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&
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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
April 10th 2008
VE Session - 4th Sunday @ 12:00 PM
next VE session is April 27th at the Hamfest
Open House 12:00 - 2:00PM
Every Saturday @ Town Hall EOC
September after Labor day 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/g sbarc
DX Cluster
Connect to W2GSB on 145.67 MHz. 1200
baud
packet or follow the telnet link on
[HTTP://www.qsl.net/g sbarc](http://www.qsl.net/g sbarc)

President's Message

Here it is the end of March. We have made it through another winter. Thankfully it was not as bad as it could have been. Spring is right around the corner and with those April showers we start thinking about those antenna projects and the May flowers and the sprouting antennas projects and other tasks around the house. Let Jon, KA2YMQ know about your needs for antenna projects so we can schedule work crews to help out your projects and help you with the planning of the work that has to be done.

It has also been great to see the recent active participation in the open houses and the other functions within the club. It has been fantastic to all of those that are reaching out to do more within the club and lending helping hands with other club members. We are looking at setting down our Field Day plans and updating the other projects with the club. We need your commitment to make these functions happen. Is there something that you can assist with or some project you can watch over and direct. I am attempting to get more members of the club more involved and take over some of the items I have been doing so I can lighten my load and take some things off my plate. I would like to get back to doing a few other things I have not been able to do so for awhile but I need your assistance. So if there is something you would like to be part of, let me know.

April 1st is the start of the Extra classes and it looks like we may have a good sized group for the class. There has also been a few queries if we are going to have a Tech this spring. Is there anyone that would like to teach that class? If there is an interest please let me know so we pass on the information. If there is none then it will have to wait until the Fall scheduled class.

Please do not forget about the Hamfest on April 27th. I need people to let me know what they are planning to do to assist during the event and commit to some of the tasks to help get things ready for it and also do things during the event itself. We need people for security, parking, table setup, and other positions. If you are not sure what to

do or what has to been done please contact me.

During the last month we have had some of our members go through some rough times with illness and operations and I know the thoughts of the membership has been with them. Lets also keep in mind those that are not with us do to various reasons whether they were members of GSBARC or not.

Let's continue to keep GSBARC as a fun place to belong to and one that looks out for the best for everyone. If you have any ideas for future meeting let us know. If you have ideas for projects and additional training or classes let us know those thoughts also.

See you at the meetings and hear you on the air!

73,

Walter, KA2RGI

**Volunteers needed for the
suffolk County half Marithon
on Sunday, March 30th. .
please contact Don, W2EUL
at 631-929-0705 ASAP**

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
P.O. Box 1356
West Babylon, NY 11704-0356
(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**

**Please spread the word about the
GSBARC HamFest**

GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC Lindenhurst,
NY

Date: Thursday March 13, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI
Secretary	Patti-Lynn Wandell, KC2AUX
Treasurer	Don Rollock, W2EUL
Director 2008	Jon Gittens, KA2YMQ
Director 2008	Tom Favilla, N2MIG
Director 2008	Jay Eichner, N2PIK

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Vice President	Bob Myers, K2TV
Director 2009	Frank Cannata, K2LI

CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:

W2ANQ, N2UHR, KC2EGK, KC2EXO,
KC2TCH, N2MZK, KC2JGH, KC2MOX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: – Patti-Lynn Wandell,
KC2AUX

Nothing reported

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Previous were not read or approved.

CORRESPONDENCE –

PO BOX:

Nothing to report

OUTGOING:

TREASURER'S REPORT: – Don, W2EUL

Report was given. Finances are in good standing. Motion to accept report was made John, K2YMQ accepted and Jay N2PIK 2ND. For details of the report see Don, W2EUL the Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

APPAREL: – Charles, N2MZK

Just one golf shirt on order for Matt.

CLUB STATION & EQUIPMENT: – Walter, KA2RGI

John KC2HCB has the other Kenwood 570. He will be sending it to Kenwood for estimate on what is wrong with it. It seems to be a problem with the processor.

DX CLUSTER – W2GSB 145.670: – Walter, KA2RGI

Was down from Saturday – Monday, Several issues, one to due with the time change the other was when Clipperton went up on the air someone hacked in some erroneous codes causing systems to lock up across the country.

EDUCATION: – Walter, KA2RGI

Classes have been completed except for some review There will be **NO CLASS TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2008.** EXTRA CLASS: starts on April 1, 2008, about seven people expressed an interest in the extra class. TECH CLASS: is open for anyone who would like to teach it. There were a couple of people interested in attending a tech before September. Classes are Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at Town Hall EOC. Also there have been requests made for Basic computers and Packet operations.

LIBRARY: – Alan, N2CRV

Nothing reported

NETS:

BACKUP NCS NEEDED FOR ALL NETS

Newsline Report: 7:00 PM Monday - NCS - Don, W2EUL

Nothing new to report.

2 Meter Net: 7:30 PM Monday - NCS - Don, W2EUL

Nothing new to report.

DX & Contest Report: 8:00 PM Monday

Nothing new to report.

Swap-N-Shop: 8:00 PM Wednesday - NCS – KC2HCB

Weds at 10:15 AM with Jay, N2PIK Nothing new to report.

Weds at 7:30 PM Day and time can set by NCS availability

Ten Meter Net: 8:00 PM Tuesday - NCS - Brian, N2NGE

Nothing new to report.

Weds. 2 Meter Net: 10:00 AM - NCS - Jay, N2PIK

Nothing new to report.

NEWSLETTER – COMPASS: – Bob, K2TV / John, K2IZ

NOTE: Deadline to submit material for the Compass is the Saturday after the Board Meeting.

REPEATERS: W2GSB Trustee – Walter, KA2RGI

146.685: Still waiting for the work crew to go up on the tower, everything is set to go when the weather warms up.

223.860: Cannot be installed as intended due to tower antenna issues. If put online as is, it will damage the finals.

440.850: working

VE SESSION: ARRL Liaison & Contact - Walter, KA2RGI

Back up ARRL Liaison is needed.

Sunday February 24, 2008, 6 people took tests, 10 elements administered. 3 people passed tech and 3 people passed general, 0 passed extra 2 people tried for the extra. 4VE's were present at this session.

Next GSBARC sponsored VE sessions:

Sunday, 03/23/08 @ 12 Noon, TOB EOC

5 people already interested.

Minimum VE's available for this VE session.

Websites: – Walter, KA2RGI

Joe, AB2M is attempting to get access to the gsbarc.org domain so we can finally update the site. Dave Spector, the old host of the GSBARC.ORG site has turned on a redirector to the qsl.net/gsbarc so both sites are now updated. info@gsbarc.org and any of the other gsbarc.org emails are not operational until we can change hosts. Dave will be moving to California in a few months because of work and the site will then go dark for an undisclosed time frame.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Antenna Committee: Chairperson –Jon, N2YMQ

When the weather gets better several projects will be addressed. Contact Jon, N2YMQ via his email:

jon_gittens@hotmail.com

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

Anyone interested in helping with this event can contact Don.

Via his email address: w2eul@yahoo.com

MS Walk May 4, 2008, in Babylon around Belmont Lake, also MS walk at Jones Beach being handled by Lance KA2EJD

Guest Speakers & Programs:

Mtg.	Speaker	Topic
March	Don, W2EUL	DVD on DX expeditions

If there were any topics you would like to hear about, let Bob, K2TV know.

Health And Welfare: – Patti-Lynn Wandell, KC2AUX

Frank Cannata, K2LI had bypass and valve replacement surgery on Monday March 10, 2008 in Northshore University Hospital of Manhasset. His rm # is 421 and his phone # is: 516 684-5277 at present. He is able to receive calls. Jay, Tom and John went to see him on Thursday and reported that is doing well and that the surgery went well.

Charles N2MZK reports that his wife had a medical checkup and procedure and all turned out well.

Open House: – Don, W2EUL, Walter, and KA2RGI

Weekly from 2nd Sat. in Sept. to 2nd Sat. in July.

Walter will not be able to attend this Saturday's open house

Technical Committee: – Bob, K2TV, Danny, and WB2COO

The newest report about the noise on the repeater is that it is a Motorola phone charger causing the problem. This is the only information we have at this time.

222 Antenna is needed to keep our coordination of 220 frequencies.
Bill stated he would donate his 220 quad band antenna till the club can purchase something else.
People need to learn what is involved in maintaining our repeater equipment. Walter is more than willing to teach anyone who expresses an interest and can spare some time to learn this. Walter would like the club to understand that he has done his best to maintain this equipment but really would like others to help him.

OLD BUSINESS:

Food Fund Donations Total: \$46.00

NEW BUSINESS:

Trip to United Nations as a group trip suggested by Bill, W2ANQ Let Bill know if you are interested in doing this so he can coordinate

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Hamfest: Coordinators – Walter, KA2RGI, Jay, N2PIK
April 27, 2008, Fireman's Memorial Park, Lindenhurst, NY.
Flyers were distributed by Joe @ the LIMARC Hamfest.
Joe has volunteered for vender coordination. Adam and Don will help out with security.
Confirmed vendors are Quicksilver and Bill Casey,

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.
Bud is confirming with Larry the date and the possibility of permanently installing a dipole antenna on hanger.

Field Day: Coordinators – Walter, KA2RGI; Don, W2EUL; Adam, KB2TCH
Event Date: June 28-29, 2008
Location: Babylon Town Hall - East Lawn.
Now is the time to start planning for 2008. Bob, K2TV has checked out all dipoles and cables and repaired those that needed repairs. Looking for people to be station captains and make sure each station is setup and operational for the event.

End of the Year Party: Coordinator – Walter, KA2RGI

Meeting closed by Walter, KA2RGI at 9:18
Respectfully submitted by,

Resources for ARES Ops

FEMA National Incident Management System:
<<http://www.fema.gov/nims/>>
IARU Emergency Communications:
<<http://www.iaru.org/emergency/>>
IARU Region 2 Emergency Communications:
<<http://www.iaru-r2emcor.net>>
Major Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Nets:
Hurricane Watch Net: <<http://www.hwn.org/>>
Maritime Mobile Service Net:
<<http://www.mmsn.org/>>
Salvation Army (SATERN) Net:
<<http://www.satern.org>>
Waterway Net: <<http://www.waterwayradio.net/>>
VoIP SKYWARN/Hurricane Net:
<<http://www.voipwx.net/>>
ARRL/Served Agency Memoranda of Understanding:
<<http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/mou/>>
National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster:
<<http://www.nvoad.org/>>
American Red Cross: <<http://www.redcross.org/>>
National Weather Service:
<<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>>
Department of Homeland Security - Citizen Corps, FEMA:
<<http://www.citizen corps.gov/>>,
<<http://www.dhs.gov/>>,
<<http://www.fema.gov/>>
Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International:
<<http://www.apointl.org/>>
National Communications System:
<<http://www.ncs.gov/>>
National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers, Inc.:
<<http://www.narte.org/>>
Salvation Army:
<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn.nsf>
Society of Broadcast Engineers:
<<http://www.sbe.org/>>
Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.
<<http://www.QCWA.org/>>
Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams:
<<http://www.reactintl.org/>>
SKYWARN: <<http://www.skywarn.org/>>

Courtesy of the ARRL ARES E-letter

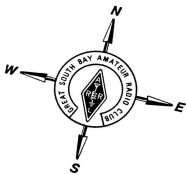
News flash

The 220 repeater is now back on the air with the new repeater!
223.860/222.260 PL 110.9

On Saturday April 5th we plan to have a work party to do some antenna work at the EOC at Town Hall. If you can help out please contact Walter KA2RGI



The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club's next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27th at 8PM in the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the Babylon Town Hall 200 East Sunrise Highway, North Lindenhurst, 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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