



**South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club (KI4ELU)**

PO Box 491  
Robertsdale, AL 36567

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held August 16, 2018:**

The meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Ron Thomas. There were 17 members and 5 guests. There was a quorum present.

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Before taking up regular club business, President Ron Thomas introduced Mr. Sean Sullivan, commissioner for the Baldwin district for the Boy Scouts of America. Sean spoke to the club regarding the upcoming Jamboree-on-the-Air or JOTA, which is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in their own community.

Mr. Sullivan asked the club to consider participating in this event by setting up radio stations at the scout camps in Jackson AL, and in Citronelle AL. In-addition, he suggested that one or more members of the our club host some scouts at a site of their choosing here in Baldwin county.

Mr. Sullivan was thanked for his presentation, and the club discussed participation in this event.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from the July 2018 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rich Lee gave the treasure's report which showed a checking account balance of \$4250, and a balance in the savings account of \$1043. Rich also took the opportunity to remind members of the upcoming MS bike ride fund raiser, to be conducted in the Gulf Shores area. Hams would be needed to man the water stations and provide timely information regarding supplies and rider whereabouts via 2 meter radio.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Ray Sturch reported that a corrected score for our SET event was published which placed the BCARC at the top of counties in Alabama, and ranked very high in the nation.

**Program:**

Bruce Raymond presented a show and tell session where he discussed his latest project on a printed circuit board. Bruce also covered testing and aligning old radio gear with signal generators and frequency counters. Some of this equipment could be had from China as kits or fully functioning devices, although some of this products has there quirks.

Bruce also revisited his 30 meter WSPR project by showing the latest iteration of a new printed circuit board, made in China, using surface mounted devices.

Ron showed a homemade 6 meter Moxon loop antenna that he used at this year's Field Day event. The antenna is easy to make and has good gain. Ron described the antenna as being like a 2 element Yagi, with bent ears. Ron suggested that anyone wanting to make such an antenna to look up Paul Evans, VP9KF and his website for a dimensional calculator.

**Good of the Club:**

Huntsville hamfest is coming up and the club has some used equipment for sale. A door prize was awarded, and well as a raffle for a dated piece of equipment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Joe McIntosh, K4JOM

Secretary