



the Radio Flyer, a BRARA Newsletter

April 2014

BRARA Calendar:

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

07:30-16:00 Sat, 12 Apr-14 South East Florida Regional Communications Symposium Safe Schools Institute 1798 Spanish River Blvd Boca Raton, FL 33431

09:00-13:00 Sat 12-April-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

19:30 Mon 14-April-14 Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]

09:00-13:00 Wed 16-Apr-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

09:00-13:00 Sat 19-Apr-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

12:00 20-Apr-14 RF article deadline

19:30 Mon 21-Apr-14 Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]

09:00-13:00 Wed 23-Apr-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

09:00-13:00 Sat 26-Apr-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

19:30 Mon 28-Apr-14 Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]

09:00-13:00 Wed 30-Apr-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

09:00-13:00 Sat 03-May-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day

19:30 Mon 05-May-14 Informal Net on 145.29 [110.9]

19:00-21:00 Tue 06-May-14 Club Meeting @ West Boca Library, 18685 SR-7/US-441, Boca Raton, FL 33498

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09:00-13:00 Sat 10-May-14 Ham Shack Work & Radio Day



This Month's Speaker *kj4uhp*

This month, KO4XL (Bruce) will give a presentation on miniature signal devices.

There will be no scheduled speaker, as we will be offering free Laurel VEC testing with the hopes of expanding the Amateur Radio hobby.

We will also begin planning for Field Day 2104 which is 28-29 June.

Future speakers we are working with include:

- KC2WQ (David Brender) will give a presentation on Bonding & Grounding



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 in April

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

QSL Report *N4JJ*

As we close out the month, N4BRF has logged in 1,011 QSLs/3,885 QSOs (26.0%) on LoTW.

We crossed the 1000 LoTW milestone!

N4BRF DXCC Account Status: New this month: Netherlands (PA) and Latvia. Awards received: Mixed and CW.

N4BRF WAS Account Status: We have received 158 (+2) QSLs from the 2012 Field Day and 154 (+4) from the 2013 Field Day activities. Awards received: Basic.

N4BRF Triple Play Award Status: CW 48, Phone 39, Digital 40 Total 127 (of 150 needed). New this month-RI (CW), CT (RTTY), FL (RTTY).

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

Next update at the 01-April-2014 Club Meeting.

Good Bye Snowbirds *W1IVB*

It's the time of the year that the Snow Birds travel North to their other and colder QTHs. We wish you a safe journey and look forward to your return in the Fall. Remember that we are as close as Echolink [EC 826953]. So stay in touch with us on Monday nights at 19:30 (7:30 PM our local time). W1IVB is our NCS and looks forward to EchoLink contacts.

We all do!

Remember the South County NBEMS Net Friday evenings at 19:30 also on the same repeater.





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

PBC Skywarn Coordinator

Cell: 561 374-4249

Skywarn Text Message

We are finding that text messages are a much better means of activating Skywarn alerts. If you have text capability and would like to be set up for text alerts, send K9EE your Name and Cell Phone number. He will set you up in the county alert system for text messages and then send you back an email telling you how to complete the process.

NBEMS *kg4fur*

I would like to remind everyone that 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 South and Central County ARES nets (Monday and Wednesday nights respectively)

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

ALSO... A NEW ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN FORMED: PBEMA

It is a coalition of groups that are promoting a uniform usage of the "Basic", or simplified version of NBEMS. With the free software and methodology you can transmit ICS/ Red Cross and other forms as well as CSVs by conventional FM radios, just like yours! Those radios are the most plentiful type and so our efforts are in line with Homeland Security's national "interoperability" goals.

We invite you to visit the new PBEMA website to learn more about Basic NBEMS and to download the free, easy to follow Guide.

[Palm Beach Emergency Messaging Associates](#)

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). W1IVB, 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: 26.397240 -80.094850
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), **W1IVB** (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

New TV Show "Hang Men" about Big Tower Installs

Check out a new show on Discovery called Hang Men...all about Big Tower installations and repair.

Hang Men - "The Climb" Teaser Trailer - YouTube_ (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3ZueXHhFsQ)

John Paleski had a "Back Door" pilot, tower worker, reality show on Discovery yesterday @ 11:00P.M. Eastern. The show is called "Hang Men"

Stephen Wolf (Sandy) WB2MBV PBD ARES Emergency Coordinator http://pbdares.org/

License Renewals Due: None

New Licenses: None

License Upgrade:

Welcome New Members:

For more on BRARA
www.n4brf.org

Field Day 2014

Objective: To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

Dates: Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2014 is June 28-29.

Bands: Any Amateur Radio band except 12, 17, 30 and 60 Meters.

Log Submission Deadline: Entries must be postmarked, emailed or submitted by 2059 UTC Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Late entries cannot be accepted. [1659 EDST Tuesday 29-Jul-2014]

Contact Information: For Field Day information contact ARRL: fdinfo@arrl.org or (860) 594-0236



Free Laurel VEC Testing

Tue 08-Apr-2014, 1800-1930, Broward Gen MC, 1600 S Andrews Ave, Ft Lauderdale [BARC] (2nd Tue of every month).

Sun 04-May-2014, 1100-1300, Fire Station 28, 1040 RPB Blvd, Royal Palm Beach [PWARC] (1st Sunday of odd months).

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

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).

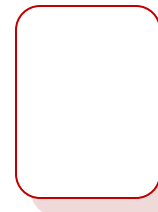
the Radio Flyer's Purpose

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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Call Sign
Street Address
City, State Zip Code

