

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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Updated Club Announcements

1. Important upcoming events:

A. June club breakfast Saturday: June 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Crankers in Big Rapids. Talk-in on the 146.740 Big Rapids 2-meter repeater for anyone needing directions.

B. BRAARC Field Day Saturday: June 28, and Sunday: June 29th—If you'd like to help organize the effort, or assist with actual set-up and take-down, contact Steve Cowan (KD8DHZ), Mike McKay (KD8DIB), or Don Macconnel (WA4FRJ).

C. Next BRAARC club meeting Thursday: July 3 at 7 p.m. at the Big Rapids Public Safety Building, 435 N. Michigan in Big Rapids.

D. Roben-Hood Airport Fly-in Friday: July 4th from approximately 6 a.m.—noon. If you can help provide communications, contact Mike McKay (KD8DIB).

E. Michigander Bike tour Saturday: July 12 – Friday: July 18. If you can help with communications as the tour comes through the Big Rapids area on Tuesday: July 15 and

Wednesday: July 16, contact Tom Behler: KB8TYJ.

2. Club nets:

A. 440 general net on 443.900 repeater Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.—

B. 2-meter general net on 146.74 repeater Tuesday evenings at 9 p.m.

C. Local ARES/RACES net on 146.74 2-meter repeater the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 9 p.m.

3. BRAARC fox hunt/miniswap/picnic to be re-scheduled for sometime later in the summer—more details to come as the time gets decided. If you can help, contact either Mike McKay (KD8DIB), or Don Macconnel (WA4FRJ).

4. If you would like to serve as net control for one or more of the BRAARC club nets, contact Tom Behler: KB8TYJ).

5. A BRAARC e-mail listserve or users group has been established for all BRAARC members to use as a forum for exchanging thoughts, ideas, questions, and any other concerns related

to our club or amateur radio in general. If you'd like to join this group, please contact our club web master, Jake Spence, KI8CK. Jake

will get you signed up on the list, and will give you verification that your registration has been completed and accepted.

BRAARC May 22, 2008 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Steve, KD8DHZ

Ralph LeRoy – motion approved to place Kenwood TS-430S & PS-430, SP-820, & MC-85 into club equipment inventory. Motion for life membership approved by board members. KC8IFP to prepare thank you to Mr. LeRoy. KD8DHZ to provide equipment list. HTX-202 from equipment donation and with donations from KB8TYJ and KD8DHZ - sold to Chris, KD8HYK for \$25.

List for sale: Bencher Paddle \$57, MFJ Keyer \$23, Pyramid PS-22kx \$35, Kenwood KPS-7 \$10, Speaker \$10, Johnson Messenger 123A \$20, RL Drake TV-1000 Low Pass Filter \$10, Kenwood TR-7730 \$25, Kenwood AT-180 \$70.

Field Day – Club supplied: Saturday dinner & Sunday Breakfast, Gas for generator, drinks. KC8IFP & KD8GGD food committee, KB8TYJ 40m, KC8CII 20, KD8DIB 80/15m Operate 3A with GOTA station.

Power Pole construction activity: 30A: \$1, 50A \$5.50, wire \$.80/ft

Mini Swap – Canceled

Equipment inventory – Anyone with club equipment, email Steve, KD8DHZ with your inventory by June 5, 2008.

Antenna launcher – Propose purchase of antenna launcher at June Club meeting

Fly in – Hold until club meeting _ KD8DIB to email Don about participation

Future Contests – Worked all club members' contests for July and August. Call sign mug, etc...

BOD list – Steve, KD8DHZ to contact Don, WA4FRJ and Peter P. to follow up on BOD list.

Basic Radio Day/Class – Form education sub-committee at June meeting.

Adopt a Ham – work with a new ham to help get them going. Gary Todd at FSU possible opportunity to work with students, Phil KC8QOV. Explore at June meeting.

Repeater Committee – Call for meeting in June.

Big Boy Celebrity Serve - Find coordinator at June meeting.

Special Service Club – Complete
Affiliated Club – Completed ASAP

Club Insurance – Received bill, need to add new equipment for payment in July.

Club Meeting Locations – back to BRFD in July. Look at possible alternate days at July Meeting. **Contact** Don to talk to Masonic Lodge about having meetings there.

Club Breakfast Locations – June 28 Crankers, Aug 2 Chuckwaggon, Aug 30 Wild Rose, Sep 27 Sharon's

Adjourn 9:19pm

Minutes submitted by Mike, KD8DIB

June 5, 2008 BRAARC Meeting Minutes by Mike McKay, KD8DIB

Call to order: 7:00 pm by Jim, N8PUG

Guests: (bring a guest – everyone is welcome)

Secretary's report: May 2008 minutes submitted by Mike, KD8DIB and approved.

Treasurer's report: June 2008 Financial Report submitted by Sue, KC8IFP and approved.

Announcements:

- 440 on the air w/ temp antenna. 440 Sunday Nets have restarted at 7:30pm.
- July Club Meeting: July 3, 2008 at Big Rapids DPS building
- We need net controls sign up with Tom, KB8TYJ – no net controls, no nets!
- 2 meter net on 146.74 repeater Tuesdays at 9pm
- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays – Digital Net on 2 meter repeater at 8pm - no activity
- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays – ARES / RACES Net at 9pm
- Email Jakeaspence@charter.net to join the Club Listserve.
- Field Day – June 28 & 29 – contact Steve, KD8DHZ or Mike, KD8DIB
- **Mini-swap/foxhunt/picnic - June 14 is Canceled**
- July 4 Airfest at Robinhood in Big Rapids – volunteers needed! Contact Mike, KD8DIB to sign up.
- July 11- 18 Michigander bike tour
- Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club: www.facebook.com Group. Contact Mike, KD8DIB for more info or to join.

Old Business:

- Request for additional discussion on the flat tire brain teaser – rescheduling debate when Don, WA4FRJ is available.
- Fritz, N18E working on brackets for new 440 antenna.

- “Girls on the Run” a big success! Club asked to help again next year. Thank you to all who helped!
- Vanity call for EOC's approved by FCC. Osceola County – K8OSE, Mecosta County – K8MEC, Ferris EOC – K8FSU
- Powerpole supplies to be available at field day for construction projects.

New Business:

- Big Boy celebrity Serve Fundraiser (September 9, 2008) being coordinated by new club members Val, KD8IAM and Shila, KD8IAL. Thank you, ladies!
- Equipment donated by Ralph Leroy, WA8WVI to be used at Field Day in June.
- Newsletter – Please let Phil, KC8QOV know if you had any problems with your newsletter.
- Motion approved by members to determine cost to digitized club logo and make available for embroidery on hats, shirts, jackets and etc... Information to be presented at future club meeting.
- Name tags orders – an order for club name tags will be placed this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

Program: 2007 Field Day Adventure with Michigan This Morning (9&10 News)

50/50 winner: Patricia. KD8GGD

Newsletter: Articles to Phil, KC8QOV before **June 11, 2008** (phildolly@power-net.net)

Club Breakfast: Saturday, June 28th at Crankers in Big Rapids 8:30am – Stop by before Field Day. Set up will begin after breakfast.

Refreshments at next meeting: Patricia, KD8GGD

Adjourn: 8:02 pm

Last month's Brainteaser:

Would you rather a crocodile attack you or an alligator?

Answer: I would rather that the crocodile attack the alligator.

This month's Brainteaser:

According to the American Constitution, in order to become President of the United States there are only five pre-requisites. The candidate must:

1. ...be at least 35 years old.
2. ...be a citizen of the United States.
3. ...have resided in the United States for at least 14 years.
4. ...have been born in the United States.
5. ?

Big Boy Celebrity Serve

The Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club Big Boy Celebrity Serve fund-raiser has been set for Tuesday: September 9th from 5-8.

Two new club members, Shila (KD8AUL) and Val (KD8IAM), are taking the lead in co-coordinating this year's event, so let's help them make it a success by either serving or at least coming to enjoy a meal.

We will need approximately 8-10 volunteers to serve. We need to arrive by 4:30-4:45, wear khaki or black pants and matching shirts (Maybe we will have our club shirts done?). We will keep everyone informed of the progress.

More details will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Thanks to Shila and Val for stepping up to the plate!

July 4th, 2008 Roben Hood Airport Freedom Airfest



Don't be a "lion" around on the Fourth of July...

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the annual Roben Hood Airport Freedom Airfest in Big Rapids. Organizers say it's a new show this year and your help is needed with communications for the event. Did I mention that Chris Cake will be there with his flying pancakes! It's a sight to taste... We will need volunteers for the following: someone to operate as net control, a 2 meter Station for net control, 10 to 15 volunteers with 2 meter HT's, and a willingness to have fun! Bring your emergency communications vest, too.

Contact Mike, KD8DIB to sign up to help. mckaym@ferris.edu or (231)527-1688

The Airport is located at 21325 Eighteen Mile Road, Big Rapids 49307.
(photo: myfunnyguy.com)

