



THE SIGNAL

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THE BELLA VISTA RADIO CLUB
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Monthly Meetings: 1st Thursdays @ 7 p.m., Highland Christian Church, 1500 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista
Club Call: N5BVA • Repeater: 147.255 +offset, pl 162.2 • Website:
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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 - - - - I am advising you that I have had to go through a career change recently. My new job calls for extended working hours and erratic work schedule. Due to this situation, the time I have to devote to The Signal has been substantially reduced. Be assured, I am in no way abandoning the newsletter, but I will have less time to work on it. Therefore, and at least for the time being, future issues will only contain our regular monthly departments. If I have the time to add feature articles I will do so when and if time permits. Hopefully, this is a temporary situation, but for now, I will have to assemble future issues in this manner. Hang in there with me, and I hope things get back to normal for me soon.

73 - Don, K5DB - Editor

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NEXT BVRC MONTHLY MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 - 7 PM

BVRC YOU TUBE CHANNEL

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September BVRC meeting will again be virtual, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. We are still looking forward to the day when the current crisis will be behind us, and we can all gather in person once again. In the meantime, (virtually) we have been having some great on-line meetings with great presentations and great information to our veteran and newcomer members alike. Attendance for the virtual meetings has been very good and very well received.

This month's meeting will be no exception – presented by Chuck Korzendorfer – KM5G, and videoed by BVRC President Tom – W5XNA, Chuck will be treating us to "Antenna Building-Constructing A Competition Grade Yagi Antenna". Chuck is a veteran ham operator and contester. He has garnered *many* first-place finishes in many contests over the decades. His presentation will unveil how to put-together a quality antenna not only for contesting, but for any facet of HF operating.

Mark Whatley – K5XH, will then have the meeting spotlight when he presents "Working With SMT (Surface Mount Technology) Parts".

We also may have some BVRC member shack tours to round-out the evening.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/BellaVistaRadioClub>

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



I hope that you and your family are continuing to do well.

As I write this message, there is still no timeline for resuming on-site club meetings. We will do so only when it is safe and in conformance with the state's guidelines. Although not an ideal replacement, I trust that you have enjoyed the virtual meeting presentations.

Thanks to all of the many presenters, those that have participated online, and a big THANK YOU to Wayne Patton K5UNX for putting the videos together and on the air.

While looking over the BVRC membership roster, I noted that several of our members are not listed as being members of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). If you are a member, but unsure if you have your membership acknowledged on the club roster, please send me or Ron Evans – K5XK an email. If you have not joined ARRL, I want to encourage you to do so. Membership benefits include:

The ARRL is the oldest and largest advocacy group supporting amateur radio in North America, including:

- Logbook of the World
- Licensing and VE programs
- Education and training
- Regulatory and advocacy
- Contests and awards
- Volunteer Monitoring program
- Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- Bulletins
- QST or On the Air magazines (paper and digital)
- QEX, NCJ, and On the Air magazines (free digital)
- Publication archives
- Email forwarding

These are just some of the reasons why membership is important and beneficial. I would like to see how close we can get to 100% participation in the coming months. Just receiving QST every month makes joining worth the cost of membership. QST QST QST Please join the 160,000+ members of the ARRL. Thank you!

73,
Tom – W5XNA

BVRC VE REPORT

August 8, 2020



Congratulations ! ! !

New Generals !

Clara Orvin – KI5HTX – Fayetteville

Jere Orvin – KI5FPD – Fayetteville

Cameron Dunaway – KI5JRB – Eureka Springs

New Technicians !

Randy Matthews - Lowell

Phuong Tran - Fayetteville

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 Member !!!

Ronald Neve – KI5KDU – Siloam Springs



BVRC WEEKLY NET REPORTS



BVRC Wednesday Night Net – N5BVA Repeater

July 29, 2020

NCS: KEØQFO - Alan

Check-ins (6)

AB5UN – John

K5DB – Don

KCØDX – Ed

KEØVQL – Dennis

K15DUV – Bonner

K15EQL – Faith

August 12, 2020

NCS: KEØQFO - Alan

Check-ins (5)

AB5UN – John

KCØDX – Ed

K15HQL – Patti

N5LML – Randy

WB5L – Glenn

August 5, 2020

NCS: KG5SZQ - Chris

Check-ins (10)

AB5UN – John

ACØQU – Bill

AD5AM – Buster

K5UNX – Wayne

K5VCA – Vinson

KCØDX – Ed

KEØVQL – Dennis

K15HQL – Patti

N5SQY – Rob

WB9D – John

August 19, 2020

NCS: K15DUV - Bonner

Check-ins: (8)

AD5AM – Buster

K5DB – Don

KCØDX – Ed

KEØVQL – Dennis

K15DUV – Bonner

K15EQL – Faith

K15HQL – Patti

BVRC Wide-Area-Net – NW Arkansas Link System

July 29, 2020

NCS: K5DB – Don

Check-ins: (7)

K5DVT – Jon

K5VCA – Vinson

KB5UWK – Jerry

K15EQD – Molly

K15JQK – Dave

W5XNA – Tom

August 5, 2020

NCS: K5VCA – Vinson

Check-ins: (12)

ACØQU – Bill

K5DVT – Jon

K5UNX – Wayne

KG5MWG – Rick

K15EQD – Molly

K15HTX – Clara

K15JRB – Cameron

K15JQK – Dave

W5HB – John

W5XNA – Tom

WB5L – Glenn

August 12, 2020

NCS: K15HTX – Clara

Check-ins: (12)

K5UNX – Wayne

K5VCA – Vinson

K15FPD – Jere

K15JRA – Brigan

K15KDT – Jeff

N5LML – Randy

W4LEM – Bob

W5HB – John

W5XNA – Tom

W5ZQI – Shane

WB5L – Glenn

August 19, 2020

NCS: W5HB – John

Check-ins (8):

K5DVT – Jon

KB5UWK – Jerry

KG5MWG – Rick

K15JQK – Dave

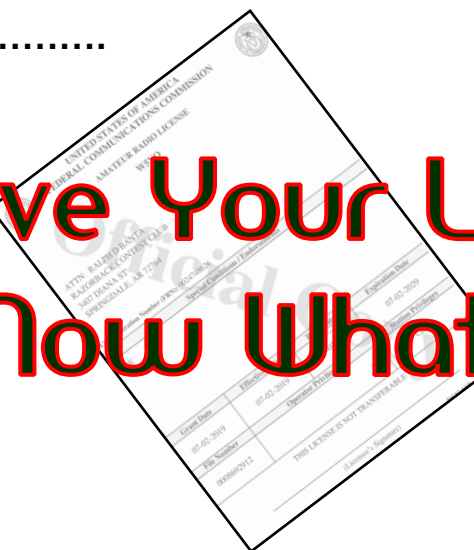
K15JRA – Brigan

W5XNA – Tom

W5ZQI – Shane

To our new BVRC hams.....

You Have Your License – Now What?



Expand Your World – Talk around the world without the Internet or cell phones. Use your own “internet” when the “other one” is down. Send your voice, text, and pictures to unusual places, both near and far. Create your own network of ham radio friends and send instant text messages without cell phones. Meet awesome people from all over the U.S. and around the world, on the air and in person at ham radio events.

Explore Amateur Radio – Talk through satellites or with astronauts on board the International Space Station. Send messages in code—learn Morse code. Be a signal sleuth, “fox hunt” for hidden radio signals, and with GPS—GeoFox! Investigate the many new combined radio-internet communication techniques. Try a new sport—radiosport. Compete on-the-air for awards and fun! Send a message around the world using less electricity than a nightlight.

Put Radio to Work – Become a weather spotter and help your community prepare for weather events. Use Amateur Radio to control models, robots, or even drones. Support recovery efforts in emergencies. Earn badges and patches through Scouting programs and participate in worldwide radio events.

Get Help If Needed – If you wish to explore an area that is strange to you but looks interesting and exciting, go the BVRC website and click the “Elmer 911” tab. Then, complete the on-line form and submit. One of our many volunteer elmer/mentors will get in contact with you to help you get started!

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