

participants and restore the economic flow for Terlingua in February. What ever they do, it should be the pleasure of the BBARC to stand by and be ready to support them in what ever comes next.

Before the mountain bikes, there was the Big Bend Bash off road rally that BBARC supported for several years. So BBARC members, and others, have been making the excursion to South Brewster County for well over 20 years. Possibly 25 or 30. It is a hard habit to break. Seven months after Field Day and four months before Field Day, it's a great time to do 'Something'.

And camping and bunking out at the Rock House on a 30 foot cliff overlooking the Rio Grande, good food, pot luck suppers, bar-b-que dinners, RAF camp fires, cold 807s, good friends, and great stories of 35 years of Club experiences and activities... It's almost a dependency. We should do something in South Brewster County in February.

We will stay in touch with Mike Long and Desert Sports to see what plans they come up with, and if they need us in February, that is where we will be. In the event that we are not needed this year for desert biking, then the club might want to think about some other activity for this year.

CAN WE REACH YOU BY E-MAIL?

Now would be a good time to check the BBARC website, look for the Members Roster and check your contact information, especially your e-mail address. E-mail address tend to get changed much more often than addresses and phone numbers and we may have some obsolete e-mail address. Check the website and let us know if yours is different from what we have posted there. Notify Angie, N5MVB, or Doug, N5HYD, or Bill, W5ATO, or send a note to the club address at 1402 N. 5th St., Alpine, TX., 79830.

When you read the e-mail address on the website it is written in the format 'so and so "AT" such and such "DOT" whatever'. Understand that we know your address is 'so and so "@ " such and such "." whatever'.

BBARC TURNS 35 ON DECEMBER 17

The final signatures to the original Big Bend Amateur Radio Club charter were dated December 17, 1974. That makes our organization 35 years old this year, the day after we do our Santa Net. While 35 years isn't as popular a landmark anniversary as 25, 50, or 100 years, it is 3 and a half decades. That still doesn't have the ring of a monumental event. Still if anyone has thoughts on something we might do as a club in celebration of the event, please speak up.

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

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Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P. M. in the West Texas National Bank Meeting Room.

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Amateur Radio Relay League affiliate since 1986

The Big Bend 3.922 MHz Emergency Net;

Founded September 18, 1977

Every Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Central Time (CST / CDT)

The Big Bend 2-Meter Net;

Founded July 9, 2008

Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Central Time (CST / CDT)

Sometimes available through Echo-Link via Internet -

Look for KA1AAJ, node #409253

BBARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

November 10, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

BBARC MEETING, West Texas National Bank , Alpine

December 8, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

BBARC MEETING, West Texas National Bank , Alpine

December 16, Wednesday

BBARC SANTA NET

December 17, Thursday

BBARC 35th BIRTHDAY

January 12, 2010, Tuesday

BBARC MEETING, West Texas National Bank , Alpine

January 30, 2010, Saturday (tentative)

BBARC ANNAUL BANQUET