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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
Swap 'n Shop Net -
Wednesday 8PM 146.685/R
10 M Net -
Tuesday 8:00 PM 28.320 USB
Club Info Net -
Wednesday 10:00 AM 146.685/R

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting - 2nd Thursday 8:00 PM
March 13th 2008
VE Session - 4th Sunday @ 12:00 PM
next VE session is March 23rd 2008
Open House 12:00 - 2:00PM
Every Saturday @ Town Hall EOC
September through June
Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

Repeaters

2 M
146.685/146.085 PL 110.9
1 1/2 M
223.860/222.260 PL 110.9
70 CM
440.850/445.850 PL 110.9
Web Site

www.gsbarc.org

Mirror Site: www.qsl.net/gsbarc

DX Cluster

Connect to W2GSB on 145.67 MHz. 1200
baud
packet or follow the telnet link on
[HTTP://www.qsl.net/gsbarc](http://www.qsl.net/gsbarc)

The Swap & Shop net
has moved to Wednesday
at 8PM on 146.685 MHz.
The new net control is
now John, KC2HCB. If
you have any Ham Radio
related items to sell,
please list it with John
on the net.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2008

Here I am sitting in my office at home in the middle of our first real snow for this winter wondering what to write in this month's column. I am also working on a few other items for emergency preparedness as we are on soft stand-by for a possible activation due to the weather. During this time I am wondering how many of us are actually ready in a case of an emergency or actually available if called? I am also remembering some of the recent events in the past few weeks and who those functions turned out.

I just checked and made sure I had the newest call list if required so that if our status is changed I can start the calling. I am also wondering since this is a school recess week how many people are actually around and available to assist if needed. My mind goes to the recent meeting with the club and the attendance there. I begin to wonder and contemplate about emergency preparedness and the need to be communicating with others as to my availability on certain issues and how much a peace of mind is when people let others know what they are doing before hand and the impact it has on others when there no clear communication, and what the results are when an assumption is left by someone because the has been communication on their part. My thoughts returned to sitting at Town Hall last week and waiting to see

who would be attending the meeting. I did not have a good feeling since many of the membership have not been on the radio in a few days for various reasons. Most of those reasons remained unknown. All I could do was just wait and see and hope that things get covered ok if we were called upon.

Well as the day progressed and the weather pattern followed the earlier reports I was glad to hear from some of the membership as we stayed on a soft stand by and had no activations. It just reminded me we as amateur radio operators we have to be more communicative and let others know what we are doing especially if we have taken on some extra duties for the group and not just assume we will not be missed or are not needed. So I ask everyone now to think out what you do for our group and what you may like do to help take some extra work of someone else who is doing multiple functions. Let us know. Communicate. Be heard, and most of all pre-plan do not be reactive. If you can not make a commitment let someone know. If you have accepted a position or function please fulfill the duties of the position, and represent GSBARC proudly.

Remember, We ARE communicators so please communicate.

73,

Walter, KA2RGI

How to QSL

from the ARRL Contest Rate Sheet

Having just answered 1300+ E51MMM cards, George K5KG offers the following DOs and DONTs of QSLing:

DO use envelopes with peel and stick flaps. They speed up sealing of envelopes.

DO put your call sign in bold, large print on the same side as the QSO information.

DO enclose enough postage or an IRC to cover the cost of return postage. If this isn't possible, send the card anyway with a self-addressed envelope.

DO not enclose small address labels instead of envelopes.

DO avoid extraneous enclosures. Personal notes, canceled stamps, etc. should be avoided unless critical.

DO NOT use envelopes without glue. They have to be taped shut, and that is a real pain!

DO NOT seal envelopes so tightly that they can't be quickly opened with a letter opener.

DO NOT mix cards to or from different call signs. They really slow down the processing of cards.

DO NOT fold or "hide" IRCs or Green Stamps so intricately that they are hard to unfold when opening.

As a personal evaluation of your QSLing technique, the editor suggests that you make up a test QSL and envelope, seal it up, then open it and fill out a response. Then ask yourself if you would like to do that 5000 times! More guidelines are available on the CQ-Contest email reflector archives <<http://www.contesting.com>> by reviewing the thread "DOs and DONTs of QSLing"

GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC Lindenhurst, NY

Date: Thursday January 31, 2008

Confirmation of a quorum of the membership.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:02 PM by the President, Walter, KA2RGI

Committee reports were updated from the Executive Board Meeting. Any new information is listed below.

Correspondence Report: – PattiLynn, KC2AUX Cards mailed to Dave, N2UHR, Don, K2DGS (formally KB2UYS) family.

PO Box:
Nothing reported

Treasurers Report: Don, W2EUL
Bank statement and current balance were discussed,
All was found to be in order.

Education: Walter, KA2RGI
Technician Theory classes 9/08
General Theory classes started 01/08/2008
Extra Theory Classes start 04/03/2008

MEMBERSHIP: – Don, W2EUL
40 full members plus 1 life member
52 regular, 17 family, 3 unlicensed members
93 Total members + 4 ARRL leadership members
2 renewals for 2008, 61 not renewed yet. Don requested that all members please renew their membership as soon as possible.
A new roster was uploaded to the yahoo group on 1-10-08

Swap-N-Shop: NCS – John, KC2HCB
Weds at 10:15 AM with Jay, N2PIK Nothing new to report.
Weds at 8 PM with John, KC2HCB.

Ten Meter Net: NCS - Brian, N2NGE
Work has been making it harder for Brian to be net control. Missed last few nets.

Weds. 2-Meter Informal Net: NCS - Jay, N2PIK

VE: Walter, KA2RGI

Next GSBARC sponsored VE sessions:

Sunday, Feb 24 the @ 12 Noon, TOB EOC

Refreshments: Don, W2EUL

Reminded the membership that those individuals partaking in the Coffee & Donuts etc. are expected to contribute to the refreshment fund according to the sign posted on the refrigerator in the rear of the meeting room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

APPAREL: – Charles, N2MZK
1 golf shirt on order

CLUB STATION & EQUIPMENT: – Walter, KA2RGI
Nothing to report

DX CLUSTER – W2GSB 145.670: – Walter, KA2RGI
There have been reports of systems on the worldwide cluster that are running software that is incompatible. This has been reported to be causing errors throughout the network. At present the system is running ok.

LIBRARY: – Alan, N2CRV

Antenna Committee: Chairperson – *** OPEN ***
Jon, KA2YMQ, offered to chair committee and coordinate scheduling. This week the committee surprised Tom, N2MIG, by replacing his old antenna with his new one.

ARES/RACES: EC/RO - Walter, KA2RGI
Meets 3rd Thurs. of the month at EOC.
TOBARES Net every Monday at 8:15PM
Upcoming Public Service Events:
Suffolk County Half Marathon Sunday March 30, 2008.
Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Don, W2EUL, via email @ w2eul@arrl.net regarding your availability!
Coarse 1 books being ordered

Guest Speakers & Programs: – Bob, K2TV
Bob, K2TV presented the following presentation by The Villages, Florida Amateur Radio Club :
Stealth Antenna Systems that work about stealth antenna systems that are used by their club members. Like many developments with antenna restrictions, towers and large rooftop antenna systems are not allowed in their town because of covenants. See how they successfully operate with antennas that are low

profile and hidden from view. Our thanks to The Villages ARC and their secretary ED, W5TWR for permission to run their presentation at our club meeting. Check them out at <http://www.tvarc.net>

Speaker for Feb 28th's General meeting will be K2IZ speaking on emergency communications and will be demonstrating suitcase radios used in emergency situations.

Health And Welfare: – Patti-Lynn Wandell, KC2AUX
Dave N2UHR is having cervical fusion surgery at Hospital For Special Surgeries on Jan. 17th 2008.
KF2UR ,John 's mother has recently passed away.

Open House: – Don, W2EUL, Walter, KA2RGI
Weekly from 2nd Sat. in Sept. to 2nd Sat. in July.
Participation is great. Come down and join the fun.

Technical Committee: – Bob, K2TV, Danny, WB2COO
Nothing Reported

OLD BUSINESS:
Food Fund Donations Total: \$46.00
Issues with logging procedures at club station and special events was brought up and discussed. The start of a class on logging methods was brought up and will start on Sat. Jan. 19th. there will also be a general meeting on logging. Don, W2EUL, Bill, W2ANQ and Danny, WB2COO will work together for the presentation and classes.

NEW BUSINESS:
SPECIAL EVENTS:
Hamfest: Coordinators – Walter, KA2RGI, Jay, N2PIK
April 27, 2008, Fireman's Memorial Park, Lindenhurst, NY.
Board approved Hamfest flyer and is looking for assistance to print flyers. Master of flyer will be place on Yahoo group in files so membership has access to make copies. Anyone attending any hamfest should coordinate to get flyers out so we have a good attendance of buyers and vendors. If

Air Power Museum:
Coordinators – Bud, WA2QAV; Bob, K2TV; Jay, N2PIK

Event Dates: May 17-18, 2008 (Tentative) 7AM – 4:30 PM
3rd weekend in May-Armed Forces Day
Location: Air Power Museum, Republic Airport.

Respectfully submitted,

PattiLynn Wandell
Secretary, GSBARC

What do the telephone companies do when there is no telephone service due to an National emergency? Alex Rokowetz Manager - National Security Emergency Preparedness of Verizon Telecom will speak about emergency preparedness by Verizon and other telephone providers. He will demonstrate the latest in HF radio emergency communications technology. How does this impact on our Amateur Radio Emergency Communications and what can we learn from them? Come on down to the next club meeting on Thursday February 28th at 8PM in the Emergency Operations Center.



HAMFEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

9AM - 12 PM

**Great South Bay
Amateur Radio Club**

***** New Location *****

**FIREMAN'S MEMORIAL PARK,
end of Hartford St.,
Lindenhurst, LI, NY 11757**

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$6.00
Spouses and Children under 12 FREE

DOORS OPEN FOR VENDORS AT 7:00 AM EST
DOORS OPEN FOR BUYERS AT 9:00 AM EST

For Vendor Information Contact:

Walter M. Wenzel, KA2RGI
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(631) 957-0218 until 11PM
Email: ka2rgi @ arrl.net
Web Site: www.gsbarc.org

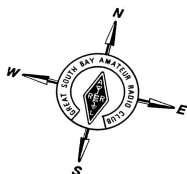
**See our flyer for more
information at
<http://www.qsl.net/gsbarc>**

**Amateur Radio Equipment
Computers & Accessories
Ham Equipment Dealers
ARRL & Club Information
ARRL VE Session at 12 Noon**



The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club's next meeting will be on Thursday, February 28th at 8PM in the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the Babylon Town Hall 200 East Sunrise Highway, North Pinehurst, NY. To enter the EOC go around to the rear of Town Hall and go down the stairs between the two wings of the building. Ring the TOP door bell button and you will be "buzzed in".

Make a left turn in the hallway and the EOC is located down the hall on the right. Talk-in on 146.685 MHz 110.9 Hz PL.



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