



**BALDWIN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (N4MZ)**

**P.O. BOX 491**

**ROBERTSDALE, AL 36567**

**MINUTES of the regular monthly club meeting held October 17, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were 32 members and 4 guests present. There was a quorum.

**OPEN MEETING, RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Secretary's Report- Christine Ryan:**

Minutes from the previous meeting are posted to the N4MZ.com website. There was no correspondence to report.

**Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace:**

Treasurer's Reports are not reported in the club minutes. The reports at this month's meeting were dated 09/30/2024 and 10/16/2024.

**Report of VE Team-**

The next BCARC VE Testing will take place 11/02/2024 at Daphne Public Library. Registration includes 2 techs, 1 general, and 1 extra. There is room for more applicants. Contact Joel Emmett, W2BJN, if interested.

AB4WV, Westminster Village conducted VE Testing on October 19. Contact Ron Thomas, N4RT for any information.

### **Old Business:**

- \* MS-150 went very well. Ken Bell, K4EES gave a synopsis of BCARC participation. Hurricane Helene did impact the event, but it was still a success. 115 cyclists participated Saturday, and 100 on Sunday. Greg, N4RAI, and Joe, K4JOM, acted as Net Control Operators for the event.

- \* The Winlink Net continues to grow; contact John Acton, K7ACT for information. Ron, N4RT has gotten a gateway up on a tower at 600' with great coverage and has added a HF gateway!

- \* Fall POTA Day will be October 26<sup>th</sup>. BCARC has rented the Seay Pavillion from 8am to 8pm at Blakeley State Park. Cost is \$100. The park will assess a \$5/person entrance fee after 20 entries. If you are a Veteran, you get in free (so say Veteran rather than Ham at the entrance gate). Deep South ARC is set to cook hotdogs.

- \* Simulated Emergency Test, SET, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Contact Ken or Greg if interested.

- \* If interested in ARES contact Ken Bell, K4EES. ARES meetings take place 1 hour before regular club meetings (same location). The ARES radio Net meets Thursdays on 147.090/7pm. Also, the ARES Training Plan was recently updated by ARRL.

### **New Business:**

- \* **Advance Notice:** Make A Wish Cheaha Challenge will be held April/May; no precise date yet. The MS-150 Tour de Beach will probably take place in

September again. The Pinhoti 100 will be held Nov. 1&2, 2025. Volunteers may be needed for that as well.

**\* Nomination of club officers:**

Officers – Greg Powers, President; Richard Tellman, Vice-President; Pattilynne Miller, Secretary; Tom Wallace, Treasurer.

Trustees – Emery Wooten, Joel Emmett, Ken Bell.

**Good of Club:**

Interest in Amateur Radio is growing after the recent hurricanes; please be good ambassadors for the skills and camaraderie of our hobby.

The club Christmas Party will be held December 19<sup>th</sup> at Wolf Bay Lodge in Foley. Stay tuned for more information. Cost is estimated at \$20 each and the club will add an additional \$20. TRY to bring your \$20 to the Nov. meeting. This will make Tom Wallace's job much easier come party time.

Fairhope Cub Scout Pack 47 held a JOTA event on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Yogi Bear/Jellystone Campground in Elberta. Gary Bonner, K4YUC, reported this update to the club.

**PROGRAM:**

Chuck Pharis, WA4USA, gave a virtual tour of the Rabun repeater: tx – 147.045 and rx – 147.645 / tone 123.0. It is also known as WB4EMA.

Joe McIntosh, K4JOM, presented the history of the Rhombic antenna accompanied by a video from KE0OG, Dave Kessler. Don Wallace, K6AM, was known as a pioneer of rhombic antennas.

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\_\_\_\_\_The meeting was adjourned at 19:40hrs. CDT

Submitted: Christine Ryan/KE4WKH, Secretary