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## Newsletter of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, K5FD

June, 2017

Alpine, Texas

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### Field Day to be Topic of June Club Meeting

The Big Bend ARC's annual Field Day effort will be the topic of this month's club meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is held in the community room of the West Texas National Bank building.

Field Day 2017 will be held June 24 and 25. As is our custom, we will run 2A with a GOTA station.

This year the club will again have use of K3 radios by Dave, N5DO, and Bill, KE5OG, for the CW, SSB and GOTA stations. These radios reduce station interference significantly.

The club will also make use of the Jeff Davis County portable tower as well as the club's portable tower.

Of course, Bob, WA5ROE, will be the Chief Cook. Meals will be served Friday night, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Any other time you will be on your own.

Also, Bob will have the cost and any other things you will need to bring at the Tuesday club meeting.

Last year, the club finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Class 2A with 2,723 Q's and 9,674 points.

Setup will begin Thursday evening.

### Midway Island, KH4, and Kure island, KH7K, reinstated to DXCC List

*Editor's Note: Last month, in a BARK article by K5FUV, the deletion of these two islands from the DXCC list was disagreed with. The ARRL saw the light and the islands were reinstated to the list.*

On March 31, 2017, the DXCC desk announced the deletion of Midway Island and Kure Island from the DXCC entities list. The stated reason for this action was because of changes in the administration resulting from changes in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, formerly known as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, of which the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial, the Hawaii State Seabird Sanctuary at Kure Atoll, and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, of which they are all included.

After further review it has been found that the deletion of these two entities is not supported by the changes that were made to the relevant administrations. Therefore, the deletions from the DXCC list should not have occurred and the two entities, Midway Island KH4 and Kure Island KH7K, will return to the DXCC list as separate entities.

### Classifieds:

**For Sale:** Steppir DB18 40 meter through 6 meter Yagi. Has two trombones. Good condition and partially disassembled on the ground in Alpine, Texas. Includes controller. Price is less than half of what it costs new. \$1,600.

Also, 3-element Steppir Yagi. Fiberglass covers are faded somewhat but still in excellent operating condition. Includes controller. Less than half price. \$900. Partially disassembled on the ground in Alpine, Texas.

Contact Bill, KE5OG, at 432-244-8863 or [bill.ke5og@gmail.com](mailto:bill.ke5og@gmail.com).

**For Sale:** Alpha 99, Original owner, purchased in January, 2000. Has original 4 CX800-A7s. Works Fine. \$2,700 plus.

ALS-600 Solid State Amp. Purchased, October, 1994, AES. Works Fine. \$650

Ameritron AL-572. Took unit in Trade 2016. Applied AC and tubes and dial lights lit ok. Did not operate. Asking \$600.

Two Kenwood TS-940s, both checked out by Cal Fisher in Dallas. Both work fine. MC-60 mike available as option. \$700 each.

Kenwood TS-180 Transceiver w/speaker and PS, works fine, very nice condition. \$300.

Kenwood TS-820 w/VFO, spker, PS, works fine. \$425

Kenwood TS-850S, no tuner. \$600

Kenwood TS-520, SE, Re-tubed and aligned, with MFJ 4-pin mike. \$225

Yaesu FT-990 very nice, almost new, was in storage for many years. No mike. \$650

Yaesu FRG-7700 solid state receiver. Was sent in for general checkup several years ago, works fine. \$200.

Ameritron ATR-30 tuner. Sent in for checking to MFJ, works fine. \$375

Ameritron ATR-10 tuner, works fine. \$75

Murch 2000 Tuner, works fine. \$75

Plus receivers, speakers, power supplies, amp parts, mikes, rotator, tubes, military receivers, tower parts.

**Tom Gius, N5NYZ, 206 West Arcadia Ave, Alpine, Texas 79830 Call 432-837-3679**



**BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT  
From WA5ROE**

Date	Net Control	Check-ins	Length	Remarks
05/28/17	W5NPR	40	25	
05/21/17	WA5ROE	36	29	
05/14/17	KE5OG	37	19	poor conditions - operated from Brewster EOC
05/07/17	WA5ROE	37	31	add to roster W5DGT David, Childress

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 or on EchoLink.

**2 Meter Net Report**

Our 2 meter net meeting EVERY Wednesday at 8:00 PM (local time) on the clubs repeater system network. These are good training ground for possible emergency situations, as well as helping the new hams in the area to have an easy way to get use to "talking on the radio".

The club website ([www.bigbendarc.com](http://www.bigbendarc.com)) has ALL the information on the 2 meter net. Included is the Net Control members schedule, the "script" (supplied ONLY as a guide to ensure the important information is given out weekly - you can use it anyway you see fit) and a list of the recent check-in members.

If you have an interest in joining the Net Control stations please call me ([432/837-2257](tel:4328372257)) or holler at me during the Wednesday evening net (either before or after the net).

The month of March had five (5) Wednesdays in it and it went this way:

Date	Check	Net Control
05/03/17	15	KG5BMK
05/10/17	18	KG5LMG
05/17/17	19	N5BBJ
05/23/17	23	W5RHN
05/30/17	17	KF5KMA

99 total check-ins for May

If you don't have the time to check-in to the net and stick around for the round-table discussion,

#### **BBARC Club Officers**

President - Allen Moore, N5MYM  
Vice-President - Bill Brooks, KE5OG  
Secretary - Billy Roberts, W5NPR  
Treasurer - Angie Otoupol, N5MVV

#### **THE BARK Newsletter of the BBARC**

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take a minute of your time and check-in as an "in-and-out" (where you're there for the head count but don't have the time to participate). All participation is much appreciated and encouraged.

Any of the new hams in the community, if you have questions or problems with trying to get radios and antennas set-up feel free to bring them up during the net. We may not have the answer right off the cuff, but somebody can find the info and get back with you shortly!

During the month of April the net had check-ins from the following hams on our Echo-Link System: \*\*\*Special thanks to Al KG5HEJ for helping us out by monitoring the Echo-Link System for us, so we DON'T miss anyone! \*\*\*  
KD5KC - Mike in El Paso, TX.  
KC5WFH - Bill in Kingston, WA.  
KG5DW - Don in Denton, TX.  
\*\*\* it's always interesting where our Echo-Link check-in's reside and how they came to find out about us out here!

73's and hope to talk to you soon.  
Chuck Dobbins – KA5PVB  
2-meter Net Manager

#### **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.

ARRL Affiliated Club

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION**

#### **2017 Dues are due**

Annual membership is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 each year. Dues are \$36 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 [bill.ke5og@gmail.com](mailto:bill.ke5og@gmail.com) to be put on the list.

## BBARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Field Day, June 24 & 25. 1800 UTC Saturday, to 1800 UTC Sunday.

IARU HF World Championship, 1200 UTC, July 8 to 1200, UTC, July 9

North American QSO Party, RTTY, 1800 UTC, July 15, 0559 UTC, July 16.

## 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