



Bella Vista Radio Club 2018 Nov 01 Minutes

The Bella Vista Radio Club held its November 01 meeting at 7:00 PM at Highland Christian Church.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

2. Presentation: Introduction to Radio Astronomy for Hams, with Rick Marshall, KG5TOA.

President of the Sugar Creek Astronomical Society, Rick is also part of the "NWA Space" group that is rebuilding a large refractor telescope donated by a northern university. Although a relatively new ham, Rick holds an Amateur Extra license, and heads a special group of 'data scientists' doing analytics and statistical forecasting for Con Agra across the U.S. Rick told us about being able to use an inexpensive SDR receive radio to receive signals bouncing off of meteors.

3. Call to Order. (Business Meeting)

4. The October minutes were approved as posted on the BVRC web site.

5. Officer Reports (limit to 2-3 minutes or less each please)

5.1. Treasurer's Report - W0KYZ Marc – Current ending balance is: \$1617.36

5.2. Public Information Officer Report - KG5WOC – Jen – There is a signup genius to RSVP for the December 6th BVRC meeting. Location still being determined.

5.3. Technical Officer Report K5SAW Steve – There are a couple radios ready to loan out in the club equipment program.

5.4. Repeater Trustee Report K5QBX Fred – Repeater is doing well. New controller should be in by the end of the year.

6. Activity Committee Reports (limit to 2-3 minutes or less each please)

6.1. VE Testing Committee report - WB5L Glenn – 2 Hams passed tests!

6.2. Social Media Committee Report - KG5WOC Jen - Facebook has 61 members in the BVRC group and Twitter has 46 followers.

6.3. Membership Committee Report - K5XK Ron – 43 Present at tonight's meeting. There were several new members and visitors present at the meeting.

6.4. Emergency Communications Report - W0CEH Chuck – Reported on the simplex exercise. See below for details.

Chuck Healey, WOCEH has accepted the position of Benton County Emergency Coordinator for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®). Chuck has been working with Charles Farmer who is the District Emergency Coordinator for ARES® (6 Counties in Arkansas). Chuck was also asked to become the Assistant District Coordinator for ARES® to help out Charles. Congratulations to Chuck!

7. Old Business

7.1. Elmer's Discussion including the Saturday Morning Breakfast report.

7.1.1. BVRC has breakfast round table meetings at 7AM at Duffers Café.

7.2. BVRC is now a 501c3 Non Profit Club. – There is still some paper work in progress which should be done in a month or two. It typically takes 4-6 months to complete the process

7.3. Club insurance from the ARRL. – The ARRL has a Club Liability insurance policy available for ARRL affiliated clubs. This would insure the club for lawsuits involving personal injury and property damage. A motion was made and vote was made to purchase the insurance.

7.4. Where are we on coordinating/securing permission from outlying repeater owners to use a wide area repeater with Washington & Benton County coverage to supplement the BVRC repeater? Steve K5SAW will investigate when appropriate as Charles Farmer has had a death in the family.

7.5. Request Volunteers for Net control operators. If you would like to help in this capacity, please contact Chris KG5SZQ. This includes both the Thursday evening 2m net and the Sunday 3820 round table net.

8. New Business

8.1. Club Property Loaner Program - Steve K5SAW will keep track of who take an equipment loan out. Steve has a few HT's available if needed for loan. Other equipment is available and a list is published on the website via a link on the Mission Statement page.

8.2. Videos of Club Programs: Videos will be on Bella Vista TV soon. Also Steve Little AB9YN can provide a DVD for \$6 to those who would like a copy of a specific meeting.

8.3. Simplex Exercise will take place on December 5 (on the 5th) at 7 p.m., before our regular weekly club net. There will be three quick Nets. One for the west side of BV, another for the east, then when those are finished, one for the entire BV area. The purpose is to gather real information regarding our ability to communicate across Bella Vista should the repeater ever be down.

If you would like to assist as a net control during this event, please email Chuck and provide him your location so he can assess the needs and your location.

- 8.4. December Officer Elections. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please email a current officer or Wayne Patton (K5UNX club secretary) at k5unx@arrl.net
- 8.5. December Meeting location and details. Jen Kessler has setup a Sign-up Genius site for us to get a handle on how many participants. **Please sign up as SOON AS POSSIBLE using the sign up genius link in Jen's email.**
- 8.6. Don Banta – requests that anyone who would like to write an article for the newsletter, please submit it to Don. Don cannot write everything that goes in the newsletter, and needs help from you to make it successful. Email articles to: k5db@cox.net

9. Announcements - None

10. Adjournment (End of Business Meeting)

11. Door Prize Drawing: Antenna Edition!

12. Lynda's Nuts, donated by Gregg & Lynda Doty were won by: Henry Kress K8KBW, Don Banta K5DB, Tom Carroll KE6UWB and Paul Blomgren KC7DQY.

Various Items donated by Chris Deibler KG5SZQ

Multi-meter – Clayton Hornsby KI5CAM

Multi meter – Fred Lemley KK5QBX

Solder iron stand – Mark Maddox KL7IWT

Solder roll – Don Cooper KC7DC

Solder roll – Tony Crowsey KE5GTF

Connecters – Alan Katz KE0QFO

Wire strippers – Bill Durham KG5ZCI

Members & Guests Present

Adil Abboud	
Issa Abboud	KF4YKJ
Don Banta	K5DB
Cliff Bailey	KM4ZRZ
Paul Blomgren	KC7DQY
Andy Bower	KG5SEI
Tom Carroll	KE6UWB
Don Cooper	KC7DC
Jesse Costuilis	KG5YJV
Tony Crowsey	KE5GTF
Paul Dixon	KK5II
Dana Dixon	AB5DD
Gregg Doty	KF5ZIM

Lynda Doty	
Bill Durham	KG5ZCI
Ron Evans	K5XK
Chuck Healy	W0CEH
Lorrie Healy	N1RNI
Clayton Hornsby	KI5CAM
Nick Jenedy	WA5BDU
Jim Johnson	KD5RXI
Alan Katz	KE0QFO
Glenn Kilpatick	WB5L
Michael Kress	
Hank Kress	K8KBW
Fred Lemley	K5QBX
Dan Lewis	W6CG
Linda Lewis	KB7PNK
Mark Maddox	KL7IWT
Frank Majdan	KG5ANT
Rick Marshall	KG5TOA
Steve Norris	W5KI
Wayne Patton	K5UNX
Rick Pope	KG5MWG
Bob Rainbolt	WB0AUQ
Dennis Wareham	K0DKL
Steve Werner	K5SAW
Mark Whatley	K5XH
Marc Whittlesey	W0KYZ