



THE SIGNAL

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Newsletter of the Bella Vista Radio Club

January 2022



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Monthly Meetings: 1st Thursdays @ 7 p.m., Golden Corral, Rogers
2605 Pleasant Crossing Dr. (I-49, Exit 81)

Club Call: N5BVA • Repeater: 147.255 +offset, pl 162.2 • Website:
www.bellavistaradioclub.org

WEEKLY NETS:

3.830 kHz Roundtable - Sundays @ 4 pm

147.255 BVRC Weekly Net - Wednesdays @ 8 pm

Wide Area Net - Wednesdays @ 9 pm on the NWA Skywarn Linked System
(See BVRC website for frequencies and pl tones)

From the Editor:

Hello BVRC members!!!! - - - - Well, after a 14-month hiatus with my career change in September of 2020, I am now retired!!! I can now return to my amateur radio activities and am happy to be back with you with your shiny, brand-new issue of The Signal to kick off 2022. I however will not be able to attend the January meeting as the XYL and myself are in isolation as we are both recovering from the stinking Covid virus. We are just about 100% back to normal though, and I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you again when I'll be able to attend the February meeting. It is going to be great to return to my ham pursuits and be able to get involved with BVRC activities again. The future installments of The Signal will be featuring some new departments and we hope the return of the club newsletter will be entertaining, helpful, and informative for you. It's good to be back, and we look forward to seeing you soon!!!

73 - Don, K5DB

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NEXT BVRC MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, January 6, 2022 @ 7pm
(Optional: Arrive 5:30-6 for meal preceding meeting)

GOLDEN CORRAL

2605 Pleasant Crossing Drive

(I-49, Exit 81)

Rogers, AR

JANUARY MEETING

BVRC welcomes member Jon Williams - K5DVT to the speaker's podium for our January meeting!

Jon became involved in amateur radio at a very young age, with inspiration from his grandfather (Silent Key). Jon now possesses his grandfather's callsign, as he carries-on with his excitement in the hobby.

Jon will be speaking on the very important subject (very appropriate for this time of year) of *The NWA Skywarn Repeater System*. From conception to camaraderie, Jon will discuss the details on how the Skywarn (and other large link systems) operate, as well as a brief history of repeaters/FM in NWA.

Don't miss out on this very informative meeting, as we prepare for springtime severe weather.

See you there!!!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone! It's great to be able to once again visit with you each month concerning our fantastic club in The Signal.

As we look back on the last two years, these were very challenging times. I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to the members who supported BVRC through this time period.

Even with a calamity such as the pandemic, BVRC acquired 60 new members! Our current membership now stands at a whopping 156 !!! The pandemic did not deter us from still being able to gather each month, as we experienced many excellent VIRTUAL meetings on our YouTube Channel. A huge 'THANKS' to all those who presented our programs during these meetings, and a 'HUGE THANKS' to our secretary, Wayne - K5UNX, for working tirelessly to get the videos online each month. Wayne, you are invaluable! *For those of you who missed some of those meetings, you can still view them on YouTube in our BVRC YouTube videos.*

The pandemic was also unsuccessful in suppressing our enthusiasm during Field Day 2021! A big 'THANKS' to station captains Nick - W4SBDU (CW station) and Joe - W5AEN (Digital station). I manned the SSB station and it was so rewarding and fun. Also, a big TNX to Kevin Stockton - N5DX (2014 World Radiosport Team Championship participant} for the many CW QSOs he contributed. Note - I highly recommend the book Contact Sport by J.K. George that chronicles that event. We made 1,047 QSOs, despite limited operating time due to thunderstorms. You can see our results in the December issue of QST, page 66.

With 156 members and continuing to grow, BVRC has the opportunity to have the best Field Day in the Delta Division, but we need to plan NOW! Something potentially this big requires an active committee and members. ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN ASSISTING IN ANY PART OR FUNCTION WITH FIELD DAY, PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP. WE NEED YOU!!!

We also are in urgent need of someone to step forward and help us with the following club positions:

- Emergency Communications Coordinator
- Elmer 9-1-1 Coordinator
- Public Information Officer
- Field Day 2022 Coordinator

Contact either myself or vice-president Don – K5DB if you would like to contribute your time and effort in any of these positions, to help further promote and grow our club.

For our January meeting in addition to the great program to be presented by Jon – K5DVT, we will have a short business meeting preceding the program, with door prizes to be given away afterward. (If you have anything ham radio related that you would to donate for a door prize, any contributions will be greatly appreciated!)

In conclusion, I would like to share with you the following items:

- Dr. Bill Durham – KG5ZCI earned his Certificate of Code Proficiency. It was posted on page 83 of the December 2021 issue of QST.
- Neil – K1SLDD has also been bitten by the CW bug. He has joined the Long Island CW Club and practicing with his new Vibroplex Standard straight key.
- I was fortunate in acquiring an award in the 2021 IARU HF World Championship. I placed 1st in the Arkansas Section, 2nd place in the Delta Division, and 7th place in IARU Zone 7. Really enjoyed the event.

Looking forward to visiting with you again next month. Again, anyone interested in any of the current club vacancies, please contact me asap, and we'll see you at the January meeting!!

Very 73 – Tom, W5XNA





Welcome
New BVRC
Members!!!

(since the last issue of The Signal)

Richard Wineburg – K5LLX – Bella Vista
Neil Poff – KI5LD – Rogers
Terry Grove – WB0NBJ – Bella Vista
Ryan Wolfe – KE0CZQ – Washburn, MO
Zachary Wolfe – KE0CZP – Washburn, MO
Bob Moore – KI5NZQ – Bentonville
Stacey McCollough – KI5LXC – Fayetteville
Nick Yiannios – KI5NZZ – Rogers
Craig Heinze – KI5NZU – Cave Springs
Donald Wright – KF0DRZ – Fairview, MO
Jon Snyder – KI5NZT – Pea Ridge
Robert Hill – K5NZV – Bella Vista
Teddy Sifert – KI5OAA – Fayetteville
John Allis – K4SH – Pea Ridge
John Baker – N5DDZ – Springdale
Clayton Jennings – KI5PVD – Rogers
Mike Howard – WE5W – Rogers
David Maihofer – ND7C – Garfield
Ryan McGuffin – K5XDR – Rogers
Allen Kitterman – KI5QFW – Lowell
Tom Thibeault – KN4SLP – Pea Ridge
Rod Witham – N0MJC – Southwest City, MO
Michael Casper – W9YXZ – Tinley Park, IL
Aaron Fitzsimmons – KB2MOO – Bella Vista
Willis Hensley – KF5JRV – Huntsville, AR
Ron Maloney – Bella Vista
Doe Sperry – KD0RIG – Bella Vista
Michael Webb – WG5EEK – Tontitown
Jacob Whitley – Bentonville
Terry Richardson – KI5SQJ – Bella Vista
Dale Locander – Bella Vista

BVRC VE REPORT



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

New Amateur Extras !

Terry Grove – W5NBJ – Bella Vista
John Skaggs – KI5PJG – Bella Vista
Neil Poff – KI5LDD – Rogers
Craig Jones – KC5MXV – Springdale

New Generals !

Brian Diederich – N5MMG – Pettigrew
Clayton Jennings – KI5PVD – Rogers
Chris Walters – KI5NW – Prairie Grove
Jonathan Wages – K3ROC – Fayetteville
Bob Moore – KI5NZQ – Gravette
Jan Hagan – KI5SYS – Bella Vista
James Laney – KI5SQK – Bella Vista

New Technicians !

Paul Goolsby – KI5SAZ – Huntsville
Dana Hill – KI5SQY – Bella Vista
Terry Richardson – KI5SQJ – Bella Vista
James Laney – KI5SQK – Bella Vista
Brian Strode – KI5SYT – West Fork

Test sessions are conducted each 2nd Saturday of the month, 2 pm, at the Bella Vista Fire Department Station #1, 103 Towncenter, Bella Vista

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



MONTHLY PROGRAMS NEEDED!

Would you be interested in presenting a program for an upcoming monthly meeting on a radio related topic? Or would you like to help arrange and coordinate our monthly programs?

Contact:

Tom-W5XNA: w5xna@arrl.net, or

Don-K5DB: arsk5db@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A reminder for everyone wanting to keep their BVRC memberships current for the coming year, club dues can be paid in person at the monthly meetings, cash or personal check via snail mail to the club treasurer Marc-WØKYZ, or via PayPal by using Marc's e-mail address: almarc11@yahoo.com. Dues should be paid by March 31.

Also remember that BVRC memberships are "family memberships," to include all other licensed family members living under the same roof, at no additional charge.

If you wish to pay in person at the meeting, please see BVRC Treasurer Marc - WØKYZ to make sure he has you noted on his membership roster when you pay.

Additional information is included on the club membership web pages. For further information, check this web address:

<https://www.bellavistaradioclub.org/application.pdf>

Beginning with next month's issue of The Signal, we will be featuring 'Equipment Corner'. This column will be devoted to all BVRC club members who have anything radio related they would like to buy, sell, or trade.

We are now taking all information from any club member on this subject, and heartily invite you to submit any information to us about any type of radio gear, accessories, etc., that you would like passed on to the BVRC membership.

We will be more than happy to accommodate you in helping to sell, or find, any type of radio related items. BVRC has a large membership which might just help you in this area and buy/sell/trade items are always interesting to everyone.

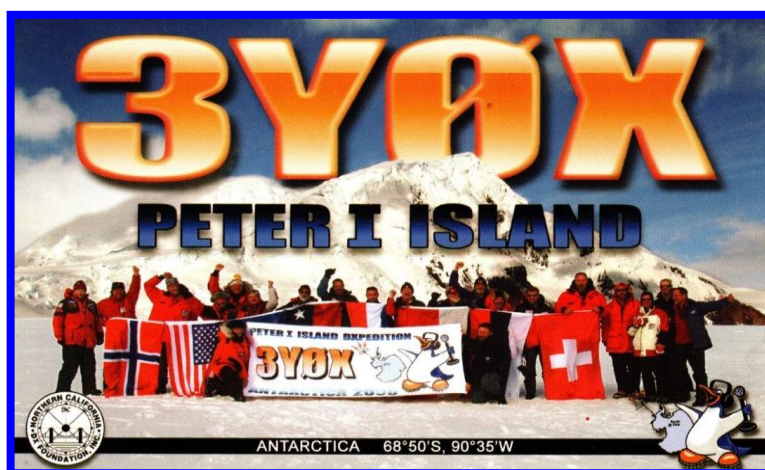
If you have any items for Equipment Corner, send the information to Don Banta - K5DB at this e-mail: arsk5db@gmail.com.

Curious QSLs

Curious QSLs is a monthly feature column of the signal. Each month, a BVRC member shares a QSL that is memorable or denote a special meaning in their life.

If you would like to share a one of your QSLs and accompanying story with the rest of the BVRC members, send a .jpg file of your card , along with a short story to Don-K5DB at: arsk5db@mail.com .

For this month, your Signal editor would like to contribute a QSL from a very remote and hostile area of our planet, the Antarctic region:



3YØX, Peter the First Island is an uninhabited volcanic island in the Bellingshausen Sea, about 280 miles from continental Antarctica, and roughly 1100 miles from the tip of South America. It is claimed as a dependency of Norway. It is about 6½ miles wide and 12 miles long. The highest elevation on the island is Lars Christensen Peak at 5,380 feet above sea level. Nearly all of the island is covered by a glacier and it is surrounded most of the year by pack ice, making it inaccessible during these times. There is little vertebrate animal life on the island apart from some seabirds and seals. The island was first sighted by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen on 21 January 1821 and was named for Czar Peter I of Russia.

It currently ranks as #9 on the DXCC most wanted list. The last DXpedition to Peter I was in 2006, which was comprised of amateurs from 8 countries, including the U.S. They were there for about 2 weeks. I was fortunate enough to work them on 10, 15, 20, and 40 meters with 3 contacts on SSB and 1 on CW. I had hoped to work them on 80 meters making it a 5-band sweep, but they never heard me. 73-Don

BVRC Field Day Memories

For all our newcomers to BVRC who have never participated in Field Day, which occurs each year on the 4th weekend in June, check-out these photos of BVRC members having a high ol' time during BVRC's 2020 operation. This will whet your appetite for some real ham radio fun...mark your calendar for June 25-26, 2023 and be sure to attend! Also, contact President Tom-W5XNA if you would like to be the Field Day coordinator for this year.



Steve-W5KI making a SSB QSO



Nick Kennedy-WA5BDU assists Keller Castor in making a Field Day contact



Bella Vista Mayor Christie broadcasts proclamation over the BVRC repeater and NWA Link System as Ron-K5XK, Tem-N5KWL, and Jon-K5DVT



Scotty-KW5SVB and Jonathan-KØJWG enjoying a BVRC FD eyeball QSO



Joe-W5AEN prepares the solar power station



Night operation with Steve-W5KI (center) making FT8 contacts on the digital station as Fred Lemley K5QBX (left) and Tem Moore-N5KWL (right) look-on.

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