



# Happy New Year

**Newsletter of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, K5FD**  
January, 2018  
Alpine, Texas

## Club Elects New Officers

Members of the Big Bend ARC elected new officers at the December club meeting. New for 2018 are President Allen Moore, N5NYM; Vice-President Marvin Voiers, KG5LMG; Secretary Bill Roberts, W5NPR and Treasurer Angie Otupol, N5MVV.

Moore, Roberts and Otupol were re-elected to their respective positions.

## *Posner to give Puerto Rico Program*

Big Bend ARC member Steve Posner, KX5SP, worked in Puerto Rico on the Tactical Radio Communications Task Force and he'll share his story at our meeting on Jan 9th.

Read Steve's field reports on the web at [bigbendarc.com](http://bigbendarc.com).

## Santa Net Successful

Oh, the weather outside was frightful on December the 7th; but, the snow failed to deter the BBARC Elves determined to get local children's Christmas lists delivered to Santa.



The club's communications vehicle was stationed outside of Morrison's True Value promptly at 5:30 pm. Rob, KE5KNQ, manned the station and made numerous contacts as kids of all ages stopped by to chat with Jolly St Nick via amateur radio.

Certificates were available to commemorate the children's contacts and Bob, WA5ROE made sure there were candy canes and hot cider for all! It was rumored that Bill, KE5OG, being a close personal friend of Santa himself, helped arrange reliable communications for the event.



## **Bouvet Island On The Air This Month**

*Cold, Isolated, Seldom Visited by Man*  
“The Most Isolated Island on Earth”

DAP, the Chilean company that owns and operates the M/V Betanzos and the helicopters, has satisfied the last contractual requirements prior to our departure. We submitted to them a “Fit for Purpose” checklist with 120 items as part of our contract. They have satisfied all the checklist items, and we will be transferring almost 1/2 million U.S. dollars to them in the next few days.

So, we are happy to report that we are on schedule for a January 13, 2018 departure to Bouvet Island, the World’s most isolated island and the number two most wanted DX entity. All team members will meet in Punta Arenas, Chile no later than January 10, 2018. We will attend a one and one-half day marine safety course, purchase last minute supplies and then fly across the Drake Passage to King George Island in the South Shetlands. There, we will board the newly refurbished Chilean vessel M/V Betanzos, and begin our 9 to 11-day voyage to Bouvet. The team feels confident knowing that the ship’s captain and many of the crew have been with the vessel for eight years, and have extensive Southern Ocean experience. The Captain reports he has previously been to Bouvet.

Sea ice has been reported along a direct route to Bouvet. This may dictate that we take a more

northerly course before turning south to approach Bouvet. This may add day or two to our transit time.

Our two helicopters have completed their 100-hour inspections, and are ready for service. There has been a thorough review of landing procedures and shelter and antenna layouts. We have three alternative anchoring systems to secure the shelters and antennas to the ice on the surface of Bouvet.

So, the plan remains unchanged. We will have two stations on every open band whenever humanly possible, gain and directional antennas where possible, high power stations and a propagation-driven operation. The primary modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. FT8 will be utilized if it is the only productive mode. Anyone preparing to utilize FT8 must read the 3YØZ FT8 protocol on the Band Plan page of the DXpedition website.

Complete information on band plans and frequencies, propagation predictions and QSL procedures are available on the DXpedition website: [www.bouvetdx.org](http://www.bouvetdx.org). You will find strategically placed “*donate*” buttons if you want to help with our substantial costs. I hope you share in the excitement of this great undertaking. We anxious to get underway!

73,

**Bob-K4UEE**  
**Ralph-KØIR**  
**Erling-LA6VM**

## ARRL Board To Consider Change In Bylaws To Allow Censure And Expulsion of Members

**Editor's Note:** *The ARRL Board of Directors is considering a proposal, at their January 19 board meeting, to be able to revoke League membership "for cause" and the board will be able to remove directors by revoking their League membership; lesser disciplinary actions against board members, such as censure, will be allowed without the member receiving advance notice or an opportunity to respond to allegations. In addition, current, past and future board members will be prohibited from suing the League or fellow board members, with all disputes instead being required to go to binding arbitration without the possibility of appeal.*

*This proposal is being met with considerable opposition from affiliated clubs. The board has already censured one member for criticizing the proposed change at an ARRL forum.*

*Below is the minutes of the ARRL Board Meeting where Dick Norton, N6AA was censured.*

*For addition reading on this proposal you can read various reports here:*

<http://cqnewsroom.blogspot.com/2017/12/changes-proposed-to-arrrl-governing.html>

[http://lists.contesting.com/\\_cq-contest/2018-01/msg00032.html](http://lists.contesting.com/_cq-contest/2018-01/msg00032.html)

[http://www.b4h.net/ARRL\\_2018\\_Jan\\_Redline\\_BOD.pdf](http://www.b4h.net/ARRL_2018_Jan_Redline_BOD.pdf)

[http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/N2YBB\\_Motions\\_To\\_Change\\_ARRL\\_ByLaws.pdf](http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/N2YBB_Motions_To_Change_ARRL_ByLaws.pdf)

<http://www.kb6nu.com/new-proposals-make-arrrl-board-even-less-democratic/>

<http://www.kb6nu.com/heck-arrrl-board-thinking-wait-theres/>

## Minutes of Special Board Meeting

ARRL Board of Directors

November 14, 2017

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the ARRL, Inc. met in special session by teleconference at 9:02 PM Tuesday November 14, 2017 with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair and the following Directors on the conference call:

Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division

Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division

Kent Olson, KAØLDG, Dakota Division

David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division

Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division

Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division

Rod Blocksome, KØDAS, Midwest Division

Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division

Jim Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division

Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division

James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division

Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain

Division

Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division

David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Present without vote were Greg Widin, KØGW, First Vice President; Brian Milesoshosky, N5ZGT, Second Vice-President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; and Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary. Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; and Dan Henderson, N1ND, as Assistant Secretary. Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division Director joined the meeting at 9:53 PM. Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY; and Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer were not present on the teleconference.

2. President Roderick stated that the noticed purpose of the meeting was to discuss the report of the Ethics and Elections Committee. Mr.

Carlson, moved seconded by Mr. Pace, that the Board resolve to a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters, with all officers, directors, General Counsel Imlay and Mr. Henderson, as recording secretary, remaining in the meeting. A recorded vote being requested, the motion was ADOPTED with 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 3 voting present or abstaining. Directors Abernethy, Carlson, Olson, Norris, Williams, Lisenco, Blocksome, Frenaye, Pace, Boehner and Allen voted YEA, and Directors Vallio, Norton and Woolweaver abstained or voted present and the Board resolved to a Committee of the Whole at 9:23 PM.

3. On the motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Frenaye the Committee of the Whole rose at 11:25 PM. On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Boehner, the report of the Committee of the Whole was ADOPTED by a unanimous 15-0 vote with all Board Members voting Aye.

4. Mr. Carlson, moved, seconded by Mr. Lisenco that: Whereas, Mr. Richard Norton, N6AA, publicly criticized the ARRL Code of Conduct for Board members at a public Amateur Radio gathering by virtue of his characterizations thereof, thus criticizing publicly the collective action of the Board of Directors adopting said Code of Conduct and drawing the Board's collective decision making into disrepute, in violation of multiple portions of the Code of Conduct, including but not limited to Sections 1.b. and 8.a, 8.b., 8.d; and 8.f; and Whereas, Mr. Norton has been cautioned by Board members that his actions and his manner in the above respects are not acceptable and cannot continue, with no notable change in his behavior since that time; and Whereas, Mr. Norton has been given a copy of the Recommendation of the Ethics and Elections Committee dated September 7, 2017, and has responded to it and tendered to the Board of Directors four statements of ARRL members in support of his response; Now, therefore, the Board of Directors having considered the

recommendation of the Ethics and Elections Committee at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors duly called for the purpose of considering the actions of Mr. Norton and an appropriate remedy therefor, and in view of the information before it and taking into account Mr. Norton's response and his submissions in response thereto, finds that there exists sufficient cause (i.e. a material violation of the ARRL Code of Conduct that has caused harm to the League) to publicly censure Mr. Norton for his unacceptable behavior as an ARRL Board Member, and Mr. Norton is admonished by the Board that no further, similar behavior will be tolerated. That action is so ordered.

After discussion and a roll call vote being requested, the motion was ADOPTED by a vote of 11 Aye, 3 Nay and 1 abstention with Directors Carlson, Olson, Norris, Williams, Lisenco, Blocksome, Frenaye, Pace, Boehner, Allen and Sarratt voting aye, Directors Abernethy, Norton and Woolweaver voting nay, and Director Vallio abstaining.

5. On the motion of Dr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Lisenco the Board voted to adjourn at 11:55 PM EST with all fifteen directors voting Aye. (Time in session as a Board: 51 minutes. Time in session as a Committee of the Whole: 2 hours 2 minutes).

Respectfully submitted;  
Daniel Henderson, N1ND  
Assistant Secretary – ARRL.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Hallicraftors 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  
2 inch copper strapping \$5.00  
MFJ 4230 30A power supply \$45.00  
Vibroplex Key \$150.00

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

**Tyler, TX**

**BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT**  
**From WA5ROE**

Date	Net Control	Check-ins	Length	Remarks
12/31/17	W5NPR	38	28	Net moved from 3922 to 3921 to avoid QRM.
12/24/17	WA5ROE	40	25	Merry Christmas!
12/17/11	WA5ROE	47	37	Add to roster K5WSA, Bill, Ft. Davis
12/10/17	WA5ROE	53	43	record # of checkins !
12/03/17	W5NPR	45	32	Conditions not good, weak signals coupled with QRM

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 December had three Wednesdays in it (no net on the 27<sup>th</sup>) and it went this way:

Date	Check-ins	Net Control
12/20/17	15	N5BBJ
12/13/17	17	W5RHN
12/06/17	17	KA5PVB

49 Total check-ins for December

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 December we had check-ins from the following ham on the Echo-Link System as follows:

- KG5DW - Don checked in from Denton, TX.
- KD5KC - Mike checked in from El Paso, TX.
- KC5WFH - Bill checked in from Kingston, WA. (NW of Seattle)
- W5RHN - Bob checked in from Odessa with an update on K5FRN Fran's successful surgery.
- N5MDB - Matt checked in fro Austin, TX.

73,  
 Chuck Dobbins – KA5PVB  
 2-meter Net Manager

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## ABOUT THE BBARC

### BBARC Club Officers

President - Allen Moore, N5NYM  
Vice-President – Marvin Voiers, KG5LMG  
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

#### 2018 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, January 9, 2018, 7:30 p.m., West Texas  
National Bank Community Room.

ARRL RTTY Roundup, 1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7

North American QSO Party, CW, 1800Z, Jan 13 to 0559Z,  
Jan 14

North American QSO Party, SSB, 1800Z, Jan 20 to 0559Z,  
Jan 21