

History of BellaVista Repeater Group

12/18/2016

By: Robert Femrite BVRG past president
2006-2015

President List in succession:

5/6/1993	Bill Wright	KC5GN	repeater trustee: John Hansen KI5GN
12/14/1995	Don Deatley	WB0WUG	
12/4/1997	Vern Sidler	AA6AR	
11/5/1998	Louis Metz	N5SQV	
12/7/2000	Hugh Maddox	WA0TDQ	
11/1/2004	Roy Lang	KF5TY	
1/1/2005	Vern Sidler	AA6AR	
1/1/2006	Robert Femrite	K0SNG	
11/5/2015	Ken Mummery	K6RLA	

Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Date

Event

First official meeting of the Bella Vista Repeater Group

5/6/1993	Officers: President: Bill Wright	KC5GN
	Secretary/VP: Rosemary Mertz	WDOCND
	Treasurer: Louis Metz	N5SQV

**The first meeting was held at RJ's restaurant in Bentonville, AR
John Hansen; KI5GM was repeater trustee.**

8/5/1993	Dave Terrill was made a permanent member of Bella Vista Repeater Group for the next 10 Years for all the work he has done on the repeater
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**Repeater is on the air. Unclear in minutes of this, no information on Frequency, where it's located or anything.
due to recommendation that repeater locations not be made public.**

BVRG meeting it was announced the club now has 40 members.

11/04/1993:

Incorporated as a Arkansas Domestic Non Profit Corporation
a Public- benefit Corporation with members.

3/17/1994

Original Signers as follows:

William V Wright-75 Stonehaven Dr., Hiwasse, AR 72739
Glenn L Allen-4 Halstead Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72714
Rosemary D Mertz-3 Penbury LN, Bella Vista, AR 72714
Louie Metz-11 Bracknell LN, Bella Vista, AR 72714
Edward Schreck, 2412 Turtle Creek Dr., Rogers, AR 72756

Registered with the State of Arkansas as a Public Benefit Corporation as follows:

Benefit the community in Bella Vista Village and Northwest Arkansas thru severe storms and/or civic functions using Amateur Radio.

New President: John Hansen, KI5GN

12/14/1995 the president mentioned that the club has over \$5000.00 invested in the repeater so dues collections must be kept current.

President: Don DeAtley

WB0WUG

1/4/1996 club now has 75 members. phone service on repeater.

President: Don DeAtley

WB0WUG

03/07/1996 Jeff Baker KC5JVJ offered to help take care of the repeater

Repeater news: got rid of cavities and put up inverted vertical for receive antenna

6/5/1996

Vern Sidler AA6AR elected as President

12/4/1997

Louis Metz N5SQV elected as President for 1999.

11/5/1998 Bill WOJLY reported repeater antenna working ok.70 members recorded.

Hugh Maddox WA0TDQ elected as president for 2001.

12/7/2000

Ray Lange President for 2004 . Membership down to 15 members.

1/1/2004

Repeater phone service voted to be discontinued on the repeater due to cell phones popularity

9/2/2004

Vern Sidler AA6AR is president for 2005.

1/1/2005

Robert Femrite K0SNG is president of BVRG

1/1/2006

A successful Field Day was setup and held at Bella Vista Loch Lomond Park below the Loch Lomond Dam.

6/1/2012 Many local operators participated in the event which netted our club first place in class 3A in the state of Arkansas

Field Day for 2013 was relocated to the Metfield recreation and park area. The High light of the event was a baloon supported Loop Antenna supplied by Ken N5EE and superior operator Ron K5XK resulting in another sweep of Arkansas 3A category for the 2nd year in a row.

6/1/2013

6/1/2014

Field Day for 2014 was another success despite a severe thunderstorm and heavy rain which stopped the whole operation for about 3 hours in the afternoon. Ron K5XK, Mark W0KYZ, Bob K0SNG and Steve AB9YN were the operators for this field day with Ron K5XK netting about 500 contacts himself making another runaway for Arkansas Class 3A. A high light of this Field Day was the use of a Hex Beam antenna with a rotator. This antenna was for 20M, 15M and 10M

Sept, 2014

Our BVRG club participated in the 3rd annual Bella Vista "Hay Daze" event. Our club setup a complete operational amateur radio station complete with the same Hex Beam used in the 2014 Field Day. Ken Mummery K6RLA, Ron Evans, K5XK, Mark W0KYZ, Jeff; KC5JVJ rounded out the the excellent operators that made this event a success.

Ken Mummery K6RLA is president of BVRG

11/5/2015

The BVRC repeater is removed from the Trafalger water tower location to a temporary Highlands location due to a lightning strike and other complications.
A new location is being negotiated.

08/01/2016 approx

11/5/2016

The name of the BVRG is changed to Bella Vista Radio Club (BVRC)
Mark Whittlesey W0KYZ Treasurer coordinated the name change with the state of Arkansas and Arvest Bank; the clubs current Banking institution.
Ken Mummery continues as BVRC president. Approximately 25 members.
Ron Evans K5XK, Secretary
Mark Whittlesey W0KYZ Treasurer

12/1/2016

Bella Vista Radio Club moves forward as a very unique radio club due to the fact our club has members that have moved to the area from all over the United States not just from a local area. Our President Ken K6RLA is from California, Our treasurer Mark W0KYZ is originally from Iowa; however our Secretary Ron Evans K5XK is a native Arkansan. Our membership has roots from Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois and many other states.