



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Newsletter of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, K5FD

December, 2017

Alpine, Texas

Club to Elect New Officers This Month

The Big Bend Amateur Radio Club will elect new officers at the December club meeting. President Allen Moore appointed a nominating committee of Bob, WA5ROE, Billy, W5NPR and Rob, KE5KNQ. The committee will report out during the meeting.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor. (You might want to be present at the meeting since it has been known that members absent could get nominated...and elected).

Immediately following the election the club will hold a silent auction of equipment donated by club members. Don't forget to bring stuff you no longer need to contribute to the auction.

The club meeting will be December 12, at 7:30 pm, at the community room of the West Texas National Bank.

Barb Stone, KM5VM, to be Honored

A Gathering of Friends of silent key Barb Stone, KM5VM, will be held at the Alpine Community Center, 402 East Gallego Avenue in Alpine on Sunday, December 17 from 4 to 6 pm.

Barb was an active and long time member of the Big Bend ARC.

CLASSIFIEDS

From Grady, K5EP

Ameritron AL-84, amplifier, \$ 350
Collins 51J3, \$ 600
Grundig Satellit 3400, \$ 150
Hallicrafters SX-18, \$ 225
Kenwood TS-2000, \$ 850
Swan 350 w/ power supply, \$ 150
Ten-Tec Omni A w/ external speaker, \$ 200
Ten-Tec Century 21, \$ 175
Yaesu FT-200 w/PS and ext. VFO, \$ 200

Contact: K5ep@geomadre.com
[\(325\)716-0450](tel:(325)716-0450)

From Doug, W9PN

Ten Tec Centurion Amplifiers

I have two Ten-Tec Centurion amplifiers for sale. Serial numbers 12A10069 and 12C10010. Both units are 9+ cosmetically and both perform as they should. New RF Parts 3-500s in 2012-13 timeframe. The amplifiers can be examined and demonstrated at my QTH in Amarillo, TX. Both units are currently packed in original Ten-Tec shipping boxes with original manuals. I can unpack and take photos if you want but both units look like every other Centurion. Asking \$1,300 each picked up in Amarillo, TX. \$1,350 delivered within 200 miles of Amarillo or \$1,400 shipped / insured within the CONUS. As previously stated, both amplifiers work and can be demonstrated at my QTH however are sold on an as-is basis.

Doug, W9PN, Amarillo, TX

W9PN@ARRL.net

Six zero eight - 201-2039 (voice or text)

ESTATE SALE

From Rusty, KB5R

Elecraft K-3 \$2,300.00
MFJ 4416B Battery enhancer \$75.00
Heil Pro 5 Headset \$85.00
DX Engr.MBVE-5AE Vertical \$350.00
MFJ 1026 Noise Cancel \$80.00
Daiwa CS20 2 pole antenna switch \$15.00
Alpha-Delta 4 port ant. Switch \$50.00
MFJ 4601 Window feedthru panel \$20.00
AR-303 rotor \$60.00
Pixel Tech. Loop Antenna RFPRO1B \$200.00
Ameritron RCS-4 Remote Ant. Switch \$75.00
Alpha-Delta Center Insulator \$5.00
Alpha-Delta DXDD 40/80 Dipole(82') \$50.00
DX Engr. RTR-1A XCVR Interface \$100.00
Alpha Delta TT3G50 (500MHZ)-1KW \$20.00
Array Solutions AS303 (70MHZ)-3KW \$25.00
K9SDV 160M Pre-Amp \$40.00
Wilson WiFi Yagi (700-2700MHZ) \$30.00
Military Metal Box \$10.00
Tucker Antenna Tuner in metal case \$75.00
RG8x Coax - 100' \$25.00
Hallicrafters S-108 SW Rcvr \$75.00

Jetstream 2M/440 Mag mount \$20.00
5/8 wave mag mount \$15.00
Larsen 2M mag mount \$15.00
S9 Vertical with tripod and radials \$70.00
Yaesu YRC-1 Digital Rotor Control \$225.00
Antenna Trap (Inductors) \$20.00
Radioshack mic foot switch \$10.00
Heath HD1410 Keyer \$50.00
Coax patch cords \$25.00
Yaesu FT-450D Transciever \$600.00
Realistic 10M Tranciever \$100.00
Ladderline dipole in bag \$30.00
DX Engr. PL-259 connectors \$15.00
8 conductor rotor cable \$5.00
55Ah batteries in black boxes \$120.00
J-38 telegraph key \$5.00
Telegraph relay \$10.00
Loading coils in grey box \$5.00
2 inch copper strapping \$5.00
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MFJ 4230 30A power supply \$45.00
Vibroplex Key \$150.00

**Contact: Jerry Reasner through Rusty, KB5R
Tyler, TX**

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BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT

From WA5ROE

Date	Net Control	Check-ins	Length	Remarks
11/26/17	WA5ROE	35	30	heavy QRM from a QSO on 3925
11/19/17	WA5ROE	33	37	
12/17/11	WA5ROE	41	37	
11/05/17	WA5ROE	40	46	add to roster N5MDB, Matt, Austin

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) 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 November had five Wednesdays in it and it went this way:

Date	Check-ins	Net Control
11/29/17	17	KG5BMK
11/22/17	15	KA5PVB
11/15/17	20	KF5KMA
11/08/17	17	W5RHN
11/01/17	15	4KA5KVB

83 Total check-ins for October.

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.

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 November the net had check-ins from the following hams on our Echo-Link System:

KG5DW – Don checked in from Denton
KD5KC – Mike checked in from El Paso

***Special thanks to Al KG5HEJ for helping us out by monitoring the Echo-Link System for us, so we DON'T miss anyone! ***

Also, at the end of the year I want to specifically thank our five Net Control stations for all of their efforts on behalf of the club's 2 meter net for the entire year. It just wouldn't have happened if you were NOT there. Our net control stations are: Dan, KF5KMA; Chuck, KG5BMK; Marvin, KG5LMG; Bruce, N5BBJ, and Bob, W5RHN.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Also, note that there is NO NET SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 27.

73,

Chuck Dobbins – KA5PVB
2-meter Net Manager

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ABOUT THE BBARC

BBARC Club Officers

President - Allen Moore, N5NYM
Vice-President - Bill Brooks, KE5OG
Secretary - Billy Roberts, W5NPR
Treasurer - Angie Otoupol, N5MVV

THE BARK Newsletter of the BBARC

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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.

ARRL Affiliated Club

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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 at gmail.com](mailto:bill.ke5og@gmail.com) to be put on the list.

Founded December 17, 1974

ARRL affiliate since 1986

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

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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

**Big Bend ARC
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Club Meeting, December 12, 7:30 p.m., West Texas
National Bank Community Room.

ARRL 10-Meter Contest: 0000Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10

ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW:
1800Z-2359Z, Dec 17