

# *Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association*

## *Club Meeting Agenda*

19:00 Tuesday, 4-September-2018

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- Director/Officer introduction [W4AEQ, KE4OBV, KO4XL, W4BFL, WA2VNV, K4BH, K4LEW]
- Attendance Roster and Recognition
- Officer/Director Reports:
  - Secretary [N1QFH-John]:
    - Membership/Minutes (motion to approve)
    - Web Site Com... [www.BRARA.org](http://www.BRARA.org) [N1QFH, W4BFL, W4AEQ]
  - President [KO4XL-Bruce]:
    - Training/Testing/Youth Committee...
      - Tech training @ Boca LDS November?
      - Training dates:
        - Technician - November 3, November 10 (@LDS)
        - General - Sept 29-30, Oct 6-7
        - Extra - Feb 16, 17, 23, 24
    - Collegiate QSO Party - 9/15 - BRARA to host FAU club
    - WWV/WWVH petition
    - November meeting will be at shack
    - LoTW, DXCC, WAS [N4II-Ed]...
  - Vice President [W4AEQ-Jeff R]:
    - Nets
      - Sun Night DMR-FL LO Tech 20:00 ETZ 443.30 TS2 TG2 or TG31124
      - Mon Night Nets 19:00/20:00 ETZ 145.290
      - Tue Night Gtr Boca Raton CERT Net 19:30 ETZ 145.290
  - Treasurer's report [KO4XL - Bruce]:
    - Financial Report
  - Director at-Large/Technical Facilities [W4BFL-Jerry]:
    - Next VE session - Nov 8
    - Shack/Technical Status
    - Repeater Trustee [K4LEW-Lew]...
  - Director at-Large [K4BH-Jeff S]
    - Emergency Preparedness...
    - Broward Net Schedule
  - Director at-Large/VHF/UHF [WA2VNV-George]
- Upcoming Events:
  - 15 Sept Collegiate QSO Party
  - 09 October Next general meeting - West Boca Library
  - 08 Nov Next BRARA VE session (Patch Reef Park)
- New Business and Discussion...
- Adjournment (19:40 hours roughly)

Ticket distribution

Drawing

Presentation (19:45-20:45) - KO4XL Bruce - Cheapskate SDR



# Amateur Radio

## *From the CQ Newsroom:*

### **Petition Drive to Save WWV/WWVH** – Sept. 15 Deadline

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has eliminated funding for the continued operation of time/frequency standard stations WWV and WWVH in its Fiscal Year 2019 budget.



Tens of thousands of radio amateurs and other users of the shortwave spectrum rely on these stations as sources of accurate time and precise frequency measurement, as well as a wealth of propagation data. (WWVB, on 60 kHz, which provides time data for so-called "atomic clocks," would continue to be funded.)

**Two petitions have been started** on the White House's "We the People" petition site calling for restoration of funding for these two essential radio stations. **Each needs at least 100,000 electronic signatures by mid-September** to generate a response from the White House.

#### **The petitions can be found at:**

<<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/maintain-funding-nist-stations-wwv-wwvh>>

(As of now, needs just over 90,000 more signatures by September 15)

<<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/maintain-funding-nist-stations-wwv-wwvh>>

(As of now, needs over 98,000 more signatures by September 17)

**CQ** urges its readers and friends – and anyone else who finds value in the continued operation of WWV and WWVH – to sign one or both petitions and to contact your representatives in Congress to explain the need for these stations to continue to operate. Congress has the last word on the federal budget and can modify department proposals as it sees fit.

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