

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

PO Box 491  
Robertsdale, AL 36567

March 19, 2015

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting was promptly called to order by President Robert Frye (KJ4MIC) at 7:00:00 PM. The location was at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Robertsdale, AL. Present at the meeting were 19 members and 9 guests. A quorum of members was present to conduct business.

The February 2015 regular meeting minutes were read and approved without changes.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The current bank balance is \$3,480.88. There is \$735.84 in the repeater fund.

**Old Business:**

Richard Lee/W2EUS gave a VE report. One person upgraded to General Class license and two people passed the Technician exam.

The next scheduled VE testing is scheduled for May 14. The questions for the General Class license pool are being revised as of July 1st.

Joel Emmett/W2JBN reported on Field Day preparation status. SBARC will join with the Lillian club and use Charles Vasut call (A4FI) again this year. The plan is to run a Class 3A station (emergency power, 100 watts or less). Expect to use the N3FJP logging software that was used last year.

Dave Hottle/AB9CA informed the club that the HF antenna replacement at the EOC has been completed. The old coax had water in it and was replaced.

**New Business:**

Breakfast on Saturday mornings has moved from Cracker Barrel to the IHOP essentially next door.

The Lillian Monday Night Net on 147.090 MHz is scheduled for 7:00 PM.

The ARES Net on 7.243 MHz at 4:00 PM on Sunday. (?)

The Alabama Day-Net on 3.965 MHz is meets at 9:30 AM daily. (?)

Hermann Wagner/AJ4ZS gave a presentation on portable antennas he uses. He demonstrated

1. 2M/70cm PA0FBK antenna\
2. Windom quat for 2M/70 cm
3. HB9CV antenna for 2M/70 cm/6M/10M
4. MP1 (Super Antenna) for 40M-2M
5. Magnetic Loop for 6 MHz - 16 MHz covering 40M, 30M and 20M
6. Long Wire with tuner (end fed half wave monoband antenna)
7. His 40M transceiver for portable operation.

Hermann also demonstrated a cable coiling technique that allows cables to unroll without twists. This is done by alternating directions of twist when coiling.

Jess Rohden won the 50-50 (\$34).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted,  
Bruce Raymond/ND8I  
Secretary