

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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President's Message

Field Day was enjoyed by all who participated, and Mike McKay reported at the last meeting that we did pretty well on the contest. My thanks to

those who gave their time for Field Day as this is an important exercise to prepare for an emergency under loss of power conditions. The new generator provided power for the whole time, and was very frugal with gasoline.

Elections are coming up in September! It looks like we will have the following slate of officers up for election at the September meeting:

Secretary – Sue Behler (KC8IFP)
Treasurer – Jens Rick (KC8OIV)
Vice President – Jeff Sell (K8OE)
President – Jim Woolen (K4UIH)

Tom Behler, Mecosta County EC-RO is updating the ARES and RACES list. Please let him know if you would still like to participate in these two groups. Some paperwork is necessary.

Our Celebrity Fund Raiser will again be held this October at Cankers' restaurant in Big Rapids. Look for details in the very near future.

Fred Radford (N8FR) reported on the growing interest in Amateur television (ATV). Several Hams in the area may pool equipment to put up a

repeater and link it to Grand Rapids. The process may take a year. If you are interested, check out PC Electronics (<http://www.hamtv.com/>), or view equipment listed on *eBay*. You can listen to 429 MHz to see what is happening in ATV. Contact Fred for more information.

I hope to see you at the next club meeting on Thursday, August 4th at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety. Our program will be provided by Bill Stankey (N8MZB) on his recent Alaskan trip.

73s,
Jim
K4UIH

BRAARC Meeting Minutes July 7, 2011

1. Please sign up for net control opportunities
2. Next club breakfast (July 30th @ 9 AM) Sharon's Restaurant
3. Next club meeting (August 4th @ 7 PM) – BR Dept. of Public Safety
4. Club reports were accepted as written
5. Girls-on-the-run report from Tom Behler – all went well, thanks to all those who participated.
6. Don MacConnel has agreed to look into the ordering of new emergency vest.

7. Sue Behler will place the club order for badges.
8. Tom Behler reported that work has been done on the IRA Link. It still appears to have some problems. He will continue to monitor the situation.
9. Annual Club Dinner was a big hit. It was recommended that we use The Rock again next year. Perhaps we can work on some type of program for the event.
10. Phil Marcotte has submitted two editions of our newsletter to the newsletter competition.
11. Gregory Woolen and Jim Woolen are continuing to look into future club projects for youth – possibly involving the Charter School.
12. The Club is not providing communications for the Roben Hood Airport Fly-In this year. Tom Behler is doing a seminar on Radio Communications at the event.
13. Nominations for club officers will be taken at the next meeting. Elections occur in September. If you would like to run for office please contact Jim Woolen, Gary Atteberry, or Don MacConnel.
14. We plan to hold the Celebrity Fund Raiser event at Crankers again in October.
15. Tom Behler, Mecosta County EC-RO is updating the ARES and RACES list. Please let him know if you would still

- like to participate in these two groups. Some paperwork is necessary.
16. Saturday, July 16th from 8:30 – 1:30 – ARES/RACES Mecosta/Osceola County Trunk Swap – held at the Osceola EOC. \$2.00 admission. \$5.00 for a table.
 17. Fred Radford is investigating Amateur TV. Several Hams in the area may pool equipment to put up a repeater and link it to Grand Rapids. The process may take the next year. If interested check out PC Electronics, or equipment on Ebay, or tune in to 429 MHz to see what is going on. Contact Fred for more information.
 18. Field Day Scores look really good – Mike McKay is still crunching the numbers.
 19. No Program/Speaker
 20. No Tech Corner
 21. 50/50 Drawing – McKays were the winners.
 22. Refreshments for next meeting – Phil Marcotte.
 23. 17 individuals in attendance at the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Behler
July 7, 2011

Announcements:

Sat, July 30, 9:00am – 10:30am

Club breakfast at Sharon's restaurant in Rogers Heights. Talk-in on the 146.740 Big Rapids 2-meter repeater for anyone needing directions.

Thu, August 4, 7pm – 9pm

435 N. Michigan Ave, Big Rapids, Mi 49307 ([map](#))

Next BRAARC club meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building, 435 N. Michigan in Big Rapids. Presentation Topic:

Aug 8 – 14, 2011

Where: Newaygo County, Mi ([map](#))

Description: A substantial amount of ARES/RACES communications help is going to be needed for the USNC Nationals Canoe Race, to be held in Newaygo County this Summer. This is a major event for Newaygo County.

If you think you can help, please report to the Volunteer Reception Center on Saturday, May 14, 2011. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact either Tim Deater (Newaygo County's EC) kc8mse@gmail.com -- or -- Abby Watkins (Newaygo County's Emergency Management Director) abbym@co.newaygo.mi.us

More information is available on the BRAARC website.

Sat, August 13, 9am – 10am

VE Testing: <http://kc8yzp.angelfire.com> See website for information: request pre-registration 7 days in advance for testing. Call 989-400-1385; M-F; 9A to 5P. Testing in Canadian Lakes. See website for details, maps and contact points. Thanks N8ERV VEC

Brain Teaser – WA4FRJ

Find a number whose double exceeds its quarter by 7.

Answer to Last Month's Brain Teasers.

The Puzzle: A man has to get a fox, a chicken, and a sack of corn across a wide, deep river. He has a rowboat, and it can only carry him and one other thing. If the fox and the chicken are left together, the fox will eat the chicken. If the chicken and the corn are left together, the chicken will eat the corn. How does he do it?

The answer: Take chicken across. Go back and take fox across, bring back the chicken, take corn across, go back and take chicken across.

Field Day 2011
June 25-26



Tom, KB8TYJ, does some digital work.



Mini-ham station!



Just a second, I gotta figure this out. Mike, KD8DIB, Jeff, K8OE

Breakfast

Saturday, July 30, 9:00AM

Sharon's Restaurant, Rogers Heights

If you haven't tried it, you should join us
It's a great way to start your Saturday

