



Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

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70 cm Repeater 442.875(+) PL 110.9
Meeting: First Tuesday of every Month 7:00 pm

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The March 2009 meeting of the Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association took place at the West Boca Raton library. The meeting was called to order by Association president Nelson NE4LS at 7:15pm. The meeting started with a round of introductions.

President's Report

Radiator Grille went well, particularly for a first time. Thank you to all who participated. About 16 people showed up. A good picnic and a lot of contacts. There are a few things we could do better. Thanks to Walt for encouraging the RC group to come over. There's pond to fish, if you wish, next time.

VP Report

Lew went to the Radiator Grille and enjoyed himself. Repeaters are still working. Lew needs to reprogram repeater controllers. There is no presentation, other than election of officers.

Secretary's report

The secretary's report was published to the Association's Yahoo group, and e-mailed to those members who requested e-mail delivery. Copies were available at the beginning of the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Richard KJ4DPO and seconded by Dave K4DLF. The motion passed without discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance \$1014.40 No dues were received. Paul N2PK has resigned due to family problems. Lew currently has \$60 cash in dues.

Dave K4DLF asked : When is liability ins due? Lew K4LEW replied June or July

Old business

Radiator Grille done and successful.

New business

Elections ... Lew K4LEW has volunteered to stay on as VP, Nelson NE4LS as president. And John N8JUC has volunteered to be Treasurer. Walt W4WCD volunteered to take on the duties of secretary. Since all positions were unopposed the secretary, John N8JUC cast the sole ballot required to elect
Nelson NE4LS president
Lew K4LEW vice president
Walt W4WCD secretary
John N8JUC treasurer



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Hamfest announcements

Saturday Mar 14 Charlotte County Hamfest At the Charlotte county fairgrounds on SR 776 in Port Charlotte, FL. Talk in on 147.255+

Saturday Mar 21 Stuart Hamfest Martin County Fairgrounds 2616 SE Dixie Hwy Stuart, FL 34996 Talk in 147.060 PL107.2

Saturday April 25 Cy Harris Memorial Free Flea Collins Center 3900 NE 3rd Avenue, Oakland Park, Florida 33334 Talk in 146.79 PL 110.9
MCARA ...

Lew & Nelson attended a meeting of the Palm Beach County Ham Radio club council. The council provides a way to share resources, insurance, speakers, etc. There is some cost involved. Membership is very reasonable.

Nelson gave the floor to David K4DLF who provided more information on the Palm Beach County Amateur Radio Council. The basic membership fee is \$30.00 to cover filing fee for the State of Florida incorporation paperwork. The council is currently looking for a single liability policy to cover all clubs that are part of the council. Most of the clubs are not 501c(3) organizations, the federal "not for profit" designation. The cost to register 501C(3) is \$300, and the council membership could provide the "not for profit" designation as a benefit of membership. There is a printed newsletter for the council. There's been a volunteer to publish the newsletter in exchange for advertising revenue. Dave is working on presentations for all the clubs who are members of the council. New licensees in the county should get a postcard from the council, hopefully directing them to a nearby club. The council will sponsor all events for the purpose of the insurance.

Lew K4LEW asked: Have the other clubs been responsive? David: replied Yes, other people are interested, some are waiting for the quote from Marsh insurance to determine their level of interest. Rudy KF4OM asked: How many clubs? David: ARRL affiliated clubs, about 5 have expressed interest. We're expecting 4 not counting the ARES/RACES Lew K4LEW: if the Jupiter/Tequesta group was interested? ... David replied that they have their own policy and a very good price.

Nelson mentioned Field day is coming up. What would you like to do for Field Day? General consensus, with no vote was that last year's location in the parking garage at K4FAU was a good location, convenient, shady and with good elevation. Nelson suggested that we ask K4FAU if it would be possible to use the parking structure again for Field Day 2009.

There was a suggestion that we offer a presentation on Digital TV. David K4DLF will look into that for next meeting.

Nelson will be in the Philippines in May.