



the Radio Flyer, *a BRARA Newsletter*

March 2014

BRARA Calendar:

- 09:00-13:00 Sat 01-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 19:30 Mon 03-MAR-14
Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]
- 19:00-21:00 Tue 04-MAR-14 Club Meeting @ West Boca Library, 18685 SR-7/US-441, Boca Raton, FL 33498**
- 09:00-13:00 Wed 05-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 08-MAR-2014 PBC Hamfest**
- 09:00-13:00 Sat 08-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 19:30 Mon 10-MAR-14
Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]
- 09:00-13:00 Wed 12-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 15-MAR-14 STUART Hamfest**
- 09:00-13:00 Sat 15-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 19:30 Mon 17-MAR-14
Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]
- 09:00-13:00 Wed 19-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 09:00-13:00 Sat 22-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 12:00 23-MAR-14 RF article deadline**
- 19:30 Mon 24-MAR-14
Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]
- 09:00-13:00 Wed 26-MAR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 09:00-13:00 Sat 29-Mar-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
Open House/Grill begins 11:00
- 19:30-13:00 Mon 31-MAR-14
Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]
- 19:00-21:00 Tue 01-APR-14 Club Meeting @ West Boca Library, 18685 SR-7/US-441, Boca Raton, FL 33498**
- 09:00-13:00 Wed 02-APR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 09:00-13:00 Sat 05-APR-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day
- 19:30 Mon 07-Apr-14
Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]
- 09:00-13:00 Wed 09-Apr-14
Ham Shack Work & Radio Day



This Month's Speaker kjt4hp

This month, KS4NB (Larry Lazar) and AC4FC (Chris Hite) we will present Narrow Band Emergency Message System (NBEMS), and Fldigi digital messaging format requiring nothing more than a laptop with speaker and audio receiver, and an HT.

Future speakers we are working with include:

- *KC2WQ (David Brender) will give a presentation on Bonding & Grounding.*
- *KO4XL (Bruce) will give a presentation on miniature signal devices.*



Repeater, HSMM, & Ham Shack News

The weekly worker group meets almost every Wednesday and Saturday morning roughly between 0900 and 1300.

Repeater 2m/70cm linking is still a work in progress as is correcting the repeater time-stamp. Testing and tweaking of the new Controller continues.

The HSMM club project is also a work in progress.

We are looking to move the Echolink setup to N4CGC's QTH initially and then to the repeater site. Echolink should be operational again sometime Saturday 08-March-2014

Your support is needed (more physical, but moral is appreciated).

QSL Report N4JJ

As we close out the month, N4BRF has logged in 921 QSLs/3,609 QSOs (25.5%) on LoTW.

N4BRF DXCC Account Status: New this month Ogasawara, (JD1/0) American Samoa (KH8) and Benin (TY). *Awards received: Mixed and CW.*

N4BRF WAS Account Status: We have received 156 QSLs from the 2012 Field Day and 150 from the 2013 Field Day activities. *Awards received: Basic.*

N4BRF Triple Play Award Status: CW 47, Phone 39, Digital 38 Total 124 (of 150 needed). *This month-None!*

N4BRF VUCC Account Status: New this month: None! *The Fred Fish Memorial Award is still a work in progress.*

Next update at the 04-March-2014 Club Meeting.



3rd Annual N4BRF OpenHouse/ Radiator Grill

The Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association club will hold our 3rd Annual Open House/Radiator Grill at the Shack between 11:00 and 1300 Hours on Saturday 29 March 2014. All Hams and those interested in amateur radio are welcome.

See you there!





Presents

South East Florida Regional
Communications Symposium

Expanding Your Emergency Toolbox

Registration Open!



WHO: Amateur Radio Operators, CERT Leaders, CERT Communicators, persons interested in emergency Communications

WHERE: Safe Schools Institute, 1798 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33431

WHEN: 07:30—16:00, Saturday 12-April-2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◆ 20 breakout sessions designed for experienced and beginning operators
- ◆ Regional Communications response vehicle display
- ◆ Continental breakfast and lunch
- ◆ *Keynote Speaker:* Tom Cox (VE6TOX), Training Officer with Alberta Canada Emergency Management Office. Tom was deployed to 3 of Canada's largest natural disasters.

REGISTRATION: Registration is required at www.sflcommunications.org space is limited



Palm Beach District



Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners

SE Florida Regional Commo Symposium

Registration is now open for the SE FI Communications Symposium: Expanding your emergency toolbox. See attached flyer for more details or go to www.sflcommunications.org to see the wide variety of topics offered. This is NOT a ham fest but a day filled with topics related to amateur radio and emergency communications.

Here's a great opportunity to share and learn from each other to improve our skills and knowledge so we'll be more effective communicators when a disaster occurs.

For those that need to take ECC-001 as part of the requirement for a photo ARES badge, please note the testing session during the symposium. There are pre-requisites for this TESTING only session Study materials to prepare for the test are on the pbdares.org website under Files.

Don't wait too long to register.... we want to see you there on April 12th!! Did I mention that it is free??? Continental breakfast and lunch is included.

Pat Johnson, KJ4AVE
Program Chair
SFI Communications Symposium

Skywarn Class

The next Skywarn Class is scheduled for April 26, 2014 between 9:00 AM and about 2:00 PM at the Palm Beach County EOC. This class is taught by a representative of the National Weather Service Miami and is sponsored by Palm Beach County Emergency Management, National Weather Service and Palm Beach County Skywarn. This class is a combined BASIC and ADVANCED class which is recommended to be a qualified Skywarn storm spotter.

If you have never taken the class or have not taken a refresher class in the past 3 to 4 years, you should sign up for this class. The class will be posted on the Palm Beach County Skywarn web site this coming weekend and you can go to (www.pbcskywarn.org) and sign up for the class using the class sign up form. If you want to sign up before then or do not want to use the form, you can just send me an email with the following information:

Full Name

Full Address including ZIP code

Contact Phone Number (prefer you cell phone number but any number will do for now).

If you have any questions you can contact me at:

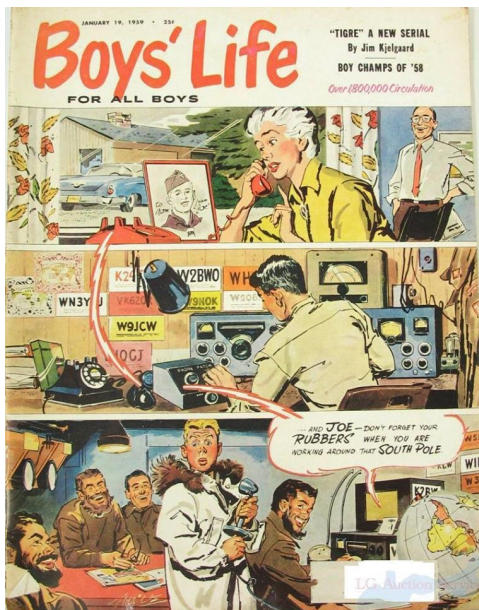
Maurice Dake, K9EE

Palm Beach County Skywarn
Coordinator

Cell: 561 374-4249

Delray CERT Net *ke4bmx*

Delray Beach CERT Net 1900, Thursdays on 470.863/473.863 [157.7] All CERT members are encouraged to join the net.



NBEMS kg4fur

I would like to remind everyone that there will be a NBEMS demonstration at the BRARA meeting on Tuesday 04 March 2014 following a brief meeting and beginning about 1915 hours.

There are 2 NBEMS nets in Palm Beach County. The PBC NBEMS Net is between 1830 and 1925 Sunday evenings on the 147.285 +0.600 [PL 103.5] repeater. The South County NBEMS Net is between 1930 and 2030 Friday evenings on the 145.290 -0.600 [PL 110.9] repeater.

Although not specifically NBEMS nets, NBEMS has also become an integral part of both the Central and South ARES nets (Wednesdays and Mondays respectively)

Introductory and Intermediate NBEMS training will be offered at the Communications Symposium on 12-April-2014.

SCARES Net kk4ati

Date: Mondays
Time: 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Check new ICS-205 FORM for other changes.

Notes: These nets are to TEST out your Radio Equipment and OPERATOR TRAINING. on 147.225 [+600] with a PL of 107.2 (Primary) or 146.820 [-600] with a PL of 110.9 (Secondary). Simplex frequencies include 146.55 (SCARES), 147.54 (EOA5), and 147.55 (EOA6).

Monthly meetings are held at 1900 hours on 2nd Wed of month in the PBC FRS at 14276 Hagen Ranch Rd, Delray Beach FL 33446

Club Net

145.290 -0.600 [PL 110.9] EC-826953
 Monday Evening Informal Net @ 1930

Remember that we are as close as Echo Link [EC 826953]. So stay in touch with us on Monday nights at 19:30 (7:30 PM our local time). W11VB, our NCS, looks forward to Echo Link contacts. We all do!

Club Repeaters

144.390 -0.600 APRS Repeater
 145.070 -0.600 Packet Repeater
 145.290 -0.600 [PL 110.9] EC-826953
 442.875 +5.000 [PL 110.9]

Location: 26.39724 -80.09485
 145.290 & 442.875 linking planned

Club Ham Shack

West Delray Regional Park
 1087 West Atlantic Avenue
 Delray Beach, FL 33446

Board of Directors

Scheduled Meetings

The BRARA Board of Directors:

K4LEW (Lew), KG4FUR (Gerry),
 KJ4RHP (Mike), KO4XL (Bruce),
 N4CGC (Max), W11VB (Frank), and
 W4WCD (Walt)

We hold weekly luncheon meetings at 11:30 Mondays (quorum permitting) at Miller's Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431. (561)988-9142
www.millersalehouse.com/location/east-boca-ale-house

Donations & Contributions

Contributions to BRARA—a 501(c)(3) organization—are tax deductible as charitable donations. As you complete your membership renewal or begin your year-end tax planning, please consider making a donation to BRARA.

\$10 donation-BRARA Name Plate with your Call Sign.

\$30 donation-BRARA Polo Shirt with your Call Sign.

\$40 donation-BRARA button down red denim shirt (long or short sleeve)

Planned Giving—Please also consider BRARA when updating or initiating planned giving (including charitable gift annuities, bequests, and gifts or retirement plan assets) and other assets.

Thank you for your continued support.

2014 Membership

Application & Renewal

- \$20 Full Membership
- \$5 Associate Membership
- \$5 Family Mbr w/License

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ARRL Member: Yes No

Birthday: Month: _____ Year: _____

License Grade: _____ Exp Date: _____

Interests: Field Day Ham Fest

HF Digital DXing

VHF Packet CW

UHF Voice Contesting

EmComm Skywarn Public Svc

ARES MARS CERT

Award Chasing Ragchewing

Building & Experimenting Other: _____

Signature: _____

Return to BRARA Secretary with Dues:

Walt Dreyfus, W4WCD
 21512 Woodchuck Ln,
 Boca Raton, FL 33428
 (954) 481-5327

Amateur Radio Technician Class Training

Start Date: 03/01/14 [0900-1500]
End Date: 03/02/14 [0900-1300]
Location: Palm Beach Gardens
Fire Station #61
10500 N Military Trl
Palm Beach Gardens
FL 33418

Instructor: Bert Moreshi [AG4BV]
Phone: 561-714-6673
Email: aug77@att.net

ARRL testing (\$15) for all Radio
Classes follows Sunday Training
session.

Palm Beach County Hamfest

Start Date: 03/08/2014
End Date: 03/08/2014
Location: FOP Lodge #50
885 62nd Drive North
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Website: [http://
www.palmbeachradiofest.com/](http://www.palmbeachradiofest.com/)
Sponsor: Palms West Amateur Radio
Club
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.045 (PL 110.9)
Public Contact: Robert Pease ,
KS4EC
11894 Briarpatch Court Wellington, FL
33414
Phone: 561-358-9999
Email: ks4ec@att.net



Free Laurel VEC Testing

Sun 02-Mar-2014, 1100-1300, Fire
Stn 28, 1040 RPB Blvd, Royal Palm
Beach [PWARC] (1st Sunday of odd
months).

Tue 11-Mar-2014, 1800-1930,
Broward Gen MC, 1600 S Andrews
Ave, Ft Lauderdale [BARC] (2nd Tue
of every month).

Tue 06-May-2014, 1800-1930,
West Boca Library, 18685 SR-7/US-
441, Boca Raton [BRARA] (once a
quarter)

License Renewals Due:

NE4LS	06-MAR-14
WA2VNV	22-MAR-14

New Licenses:

Pablo Solsona	
Technician	04-Feb-14
General	04-Feb-14

License Upgrade:

Welcome New Members:

For more on BRARA
www.n4brf.org

Stuart Hamfest

Start Date: 03/15/2014
End Date: 03/15/2014
Location: Martin County Fairgrounds
2616 SE Dixie Highway (A1A)
Stuart, FL 34994
Website: <http://www.stuarthamfest.com>
Sponsor: Martin County Amateur
Radio Association
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.060+ (PL 107.2)
Public Contact: Doug Shields ,
W4DAS
1450 SE 11th Street Stuart, FL 34996
Phone: 772-349-7820
Email: w4das@comcast.net

BRARA Ham Shack Key Rules ^{K4lew}

To obtain a key for our ham shack
you must be a member in good
standing for a minimum of a
continuous year and hold a general
class license or above and go
through a short training section with
K4LEW (Lew), W4WCD (Walt) or
N4CGC (Max).

the Radio Flyer's Purpose

The purpose of this newsletter is
to keep Club members and other
interested Hams updated on Club
events and Ham activities in the
Greater Boca Raton Area. We
hope you enjoy this month's *the RF*
as much as we did publishing it!



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Email KG4FUR@n4brf.org with
Articles/Constructive Critique



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Street Address
City, State Zip Code

