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Meeting of October 20th, 2020

The meeting was by Zoom with about 16 members and 4 guests who were speakers.

Bill Mayberry organized members of the Brandon Amateur Radio Club to make a combined presentation on Ham Radio. Four of the members spoke about their own particular specialty. They emphasized the value of maintaining amateur radio as an emergency backup in the event of massive failures in communication infrastructure as a result of violent weather or other events that could take out not only ground line phones but cell towers and power. In those situations even emergency services could be left incommunicado as has happened on occasion, even locally as they pointed out.

Perhaps the most entertaining presentation was from the member who had served in the arctic at Resolute in the 1960s using Morse code to collect data from remote weather sites and then transmitting the assembled data in conventional voice transmission south for the Canadian Weather service. Another spoke of his "antenna farm" with multiple dipole antennae used for world-wide contact and in his case one brief contact with the space station.

What's happening at Kiwanis (meeting alternate Tuesdays at 12:00PM by Zoom)

- 1) **Nov 10th Remembrance Day Reflections with Rev. Doug Neufeld**
- 2) **Nov 24th Business Meeting**
- 3) **Dec 8th Candice Waddell Psychiatric Nursing**
- 4) **Dec 22nd**

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