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BARA Facts

Newsletter of the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association

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President's Corner January 2011

Well it is a New Year (2011) and hope everyone has made their New Year's Resolutions. With the New Year, the club has elected me to be your new president. I would like to thank the ones that voted for me and hope that I can serve in a position to help the members and the club to continue to improve the club and hopefully increase membership with your help.

For the ones that do not know me, my call sign is K2DLB which was held by my father for approximately 50 years. I obtained my Technician ticket in April of 2002 and my General ticket in April 2007. I have been into radio communications for about 20 years doing radio work for local fire dept and others until 1998.

I have several ideas for the club and the shack. Of course I will not be able to do these without the help of the member's. I look forward to being your President and working with the Board of Directors and the Membership

I would like to thank the previous Board for all they have done for the club and look forward to working with the new Board.

Brian Adee K2DLB President

John Rudy WB2FQZ Vice President

Vinnie Griggs N1JPM Secretary

Paul Slocum N2NCB Treasurer

John Carrington WB2SGS Director

Andy Rudy KC2QYA Director

Tom Vroman N2BGM Director

Warren Marks KC2NGR Director

Mel Snitchler WE2K Trustee

William Jakaitis KB2SIN Editor (BARA FACTS)

If you have any questions or ideas for the club, please contact one of the officers listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Hope to see you at the meetings.

73s Brian Adee K2DLB

Board Meeting Minutes
Binghamton Amateur Radio Association
January 5, 2011
@ Broome County Emergence Service
153 Lt Vanwinkle Drive
Binghamton, NY

Board Members:

Present: **Brian Adee** – K2DLB, **John Rudy** – WB2FQZ, **Vinnie Griggs** – N1JPM, **Paul Slocum** – N2NCB, **John Carrington** – WB2SGS, **Warren Marks** – KC2NGR, **Tom Vroman** – N2BGM, **Andy Rudy** – KC2QYA

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President,
Brain Adee

Secretaries Report:

Dec. 1, 2010 BARA Board meeting minutes was read and approved.

Treasures Report:

Treasures Report was read and explained.

Committee Reports:

Radio Shack- John Rudy reported that he had nothing to report. However he did mention that he took the cash that he received from Allen Lutins (KC2KLC) from the Boy Scouts and wrote a personal check to pay for the Port-A-Potty company for the event in October. That check was not cashed and he reported that when he called that company and they mentioned, that since it was for a-not-profit organization, that they might wave the charges. John said if the check does not get cashed, in the near future, he would forward the money back to the club.

Vinnie said he was up at the shack earlier last week and everything looked fine. Port-A-Potty was not there and must have been picked up last month at the shack.

Ham Fest- Brian reported that he had sent in the information about the ham fest to ARRL, so it will be publicized in QST and will be sanctioned by ARRL with door prizes. He also brought up the possible need for additional tables. The question was brought

up about the last time we rented tables for the Ham Fest, what was the cost. Paul mentioned that it cost roughly around \$5.00 per table plus transportation the last time we rented them. However, we were renting 30+ tables at that time.

Paul mentioned that maybe we could keep the main part of Ham Fest for the commercial vendors and make the other truck bay for flea marketer's and have them bring there own tables. Brian mentioned that we were charging \$10.00 per table and that way we would make more money at the Ham Fest but Brian said he would bring the idea to the Ham Fest committee for them to consideration.

Old Business: Nothing was reported

New Business:

Programs- Brian mentioned that it was John Rudy's responsibility get programs lined up for the regular meeting but asked for the board to help come up with ideas about different things that can be presented for programs at the regular meeting. You can talk with John Rudy or Brain if you have any suggestions. John Rudy mentioned that he had come up with some ideas.

- He was given a name at Broome County Airport that might be willing to come and talk about Airline frequencies and communications. (Waiting to hear back from them)
- He has talked with someone at Canadian Pacific to see if there was anyone that would be willing to come to a meeting and give a talk about Railroad communication. (Waiting to hear back)

Brian mentioned about a possibly a Winter Skywarn program, but he will talk to Ford Drake (AB2HS) about it. However, he is afraid it might be to late in the season for that. Typically January, meeting the time will be allocated mainly for discussing the 2011 budget. Brian brought up maybe, we could ask Ray Terry (K1OW) if he could talk about Earth to Moon to Earth communications. Brian also mentioned, Drew Deskur (KA1M) could talk about his interests in satellite/space shuttle communications as a suggestion for a future meeting. Also maybe we should having a sheet passed around at the regular meeting, to see if we can get any suggestions, on topic that the members would like to see for

programs. Vinnie suggested seeing if we could get out ARRL section manager to come to one of our meeting to talk about ARRL and answer any questions.

Newsletter- Brian mentioned that [Bill Jakaitis](#) KB2SIN was always looking for articles for the BARA Newsletter. He asked even if it's a article that was published somewhere else, as long as we get the person's name who wrote it, and you think it would be interesting to the group. Please get it to Bill (KB2SIN) so he can put it in. Brian also mentioned that the minutes from the board meeting and regular meeting (without the financial figures) would be posted in the newsletter so the membership knows what going on in the club. He asked that all articles for the newsletter get to Bill (KB2SIN) by the Saturday after the board meeting meets.

Warren made a suggestion that maybe each of the officer could write small article about themselves, so the membership would know a little about who they are, since there are a lot of new faces on the board. Allowing Bill to publish them in any of the newsletter when there is space.

Refreshments- Brian asked the board members to volunteer for refreshment duty for each regular: January- John Rudy, February- Andy, March- Tom, April- Paul, May- Brian, June- Warren, July- John Carrington, August- None (Picnic), September- Vinnie, October-?, November-?, December- None (Holiday Dinner)

Missing Inventory- Brian would like to meet with Jack Conners (WB2GHH) and see if the two of them could locate more of the equipment missing that the club owned at one time. There are a few radios in particular not accounted for that would be nice to have again for the shack. Brian mentioned that there is an interest in getting some 2-meter and 440 radio, preferably with an all mode feature, for the shack.

Fundraising- Brian motioned looking into other ways of earning money. The suggestion has been brought up is to see if we could hold one or more events with Doug's Fish Fry and/or Brooks BBQ Chicken. There has been many organizations holding such event and lets look into it.

John Rudy said he would try to get hold of the people at Doug's Fish Fry for the details. Tom said he would contact Brooks BBQ for theirs. There

was a lengthy discussion about possible site but decided to wait to see what the different venders would suggest.

John brought up that he was doing an electrical inspection at a house in Owego at a silent keys house and discovered in the lady's basement a bunch of old equipment, parts and tubes that the wife would like to get rid of. She suggested if BARA was interested in collecting all the silent keys stuff and sell it at a Ham Fest that she would donate some of the money back to the club. But also mentioned, not to bring any of it back to her place. John said he would contact Ford (AB2HS) and try to go back to the ladies house and go through it to see if it's worth the trouble of selling the equipment and parts. She mentioned that if she does not hear back from us she said she was just going to throw out all the stuff.

Budget- Paul passed out a proposed budget for 2011. There was a lengthy discussion on many of the line ideas. With the membership shrinking every year and having set expense for the shack, there are many line items with zeros because there is no money with income to fund them. We need to make some changes for income because with the membership and Ham Fest it does not cover set expenses. Say nothing on improvements for the shack. Raising membership dues was one suggestion but the board realizes that the membership would not be in favor of that.

Vinnie brought up stopping the mailing of newsletter because of the Internet people can get it threw our web site or charging the people who wish to receive the newsletter in the mail to pay for that service. Paul brought up that it was a small amount for this line item but a couple hundred dollars can go somewhere else. *The motion was made by John R. and seconded by Warren that the, 2011 budget presented will be accepted. Vote unanimously passed*

Any other Business- John R. makes the motion to adjourn the meeting, Warren 2nds it. Vote was unanimously passes

- Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Vinnie Griggs, N1JPM.

BACK to the BASICS

In this article I would like to go over some basic questions, definitions and/or formulas. This will be old hat for most but for some, a refresher. I will split this up into Technician, General & the Extra class.

Technician Class

T1A06 What is the FCC Part 97 definition of telecommand?

- A. An instruction bulletin issued by the FCC
- B. A one-way radio transmission of measurements at a distance from the measuring instrument
- C. A one-way transmission to initiate, modify or terminate functions of a device at a distance
- D. An instruction from a VEC

General Class

G1A06 Which of the following frequencies is in the 12 meter band?

- A. 3.940 MHz
- B. 12.940 MHz
- C. 17.940 MHz
- D. 24.940 MHz

Extra Class

E1A06 What is the maximum power output permitted on the 60 meter band?

- A. 50 watts PEP effective radiated power relative to an isotropic radiator
- B. 50 watts PEP effective radiated power relative to a dipole
- C. 100 watts PEP effective radiated power relative to an isotropic radiator
- D. 100 watts PEP effective radiated power relative to a dipole

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Answers to Back to the Basics.....

Technician Class	C
General Class	D
Extra Class	B

BARA FEST

FOR SALE: Henry 2KD-5 HF amplifier. \$800 OBO. Fresh, matched pair 3-500ZGs. HV power supply caps replaced. Entire unit cleaned and ready to go. 80-10M, 1KW output with about 80W drive. Wired for 240VAC (preferred), will run on 120VAC. Why for sale? I picked it up to tear it apart and put it on 6M, it's too nice to butcher! Email n2bc@stny.rr.com or call 748-5232. Thanks! 73, Bill N2BC

BARA Dues Reminder

It is that time of year when BARA dues are due. The vast majority of our members, that pay yearly, have switched to this time of year (January or February). I am asking that that you submit your dues as soon as possible either by sending to the post office box or come to the January meeting and keep me busy. The mailing address is

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Thanks

Paul N2NCB BARA Treasurer

Bernard Schwartz SM3c USNR Has Passed

September 2, 1945 was a significant day for all of us. Some of you may remember that date. Others may not have even been born yet. Whatever. The USS Missouri (BB-63) found itself along with an entourage of US Navy vessels anchored in Tokyo Bay. "Big Mo" was to be utilized as the venue for the signing of the documentation officially resulting in the surrender of the Empire of Japan to the Allied Powers.

Twelve boats (submarines for landlubbers) and a sub tender, the USS Proteus was included in the armada of USN vessels. On the signal bridge of the Proteus was an eighteen year old named Bernard Schwartz. Much later in life he is quoted as saying in reference

to that day, "That was one of the greatest days in my life, to be 18 standing on the signal bridge and watching the signing of that document. I felt so proud to be part of the services at that time."

Who was Bernard Schwartz? He was a kid from New York City. Born on June 3, 1925 of nearly improvised Jewish Hungarian parents. His dad was a tailor. They lived behind his small shop in two rooms. He and his two brothers in one and his parents in the other. By eleven years old he was an active member of a street gang. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor he, like so many others, immediately decided to join the service. He selected the navy. Possibly because of his small stature he was assigned to submarine school on the West coast. After successfully completing the necessary training, he was assigned duty as a signalman in a submariner relief crew. During the hostiles in the area of Guam he was wounded. After recovery he resumed duties on the sub tender the USS Proteus.

Why bring this all up? Well Bernard Schwartz died on September 29, 2010. The first obituaries I read did not mention his service to the country. My angst was put to rest a bit when I saw a portion of video at his grave side service. His coffin was appropriately draped in the US Flag and military personnel were present. Many Hollywood personalities were present. Why, because Bernie Schwartz, the NYC 'kid' who was so grateful for witnessing the signing of the surrender documents had returned home, changed his name and became a most popular stage and movie star. Bernie Schwartz was no other than Tony Curtis. **Note:** While I was poking around the web looking for details I came across a certificate indicating that Schwartz, B. SM3c USNR was on board the U.S.S, Proteus during the formal surrender. It is signed by the Fleet Admiral, the Vice Admiral and the Admiral, USN Commander Third Fleet W. F. Halsey.
de WB2GHH

me to recall that. Years later we bumped into each other many times while both employed at GE Johnson City. He was always fun to be around. His short, jerky mannerisms and a hearty laugh will always be remembered. I don't recall crossing paths on the air waves but did meet him many times at area hamfests. I extend my condolences to his family and many friends.

His obituary, including a photo, may be viewed at the Binghamton Press and Sun-Bulletin web site www.pressconnects.com.

Jack WB2GHH

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Silent Key

Sorry to inform that WA2RYG became a silent key on December 24, 2010. Richy, as I knew him, was from my home town of Pittston, Pa. I have a fleeting and fading memory of him at a party at Harvey's Lake about 60 years ago. Must have been quite a party for

2011 Club Officers

President	Brian Adee	K2DLB	206-4800
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	John Carrington	WB2SGS	648-8364
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Next General Meeting

7:30 PM, Wednesday, January 19th

Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, South of the Ross Park Entrance

Board Meeting

7:30 PM, Wednesday February 2nd

*Office of Emergency Services
Lt. Vanwinkle Dr. (Behind BCC)*

Exam Session

January 31st – 7PM

Vestal Public Library, Route 434 Vestal

BARA Dues

\$18/year Single member; \$27/year Family

Local Repeater Nets

146.73 (PL-100) MHz STAR Net (NTS Feeder) Every

Evening at 6:30 PM Local Time

146.865 (PL 146.2) MHz BRAT Net (Informal BARA) Sunday

Evening at 8:00 PM Local Time

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