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

June, 2019 Alpine, Texas

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### Club Meeting June 11

The Big Bend ARC will meet Tuesday, June 11, at 7:30 pm in the Community Room of the West Texas National Bank building. The bank is located in downtown Alpine at 101 E Avenue E.

After the business meeting club members will discuss the upcoming Field Day event. Field Day is held each year on the fourth weekend in June.

Last year, operators at our Field Day, made 1,767 contacts to finish 16th in the 2A category. There were 323 entries in the 2A, low power category.

The public is welcome to attend.

### ARRL Field Day Gear Now Available

[ARRL Field Day](#) — the most popular on-the-air operating event in Amateur Radio — is June 22-23, and official gear and supplies are now available from ARRL. Pocket [T-Shirts](#), [hats](#), [pins](#), [patches](#), [stickers](#), and coffee [mugs](#) are a great way to acknowledge — and commemorate — your participation in this annual event.

Big Bend ARC Club Member Chuck Dobbins, KA5PVB, is taking orders for Field Day gear.

Encourage club members, family, friends, and prospective hams to take part using ARRL Field Day with recruitment [posters](#) and attractive “Get on the Air” (GOTA) [pins](#) for those newcomers.

ARRL’s new [Radio Communications](#) vinyl banner is the perfect sentiment for showing-off Amateur Radio at ARRL Field Day, any public exhibit or recruitment display. Good for indoor and outdoor use and reusable for years to come.

The complete 2019 [ARRL Field Day](#) packet is online.

### Pair to do “DXpedition” from South County in July

Marshall Williams, K5QE, and a friend will be in South Brewster County and South Presidio County in early July to put grid DL79 and DL89 on the air. They are undecided at this time which they will do first...either Study Butte or Presidio.

They expect to be here from July 6 to 13. Contacts will be on 6 meters only.

The pair were here five or six years ago and put Big Bend National Park on the air.

They would welcome support from club members including setting up and taking down. If club members desire to operate, that will be arranged as well.

If you need further information, contact KE5OG for K5QE's phone number.

## Spring Time Section Manager Results

Several incumbent Section Managers faced no opposition and were declared re-elected to new terms starting on July 1: Marty Pittinger, KB3MXM (Maryland-DC); John Bigley, N7UR (Nevada); Bob Beudet, W1YRC (Rhode Island); Dan Pruitt, AE6SX (San Joaquin Valley), and **Dale Durham, W5WI (West Texas).**

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## BIG BEND EMERGENCY NET REPORT From WA5ROE

Date	Net Control	Check-ins	Length	Remarks
05/05/19	WA5ROE	45	35	
05/12/19	WA5ROE	39	31	
05/19/19	WA5ROE	42	37	
05/26/19	WA5ROE	38	32	

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 (432/837-2257) or holler during the Wednesday

Net. 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 May we had five Wednesday's and it went this way:

Date	Check-ins	Net Control
05/01/19	19	KA5PVB
05/08/19	18	KI5ANQ
05/15/19	16	KG5LMG
05/22/19	17	KG5LMG
05/29/19	16	KF5KMA

Total of 86 Check-ins for the month.

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:

KD5KC – Mike from El Paso (2 times)

W5RHN – Bob from Crystal Falls, Michigan (summer home – 3 times)

K5FRN – Fran in Crystal Falls, Michigan

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 six 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, KG5BMK - Chuck, KG5LMG - Marvin, N5BBJ - Bruce, W5RHN – Bob, and KI5AXS - Scott

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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**

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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@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 junos.com](http://wa5roe.at.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.

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| 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**

May 11 – Big Bend ARC Club Meeting at 7:30, at the Community Room of West Texas National Bank.