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WEB SITE UPDATE; SOCIAL MEDIA SITE

The Big Bend Amateur Radio Club has completed some extensive revisions to its communication outlets to its members. Doug, N5HYD, has passed the webmaster torch to Allen, N5NYM. Thanks to Doug for keeping our website active, attractive, and useful for many, many years. Allen has given our website a facelift, giving it a new appearance and new features, such as the recent posts section shown here:

Recent Posts

- [Event Update- Big Bend 50](#)
- [Big Bend ARC Turns in Good Field Day Score](#)
- [Alpine Avalanche Features Field Day!](#)
- [2-Meter Net Report June 2016](#)
- [KE5OG finishes 1st in West Gulf Division RTTY Roundup](#)
- [New Hams Licensed during Field Day](#)
- [Ham Radio Items for Sale](#)

Check it out at <http://www.bigbendarc.com/>.

With the encouragement of bonus points for our Field Day operation, the BBARC is now on Face Book as well. There are now 21 members of our Face Book page. The Face Book Page allows us to have a more rapid dissemination of news and activities, like this recent post:

[Mike Furrey](#)

[July 6 at 2:51pm](#)



[CQ Newsroom: Amateur Electronic Supply \(AES\) Going Out of Business](#)

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Please add yourself to our group!

FIRST LOOK AT FIELD DAY RESULTS (FROM BBARC WEB SITE BY KE5OG)

Members of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club didn't break their own personal best when it came to the club's 2016 Field Day score but they did turn in a respectable score...and had a lot of fun doing it.

This year's score of 9,674 was almost a thousand points less than last year when the club finished in seventh place in Class 2A.

The big difference was the lousy conditions on 6, 10 and 15 meters. This year we had zero points on 6. The CW ops had about the same on 15 meters and zero on 10. They ended up with 1369 Qs. The SSB Station had almost exactly the same score as last year with 1309. The GOTA station had 331 Qs last year but just 42 this year.



Steve, W5JSR, Steve, KI5YG, and Chuck, KA5PVB answer the question: How many hams does it take to refuel a generator?

All together, CW was down about 300 QSOs. The SSB station was able to make up for the lack of 6 meter Q's but the result was about the same.

When it came to other Bonus Points they were the same with 1,400. There were two new categories, social media and a safety officer for which we got the points, but because the GOTA bonus was down the result was the same.



Bob, WA5ROE, and his daughter, Abbey, working on the beans for supper and adding a little beauty to Field Day (Abbey not Bob!)

As usual, we had great food by Bob, WA5ROE, and Ike Roberts.

Operators on the CW station included Dave, N5DO; Mike, W5POK; and visiting from Midland was Robert, W5AJ. On SSB we had Bill, KE5OG; Chuck, KA5PVB; Steve Cowell, KI5YG; Steve Ritchie, W5JSR; and Allen Moore, N5NYM.

Participating on the GOTA station, in addition to KK5ROB on SSB was N5NYM on CW, and then Justin Coggins, Bryan Ritchie, Adrian Billings and Zane Billings.



Dave, N5DO, operating in air conditioned comfort from the club emergency communication van.



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BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT From WA5ROE

Date	Check-ins	Length	Remarks
June 26	34	25 min.	Net control at FD site
June 19	33	24 min.	K5IHY, Gene, SK
June 12	32	30 min.	
June 5	37	30 min.	
May 29	36	30 min.	
May 22	40	35 min.	
May 15	34	33 min.	
May 8	33	32 min.	
May 1	41	35 min.	

Remember – the BBEN meets **every** Sunday on 3922 KHz at 8:15 a.m. Central time (either CST or CDT). Visitors are always welcome. Early check-ins are welcome beginning around 8:05 a.m. on 3922 kHz or on the BBARC repeater system.

BIG BEND 2 METER NET REPORT From KA5PVB

The Big Bend 2 meter net meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Central Time on the Big Bend 2 meter repeater network. These Wednesday evening nets are good training grounds for possible emergency situations. They also provide a

“safe” and easy way for new amateurs to get used to talking on the radio.

The net control station calls for check-ins from each of the BBARC repeaters. Listen to make sure the frequency is clear, then sign in by announcing your call sign. After everyone checks-in the net control calls on each station to make any comments they wish.

Date	Check-ins	Net Control
June 29	16	KF5KMA
June 22	13	W5NPR
June 15	13	KG5LMG
June 8	14	KG5BMK
June 1	14	KA5PVB
May 25	16	KA5PVB
May 18	18	KF5KMA
May 11	18	W5RHN
May 4	23	N5BBJ

Note from KA5PVB: KG5LMG and KG5BMK were FIRST TIMER'S as Net Control Stations on the net and both did a very good job (Kathy – KG5CGR was logging for Chuck – KG5BMK during his initial attempt, and Bruce – N5BBJ was sitting alongside of Marvin – KG5LMG to assist him with his initial attempt). Thanks again everyone for your participation.

NEW HAMS LICENSED DURING FIELD DAY (FROM BBARC WEB SITE BY N5NYM)

Congratulations to Denese Jones, Rocky Grounds, and Nancy Rooney who passed their Technician Class test at the BBARC field day site!

NEXT MEETINGS: TUESDAY, JULY 12 AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

The next two meetings will be at the normal location: the meeting room at the West Texas National Bank, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Before the meeting a VE session will be held in the meeting room at 6:00 p.m. Any individuals interested in sitting for an exam are invited to participate.

After the business portion of the meeting, the program will be a round table discussion on Field Day and any other topics individuals want to discuss.

DOUBLE ISSUE

The Editor will be traveling again at the end of May and will not be able to complete a newsletter, so this issue will suffice for both July and August. Look to the BBARC web site and Face Book page for news and information updates.

In the last issue it was mentioned that N5DO and AC6T would be operating in the multi-single, low power category from ZF1A during the CQ WPX CW contest on May 28 and 29.

Our goal was to set a new North American record. It appears that we were able to do so. The current North American record for the M/S, LP CW category is 4,596,948 set by W0DLE. Our ZF1A raw score this year is 10,667,040, followed by HI3TT with 7,340,911. Raw scores will be lowered after log checking is completed for errors such as not in the other stations log, miscopied call signs or exchanges, etc

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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.

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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 participate in all club activities and vote at the monthly meetings.

Newsletters are available by e-mail for members, subscribers, and interested recipients. Send your e-mail address to [n5do at sbcglobal.net](mailto:n5do@sbcglobal.net) to be put on the list.

ABOUT THE BBARC

Founded December 17, 1974

ARRL affiliate since 1986

The BBARC is a 501(C)3 organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

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 at juno.com](mailto: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, Chuck Dobbins, KA5PVB, [charles.dobbins52 at yahoo.com](mailto:charles.dobbins52@yahoo.com)

BBARC REPEATER SYSTEM

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

147.120+	Shafter, Cibolo Creek
147.020+	Elephant Mt. south of Alpine. System hub
146.620-	Ft. Davis located at McDonald Observatory
146.720-	Alpine, Pearce Mountain
146.820-	Terlingua, Study Butte
146.920-	Glass Mountains, Alpine / Ft. Stockton
145.230-	Emergency Repeater

BBARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 12, 2012, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
VOLUNTEER EXAMINATION SESSION,
West Texas National Bank Building

July 12, 2016, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
BBARC MEETING, West Texas National Bank Building
Program: Round Table discussion of topics of interest, including
Field Day

August 9, 2016, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
BBARC MEETING, West Texas National Bank Building
Program: To Be Determined
