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MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY '10

February 9, 2010

The meeting was attended by 17 people.

Dave Cockrum, N5DO reported that 3 people had taken their Technicians test out of which 3 of them passed. David Mattison KF5ESZ, Judy Meyer KF5ETA, and Kevin Meyer KF5ETB. It is interesting to note that Dave has the last available KF5ES_ call and that all three call signs are in an uninterrupted sequence.

Bill Baker, W5ATO reported that work is progressing to replace the 82 repeater in south Brewster County. It will involve some equipment shuffling and the building of some back up equipment. Replacement is hoped to be completed within just a few weeks. Possibly as early as late February and hopefully before mid March.

Bill Roberts, W5NPR reported the club's ATV was in Marfa for repairs.

Terry Allison, K5TDA announced that Bill Brooks had renewed the club's web site domain name for another 9 years.

The club discussed a donation to Hospice House in Odessa. The family of Bob Ayer was very impressed with their services and they operate primarily on donations. The Ayer family asked that friends of Bob's make memorial offerings in the form of donations to Hospice House. The club voted to have the club treasurer cut a check for \$500 to the Hospice House and that members wishing to participate make their donations to BBARC to reimburse the treasury. Please note "Hospice House" on your donations. If donations exceed the \$500 they will be accumulated and a second club donation will be made for the additional amount. Anyone is welcome to make a donation through the club, directly to Hospice House, or both, in Bob's memory.

Bill, W5ATO proposed that someone volunteer to take over the duties of Net Manager for the 2-meter net. Bill Roberts volunteered and with no objections he was appointed to the position.

The rest of the meeting was a discussion of an offer to the club made by Ray Hendrix at the Annual Banquet. Ray had offered very affordable ad time for the club to use for publicity and recruitment. Discussion lasted for about 20 minutes and it seemed everyone was very interested. The club voted to accept the offer.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The BBARC held its Annual Banquet on January 30, 2010, Kokernot Lodge, Alpine, Texas. The Mural Café catered a Taco Buffet featuring a choice of bison or chicken meat with all of the trimmings. The food was great and 'a good time was had by all.'



Bill Brooks was MC for the evening and opened with a welcome and a few announcements.

The new Fire Station in Alpine will have an Open House on Monday, February 15 from 11: AM. to 1:00 PM.

Three people have recently passed their Technician test. Dave Mattison, Peg KE5YCW's husband, and Kevin and Judy Meyer from Ft. Davis.

In the ARRL November Sweepstakes Sideband contest, the "N5DO Awesome team" placed 4th in the nation. Dave is also recognized as "Dave the Dominator" in the Single Sideband Sprint Low Power contest, having won 4 times in a row and 8 times overall.

CHARTER MEMBERS HONORED



MC Brooks then presented 5 Charter Member Awards to our club's 5 founding members. Bob Ward, WA5ROE, and Dave Cockrum, N5DO were on hand to receive their awards. Dick Ellis, W5YCK, Dino Parenti, K5IAG, and Rick Sohl, K5RIC were unable to attend and their awards are being mailed to them.

KEYNOTE SPEECH



Ray Hendrix, General Manager of KVLF and KALP Radio was our guest speaker for the evening. Ray is a long time friend of the BBARC and delivered membership dues from KVLF and KALP adding these two local broadcast stations to the club's roster.

Ray opened by acknowledging the music format change recently made on the KVLF AM station. They moved from popular oldies of the 30's, 40's, 50's vintage, to classic rock of