



THE SIGNAL

Newsletter of the
Bella Vista Radio Club



July 2022



Monthly Meetings: 1st Thursdays @ 7 p.m.

Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALET)

3424 S. Downum Road, Springdale AR

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 - Tuesdays @ 8 pm on the
NWA Skywarn Link System
- Bentonville – 146.865, -offset, pl 103.5
Fayetteville – 147.315, +offset, pl 97.4
Huntsville – 443.625, +offset, pl 97.4
Green Forest – 146.310, -offset, pl 103.5

NEXT BVRC MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022 @ 7PM
ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY
3424 S. DOWNUM ROAD
SPRINGDALE, AR

JULY MEETING INFORMATION

July brings BVRC's own Vinson Carter – WV5C to the speaker's platform with a topic that will be enjoyed by everyone, and especially our members who are newcomers to amateur radio. The topic will be "Amateur Radio From A Rookie's Point of View". Vinson is also Bella Vista Radio Club's ELMER 9-1-1 Coordinator and does a super job with managing that program.

Vinson is a Northwest Arkansas native. He has always been curious about amateur radio. He also enjoys other hobbies such as playing music, electronics, and making/tinkering. In early 2019, he read a report that piqued his interest concerning the upcoming FCC import ban on Baofeng UV-5R radios. He immediately bought a couple of them and quickly realized that he wanted to learn how to actually use them. He had mentioned getting a ham license to his brother-in-law, Jere – W5JRO. Jere convinced him to begin studying with a goal of taking the test that summer. Vinson and Jere both received their Technician tickets in July of 2019. Vinson's first call sign was KI5FPC, and he immediately applied for a vanity call – K5VCA. Vinson passed his General in January of 2019 and then his Amateur Extra in June 2020. He acquired the vanity call sign WV5C in April 2021.

Vinson enjoys participating in local nets and has enjoyed having the opportunity to serve in the net control station rotation for the BVRC Wide-Area-Net for the past two years. He loves contesting and the friendships he has made with the many members of BVRC. Vinson is always looking forward to learning more about this great hobby.

***Be sure to mark your calendar for Vinson's presentation!
See you there!***

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From the Desk of the President

Tom – W5XNA

WELCOME – Welcome BVRC members to the July 2022 issue of *The Signal* - the monthly newsletter of the Bella Vista Radio Club produced and edited by Don – K5DB. Articles and photos for the newsletter are always appreciated.

WOW! – June is a very busy month with weddings, graduations, vacations, and the ARRL Field Day - and HOT!

THANKS! – Thanks to the several new members of BVRC. We hope that you will become actively involved in the club and our great hobby. Welcome aboard!

Special thanks also goes to, J.M. Rowe – N5XFW, Arkansas Section Emergency Coordinator, for his service to ARRL, Arkansas, and amateur emergency communications. His presentation at the June meeting was very interesting and informative. I have received many positive comments since then. If you missed the meeting, the presentation is on the [BVRC YouTube channel](#). Thanks, J.M. for traveling from the Hot Springs area to attend our June meeting. We appreciate you.

Adnan – KCØKCY has volunteered to be the club's videographer. He has been recording the monthly meetings and last weekend's Field Day, which should be on the BVRC YouTube Channel soon. VFB!

FIELD DAY THANK YOUs – I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of the participants who made this year's Field Day a great success. On Friday afternoon the antenna crew worked for 3 hours in the blazing sun and heat getting the 3 main antennas up. FB!

On Saturday, CW station captain Chuck – KM5G coordinated the setup and operation of the CW station. Joe - W5AEN also put up a dual band *Ed Fong* antenna in addition to his G5RV at his digital station.

The potluck BBQ was a feast thanks to BVRC Hospitality Coordinator Bill – KG5ZCI and the generosity of grill Meister Alan – KEØQFO . Also, a big thanks to everyone who brought ice and cold beverages. Making sure that everyone kept hydrated and healthy was a top priority.

We were able to tear down and pack up in record time thanks to those who stayed until the end or came back to help.

Thanks to Ron – K5XK who endured the heat, humidity, and sleep deprivation doing a yeoman's work for all 29 hours of Field Day (and 32 hours if the Friday antenna setup is included).

It was great to see old friends and meet new ones.

I hope you had fun and will come out again next year. BTW - ARRL 2023 Field Day is June 24-25. Mark your calendar!

On the Air - BVRC Weekly nets (detailed information on the BVRC website)

- Tuesday - BVRC Wide Area Net 8 pm - NWA Skywarn Liked System
- Wednesday - BVRC Legacy Net 8 pm
- Sunday - BVRC 75 Meter Round Table

BVRC Planning Calendar

- BVRC CW Roundup (July 16)
- K5DB CW Class (late summer TBD)
- Accelerated Technician Class and VE Testing (The weekend of August 21-22)
- BVRC Holiday Banquet and Awards (December 1)

Please contact me with any suggestions or concerns at w5xna@arrl.net and/or 479-530-0967

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Tom W5XNA



BVRC VE REPORT

From Don Cooper – KC7DC, BVRC VE Chair

June 11, 2022



Congratulations!!!

**Tess Kannuck – KI5VWG – Eureka Spgs.
New Technician!**

**Matthew Adair – KI5VVA – Springdale
New Technician!**

**Wendell Oals, Jr. – KI5VXZ
New Technician!**

Test sessions are conducted each 2nd Saturday of the month:

- ***10 am at Shiloh Museum, 118 W. Johnson Ave, Springdale***
- ***2 pm at Bella Vista Fire Station #1, 103 NE Towncenter, Bella Vista***

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



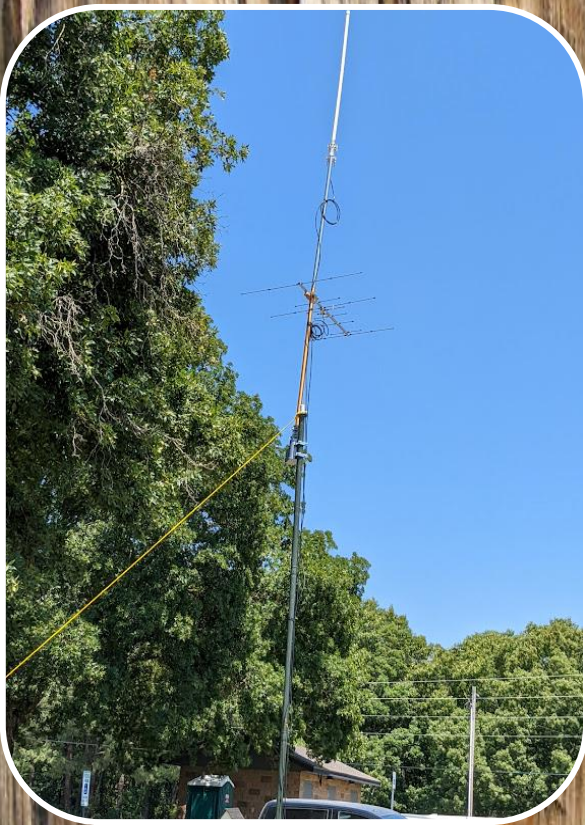
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New BVRC
Members!!!**

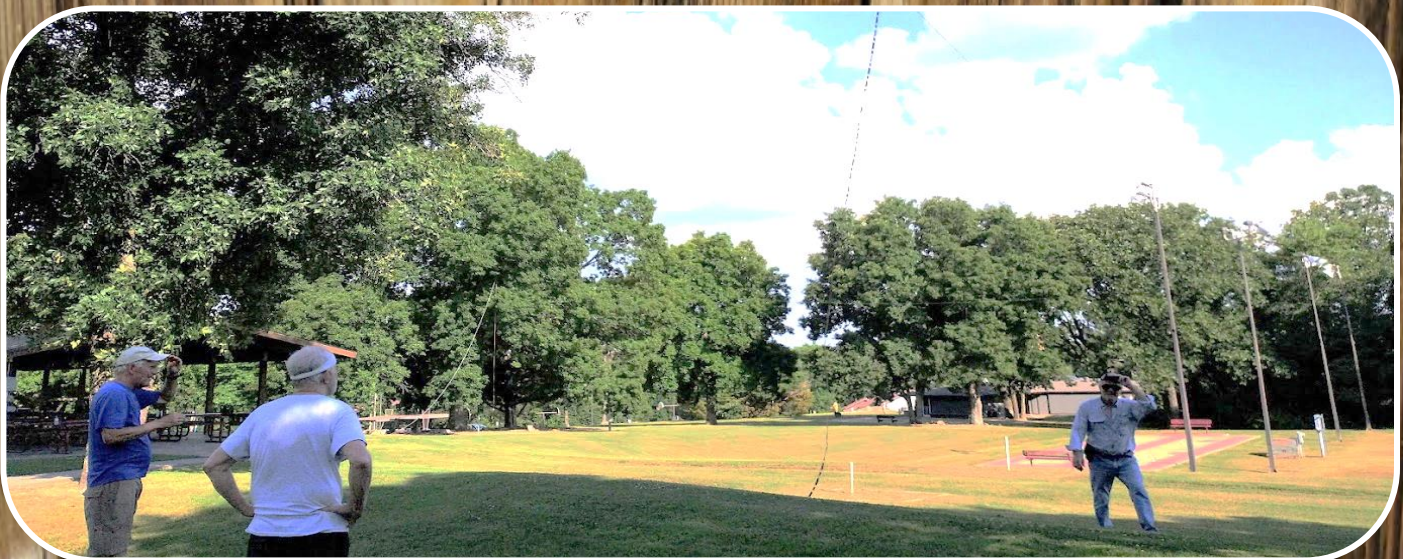
Eric Costantino – KM6GQK – Bentonville

Roger Dickey, Jr. – KJ4QIS – Rogers

**BVRC
FIELD DAY 2022**









EQUIPMENT CORNER

FOR SALE: Kenwood TS-430S with matching Kenwood AT-20 auto antenna tuner and Kenwood MC-50 microphone. Works great, in very good condx. Great starter for HF newcomer. \$450.00 for the combo.



FOR SALE: Galaxy V transceiver. Also works great and in very good condx. 300w output. Another good unit for newcomer to HF. \$250.00



If interested in either of these items, contact Joe – K5JWR (in Bentonville):

E-mail: rhinoj1@gmail.com

Phone: 501 – 516 - 5410



ANNOUNCING THE 2ND ANNUAL BVRC CW ROUNDUP



Date: Saturday, July 16, 2022

Time Period: 7pm – 8pm local time (0000-0100Z, July 17)

Frequency: 3.540 – 3.560 kHz

Operating classes: **CLASS A** – BVRC member – Experienced CW operator
CLASS B – Newcomer or newer CW operator (BVRC member or non-member)
CLASS C – Non-BVRC member – Experienced CW operator
CLASS D – Listeners who copy and log only, with the use of FL Digi, code readers, etc.

CQing: Send “CQ CWR CQ CWR”

Exchange: Signal report (including operating class) / QTH (your location) / name

Example: If you are a newer CW operator and you are in QSO with K5XYZ whose signal is readable, their signal strength is registering a ‘7’ on your S-meter and their signal tone is good, your call sign is W5ABC, you live in Bentonville, and your name is Albert, you would send something along the lines of:

K5XYZ DE W5ABC (K5XYZ this is W5ABC) \overline{BT} (break)

RST IS 579 B 579 B \overline{BT}

QTH IS BENTONVILLE, AR BENTONVILLE, AR \overline{BT}

NAME IS ALBERT ALBERT \overline{BT}

HW CPY? (How did you copy my transmission?)

K5XYZ DE W5ABC K (Over)

The other station would then reply with their information using the same format. After the exchanges are completed, short informal remarks can be made during the QSO if desired, after which the contact would end with something along the lines of:

TNX FER QSO (thanks for the QSO)

GL ES 73 (Good luck and best wishes)

K5XYZ DE W5ABC \overline{SK} (end of contact)

Description of event: *This 2-hour event is not a contest.* Rather, it is a celebration of our area newcomers, returners to the mode of CW, and listeners. It is also intended to enable our veteran CW operators to enjoy helping the newcomers in making CW contacts. There are no points scored, and no results or standings posted. ***You do NOT have to be a member of BVRC to participate.***

A handsome certificate will be issued to each participant submitting a log entry from the event.

Send logs no later than Saturday, July 23, to Don Banta – K5DB:

Regular mail log: Don Banta
 3407 Diana St.
 Springdale, AR 72764

Electronic log: arsk5db@gmail.com
 Attach file: [call].log



AMATEUR RADIO ACCELERATED TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS COMING IN AUGUST !



BVRC offers regularly scheduled license exam sessions each month. These sessions are for persons who have been studying the exam material in preparation to take the test.

However, if you know of a friend or relative who would like to study, pass, and obtain their Technician license all in the same weekend, be sure and pass this information on to them. This is the second accelerated Technician license class that the Club has hosted. There was an excellent turnout for the first class a few years ago, and we expect even more candidates for this one.

Purpose Of Class: The goal for this weekend class is to enable attendees to pass the FCC Technician license exam at the conclusion of the class on Sunday afternoon, and walk out the door with their new Technician license.

Date: Saturday and Sunday,
August 20-21, 2022

Duration: Class runs from 8:30 am – 3 pm, Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st, with a one hour lunch break each day.

Location: NW Arkansas Law Enforcement
Training Academy building
3424 S. Downum Road
Springdale, AR 72764

Testing: The FCC Technician class license exam will be given at the conclusion of the of the class, around 3 pm on Sunday.

Cost: The class is free of charge. There is a \$15.00 charge to take the exam. (The testing fee for persons 17 years of age or under is \$5.00.) **NOTE:** We cannot accept credit or debit cards. Only a personal check or cash is accepted.

Registration: Register for the class on the BVRC website by clicking [here](#), then scroll down to the registration form. *There is also a link on the registration webpage that you can click to download the full details of the class – cost, what to bring, etc.*

REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

For any other additional information, you can contact Tom-W5XNA or Don-K5DB at:

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