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

October, 2019 Alpine, Texas

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### Club Meeting to Hear KB5R

The Big Bend Amateur Radio Club will meet this coming Tuesday, October 8, at 7:30 pm at the Community Room of West Texas National Bank in downtown Alpine.

This month's program will be "How Amateur Radio Helped Out in the Space Race" presented by Rusty, KB5R. The program follows the business portion of the meeting.

The public is invited.

### *West Gulf Election*

*From the West Texas Section Manager*

This week you will be receiving a ballot from ARRL to vote for the West Gulf Division Director. The person elected will serve a term of three years.

As in all elections voters should be well informed about each candidate and vote for whom they feel would do the best job.

Enclosed is a link to the debate between John Stratton, N5AUS, the incumbent and Madison Jones, W5MJ, the challenger. I encourage you all to view this video before casting your vote. If you have any questions or need clarification from either candidate, please contact them directly.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7c7vUXwOTY> to view the video.

73,  
Dale

### **New National Emergency Communications Plan Published**

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has published the updated National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP).

Your organizations were integral to updating the NECP and will be critical in messaging the release of the document to reach the widest audience.

CISA is requesting your assistance in helping spread the word about the release of the NECP, available resources, and information on three upcoming webinars to discuss key updates.

The Social Media Toolkit includes scripted messages that you, association staff, and state officials can use to communicate the release of the NECP to your stakeholders via email or social media. The messages in this toolkit can be used by your organization as is, or you are welcome to tailor them to your audiences. If you have any

questions, please reach out to us at [necp@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:necp@cisa.dhs.gov).  
 To review the updated NECP visit: <https://www.cisa.gov/necp> or for questions about the NECP, contact: [necp@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:necp@cisa.dhs.gov).

## Big Bend Amateur Radio Club

*Minutes of Meeting  
 September 10, 2019*

The meeting was attended by 23 members and guests.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Bill Smith K5WSA.

On a motion by Rusty KB5R and second by Chuck KA5PVB the minutes of the July 9, 2019 and August 13, 2009 were postponed until the October meeting to allow more time for guest speakers Dale Durham W5WI and John Robert Stratton N5AUS.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Angie N5MVV with an end of month balance for August \$8105.78. Expenses included Big Bend Telephone \$35.56 for July and \$35.56 for August and \$200.00 for liability insurance. The report was approved on a motion by Bill W5WSA and Rust KB5R.

Jim KD5KBU reported that the Cyclefest fun ride was scheduled for September 21, 2019. The ride include the Prude Ranch to Point of Rocks, Prude Ranch to Valentine cutoff and Prude Ranch around entire Scenic Loop, all on Saturday. Volunteers to provide communications were requested. On Sunday, the Prude Ranch to the top of Mount Locke was scheduled.

Bill KE5OG reported that the Texas QSO Party was scheduled for the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that EchoLink was down until the tower could be relocated to True Value.

The program was presented by Dale Durham W5WI, ARRL West Texas Section Manager and John Robert Stratton N5AUS, ARRL West Gulf Division Director. Dale spoke on upcoming Ham of the Year and Field Day Awards, ARES and Introduction to Emergency Management Training. John Robert spoke on the upcoming election for ARRL West Gulf Director, for which he is the incumbent running for reelection. He spoke on the current makeup of the Board of Directors and problems facing the Board and the ARRL membership. He requested that when ballots are mailed out that each member take time to fill out the ballot. He stated that a vote for him would be appreciated. Both Dale and John Robert took questions from those present.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill Roberts W5NPR  
 Secretary

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### BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT From WA5ROE

Date	Net Control	Check -ins	Length	Remarks
09/01/19	WA5ROE	38	34	W5SMS, Sean from Austin checked in; Conditions bad.
09/08/19	WA5ROE	44	38	K15BGW, David from Quanah checked in
09/15/19	WA5ROE	40	30	
09/22/19	WA5ROE	48	33	add to roster K15BGW, Dave, Quanah
09/29/19	WA5ROE	36	39	move N5MDB, Matt from Austin to Ft Davis

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

Our 2 meter net meets EVERY Wednesday at 8:00 PM (local time) on the clubs repeater system

network. These are good training grounds for potential emergency situations as well as helping new hams in the area to have an easy way to get use to "talking on the radio"!

Our club website ([www.bigbendarc.com](http://www.bigbendarc.com)) has all the information about our 2 meter net. This includes the Net Control members schedule, the "script" (supplied only as a guide to insure that 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 as an operator, please call me (432/386-0756) or holler during the Wednesday Net. We could really use a couple of extra hands to be NCS! The script and "check-in roster" are both posted on the club website for you to download and use as a NCS!

The month of September we had four Wednesday's, and it went this way:

Date	Check-ins	Net Control station
Sep 4	26	N5BBJ – Bruce
Sep 11	19	KF5KMA - Dan
Sep 18	21	KA5PVB - Chuck
Sep 25	13	N5BBJ - Bruce

\*\*\*\*\*Total of 79 check-ins for the month  
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If you don't have the time to check-in to the net and participate in the round-table discussion, take a minute of your time and check-in as an "in-and-out" (you're in for the head count, but not participating in the actual net). ALL participation is appreciated and encouraged!

During the month we had check-ins from the following hams on the Echo-Link System as follows:

W5RHN - Bob from Crystal Falls, MI. (summer home) (2 times)

K5FRN - Fran from Crystal Falls, MI (2 times)

KG5HEJ - Al from Terlingua, TX. (2 times)

KD5KC - Mike from El Paso, TX

K5RIC - Rick from No Hill Mesa, NM. (near Ruidoso) (2 times)

W5JSR - Steve from Phoenix, AZ. (2 times)

KK5ROB - Robin from Phoenix, AZ. (2 times)

KG5DW - Don from South Florida (near Fort Lauderdale)

note- A "glitch" in the system on the 18th made no Echo-Link available.

I would like to thank KG5HEJ - Al in Terlingua for keeping up appraised of the Echo-Link activity during our net times! VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

I want to specifically thank our five (5) 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: KF5KMA - Dan, KG5LMG - Marvin, N5BBJ - Bruce, W5RHN - Bob, and KI5ANQ - Scott When you see them, thank them for all their efforts for the 2 meter net!

73,  
Chuck Dobbins - KA5PVB  
2 meter Net Manager

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**BBARC Club Officers**

President – Bill Smith, K5WSA  
Vice-president - Stephen Cook, KE5WCP  
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

## MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

### 2019 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.

Dues can be mailed to Bob Ward, WA5ROE at 1402 N. Fifth Street, Alpine, Texas 79830.

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.

## 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 8:15 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\\_dobbins@yahoo.com](mailto:charles_dobbins@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

October 8 – Big Bend ARC Club Meeting at 7:30, at the Community Room, West Texas National Bank. Rusty, KB5R, will give the program.