



Newsletter of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, K5FD
December, 2016 Alpine, Texas

**BBARC Finishes Seventh
in 2A at Field Day**

The Big Bend Amateur Radio Club represented itself well in the 2016 Contest (Not called Field Day). The club finished with 9,674 points to land a seventh place finish in the 2A classification.

That classification is one of the more popular ones at Field Day with 376 entries this year. There were a total of 36,729 operators and 2,735 entries altogether.

We made 2,726 QSOs and reported 21 operators. We 1,369 CW Q's, 1,309 SSB Q's and 48 GOTA Q's. We also had 1,400 bonus points. We used K5FD, our club call, and W5JSR for the GOTA station.

The Club also finished seventh in 2015.

Santa Comes to town this Thursday

Santa Claus will arrive this Thursday at 5 p.m. by radio at Morrison's True Value. Rob Kinucan and helpers will be in the club van to set up communications with Santa as he visits Alpine. Santa will chat with children (and adults if they want) via 2-meters.

He will be available for about two hours.

Election of Officers and Silent Auction

The election of officers for 2017 will be held Tuesday, December 13 at the regular meeting of

the club. The meeting is held at the West Texas National Bank Community Room on Fifth Street.

As is our custom, we will also hold a silent auction to raise money for the club. Members are encouraged to bring stuff...er, items...they no longer need to the meeting. Items are then auctioned off silently. All proceeds go to the club.

Barb Thomas' famous cookies and cakes will be for sale as well.

See you there!

**Next Month: NBEMS Article by Charles
Brabham, N5PVL**

**BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT
From WA5ROE**

Date	Net Control	Check-ins	Length	Remarks
11/27/16	W5NPR	37	52	
11/20/16	WA5ROE	38	35	
11/13/16	WA5ROE	36	33	
11/06/16	WA5ROE	45	35	

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

Date	Check-ins	Net Control
11/02/16	17	KB5BMK
11/09/16	14	KG5LMG
11/16/16	21	KA5PVB

BBARC Club Officers

President Chuck Dobbins, KA5PVB
Vice-President Allen Moore, N5MYM
Secretary Billy Robert, W5NPR
Treasurer Angie Otoupol, N5MVV

11/23/16	19	N5BBJ
11/30/16	18	W5RHN

89 total check-ins for November.

Additionally, our Echo-Link system is fully operational and the following stations have checked in to the net at least once this month - KC5WFH - BILL from Oregon; KG5DW - DON from South Florida; and KD5KC - MIKE from El Paso.

A quick reminder to all stations on the net, pause between transmissions to allow the Echo-Link stations to be heard and recognized.

With the holiday 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.

73's and hope to talk to you soon.

Happy Holiday's everyone. We hope ya'll have a very safe, sane and joyous holiday season!

Chuck Dobbins – KA5PVB
2-meter Net Manager

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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

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

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

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

ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW – 1800Z to 2359Z, Dec 18

January 10, 2017 – Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. West Texas National Bank

ARRL Texas State Convention 2017 – March 24 & 25, 217, Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, Texas.