

Minutes for Bella Vista Radio Club

March 2nd, 2017 – Approved

The Bella Vista Radio Club held its March meeting on 3/2/1017, at Highland Christian Church. The meeting was led by president Ken Mummery, K6RLA, with fifteen (15) members and guests in attendance.

Minutes for the February 2017 meeting were approved as posted on the website. In Club Treasurer W0KYZ's absence due to illness, K6RLA reported the balance in the bank checking account is \$1,546.21. 2017 annual dues of \$15 are still being accepted, and should be remitted to Marc / W0KYZ at his roster or QRZ.com address.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Repeater – Repeater Trustee Fred Lemley, K5QBX, and club technical officer Steve Werner, K5SAW, reported on the latest developments on the 147.255 repeater. Steve showed a custom aluminum shelf fabricated to hold the ICOM repeater in the equipment cabinet at the new proposed repeater site (near the Macadoodles beverage store just above the AR/MO state line).

Fred reported that tower site owner Mike Smith, K5SRS, anticipates installing our DB-224E antenna next week. At that time, Fred and Steve will relocated the repeater to the commercial site, and will require a PL tone of 162.2 Hz. The CAT Controller will be programmed to alert users of the new PL tone requirement.

Fred and others agreed that the persistent noise/interference source appears to emanate from the relatively new Verizon cell tower located near Branchwood. More thorough tests will be made using a mobile SDR receiver and active loop antenna.

PROGRAM:

Joda Taylor, KM5FY, with assistance from his wife Mary, presented an extremely interesting program on their years of living in Kuwait as 9K2/KM5FY during the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center. More of Joda's Middle East and other photos can be seen on the Flickr photo sharing website under his username, "Jodact," or: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jodact>

Members & Guests present on 3/2/2017:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. K6RLA – Ken Mummery, President (BV)2. K5XK – Ron Evans, Secretary (BV)3. K5QBX – Fred Lemley, Repeater Trustee (BV)4. K5SAW – Steve Werner, Club Tech Ofcr (BV)5. KE6UWB – Tom Carroll (BV)6. K5HJS – Harold Sobotka (Rogers)7. AF5XY – Walt Gaspord (BV)8. KF5ZJO – Tim Bass, (New Member-BV)9. KK6LNC – Jeffers Dodge, (New Member -Btntl)10. AD6OQ – Mal LaMotte-Kerr (BV)11. AC5LX – Bob McIntire (BV)12. AF5XH – Phil Wright (BV)13. / 14. KM5FY – Joda & Mary Taylor (BV)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">15. KF5ZIM – Gregg Doty, (Rogers) New Member
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The next BVRC meeting will be Thursday, April 6th, 2017.

The program will be presented by radiologist Murray Harris, M.D. on the topic of radio waves in medical imaging.