

Date: 5 July 2021

To: NBARC Members

From: Gary KJ4BOJ (acting as temporary treasurer in Ed's travel absence)

Subject: Club Financial Situation!

In Ed K5TUD's absence, I have also been picking up our NBARC Post Office Mail, and picking up the bank statement for the next meeting.

What I find concerns me, and causes us to wonder how we are to going to be able to continue as a viable organization, at least under our current FL corporation structure, unless more members, new and old, are willing to "step up to the plate" and pay up their dues, or otherwise help!

Our current NBARC bank balance is only \$373, out of which I am about to have to pay out \$76 For our Mims Club P.O. Box. In the past, at our previous bank, I did have \$2,000 of my own personal funds kept in the Club account as a "backstop", and to avoid their monthly maintenance or potential overdraft fees, but at the new bank we no longer have this cushion, thus any overdraft would result in our checks being returned, plus BIG fees!

As your Vice President, and one who, along with several others, who, have supported NBARC, both financially and otherwise, over the past many years, PLEASE help us by doing one or more the following to help us out:

1. If you have NOT paid your dues NBARC (currently \$30 annually, thou any lesser amount now would help!), please do so! If you CAN'T pay, we still want to keep you on our roles as an active member, so let us know that.
2. If you can, or know others, who might like to contribute financially to enable us to continue our important emergency communications work at NBARC, please do so or tell them about us! (And contact a board member.)
3. Encourage your "radio friends" to join NBARC! We hold interesting regular monthly meetings, informative nets, and a website for applying!

We plan to continue operating, at least somehow, but need your help!

Date: 7 July 2021

To: NBARC Members

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Subject: NBARC Tower Trailer

Several years ago a couple of hard working early NBARC members constructed for us a portable antenna tower trailer, to serve as an emergency antenna for use wherever robust communication is required. We might also have to utilize it as backup antennas for our Parish repeater suite, should a tornado or other wind event destroy our roof top antenna installation there.

Over the years we have kept this trailer in good repair, upgrading its equipment, as well as making updates and improvements for its easier use. We try to exercise it each year, generally in conjunction with our Field Day, where we used it again this year, and it will also be at to our 8 July Meeting.

Description: On a sturdy two-wheel trailer, properly licensed, lighted, and rigged for over the road towing. It features an extendable antenna mounting pole, with a winch cable lift mechanism to erect the tower to its full height. Accessories include the wheel chocks, stabilizing posts - if required for high wind conditions, and the necessary grounding provision for lightning safety.

Antennas: A horizontal support, which mounts temporarily on a storage post on the trailer bed for transport, and then attaches by compression fittings to the antenna support pole, is currently configured with two dual band antennas, with color coded feed lines provided for bringing the signals down from the tower when it is erected. A pulley near the top of the pole allows us to raise an inverted V HF antenna, covering all bands thru 80M. Other antennas (for example a long vertical 20M) could be added as well.

Generator: A 5KW 110/220 VAC gasoline generator is permanently mounted on the trailer, to provide a source of emergency power as needed.

Tools: A large permanently mounted and lockable tool box contains spare parts for the trailer and generator, additional feed line, and other accessories, as well as instructions and precautions for proper towing, erection and use.

Date: 10 July 2021

To: All NBARC Members

From: Gary KJ4BOJ, as temporary secretary, in absence of Ed K5TUD

Subject: Draft Minutes of 8 July NBARC Monthly Meeting

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A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7pm, with Gary KJ4BOJ, NBARC VP presiding in the absence of Pres. Mary KJ4HDJ.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a summary of our Mission Statement, the meeting was conducted by using our newly outlined meeting agenda, on all issues in the previously distributed Meeting Announcement.

The specific items covered and discussed were as follows:

1. Treasurer Report - by Gary in Ed's absence, with written notes provided.
2. June Meeting Minutes - were read and discussed, with Victor making two requests for changes and deletions in sections 5&6 (dealing with how members input their requests and suggestions, and the need for civility by members at our meetings, and hopefully elsewhere!); these will be revisited again by the Board, who had earlier approved them.
3. Field Day - was reviewed (a summary having been sent to all members), and plans for a possible complementary Winter Field Day event were discussed. Efforts will be made to determine an appropriate date and location, and if the members so decide, appoint someone to handle it.
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