

BARC July 2008  
Minutes of monthly meeting at the Amagansett Library

6:10 PM local time, Cliff, N2GYI opened the meeting and asked that the minutes to the last meeting be read.

June BARC meeting minutes read corrected and accepted.

International Lighthouse report from N2GYI: There will be special events station assembled at the Montauk Point Lighthouse, June 16 and possibly 17, 2008. There are on-going email exchanges with a lighthouse official with a mind towards this project. A meeting of interested parties will be called as the time nears.

There was an abbreviated Treasury report due to the absent treasurer Wayne, WS2X. Balance: \$1978.29. Insurance paid, returned PARC check, 22 paid members (35 paid members last year?).

Note: Al, KC2PRS, wrote a check for re-upping his membership, later he called me to say he had already re-upped in May...so, his membership will be extended for two years...saving him the expect raise in dues (Braahahaha!).

A very positive report of the PARC Field Day efforts was reported on by N2NEI with help from KC2PRN and KC2KUL. With more emphases on a family friendly Field Day a new site for 2009 will be sought with some suggestions being: Third House, Montauk Point Lighthouse, GATOR site. BARC is open to suggestions but keep in mind several criterions: Height, westerly facing, public access...cool, cool grass.

Cliff noted that, "Once you've gone digital you never go back!"

A GROUNDING seminar was lead by Nat, N2NEI and Cliff, N2GYI. Nat brought some professional grade feed line-to-ground straps to consider. They handed a printout with more information. There was a distinction made between RF grounding and lightning countermeasures with an exploration of the pros and cons of termination at the same end. It was clear that all shack grounding be in common and in compliance with R56 standards. It was a good presentation and reminder to all of the chance taken if proper precautions are not heeded.

Meeting ended at 7:38 PM local time.

Present at meeting: KC2PRS, Al; KC2TGD, Eddie; KC2TJK, Ken; K2PL, Paul; KC2KUL, Bob; N2NEI, Nat; N2GYI, Cliff; KC2MGS, David; KC2PRN, Tony; KC2MXH, Javier; KA2L, Burt.

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