

BNL-ARC Meeting 2-16-2010 By Fred N2LOB

**Those in attendance were KA2DRR N2RRQ N2LOB N2ZCY KC2RBU
KC2LRP W2OHM W2ALW**

Winter is almost over !!! Almost time for fun in the Sun and BBQ's

The Meeting was called to order at 18:36 local time after some great pizza...

Our Membership has grown and exciting days lie ahead..

1st on agenda is the R5 antenna KA2DRR is repairing and should be fixed and operational within the week..

As of this newsletter the repeater is operating good and so is echo link. We have had more usage of the Echo Link from some Overseas stations which is very nice and interesting. Good to see its being used.

2nd subject was Field Day. We have 2 options, first is to hold a joint field day again with the SCARC or to have the event on-site at BNL. If we are able to revamp the donated trailer to a certain extent then we have a shot at on site in field. If not we can have it on-site in a limited capacity by either the Ham Shack next to the Rec Building. There is also the question of joint event if the SCARC will even have theirs at the last year's site. More to come on this as we have 3 months to finalize all plans. A showing of all current members would be nice if we do have the event. I would invite comments and input into how and where we should or shouldn't have field day. Other sites have been discussed and all seem viable as of this writing..ie.. bald hill, southaven park and others.

3rd on the agenda was the LIMARC HamFest and should we rent a table and try and sell off the club's excess that is no longer needed. As for now seems like we won't be doing that. The cost of actually doing it would be less than the club might bring in so the consensus is it's a no go. Although the shack needs to be squared away and unused and obsolete items removed and disposed of..more to come on the subject. If anyone might have a need for any of the non BNL items in shack they could be removed, please feel free to contact the club officers and discuss how and when we can facilitate the removal of said items for your personal enjoyment. Some of the equipment would make nice planters or boat anchors or door stoppers.

4th and last is the work party to be formed on the last weekend in March weather permitting to clean shack up and get things done..if weather is nice on said day I will try and get a BBQ for day so we can have full bellies to work on.

In closing I would again like to thank all renewing members and new members back to enjoy 2010 with us...this is Our Club and the success of it depends on membership participation. All suggestions and input on how we should proceed this year is welcome and appreciated as always...73's till April stay warm and dry all.

