



# THE SIGNAL

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Monthly Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays @ 7 p.m., Highland Christian Church, 1500 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista  
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## WEEKLY NETS:

3.830 kHz Roundtable - Sundays @ 4 pm

147.255 Repeater Net - Wednesdays @ 8 pm

Wide Area Net - Wednesdays @ 9 pm on the N5UFO NWA Linked Repeater System

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Hello BVRC members - - - - Due to the career change I mentioned last month, I am now in full swing in my new position. I am now having to work 6 days a week, which includes working weekends. The job is very physically demanding and leaves me quite fatigued at the end of my work hours. It is practically all I can do to perform my duties, rest up, and get ready for the next workday, in addition to getting things done around the house. Due to this situation, I am having to advise you that until my work schedule changes to be more favorable for me, I am discontinuing The Signal indefinitely. Be assured that I will return as soon as possible to resume the newsletter, whenever that situation presents itself. If anyone would like to step forward on an interim basis to keep the newsletter going, I would welcome any takers. I will also continue to assist our President Tom and the BVRC board as I can.**

*73 - Don, K5DB - Editor*

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# NEXT BVRC MONTHLY MEETING

## VIRTUAL MEETING

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 1, 2020 - 7 PM

BVRC YOU TUBE CHANNEL

## OCTOBER MEETING

The virtual BVRC October meeting will be another excellent presentation for all of our members.....

A very out-of-the-ordinary topic will be covered by guest speaker Charlie "Red" Brown - NJ7V on his passion for SOTA (Summits On The Air) operation on the VHF/UHF bands. This will be a very informative and entertaining presentation, so don't miss it.

In addition, two visits to the shacks of BVRC members San - K5YY and Wayne - K5UNX will round-out the evening and supply our members with yet more excellent presentations.

Be sure and tune-in on the BVRC YouTube Channel!:

<https://www.youtube.com/BellaVis taRadioClub>



# From the Desk of the President



It is my sincere wish that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy.

We continue, as a society and club, to navigate through these unprecedented times. It looks as though we will be having our virtual meetings continue at least through the remainder of the year. However, I hope that you have found the virtual meetings informative and interesting. My thanks to all who have presented and those that checked in to the meetings to say hi, ask a question, and/or made a comment. We are trying to be creative and touch on all areas of our hobby. A big THANKS to Wayne – K5UNX for putting the videos together and on the air each month. If you have any suggestions for future presentations, please send me an email.

I also want to thank Clara – KI5HTX for taking on the responsibility of being the new BVRC Social Media Coordinator. She is doing a fine job in this important role for the club. When you see or QSO her, please extend your thanks.

Finally – with the COVID restrictions in place, more than ever we need to meet as a club over the radio. I encourage you to be active on our 2 meter net Wednesdays at 2000 hrs, the Wide Area Net at 2100 hrs, and the Sunday afternoon Roundtable at 1600 hrs on 3.830. See the BVRC website for details.

Wishing you good health and 73,  
Tom W5XNA

# BVRC VE REPORT

September 12, 2020



## Congratulations ! ! !

### New Amateur Extra !

**David Snyder – KI5JQK - Elkins**

### New Generals !

**Shannon Deusterman – KI5LDE – Rogers**

**Henry Cole – KEØLKM – Parsons, KS**

**Terry Plumlee – KI5KRK – Berryville**

**Greg Pharis – KI5JZO – Berryville**

### New Technicians !

**Neil Poff – KI5LDD – Rogers**

*Test sessions are conducted each 2nd Saturday of the month, 2 pm, at the Highland Christian Church in Bella Vista.*

*Help promote the availability of the Club's monthly test sessions. Tell your friends and acquaintances!*



## New BVRC Members !!!

**David Snyder – KI5JQK – Elkins**

**Charlie Brown – NJ7V – Mesa, AZ**

# ***Know The Code !***

**By Tom – W5XNA**

Do you know the code? I am not referring to Morse Code and CW, but rather *The Radio Amateur's Code and Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur*. The second document is rather lengthy at 68 pages, but a must read or reread for all who take to the airwaves, I just want to touch on some of the basics that will serve as a good reminder,

## ***The Radio Amateur's Code\****

### **The Radio Amateur Is**

**CONSIDERATE...** We never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**LOYAL...** Offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, IARU Radio Society in his country, through which amateur radio in his country is represented nationally and internationally.

**PROGRESSIVE...** His station is up-to-date. It is well-built and efficient. His **operating practice** is above reproach.

**FRIENDLY...** Operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kind assistance, cooperation, and consideration for the interest of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

**BALANCED...** Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

**PATRIOTIC...** His station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

## ***Amateur Radio Code of Conduct***

**Basic Principles** - Principles that should govern our code of conduct on the ham bands are:

**Social feeling, feeling of brotherhood, brotherly spirit:** Large numbers of us are all playing radio on the same airways (our playing field). We are never alone. All other hams are our colleagues, our brothers and sisters, our friends. Act accordingly. Always be considerate.

**Tolerance:** Not all hams necessarily share your opinions, and your opinions may also not be the best ones. Understand there are other people with different opinions on a given subject. Be tolerant. This world is not for you exclusively.

**Politeness:** **never** use rude language or abusive words on the bands. Such behavior says nothing about the person it is addressed to, but a lot about the person behaving that way. Keep yourself under control at all times.

**Comprehension:** Please understand that not everyone is as smart, as professional or as much an expert as you. If you want to do something about it, **act positively** (how can I help, how can I correct, how can I teach) rather than negatively (cursing, insulting, etc.).

### How to Avoid Conflicts

- By explaining to all players what the rules are, and by motivating them to apply these rules. Most of the actual conflicts are caused by **ignorance**: many hams don't know the rules well enough.
- In addition, many conflicts are handled in a poor way, once again through ignorance.

### What Do You Talk About on the Amateur Bands?

The subjects of our communications should always be related to the amateur radio hobby. Ham radio is a hobby regarding the **technique of radio communications** in the broad sense of the term. We should not use amateur radio to pass along the shopping list for tonight's dinner...

Some subjects which are a **No-No** in amateur radio conversations on the air are:

- religion;
- politics;
- business (you can talk about your profession, but you cannot advertise for your business);
- derogatory remarks directed at any group (ethnic, religious, racial, sexual, etc.);
- bathroom humor: if you wouldn't tell the joke to your 10 year old child, don't tell it on the radio;
- any subject that has no relation whatsoever with the ham radio hobby.

From my experience, the vast majority of radio amateurs demonstrate these principles every time they key their mic. However, I believe that there are some newer hams that may have left the hobby based upon a bad or embarrassing incident. In my opinion, every new ham should be made aware and familiar with the document, *Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Operator*. It's also a good review for the seasoned operator, as well.

73, Tom W5XNA

\*Excerpts take from:

*Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Operator*

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