

For the next three years it was economically problematic to hold the event. Most of the runners and about a dozen of the communications volunteers are from the San Antonio area. That makes their trip to the Park well over 500 miles one way and with \$4.00 a gallon gasoline prices, many found the trip to be too costly.

So for 3 years the Ultra Run was not held. But it is returning for January 16, 2011.

Once again the 50k and 25k courses are the same as before, plus a 10k course has been added. The 10k course starts and finishes at the east end of the Old River Road. It goes out and back to the Gravel Pits campsites.

Race directors will reach the Park Thursday evening, January 13, and begin setting up on Friday. Most of the Central Texas runners and volunteers will be arriving on Friday. The communications teams will go out to locate their sites and test their communications on Saturday. There will be a group feed at Rio Grande Village Saturday Night.

The race will happen on Sunday. Everything will work perfectly, no one will get hurt, and we will head for home late Sunday afternoon, tired but enriched. At least that is the plan.

Anyone who has not signed up to volunteer for this event and would like to, there is still time. Contact Bill Baker, W5ATO at w5ato@arrl.net or call 432-386-6316.

MEETING PLACE

While there are still people getting moved into the new Fire Station and settling in, and other finishing touches are being completed, the BBARC will continue to hold its monthly meetings at the West Texas National Bank building until further notice.

THE BARK

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BIG BEND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

<http://www.bigbendarc.com>

Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the 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.

Newsletter subscription only, without membership, is available for \$7.00 per calendar year.

Newsletters are available by e-mail in .PDF format for members, subscribers, and courtesy recipients only. Send your e-mail address to w5ato@arrl.net to be put on the list.

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

January 11, 2011, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

BBARC MEETING, West Texas National Bank Building

January 16, 2011, Sunday, 6:00 A.M.

Big Bend Ultra Run, Big Bend National Park

January 21, 2011, Friday, 6:00 P.M.

BBARC Annual Banquet, Longhorn Steakhouse, Alpine

February 8, 2011, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

BBARC MEETING, West Texas National Bank Building

February 14, 2011, Monday

HF Special Event Station, Valentine, TX.