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Greetings,

I want to take a minute to introduce myself as your 2018 Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club President. My name is Wayne Hartsfield, Call Sign/KW5M. First Licensed in March of 1992 as a Novice Class, I now hold an Amateur Extra Class license Old School, Extra Class.

Now with that out of the way, I joined the BAARC shortly after getting my novice license and have been a member every since. I have served on committees, chaired committees, served as an officer, and as president in past years. I want to thank very much our outgoing President, Gerry Paschal and Vice President Scott Haley for stepping up and keeping the club moving. Clubs are only as good and only as active as their members. Clubs are not individuals but a cohesion of many individuals and thereby get their life blood from members sweating and participating to make them successful. Nobody gets paid to do the work, everybody reaps the rewards of that work. So please do not be one of those that sits by and lets others toil without lending a hand in some way or another.

The BAARC has like most organizations had its ups and downs. Case in point, when i joined the club there were about eight active members and about 12 to 14 inactive members. We have come a long way, currently around 80 plus or minus paying members and another 20 or so VE members. In 1993 Marvin Lehman/KA5FZD stepped up to take the lead as President. We had Joel Fream/WA6HNO, Mark Hogan/N5OBC, Bernie Cooper/N5PCZ, Guy Shipley/WB5MXO and Cathy Shipley/WB5MXP, Larry Russell/K5ZCJ, Linda Russell/N5VXJ, Wade Harris/KF5IF and a few others and with lots of work the club started to come alive again and peaked at around 140 mostly active members around the end of 1994. This is only relevant if you care about the history of the BAARC. Which I do. A lot of amateur radio operators came before us and we are obligated in most cases to honor their work. Thus, i am committed to the well being of the BAARC.

The premise that Amateur Radio is irrelevant due to cellular, internet or other communication media doesn't fly with me. It may appear that way sometimes but between "Rocket Man", Solar flares, Hackers, Terrorist, and severe weather the need for Amateur Radio Operators is literally on the next swing of the second hand of your clock. You may very well be the one sitting at the operating desk, working 40 or 80mtrs, or maybe VHF when a call comes over the air for help. You may be the one to take the call that a ship is in trouble, a country has been invaded, a bridge has collapsed on the interstate or any number of other scenarios. How will you handle it?

Take pride that you are a Licensed Amateur Radio Operator. That's what sets us apart from CB, GMRS or FRS. We are the ones.

Now, as for the BAARC, the following are my immediate goals and objectives providing your new board of directors give the ok during our next Executive Committee meeting.

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Presidents Goals

The following outline is where I want to invest this year. It will take all the officers, directors and club members to create this environment which I sincerely believe will keep the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club moving ahead for the next generation of Amateur Radio Operators.

1. Go back to basics

- Get the organization house in order. Including documentation, organization of members, programs and events.*
- Involve members through participation in various activities, events and management of club programs.*
- Recruit new members based on eagerness to participate.*
- Use ARRL and IARU guidelines to emphasize club purpose.*

2. Follow through on Club Management preparing for future officers.

- Use the guidelines as reference to get the club management in order.*
- Prepare goals and procedures for future officers to use in order to keep the club moving forward.*

3. Focus on Membership

- Layout procedures and guidelines that allow members to participate, manage and organize club events and activities.*
- Create an environment where members drive the outcome of events.*
- Take advantage of media sources to keep members informed.*
- Make members the priority for club events, activities and training.*
- Insure all activities, events and training are sanctioned by the club.*

As a group we have assembled what I consider to be a very good slate of officers and directors so I am looking forward to this year in the BAARC. Below is the list elected at Monday evenings Regular Meeting which was very well attended by members.

Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Officers Roster

Position	Name	Call Sign	Telephone	Expires	Email
President	Wayne Hartsfield	KW5M	918-688-4215	01/05/19	kw5m@arrl.net
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Secretary	"B" Engler	KG5MSM		01/05/19	englerbarbara@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Bruce Burnett	K5PX		01/05/19	k5px@cox.net
Director	Guy Shipley	WB5MXO		01/05/19	wb5mxo@cox.net
Director	Dan Woods	W5BM		01/05/19	dawoods@ix.netcom.com
Director	Russ Law	W5RLL		01/05/19	russell.law@aviationconsultants.org
Director	Ray Richardson	WB5JJA		01/05/19	rayrichardson@cox.net
Director	Walt Kenyon	N5BYS		01/05/19	wkenyon@jswtech.com
Director	Kent Powell	K5WTS		01/05/19	kpk5wts@gmail.com
Director	Gerry Paschal	KC5JKU		01/05/19	paschalg@valornet.com
Repeater Trustee	Earl Stutzman	WB5UUW		Appointed	stutzman2@cox.net
Membership	Standing		Committee	01/05/20	
Engineering	Standing		Committee	01/05/20	
Fundraising	Standing		Committee	01/05/20	
Programs	Kevin Wade	AF5SW		01/05/20	wadeked@gmail.com
Activities	Standing		Committee	01/05/20	
Net Coordinator	Steve Stone	W5VBA		01/05/19	Volunteer/Appointee
Public Relations	Bob Holmes	KF5VSF			Appointed
Committees	Names	On	Separate	Roster	

These goals do not just happen, we will need your help. It's your club. Give some thought to your strengths and weaknesses and sign up for things that you like to do. Help lead the club into tomorrow. If you would like to Chair one of the four open Standing Committees, Please, let me know.

Your club's Executive Committee will be working on a lot of other issues as well during this year to make the club even better. Watch the website, the Facebook page, emails and maybe a brief newsletter for updates and information.