BCRO MARCH 2023 Meeting

###### Date : MARCH 14th, 2023

#### Time: 7pm – 8:30 pm

**Location: in person and on-line meeting**

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| **Purpose:** Monthly meeting: group meeting & continued planning for activities |
| **Invited: members and guests: total attending: 9 in person at rogers public library and 1 on-line** |
| Host: Benton County Radio Operators |
| **Facilitator:**   **PRESENDENT moderating: Paul Blomgren KC7DQY** |

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|  | AGENDA |  |
| 1. | OFFICERS REPORTS | **Treasurer Report:** Scott is out of town**Secretary Report:** Accepted and posted to web. |
|  2. | OLD BUSINESS | **Repeater Report:** Steve Werner reported the repeaters are working fine at Mt Whitney. Adjustments have been made. Wasps are no longer a problem. A discussion occurred about the Centerton repeat. Randy Banks had been consulted. Centerton repeater is estimated to be 20-40 years old. Therefore, equipment at Centerton is likely to need some changing.  |
| 3. | NEW BUSINESS | **Net report:**  Net line up was reviewed. **Net Controls: 1. Van Allen; 2. Susan Walker; 3. Steve Werner; 4. Pending; 5. Pending. A replacement net controller is being sought for the 4th and 5th Thursday of the month.** **Testing: Continues the 3rd Saturdays of the month at Cross Church in Springdale. Preregister**  **by emailing Darryl Wagoner. Email:** darryl@waggoner.me**VE’s are requested.** **Website: President Paul Blomgren will be managing the website.** **Field Day: BCRO probably will not have a Field Day this year. There are several events locally with whom you may participate. NWA Emmcom and Bella Vista Radio Club have plans for a Field Days the last week of June.** **Storm Spotter Training 2023: Class is rescheduled for March. Classes will be held at NWACC auditorium. Certificate upon completion.** **For more information:** <https://www.weather.gov/tas/spotter_training>**NWA Emergency Preparedness Fair: Not discussed** **Emergency Operations Center: Discussion occurred about the overlapping of BCRO and NWA Emmcomm. There are shared interests and participation. NWA EmmComm is not a club, however, there are classes or courses about emergency communication management which may be of interest to BCRO.**  EOC is only for those qualified and badged with Benton County also meets 3rd sat 2pm. **Address: 215 E. Center Ave, Bentonville, AR, 72712. Phone: 479-271-1004.**  Ideal workings of Emergency Communications were discussed. **Window Display: To coordinate LIVE INDOOR PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS of amateur radio at the Rogers Public Library....in tandem with the display window....... We are now aiming at OCTOBER.** **Display is to draw the publics’ interest to Amateur Radio. Live demonstration is to allow the public to witness and possibly have “hands-on” experience with radio. Interesting equipment is requested for the display.** **For more information: Susan Walker, sdw59@icloud.com****Membership: All dues to be paid on January 1st of each year. PayPal link for payment. BCRO.org** **A grace period has been allowed. However, dues were be due in January 2023.** **Discussions:** How to come to the aid of fellow club member to obtain better radio receiving/transmitting from his  home.   Also, “Best Wishes” to the wife of VP John Henley Jr., who recuperating at home from  medical issues. |