

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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Now just tell me where did July go? This was another busy month for BRAARC. July found many BRAARC members helping out with the Rotary Polio Run and Freedom Airfest. A

special thanks is necessary to the hams and club members that helped make these events big successes! Great job, everyone!

Field Day came and went with a lot of fun had by those who attended. (The chicken dinner was great!) We made a total of 90 contacts on 20 and 40 meters phone. The total score was 180 QSO points and 390 bonus points.

Something different this year was the fact that we had two youth operators and one of them tried his best to operate the full length of Field Day. I say, "Great Job" to all of those who helped out with this event. I can't say it was a small event even though we only operated two alpha (2A) because we had a total of twelve (12) participants. It was nice to see you at this popular event!

The Big Bad Wolf Adventure Race, if you can believe it, draws near. This event takes place on Labor Day weekend. Keep an eye and an

ear out for more details on the web and nets in the near future. This is a big event and a lot of help is needed to make it a success. We need you to sign up at the next club meeting or on the weekly nets if you are able to assist.

There are so many opportunities for our club to get out and support the community and many of you jump right up to volunteer to help out. These actions of our club members remind me of the last tenet of the, "The Amateur's Code" by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928). The Radio Amateur is PATRIOTIC.....with station and skill always ready for service to country and community. You can find the full "code" and the BRAARC Bylaws at www.braarc.net then click on the link to the "Amateur's Code."

Keep enjoying the summer and I hope to meet up with you soon on the air, at the beach, on the trail, or on the road. Look out... more amateur radio fun is on its way!

Happy Hamming!
Mike, KD8DIB

BRAARC

4/1/10 Minutes

Called to order at 7:03 by President Mike KD8DIB.

Announcements – Check the website calendar application for events

- Rotary Polio Run – July 10. Don WA4FRJ explained that it is a communication event. 5K run from Hemlock park to North End Park. Sign-up Sheet was passed around.
- Freedom Air Fest – July 17. Communication Event

Treasure Report – Val KD8IAM, moved and approved

Secretary Report – moved and approved

Repeater Committee – no report

Old Business

- **Big Bad Wolf Adventure Race** – On Labor Day weekend – NO Report



Announcements:

- Next club breakfast Saturday: July 31 at 9:00 a.m. at our new permanent breakfast location-- Sharon's restaurant in Rogers Heights. Talk-in on the 146.740 Big Rapids 2-meter repeater for anyone needing directions.
- BRAARC club meeting Thursday: August 5 at 7 p.m. the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building, 435 N. Michigan in Big Rapids. **Presentation Topic:** Long Distance Electronic Measurements
- Big Bad Wolf Adventure Race - Labor Day weekend. Coordinator: Jeff, K8OE

Communication Nets

- 70cm / 440 Net - Every Sunday evening at 7:30 PM
- 2 Meter - Every Tuesday evening at 9:00 PM
- ARES/RACES - Every second and fourth Wednesday at 9:00 PM (2 Meter repeater)

New Business

- **Open nominations for Officers** – Moved and approved to create a nominating committee. Chair Jim Woolen W4UIH, member Don MacConnol WA4FRJ, member Bill Stankey N8MZB.

Tech Corner – Don WA4FRJ discussed electrical safety

Program – Mike KD8DIB started the program with field day statistics and asked for those who attended to share their thoughts. Mike led an open discussion about how to build the club.

Snacks for August – Yens

Net winners – May – G Woolen, June – M McKay

50/50 – John

Adjourned 8:38PM

Freedom Airfest a Success

July 17 found six of our fine members busy at the Roben-Hood Big Rapids airport helping to park planes and provide communication on the field. About 4000 people attended and enjoyed the planes, classic cars and flying pancakes. A flyover and some interesting fighter and homebuilt planes rounded out the day that was complete with plane rides and lots of pilot talk. Wide-eyed kids were able to get right on the field for close up looks at the planes.

Thank you to those good-looking hams that were such a big help. We've inserted their picture along with their call signs. You guys were great!



Brain Teaser

Don MacConnel, WA4FRJ

Answer to the last Brain Teaser

Here was the question:

“This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing is wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual



Antenna Setup



Sunday Morning



Still Sunday Morning



Club Breakfast

Saturday, July 31, 2010

9:00AM

Sharon's Restaurant

Rogers Heights



Hope To See Many of You There!!!

