



BADLANDS POSSE

4X4 CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Meeting Information

By Freakshow, Bob, aka N6RBT

Only one more Tuesday meeting at Starbucks, 0930 Hrs., 9:30 A.M. and then we will go back to Saturdays. September 11th, 2010 will be the first one. Remember the time will change to 0900 Hrs., 9:00 A.M. Starbucks is located at 1081 W. Manning Ave. Reedley, CA. The next meeting, September 8th, 2010 will be our monthly official meeting. Nothing to vote on this month. Keep an eye on the web page for updates or changes.

Web Page Up-Dates

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I will be talking with Steve Mitchell, N6SJM this coming meeting about the Club's message board / forum. Hopefully we can get the board up and running soon. The software is free so there should be no cost to us. I will keep everyone updated as best I can on our progress. Wish us luck!

BLP Amateur Radio Call sign

By Freakshow, Bob, aka N6RBT

Everyone should be aware by now that we did get our club amateur radio call sign. The issued call was KJ6KGB. Nice call if you are Russian. As soon as I received notice that we had been issued a club call I went about the process of getting a password for the FCC KJ6KGB information area on the web. Even though the FCC site read that it would take several days to acquire access via a new password I had the new password within about 30 minutes. I immediately applied for the call W6BLP. We should have our new call by September 17, 2010. I will keep everyone up

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To date on this issue as well. We do have a new Criteria for use of the new club call sign. Anyone using the club call must adhere to the guidelines set forth in that document. As soon the club call comes in we can go over the club call criteria at one of our meetings.

Club Newsletter

By Freakshow, Bob, aka N6RBT

During the last meeting I asked if anyone could help out with the Club newsletter. June, K6JNZ agreed and will do what she can when time permits. If anyone else would like to help just ask. Even just writing an article for the newsletter, or finding an article of interest elsewhere can help us out. The newsletter is not meant to be a full time job and should be fun. At this time it is not planned to have one every month but that may happen if we get enough help and enough material for the newsletter. I may even start adding some projects for the project builders among us. Many clubs do this and my first T-hunt direction finding antenna and attenuator was built from the Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers newsletter many years ago. Let me know if anyone has any ideas for our Club's newsletter.

Our Club

By Freakshow, Bob, aka N6RBT

Since we have decided to take the Club to the next level we have needed to update and / or acquire the proper forms needed to protect the Club, its members and anyone or anything associated with it. This includes updating the Bylaws, membership application, any Club procedures, waiver forms, etc. If anyone has ideas or information regarding this issue please let us know. I would like to get all of this part of the Club's business done and behind us ASAP.

Geocaching as a Club Event

By Freakshow, Bob, aka N6RBT

I would like to set up some dates to go Geocaching and count the endeavor as a Club event. This would be a day event or night and would allow for some of those individuals with tight schedules who still want to have fun and participate in a club event to do so. I would also like to place some caches on behalf of the BadLands Posse 4X4 Club. I could make a screen name on Geocaching.Com for this purpose and use it to set up an account with them. The service is free and would only be used to place caches for our Club.

Electric X-mas Parade Update

By Freakshow, Bob, aka N6RBT

Reedley's Electric Christmas Parade is to be held on Thursday December 2, 2010 at 1900 Hrs., (7:00 p.m.) downtown Reedley. I did make the call and spoke with someone in charge. I was advised that even though the parade was originally intended to promote farm and Ag, they now allow just about anything. It is now more like a regular Christmas Parade but with lights as part of the decorations. I was told that we would be allowed to participate even with multiple vehicles. The entry fee is \$15.00 and the only restriction is that there is only one Santa Clause in the parade and we can not be apart of that, (No Santa for us). The entry forms will be available in October but we can even enter as late as the last week of November. This event is coming up fast so we need to decide on a definite yes or no. Is a committee needed or

are we going to just play it by ear and everyone do their own thing? I would suggest we get a plan as a group, purchase lights in bulk and be on the same page with a theme. Remember the original idea for the parade was farm and Ag. Should we incorporate something along those lines as well? I would suggest that we do have a committee in place for this event should we choose to follow through with it. Just my opinion.

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