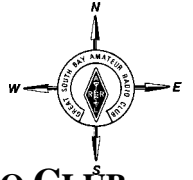


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GSBARC 2005 OFFICERS

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Upcoming GSBARC Events

Board Meeting – 2nd Thursday 8:00 PM

Feb. 10; Mar. 10, Apr. 14

VE Session – 4th Sunday 12:00 PM

Feb. 27; Mar. 27, Apr. 24

General Meeting – Last Thur. 8:00PM

Feb. 24; Mar. 31, Apr. 28

Open House 12:00 – 2:00PM

Every Saturday @ Town Hall EOC

NETS

Newsline Report -

Monday 7:00 PM 146.685/R

Club Info Net -

Monday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

DX/Contest Info -

Monday 8:00 PM 146.685/R

TOBARES Net -

Monday 8:15 PM 146.685/R

Swap 'n Shop Net -

Tuesday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

10 M Net -

Tuesday 8:00 PM 28.320

REPEATERS

2 M	146.685/146.085	PL 110.9
1 1/2 M	223.860/222.260	PL 131.8
70 CM	440.850/445.850	PL 114.8

WEB SITE

www.gsbarc.org

Mirror Site: www.qsl.net/gsbarc

Next Hamfest:

Feb 27 - LIMARC Indoor
Levittown Hall, Levittown, NY



Happy Presidents Day



Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration



The next Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I on-line course (EC-001) opens Monday March 7 at 1201 AM EST and will remain open until all available seats have been filled or through the March 12-13 weekend--whichever comes first. Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level II on-line course (EC-002) opens Monday, March 14, at 1201 AM EST and will remain open until all available seats have been

filled or through the March 19-20 weekend--whichever comes first. **This is the final year of grant-subsidized classes!** Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. Radio amateurs 55 and up are strongly encouraged to participate. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

Earth Rarely Out of Sight or Mind for ISS Crew (Feb 15, 2005) --



While it's 220 miles distant, Earth seems never far from the thoughts of the International Space Station's Expedition 11 crew. Gazing upon the home planet from their vantage point in space is among the most favorite activities of those who have done duty tours aboard the ISS, and the current crew members are no exception. Speaking via Amateur Radio from NA1SS February 10, Expedition 10 Commander Leroy Chiao, KE5BRW, told youngsters at Fairview

Elementary School in Mt Prospect, Illinois, that his new hobby is taking pictures of Earth from the ISS. Chiao also informed Fairview Principal Kerry Swalwell that earthly topics dominate conversations between himself and crewmate Salizhan Sharipov.



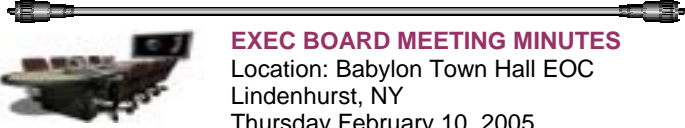
Have you renewed your membership with GSBARC this year?



If you do not do so by the March General Meeting you will be removed from the GSBARC Membership List?



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
 Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC
 Lindenhurst, NY
 Thursday January 27, 2005
 No Minutes Submitted at time of publishing.



EXEC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC
 Lindenhurst, NY
 Thursday February 10, 2005

Meeting Called to order at 8:15 pm

Board Members Present:

President Tom N2MIG
 Vice President Joe N2IMF
 Treasurer John KC2JGH
 Corr. Sec. Walter KA2RGI
 Director Jay N2PIK

Board Members Not Present:

Rec. Sec. Margaret KB2IDZ
 Director Frank K2LI
 Director Dom WA2UJI
 Director Alan N2CRV

Club Members Present:

Charles N2MZK
 Dave N2UHR
 Danny WA2COO
 Spin KC2EGK

Business Reports



Treasurer's Report—
 John, KC2JGH

1/27/05	\$3,099.76	Previous Balance
1/27-1/31	143.80	Payouts
1/29	113.00	Deposit of Membership
Dues and 50/50		
2/10/05	3,068.96	Present Balance

Bud WA2QAV won the 50/50 at the Jan General Meeting.
 Total of 50/50 was \$16.00



Correspondence Report— Walter, KA2RGI
 Membership Dues from Richard C North, KC2NMJ
 Newsday Fun Book Information update



Standing Committee's
Apparel—Ken N2ZN
 No Report



Newsline and 2M Net—Dave,
 N2UHR is looking for additional
 people to run these two nets.
Swap and Shop—Bud, WA2QAV

10M Net—Brian, N2NGE



Newsletter Compass—Walter, KA2RGI
 Submission Deadline is the Saturday after the Exec.
 Board Meeting



DX & Contesting—Bob, K2TV
 No Report



Education Report—Walter, KA2RGI
Technician Class Theory is
 scheduled for Sept. 20th. There may

be a special class for scouts in spring if requested, waiting to hear from Scout Masters.
General Class Theory started on Jan 18th. At he TOB EOC at 7:30. Walter KA2RGI is the instructor.
Extra Class Theory is to start April 5th at 7:30 in the TOB EOC. Phil N2MUN will be the instructor.

Computer Basics

Query how many members are interested in a series of basics computer classes? What day and times are good? Does the club want another net to handle computer/internet questions?



Equipment—Walter, KA2RGI
 MC-60 Microphone added to inventory for 2nd Kenwood 570.

Membership—Ken, N2ZN
 No Report

Repeater Report:

2m 146.685/R PL 110.9:

Replaced the controller on repeater. Machine appears to have better reception.

1.5m 223.860/R PL131.8:

Audio on repeater is still square wave output which means rasy. Checked with tech who looked at it and he said they did not have a service monitor to do the final testing of repeater to check audio output. More work has to be done on repeater before it can go back on line.

70cm 440.850/R PL 114.8:

Awaiting 440-repeater fir install.



VE Sessions—Tom, K2ZDX
 Next VE Session is Feb. 27.
 Exam Fee is \$14.00

Website—David KC2GWO

Main site has finally been updated to match reflector site.

Additional Committee's

Antenna Committee—No report

Open House—Every Saturday from 12 noon till 2 pm



Field Day—Joe N2IMF
 12F Setup and will be held 6/25 and 6/26. There is ongoing FD prep meetings at the weekly open house on Saturdays at 12 Noon.



Light House Weekend—Margaret, KB2IDZ
 Awaiting Flyer



Hamfest—Joe N2IMF, Cliff KC2EXP
 We can not use the Sunrise Mall location due to change of ownership, No alternate valid site as of yet.

Air Power Museum—Bud, WA2QAV
 No Report



TOBARES— Walter, KA2RGI
 ARES cards are ready. RACES apps have been handed into county for processing. On the air training has started on weekly nets. Monthly meeting is the 3rd Thursday @ TOB EOC 8 pm.



TOBARES now has a reflector group on Yahoo. Information for ARES/RACES/SKYWARN and other served agencies will be passed out through the reflector.

To become part this Yahoo Group go on the web to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tobares/> and click the button on top "Join This Group", or contact Walter. KA2RGI for more information.

Scheduled Public Service Events

There will be no Suffolk County Half Marathon; it has been cancelled due to lack of county support.

March 6th—West Islip Run—West Islip High School, West Islip, NY 10 am

April 17th—National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk—Belmont Lake State Park, North Babylon, NY 9 am

April 24th—March of Dimes Walk America—Sheraton Hotel, Hauppauge, NY

May 1st—Canon LI Marathon—Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY

May 8th—Elizabeth T. McNamee Memorial 5K Road Race—West Islip High School, West Islip, NY



Old Business:

Club is still looking for an Video Projector

New Business:

Danny, WB2COO asked that the club explore new technologies.

John, KC2JGH is double-checking to see if the club has equipment insurance.

Health and Welfare:

Past member Jim, AB2JW is out of intensive care and mending from heart surgery. Still under observation for additional complications from surgery, should be going to a care facility shortly.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 pm

Minutes taken by Joe, N2IMF for Margaret KB2IDZ



ISS RS0ISS PACKET SYSTEM PROBLEMS



ISS RS0ISS packet system remains problematic: ISS Ham Project Engineer Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, at Johnson Space Center reports that the packet BBS portion (RS0ISS-11) aboard the International Space Station remains non-operational, and efforts to restore the BBS capability have been unsuccessful. "At this point it is unknown if this is a temporary or permanent state," Ransom said, adding that Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) hopes the feature can be restored in the future, "once a computer becomes available." Meanwhile, the ARISS digipeater is working but exhibits difficulties in relaying data. "The digipeater appears to be listening for long periods of time and then transmitting all of the buffered information at once," Ransom explained. "This duration of this issue seems to vary depending on your location." A computer is tentatively scheduled to be delivered to the ISS later this year, but Ransom says the schedule could be pushed back to accommodate higher priority items. "Once a computer is available, troubleshooting of both packet systems can be performed and hopefully both restored to full functionality." The ARISS Phase 2 station handles RS0ISS packet system operation.

ARRL HAM RADIO INSTRUCTOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS



Nominations for ARRL ham radio instructor awards are due by March 1: The deadline to submit nominations for ARRL's two Amateur Radio instructor awards for 2004 is March 1, 2005. The ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the

Year Award <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award/herb-tor.html> is presented to a volunteer Amateur Radio instructor. Named in memory of long-time CQ Novice Editor Herb S. Brier, W9AD, the award honors Brier's spirit of effective, caring Amateur Radio instruction. The ARRL sponsors this award, in conjunction with the Lake County (Indiana) Amateur Radio Club to recognize the very best in volunteer Amateur Radio instruction and recruitment.



The ARRL Professional Educator of the Year Award <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award/pey-tor.html> is presented to a teacher who uses Amateur Radio as part of the curriculum or after-school program, or teaches it in an educational institution, such as a community college. These awards honor those hams who put in countless volunteer hours to seek out newcomers and teach them the standards and practices of Amateur Radio. Nominating forms for the Brier award and the Professional Educator award are available on the ARRL Web site. **All nominations must be received at ARRL Headquarters by March 1.** All nominees will be invited to confirm their interest in competing for the award and to submit material documenting their activities. Winners receive engraved plaques and up to \$100 worth of ARRL publications.

CLUB NET SCRIPTS



If anyone is interested in a copy of the basic 2 meter Monday night net script for GSBARC it is available on the clubs website, or contact Dave, N2UHR. '73 de Dave, N2UHR

GREAT SOUTH BAY ARC YAHOO REFLECTOR



GSBARC has a new reflector that is being used to help keep members up to date with some information and emails.

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VIDEO PROJECTOR



The club is still attempting to acquire a Video Projector with 1024 x 780 resolution and the ability to use computer input and VCR inputs. We still have an active fund for this project. We need this type of projector to be able to have speakers present their information at meetings when they use PowerPoint Presentations. Please help with your donations to make this happen.

GSBARC VE Schedule

Feb 27, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Mar 27, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Apr 24, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
May 22, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Jun 19, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Jul 24, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Aug 28, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Sep 25, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Oct 23, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Nov 27, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
Dec 18, 2005 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon



Birthday Wishes

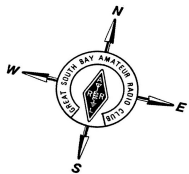
February

Tony, KB2IEV
Mike, KC2JTF
Paul, W2PB
Mike, N2QXK
Bob, K2TV
David, N2UHR
William, W2WDG
Julie Ann, N2XOB
John, KB2ZGS

March

Walter, KA2CAQ
Brian, N2NGE
Jay, N2PIK
Gene, KB2TZX
Bob, N0UH
Dom, WA2UJI

If your birthday is not listed we may not have all the info in our database. Let Ken, N2ZN know your correct information.



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