

Minutes-June 20, 2024, General Meeting

By Jim Gifford N8KET, Secretary

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Ray Hitt N8VMX, Newsletter

Vice President: Jim Totten WA8HUB, Lunch Bunch

Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Communications Center, Assistant Field Day

Secretary: Jim Gifford N8KET

Sr. Director: Jim Lusk KC8EFD, Clubhouse

Functional Coordinators Present:

Tink Siwecki KD8NUA, Hospitality and Library

Paul Sharp WS8R, Education

Executive Committee Members Absent

Jr. Director: Bob French AC8ZU, POTA, Tech Night

At 7:30 pm, President Ray Hitt N8VMX welcomed attendees and led attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Attendees with new licenses were recognized. Hitt then introduced our program speaker, John Westerkamp.

Agenda Item 1. John Westerkamp presentation: “Field Day 2024”

John Westerkamp W8LRJ presented a guide on how BARC is going to handle 2024 Field Day in the extreme heat (Note: The NWS predicts that the heat index in the shade will be over 100 degrees Saturday).

Field Day has been moved from Sackett Wright Park to inside the clubhouse. His PowerPoint presentation is below. In his talk Westerkamp emphasized:

- How we are going to set up, including times and personnel required.
- Copying the ARRL bulletin.
- Operating stations and the frequencies assigned to each.
- Necessity of having an operator and a person logging.
- The education portion of Field Day.
- Why we are going to be known as 4 D OH
- How the computers and assigned software are set up.

Following are key points of his presentation:

2024 Indoor Field Day

BARC Membership Meeting

John Westerkamp, W8LRJ – Assistant Field Day Coordinator

Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club

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Roster

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Position	Assigned To
FD Coordinator	Glenn Rodgers (WI8O), John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)
Antenna System	John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)
Power and Electrical	Greg Goffe (N8DRG), Paul Sharp (KD8OPN)
Station Setup	Ken Gunton (W8ASA), Stu Holzer (K8ST)
Social Media	Tink Siwecki (K8NUA)
Lunch & Picnic	Tink (KD8NUA) and Steve Siwecki (KD8NUC)
Mailings/Invites	Glenn Rodgers (WI8O)
Safety Officer	Jim Gifford (N8KET), John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)
IT	Stu Holzer (K8ST), John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)
Position	Assigned To
Press Release	Jim Gifford (N8KET)
Photography	Jim Gifford (N8KET), Ray Hitt (N8VMX), Don Parker (KB8PSL), George Sucich (KE8SNS)
Message Handling	John Westerkamp (W8LRJ)
Transport to FD Site	Jim Lusk (KC8EFD), Jim Totten (WA8HUB)
Night Shift	John Westerkamp (W8LRJ), Paul Sushereba (WE8Y)
Inventory	Glenn Rodgers (WI8O)
Tables/Chairs	Darryl Fowler (KD8JQE) – coordinator role Jim Totten (WA8HUB) – transportation role
Education Program	Paul Sharp (WS8R)
Tarps, Tables, Canopy	Eric Bramini (KC8OPY)

Things to discuss

- Verify Roster
- Volunteer opportunities for involvement
- Stations
- Computers/IT
- Antennas
- Food
- Field Day weekend schedule

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- Logistics/miscellaneous items on Field Day weekend

Volunteer Opportunities for Involvement

- Friday evening (21 June)
 - Receive ARRL message from W1AW
- Saturday afternoon
 - Participate in the education activities to learn new things – new rules state participation, not demonstration
 - Operate stations
 - Assist in logging contacts – each station performs better with two people
- Overnight
 - Additional operators needed for overnight period
 - Propagation is better on lower bands at night, try to nab hard to reach ARRL sections
- Sunday afternoon (23 June)
 - Help clean-up the clubhouse

BARC Field Day Site

- BARC Clubhouse
- 51 South East Street, Bellbrook, OH 45305
- EM79xp
- Parking in clubhouse parking lot

Computers/IT

- All 4 stations are equipped with identical capability to perform digital modes (WSJT-X and FLDigi) in addition to SSB (CW possible through insertion of key into IC-7300)
- Desktops and radios will use commercial power
- N3FJP (logging), WSJT-X, and FLDigi all run on desktop at each station (tested)
- Windows Updates performed in advance then paused to avoid updates during Field Day on all 5 desktops

Food on Field Day

- **Potluck for Saturday 5:30 pm for BARC, family, and friends**
 - Dot's chicken, water, soda, and diet soda provided
 - Bring something to complement this
 - Tink will need a headcount of attendees in advance, maybe let her know what you're bringing
 - Seating available
 - Held in the clubhouse

Field Day Weekend Schedule

- **Friday 21 June**
 - Record the ARRL Field Day message from W1AW
- **Saturday 22 June**
 - 1000 Hospitality and Station crews at clubhouse
 - 1000 Breakfast sandwiches at clubhouse?
 - 1030 Begin setup (Hospitality and Stations/IT)
 - 1330 Final station checkout
 - 1400 START of FIELD DAY 2023 (for 24 hours)

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- 1530 Education program
- 1730 BARC Annual Field Day Family Picnic
- 1830 Continue Station operations

Field Day Weekend Schedule

- **Overnight Saturday 22 June/Sunday 23 June**
 - 2200 Overnight period begins (recommend a minimum of two-three people throughout overnight period for safety)
 - 0700 Overnight period ends
 - 1400 Field Day Operational Period ENDS
 - 1400 Clean up Clubhouse – leave it better than the way we found it

Logistics/Miscellaneous

- A part of Field Day often overlooked is copying the Field Day message from ARRL
- We need BARC members to tune in on either the Digital, CW or Voice message and provide me the message verbatim
- We get points for this
- You can do this Friday night before Field Day starts if able, or multiple times throughout the weekend until noon Sunday

2024 W1AW Field Day

Bulletin Schedule

Day	Mode	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern	UTC
FRIDAY	CW	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	0000 (Sat)
	Digital	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	0100
	Phone	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	0145
	CW	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	0300
SATURDAY	CW	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1400
	Phone	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1500
	CW	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	0000 (Sun)
	Digital	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	0100
	Phone	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	0145
SUNDAY	CW	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1400
	Phone	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1500
	Digital	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1600

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W1AW will operate on the regularly published frequencies.

CW frequencies are 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, 50.350 and 147.555 MHz.

Digital frequencies are 3597.5, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095, 50.350 and 147.555 MHz.

During Field Day weekend, W1AW will transmit the Field Day Bulletin using 45.45 baud Baudot, PSK31 (BPSK Mode), and MFSK16 in this mode order. NOTE: On Friday local, the digital version of the Field Day bulletin sent from W1AW at 9 PM EDT (0100 UTC Saturday) will be transmitted using BPSK31, Baudot, and MFSK16 in this order.

Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590, 50.350 and 147.555 MHz.

Logistics/Miscellaneous

- If you're not part of a setup team, don't come to clubhouse until after 1:30 pm
- Allow Hospitality and Station crew uninterrupted access to the clubhouse before 1:30 pm
- Antenna and Hospitality setup crews – show up at 10am for breakfast, then start setup at 10:30 am
- Coolers – we typically need a few coolers for all the water and varieties of beverages available. Coordinate with Tink if you have any
- Courtesy – Use headphones when operating station
- Others – Don't carry on extraneous conversations within 10 feet of any station

Agenda Item 2. 50th Anniversary

John Westerkamp announced the planned 50th Anniversary Bash:

Sunday, July 28

2pm

BARC Clubhouse

There will be:

- A mobile drive-in to compare how radios are set up in vehicles of members
- A Trunkfest where BARC members may sell or trade equipment
- BARC Open House for the community
- A cookout – Of course!

More details will be sent out as the date approaches.

Agenda Item 3. Treasurer's Report

John Westerkamp presented the Treasurer's Report. He said the Hamvention Flea Market was a great success with over a thousand dollars collected. We received Kroger Rewards last month. Expenses are normal. His emailed report is below:

“Our Hamvention Flea Market income was over \$1000 so along with our Kroger Rewards, we had a great month! Expenses were for our regular Spectrum Internet and a few replacement parts for the logging station we use for Field Day.

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Our balance as of the June Membership Meeting is \$10,707.72.

Thanks!

John Westerkamp, W8LRJ
Treasurer”

Fund	31-May-24	Income	Expenses	30-Jun-24
General	\$1,981.04	\$1,095.09	\$203.00	\$2,873.13
Comm center	\$1,586.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,586.22
Refreshments	\$740.47	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$734.47
Repeater	\$319.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.53
All Liquid Funds	\$4,627.26	\$1,121.09	\$235.00	\$5,513.35
6 Month CD	\$5,194.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,194.37
ALL FUNDS	\$9,821.63	\$1,121.09	\$235.00	\$10,707.72

Jim Totten WA8HUB moved we accept the report; Paul Sharp WS8R seconded. Passed.

Agenda Item 4. Minutes

Paul Sharp moved we accept the minutes that were emailed; Ken Gunton W8ASA seconded. Passed.

Agenda Item 5. Comments and Coordinators' Reports

Tink Siwecki KD8NUA announced Movie Night next Thursday, June 27, at 7pm. The movie will be “Call of the Wild” with Harrison Ford.

Jim Totten said the BARC Lunch Bunch will meet next Tuesday, June 25, 11:30 at the Submarine House in Beavercreek: Beavercreek Plaza Shopping Center, 3195 Dayton Xenia Rd.

Paul Sharp announced the Educational portion of Field Day: “Operating a Digital Multimeter” and “Antenna Analyzers.”

Paul Sharp moved we adjourn; Larry Darner KD8RER seconded; passed.

We adjourned at about 8pm.