Sunday: Greg, N8DRG
- 3rd Sunday: Eric, KG6NFJ
- 4th Sunday: Paul, KD8OPN
- 5th Sunday: Mike KD8GME

**Repeater Site Generator and Gravel Bed.** If existing site 25 KW emergency generator is operable/reparable then a gravel bed will not be needed. This will free-up BARC's smaller generator for use at the clubhouse.

**Movie Night Surround Sound.** The donated surround sound system works well. Thus, the excess audio amplifier and speakers are available to sell.

**Field Day 2017.** Chairman Darryl Fowler will be soliciting committee members soon.

**Adjournment.** The president adjourned the meeting at 8:46PM.

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**Please see below for:**

- *Regularly Scheduled Nets*
  - *BARC Calendar*
  - *2017 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
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Sundays	<u>1900 Newcomers &amp; 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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)

### MARCH 2017

02 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930, BARC Clubhouse
05 Su	BARC Clubhouse—1830-2130 GC Technician Class License Course
11 Sa	* Montgomery County Skywarn Training 0900 – 1200, Miami Valley Hospital Berry Women’s Building Auditorium * Advanced class offered: 1300-1600
11 Sa	GCARES/MVMA Meeting—0930-1200 Location TBA
12 Su	BARC Clubhouse—1830-2130 GC Technician Class License Course
16 Th	BARC 41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting 1800/1830 Golden Corral Beaver Creek
19 Su	BARC Clubhouse—1830-2130 GC Technician Class License Course
19-25	Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week
22 W	Ohio Statewide Tornado Drill -- 9:50 am GC WX Net -- 147.165(+)(123.0 pl)
23 Th	BARC Field Day Committee Meeting for everyone interested in being involved in FD planning -- 1900 at the Clubhouse
26 Su	BARC Clubhouse—1830-2130 GC Technician Class License Course
30 Th	BARC “Dinner & A Movie” 1900 BARC Clubhouse

### APRIL 2017

02 Su	BARC Clubhouse—1830-2130 GC Technician Class License Course
06 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
08 Sa	GCARES/MVMA Meeting—0930-1200 Location TBA
09 Su	BARC Clubhouse—1830-2130 GC Technician Class License Course
16 Su	EASTER SUNDAY -- NO Greene County License Courses or Exam Session
20 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
22 Sa	Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Parade 1030 (Operators meet at 0900)
22 Sa	BARC/GCARES/Ohio ARES NVIS Antenna Day 1000 (Sites & details TBD)

23 Su	Greene County License Exam Session, 1800, BTFD Station 61 Training Room
24 M	GCARES Meeting, 1930, BTFD Station 61
25 Tu	Montgomery County ARES Meeting, 1900, Red Cross Dayton Area Chapter
27 Th	BARC “Dinner & A Movie” 1900 BARC Clubhouse

### MAY 2017

04 Th	BARC Planning Committee Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
13 Sa	MVMA--Miami Valley Mesh Alliance Meeting, 0930-1200, Location TBA
18 Th	BARC Regular Monthly Meeting 1930 BARC Clubhouse
19-21	Hamvention <sup>®</sup> -- Greene Co. Fairgrounds
25 Th	BARC “Dinner & A Movie” 1900 BARC Clubhouse

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### Directions to the

## BARC Clubhouse and Communications Center

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The BARC Clubhouse  
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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)