

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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September 7, 2008 BRAARC Meeting Minutes by Mike McKay, KD8DIB

Call to order: 7:08 pm by Steve, KD8DHZ

Guests: Samantha Cass, KD8EHK (bring a guest – everyone is welcome)

Secretary's report: August 2008 minutes submitted by Mike, KD8DIB and approved.

Treasurer's report: September 2008 Financial Report submitted by Sue, KC8IFP and approved.

Announcements:

- 440 on the air w/ temp antenna. 440 Sunday Nets have restarted at 7:30pm.
- Club Meeting: October 2, 2008 at Big Rapids DPS building
- We need net controls sign up with Tom, KB8TYJ – no net controls, no nets!
- 2 meter net on 146.74 repeater Tuesdays at 9pm
- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays – Digital Net on 2 meter repeater at 8pm - no activity
- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays – ARES / RACES Net at 9pm
- Email Jakeaspence@charter.net to join the Club Listserve.
- **Big Rapids Celebrity Server – September 9, 2008**
- Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club: www.facebook.com Group. Contact Mike, KD8DIB for more info or to join.

- CROP walk Sunday, Sep 28th at St. Pauls at 12:30PM
- E committee Thursday, Sep 11 – Central Dispatch 7pm
- Repeater committee – Fritz, NI8E continuing to work with Jeff Barstow, WD8DLK on relocation of 6 M repeater to the silo.

Old Business:

- Mini Swap – went well!
- Name tags orders – order for club name tag to be placed by Sue, KC8IFP.
- Big Boy celebrity Serve Fundraiser (September 9, 2008) being coordinated by new club members Val, KD8IAM and Shila, KD8IAL. Thank you, ladies! Sign up before Sep 9.
- The HANDI-Finder Kit is available from Mike, KD8DIB call (231)527-1688 to order for construction day.
- Radio Basic Class Committee: Possible coordination with November breakfast.

New Business:

- J pole fundraiser discussion – Fritz, NI8E to look at copper tube price, Steve to price bungee cord material. Motion to explore construction approved by membership. Report back at next meeting.
- Ham indoctrination event in coordination with basic radio course. Target date: Nov 1 approved by membership

- Celebrity Server sign up sheet circulated along with sample table tent and brochures. Hand outs supplied to members.
- Nomination Committee Report: Secretary- Shila, KD8IAL; President - Jim, N8PUG; VP – Mike, KD8DIB; Treasurer – Sue, KC8IFP Nominations . Officers approved by members present.
- Jim, N8PUG to contact Jake to look at web site and determine if changes need to be made for updating.

Program: Mecosta County Emergency Management – Samantha J. Cass

50/50 winner: Val, KD8IAM – donated back to club

Newsletter: Articles to Phil, KC8QOV before **Sep 19, 2008** (phildolly@power-net.net)

Club Breakfast: Saturday, September 27 at Big Rapids Big Boy at 8:30am.

Refreshments at next meeting: Val, KD8IAM
Adjourn: 8:25 pm



Updated Club Announcements

1. Important upcoming events:

A. Next club breakfast Saturday: September 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Boy restaurant in Big Rapids. Talk-in on the 146.740 Big Rapids 2-meter repeater for anyone needing directions.

B. Big Rapids Area Cross Walk For Hunger Sunday: September 28th. The walk starts at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Parish just off Damaskus Road in Big Rapids. If you can help with communications, contact Tom Behler, KB8TYJ, so he can put you on the volunteer list.

If you’re planning to provide communications help, please arrive at St. Paul’s between 12:30 and 12:45, so that we can co-ordinate the placement of volunteers at the designated check points along the route. Also, bring a rig with 440 capability, since we’ll use the 440 repeater for this event.

C. Next BRAARC club meeting Thursday: October 2 at 7 p.m. at the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building, 435 N. Michigan in Big Rapids.

D. Handyfinder construction night Thursday: October 23 starting at 5:30 p.m. at room 416 of the Swan Technical Building on the Ferris State University Campus. The evening will begin with Pizza, and construction will start at 6:00 PM. You will be able to Park on Ives Ave

or in parking lot number 2. Kits must be preordered by calling Mike, KD8DIB at (231)527-1688 before October 3 for \$20.

E. New ham orientation class and potluck Saturday: November 1 at the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building, located at 435 N. Michigan.—Meet and greet at 8:30 a.m., with class to begin at 9 a.m. Potluck at 3 p.m. at the conclusion of the class. If you’d like to take the class, please RSVP to Steve Cowan (KD8DHZ) by Monday: October 20th. e-mail:

kd8dhz@arrl.net or doorman444@gmail.com,
 Phone: (989) 382-9452.

2. Club nets:

A. 440 general net on 443.900 repeater Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.—

B. 2-meter general net on 146.74 repeater Tuesday evenings at 9 p.m.

C. Local ARES/RACES net on 146.74 2-meter repeater the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 9 p.m.

3. If you would like to serve as net control for one or more of the BRAARC club nets, contact Tom Behler: KB8TYJ).

4. A BRAARC e-mail listserve or users group has been established for all BRAARC members to use as a forum for exchanging thoughts, ideas, questions, and any other concerns related

to our club or amateur radio in general. If you'd like to join this group, please contact our club web master, Jake Spence, KI8CK. Jake will get you signed up on the list, and will give

you verification that your registration has been completed and accepted. Jake's e-mail address is: jakeaspen@charter.net

New Ham Orientation Class

Whether a new ham or a somewhat seasoned ham this one day session might be for you!!
Come with your radio, manual, and questions.

Scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 9am 'til 3pm at the Big Rapids Public Safety Building. Light snacks at noon and potluck following the session.

YOU MUST RSVP BEFORE OCTOBER 20, 2008

Please RSVP to Steve Cowan, KD8DHZ, at kd8dhz@arrl.net or doorman444@gmail.com, or 989-382-9452



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Samantha gave a very interesting talk on Citizen Preparedness at the September meeting. A video was shown on how citizens can be prepared for a variety of emergency situations. She also distributed a FEMA publication "Are You Ready?" an in-depth guide to citizen preparedness. If you have an interest in emergency operations contact Sam at one of the above numbers.

Your Club Officers for 2009



Jim Orłowski, N8PUG, President



Mike McKay, KD8DIB, Vice President



Sue Behler, KC8IFP, Treasure



Shila Kiander, KD8IAL, Secretary

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 BRAARC OFFICERS.

BIG BOY CELEBRITY SERVE A HUGE SUCCESS!!

We had a good number of club members present to seat guests, serve, bus, and sell raffle tickets.

Five pies were raffled that evening netting the club \$144.

The club also netted \$146 as their share of the tips for the three hour period. The club will also receive a check of approximately \$100 from Big Boy Corporate. Thanks everyone for a great job!!





Now doesn't that look like a happy, diligent, and cooperative group of 'employees'? We had a great time and if you weren't there as a helper or a patron you missed a good time.

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Don MacConnel WA4FRJ

Last month's Brain Teaser

Three hams check into a somewhat seedy motel in Dayton. They pay \$30 to the manager and go to their room. The manager suddenly remembers that the discount room rate is \$25 and gives \$5 to an assistant to return to the hams. On the way to the room the assistant reasons that \$5 would be difficult to share among three hams so he pockets \$2 and gives \$1 to each person. Now each person paid \$10 and got back \$1. So they paid \$9 each, totaling \$27. The bellboy has \$2, totaling \$29. Where is the missing \$1?

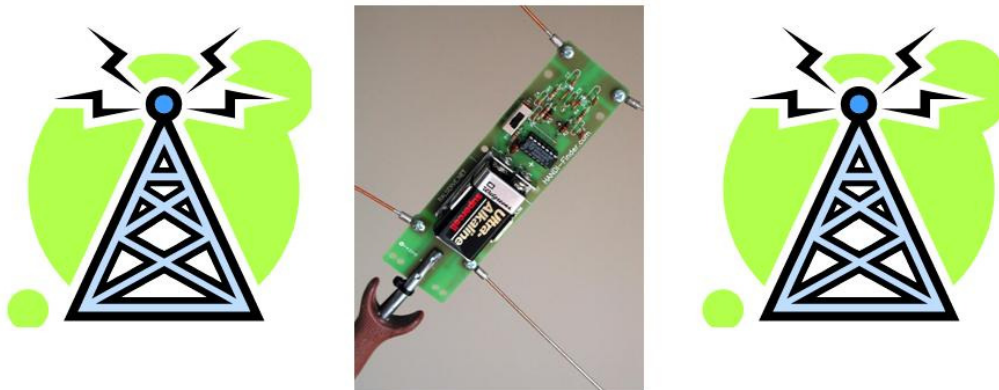
Answer: You have to be careful as to where the money is. The motel manager has \$25, the bellboy has \$2 and each of the three hams has one dollar so the thirty dollars is accounted for. No money is missing.

This Month's Brain Teaser

Here's a logic puzzle. Dell publishes a magazine dedicated to logic puzzles. Some of them are very tough. This one is easier. If you pick up a Dell Logic Puzzle magazine you will see some handy charts for solving the puzzles.

At the nursery school, I was chatting to my daughter's friends and noticed a number of things. Jessica has red hair and the girl with black hair was wearing a green dress. Lucy is not blonde and Lauren does not have brown hair, Chloe was wearing a blue dress. The blonde girl was not wearing red and Lauren

Order Today!



HANDI-Finder Kit

Included in Kit – PC board, 4047 IC, diodes, resistors, capacitors, battery holder, DIP socket, and switch.

Price – \$20.00

Builder Supplied – Antenna, coax, connector for your radio, 9v battery and handle.

Call – Mike, KD8DIB at (231)527-1688 to order or questions

BRAARC Construction Day – October 23, 2008
FSU, SWAN Building, room 416
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Pizza & Pop at 5:30 PM

Don't forget these important dates:

- September 27 - Club breakfast at Big Rapids Big Boy
- October 2 - Next regular BRAARC club meeting at Big Rapids Public Safety Bldg
- October 23 - Construction night for the Handi-finder, 6pm at the Swan Bldg, FSU
- November 1 - New Ham Orientation. RSVP by October 20

