

Jim also reminded everyone about the Ft. Davis Cyclefest coming up on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September, and asked for a sign up of volunteers.

Rob, KE5KNQ announced he would begin plans for the annual BBARC Banquet. No decision was made on location or menu but several ideas will be considered. The date is tentatively set for Saturday, January 31, 2010.

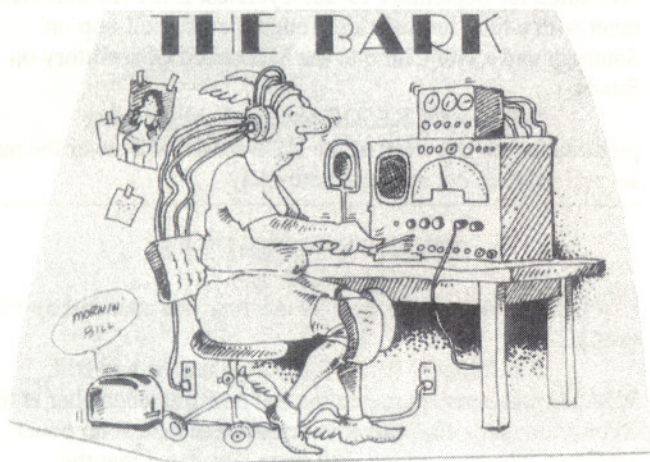
A short discussion of a 2009 Santa Net for this year led to setting the date for December 16, 2009.

Flyers for the Boy Scouts "Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA) were sent to BBARC from the Ft. Stockton club, and distributed. The event will be held October 17, 2009. For more information about the Ft. Stockton activities the contact is Felix Kneuper at 432-940-6562 or fkneuper@hotmail.com.

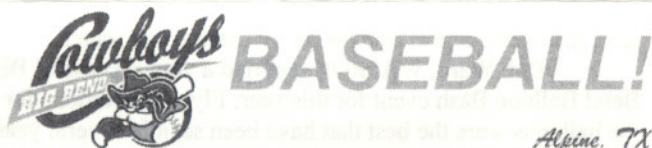
For more information about JOTA itself visit;  
[www.scout.org/jota](http://www.scout.org/jota) or  
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Dave Cockrum, N5DO gave a program about the simplicity and effectiveness of wire antennas.

## THE BARK LOGO



This is a scan of the cartoon we use as our newsletter logo. If anyone can tell us where it came from, we would like to hear about it.



### BIG BEND COWBOYS COMPLETE THEIR FIRST SEASON

Chuck Dobbins, KA5PVB

The Big Bend Cowboys finished their first season with a 36-24 record (.600 winning percentage, ) in 4<sup>th</sup> place, 4 games behind the league leading Bay Area Toros.

The end of the regular season ended with;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bay Area Toros
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Texarkana Gunslingers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexandria Aces
- 4<sup>th</sup> Big Bend Cowboys

In the play-offs 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> played for best 2 out of 3, and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> played for best 2 out of three. So we played the Toros in Texas City and won the first game but lost the next two by scores of 5-3 and 6-5, and we were eliminated from further competition.

When the Alexandria Aces beat the Texarkana Gunslingers two games straight, the league office decided to hold the final series in Alexandria due to their larger attendance draw ( about 1200 per night compared to 75 per night for the Toros.) The Bay Area Toros, having won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the regular season and having won their play-off series, felt final championship series should be played at their home field in Texas City, so they elected not to play in Alexandria. At this point the Cowboys accepted the offer to play the Aces in Alexandria for the Continental Baseball League Championship.

Alexandria sent their two best pitchers up against the Cowboys and beat them soundly both nights by 8-2 and 7-3. Neither game was as close as the scores indicated. So the Alexandria Aces are the League Champions for the 2009 season.

The Big Bend Cowboys will return to Alpine next year for the 2010 season. In the meantime, here are some Cowboys' highlights of their 2009, opening season:

Three players were in the league's top 10 in batting averages.

Two were in the league's top 5 home run hitters.

One pitcher was in the league's top 10 for ERAs and wins.

Cowboys were second in team batting average at .286  
Cowboys were fourth in team ERA at 4.38

For 2010 there has been talk of teams being placed in Las Cruces, NM., Amarillo, TX., or possibly Abilene, TX. These would give us some closer competition. This year our closest competitor was in Texas City, near Galveston, 550 miles away

This year the Cowboys drew almost 12,000 people to Kokernot Field. Why not plan to get out and cheer our Cardiac Cowboys next year!

For more information, checkout  
[www.cblproball.com](http://www.cblproball.com).

### BBARC 2 METER REPEATERS

146.2 Hz PL tone Encode required, Decode optional. All offsets are 600 kHz + or - for 2-meter, 5MHz + or - for 70 cm.

Elephant Mt., South of Alpine:	147.020+
Ft. Davis/McDonald:	146.620-
Alpine, Twin Sisters Mt.:	146.720-
Christmas Mt, Terlingua Ranch:	146.820-
Glass Mountains:	146.920-
Davis Mt Resort (DMR):	444.625+ 5MHz