



Newsletter of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, K5FD

November, 2016 Alpine, Texas

Hub Repeater Down for Now

The 147.02 repeater was taken down after a visit by Doug, N5HYD; Bill, W5ATO; and Allen, N5NYM. What they discovered was that the duplexers on the repeater could not be tuned properly.

The duplexers were brought down and N5HYD has them on the bench.

For those of you who need access you are invited to use the UHF repeater at the site. The hub transmits at 448.000 and receives at 443.000... that means a user wants to program 448.000, minus offset and 146.2 PL on their radio to use Elephant Mountain.

Something for us to consider is the cost of new duplexers. If they can't be fixed we may just want to offer UHF repeater service at Elephant Mountain. Stay tuned!

Robin, KK5ROB, Recovering Nicely

Robin, KK5ROB, is recovering nicely after receiving new lungs at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix last week.

Steve, W5JSR, tells the story this way:

“My birthday was October 24, and we had just finished eating when the phone rang about 8 p.m. It was a call from Saint Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix. They asked that Robin get on the speaker so they could talk to both of us. The conversation was short and sweet.

“Be at the hospital at 10 p.m. and do not eat or drink after 10. We have a really good donor for

Robin and we will do surgery around five in the morning.”

“Needless to say we had a heart stopping 'adrenaline rush' moment. But Robin said ok.

“We hurriedly ran around the trailer getting a few things ready. I called all four of our boys and emotions were high. We were both scared so we said some prayers and headed to the hospital.

“When we got there we went directly to the ICU room she would have after surgery. Our son Alan got there from Sierra Vista at about two. Bryan and Greg from Alpine and Bill from Seattle all got here before she got out of surgery.

“Robin under went a double lung transplant. The surgery lasted about six hours. She came out of the surgery great, the surgeon was thrilled with the lungs and how the surgery went. After they got all the medications and pain medicine going she was amazing.

“This last weekend she has had her ups and downs. Getting use to the meds and cutting back on pain meds has been pretty rough.

“All and all she is doing great. They have not given us a discharge date yet. We have cleared many hurdles, but have many more to go. The way she's going, we hope to be back in Alpine to see everyone and I'll keep you up to date. Please keep the prayers coming. She is an amazing woman.”

Election Day Club Meeting

Since the second Tuesday falls on Election Day Evening, we will hold a business meeting starting at 7:30 and then shortly after adjourn so everyone can root for the candidate of their choice. Club President Chuck Dobbins will be appointing a nominating committee for next year's officers so if you don't want to be on that committee, or nominated, you'd better show up.

We meet at 7:30 in the evening at the West Texas National Bank Community Room on Fifth Street.

KE5DHB Silent Key

James Edward Harris, 76, became a Silent Key recently. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (5510 Hondo Pass, El Paso, TX)

Committal Service was at at 1 p.m. at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery with full military honors.

Services were entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home Northeast.

YAY! We Sold the Car Dolly

Bob, WA5ROE, ever the salesman, sold the club's car dolly recently. He got \$350 for it. Way to go Bob.

BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT From WA5ROE

Date	Net Control	Check-ins	Length	Remarks
10/30/16				
10/23/16	W5NPR	39	28	
10/16/16	WA5ROE	31	30	
10/09/16	WA5ROE	41	33	
10/02/16	WA5ROE	40	29	

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.

Big Bend 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) has ALL the information on the 2 meter net. Included is the Net Control members schedule, until year end, 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 October had four (4) Wednesdays in it and it went this way:

Date	Check-ins	Net Control
10/05/16	19	W5RHN
10/12/16	19	W5RHN
10/19/16	11	KF5KMA
10/26/16	18	KA5PVB

67 total check-ins for October

With fall season here now, everyone is busy, and if you don't have the time to check-in to the net and stick around for the round-table discussion, 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.

About 2 weeks from now (mid-November) I plan to work up the Net Control Schedule for the first half of 2017. If any newly licensed members, OR IN-ACTIVE PREVIOUS NET CONTROL STATIONS would like to rejoin the group of NCS, let me know and I'll be happy to add you to our new schedule!

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

BBARC Club Officers

President Chuck Dobbins, KA5PVB
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BIG BEND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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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

up during the net. We May not have the answer right of the cuff, but somebody can find the info and get back with you shortly!

73's and hope to talk to you soon.

Happy holiday season (yes, it's almost here)!

Chuck Dobbins - KA5PVB
2-meter Net Manager

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,
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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

November 9, 2016 – Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., West Texas National Bank

ARRL Sweepstakes CW - 2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 7

WAE DX Contest, RTTY - 0000Z, Nov 12 to 2359Z, Nov 13

ARRL SweepStakes Contest, SSB – 2100Z, Nove 19 to 0300Z, Nov 21

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW – 0000Z, Nov 26 to 2400Z, Nov 27

Ten-Meter RTTY Contest – 0000Z – 2400Z, Dec 4

ARRL 10-Meter Contest – 0000Z, Dec 10 to 2359Z, Dec 11

December 13, 2016 – Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. West Texas National Bank