

This was their 14th annual event and the first one personally for their event director for this year's ride. This is also the first time they have asked for radio communications support.

Time is pressing to get this month's newsletter out, so without going into details, here is the brief report.

Three HAMs posted themselves on the Saturday courses and worked a simplex net by committee (no net control). Two volunteers monitored in Terlingua in case telephone communications was needed, and two volunteers in Alpine monitored the repeater in Alpine in case we needed communications to north Brewster County.

Sunday was the same except there were only two HAM's on the courses.

Other than a few riders getting off course a little, both days, all riders returned and no one got lost to the point that they had to be found.

We had face to face contact with the local Brewster County Deputies for south Brewster County and they were very grateful that we came out.

We had many face to face visits with the riders in this event. They were the friendliest, most respectful, and most appreciative folks you could ever meet.

And they had some good regulations in place. No one rode without a partner. They rode in groups of 2 to 6 partners at a time. They had instructions that their equipment must be in top working condition and must be equipped as street legal. Every single rider wore full protective riding gear, full face helmets and full riding suits. And everyone was riding safely. Remember this is a recreational ride and not a competitive race.

In the end, a few mechanical issues were addressed by a course sweep/mechanic/EMS, mostly tires I think, no one was lost, and as far as we know no one got so much as a scratch or bruise.

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BIG BEND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

<http://www.bigbendarc.com>

Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at Alpine Fire Station 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)

Net Manager, Bill Roberts, W5NPR, w5npr@texas-skies.com

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.

BBARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 9, 2010, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
BBARC MEETING, Alpine Fire Station

December 14, 2010, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
BBARC MEETING, Alpine Fire Station

December 17, Friday
BBARC Anniversary, 1974

January 11, 2011, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
BBARC MEETING, Alpine Fire Station

January 16, 2011, Sunday, 6:00 A.M.
Big Bend Ultra Run, Big Bend National Park

February 8, 2011, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
BBARC MEETING, Alpine Fire Station
