

It has taken me this long to learn how all this new stuff works and how to do the things I want to do. But I think I'm ready for this move now.

Understand I may have to make some fine tuning adjustments, but I am now going to offer the BARK newsletter via E-mail. It will be sent as an e-mail attachment in .PDF Adobe Acrobat file, and/or .TXT text only file. The text file has no graphics, photos or columns, but I printed it in WordPad and it looks pretty good. The .PDF Adobe Acrobat file should look exactly like the paper copy of the newsletter and the images and graphics are in color. It is supposed to be backward compatible with all versions of Acrobat Reader. PDF files are somewhat large and if you have a slow Internet connection you may want to consider the TXT version. For Example, at the moment this 5 page newsletter is 341 Kb in PDF and 23 Kb in TXT. The newsletter's outside cover sheet will be sent separately and this one is 113 Kb in PDF and 2 Kb in TXT. So there will be 2 mailing lists for the BARK by e-mail, one for PDF and one for TXT. You may ask to be added either list or to both if you wish.

This can bring the newsletter to you a few days sooner than the snail mail copy, and you can print it out in first generation quality.

If you would like to receive the BARK this way, here's the deal.

1. You must be on the current mailing list.
2. You must e-mail me to request e-mail delivery.
Specify PDF or TXT or both.
Specify address if different than FROM:
address of your request.
E-mail w5ato@arrl.net or w5ato.bill@verizon.net.
3. You may ask to drop your snail mail copy.
Make sure your e-mail copy works first.

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The first time we send you the e-mail copy we will also send the regular snail mail copy. If you have problems receiving the e-mail copy, let us know. We won't stop the snail mail copy if there are problems with the e-mail copy.

Additional Sections to the Newsletter

Terry will be contributing a President's Column from time to time. We would also be glad to add "Letters to the Editor", or "Letters to the President". And as always, if anyone would like to submit an original article of your own, we will be glad to include it, (it must be your own original writing, no copies of other's works. We will be glad to help with editing if you request.) Please send submissions to the Editor's e-mail listed in the next section, or hard copies may be dropped off at Morrison's True Value in Alpine, to Bob Ward's attention. Or send it via US mail to 1402 N. 5th St., Alpine, TX 79830.

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BIG BEND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

<http://www.bigbendarc.com>

Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at West Texas National Bank building in Alpine, 7:30 P.M. CST/CDT.

MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

Annual membership is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 each year. Dues are \$36.00 per year for individual or individual & spouse. Membership allows you to vote at the monthly meetings and includes a subscription to the club newsletter.

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ABOUT THE BBARC

Founded December 17, 1974
ARRL affiliate since 1986

Big Bend Emergency Net, 3.922 MHz

Founded September 18, 1977
Meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M. CST/CDT
Controlled net format. Welcomes new participants and visitors.
Established by Bob Ward, WA5ROE
Net Manager, Bob Ward, WA5ROE, wa5roe@juno.com

Big Bend 2-meter Net

Founded July 9, 2008
Meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 P.M. CST/CDT
Controlled net format. Welcomes new participants and visitors.
Established by Bob Ayer, KA1AAJ (SK)
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BBARC REPEATER SYSTEM

All repeaters are standard offsets. All repeaters require 146.2 Hz PL tone encoded on your transmit signal. All repeaters are linked.

147.020+	Elephant Mt. south of Alpine. System hub.
146.620-	Ft. Davis located at McDonald Observatory
146.720-	Alpine, Twin Sisters Peaks
146.820-	Terlingua
146.920-	Glass Mountains, Alpine / Ft. Stockton.