

Ham and No Eggs

A Bulletin From The BAARC President

May 20, 2018

Well, for those that were unable to attend the regular May club meeting, Dan/W5BM, Guy/WB5MXO, and Kent/ K5WTS provided a very nice presentation on the new FT8 mode of digital signal chasing. Great Job fellows.

Yesterday several club members under the guidance of our Membership Chairman Kent/K5WTS participated in the "Camp Bandage" event out at Chisholm Park South. This was a large event showcasing a lot of the local Emergency Response officials and organizations. We developed some good contacts, started some new relationships with different planners and organizers, and visit with quite a few citizens of Broken Arrow about amateur radio. Dennis/ KD5DDD spent a lot of time and energy getting work and maintenance done on the new tower trailer and it worked flawlessly. Thanks Dennis.

The Executive Committee waved the regularly scheduled meeting this month in lieu of the Camp Bandage Event and the fact the next weekend is Memorial Day. There was no business pending and our plans and programs are in motion. These are the primary reason the board felt that a meeting was not critical this month.

There is Plenty of upcoming activity and I hope as many of you as possible can assist and participate as we move through what seems like a lightning fast year. "Field Day 2018" is next. Third weekend of June, Clint/K5YHF and I will be putting together a loose plan for putting it all together. Right now I am looking to do 4A, which means we will have four transmitters on the air. I sincerely hope you will plan ahead now to attend this annual event and plan on working some contacts with the equipment on site. We will attempt to work at least three different bands, SSB, CW and some Digital in order to maximize our contacts. Mostly I would like to see new and veteran amateur operators working side by side. We will not be working any weak signal this year, it just seems futile with 100 watt transmitters in such close proximity. Also, if you folks that enjoy the QRP endeavors, there is no reason the club cannot recognize you as part of our field day activities even if you are participating at another location. You are still part of the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club. Please never forget that.

We have plans to implement a strictly QRP operating event and also have been discussing a bonafide transmitter hunt for those that would like to participate.