



Monthly Meeting Minutes for May 4th, 2017 - DRAFT

The Bella Vista Radio Club held its May meeting on 4/6/2017, at Highland Christian Church. The meeting was led by club secretary Ron Evans, K5XK, due to the absence of president K6RLA. There were twenty-six (26) members and guests in attendance, of which 21 were hams.

Minutes for the April 2017 meeting were approved as posted on the website.

Club Treasurer W0KYZ reported the club's checking account balance is \$1,567.27 .

INTRODUCTIONS: One first-time ham was in attendance...KG5QQW, Larry Gilmore, a neighbor and former work associate of K5QBX. It was nice to see members N5TFC, Derryl & XYL Joann Cantrell, who had not been to meetings in a long time. YL guests were Mary Taylor (KM5FY-YL), Steph Lefler from Fayetteville, and Sonndra Dodge (KK6LNC-YL). Will, K5ITM's son Luke, was also a featured guest. KG5SEI, Andy Bower from Maysville, and KG6HSP, James Skinner from Pea Ridge are new members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Repeater – Repeater Trustee K5QBX and technical officer K5SAW reported that the DB-224E antenna is now mounted at the new repeater site, although more time is needed to install the repeater and duplexer inside the commercial equipment cabinet. A preliminary simplex test using the antenna was encouraging, with contacts from Neosho to Elkins (southeast of Fayetteville).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Everyone has been invited to participate in the Pea Ridge Swap Meet Saturday, 5/6, at the Pea Ridge City Park, and if no one volunteers to coordinate a 'take to the field' Field Day operation for the club, K5QBX has invited members to his QTH to operate on emergency power on 6/24.

It was announced that Bob Femrite, K0SNG, and his XYL Jeanne, are in the process of moving to Nolandsville, TX. Bob was the president of the Bella Vista Repeater Group for many years, and organized numerous Field Day and public special event operations—and will be greatly missed. Ken Farmer, KD5UFY, was recognized in absentia for his years of service as Bella Vista chief of police, and BVRC repeater trustee.

K5SAW now has a Club-owned MFJ-259A available for member antenna projects.

PROGRAM:

Fred Lemley, K5QBX, presented a program on his QRP Kits' PFR-3 HF transceiver. (See: <http://www.qrpkits.com/pfr3.html>) . Fred showed some of the tools needed, demonstrated parts management, how he mounted and soldered components... and how to wind some of the small toroids needed. He estimated that he has about 24 to 30 hours invested in the project, and that is about 90% complete. A variety of Fred's other completed kits were shown, including K5SAW's Elecraft KX-3 transceiver. Neither of the two transceivers are recommended as a 'first kit project,' but Fred encouraged everyone to start small and to give kit building a try. (Photos on the website.)

26 Members & Guests present on 5/4/2017:

1. K5XK – Ron Evans, Secretary (BV)	14. KF5ZIM – Gregg Doty, (Rogers)
2. K5QBX – Fred Lemley, Repeater Trustee (BV)	15. WA0TDQ – Hugh Maddox, Neosho
3. K5SAW – Steve Werner, Club Tech Ofcr (BV)	16. KE6UWB – Tom Carroll (BV)
4. KE6UWB – Tom Carroll (BV)	17. KG5ANT – Frank Majdan (BV)
5. AF5XY – Walt Gaspord (BV)	18. W0KYZ – Marc Whittlesey (BV)
6. KF5ZJO – Tim Bass, (BV)	19. N5TFC – Derryl & Joann Cantrell (BV)
7. KK6LNC – Jeffers & Sonndra Dodge, (Btnvl)	20. KG6HSP – James Skinner (Pea Ridge) New Mbr
8. AD6OQ – Mal LaMotte-Kerr (BV)	21. KG5SEI – Andy Bower (Maysville/Gravette) NM
9. AC5LX – Bob McIntire (BV)	22. K5ITM – Will & Luke Kessler (BV)
10. AF5XH – Phil Wright (BV)	23. KG5QQW – Larry Gilmore (Guest, BV)
11. KM5FY – Joda & Mary Taylor (BV)	24. Steph Lefler, (Guest, Fayetteville)
12. WB5L – Glenn Kilpatrick (BV)	

The next BVRC meeting will be: *Thursday, June 1st, 2017.*