

President's Corner

September 2008

Since I've been quick in the past to complain about some of the deficiencies I've noticed amongst our community, I will start this month's column with an apology for something I screwed up. I regret that I never had a chance to submit our Field Day logs to the ARRL, so we do not appear in this year's official listings. Mel asked me to get him the logs so he could take care of it, but before I could obtain the information we needed, it was too late. I'm sorry!

One of the reasons I neglected to submit our logs is because of how busy I've been. In addition to working 9-hour days (and some overtime beyond that), I am also a professional musician by night (in three different bands), and am also responsible for maintaining and repairing our home and vehicles (somehow I still find time to get on the air on HF some evenings!). My wife and I also travel a lot to see friends and families, so keeping up with my BARA responsibilities (mainly writing this column, and attending bi-monthly meetings) has been tricky.

I could really use a break! I agreed to be President because absolutely no one else would volunteer for the position, but it would be nice if someone else took a turn next year. If you ever attend any business or government meetings, you're familiar with how it's done (and if you need a refresher, I can provide an outline). Please think about running for President (or any other position – everyone needs a break once in a while) – elections are coming up soon! I will remain a committed, active member of BARA no matter what the outcome.

Our holiday party will also be here before you know it. We decided to change the venue this year, to the Spot Diner. The Spot has great food, but more importantly, it's handicap accessible, which is important to some of our members. We will also have more flexibility to order whatever we want from the menu, rather than being limited to two or three choices, and they'll still do individual bills. I think this is a win-win situation for everybody; my appreciation goes out to Ford for researching our options and making the necessary arrangements. Hope to see you all there, and/or the November meeting (I will miss the September meeting because my wife and I will be on vacation).

73 de allen lutins KC2KLC