

2018 BVRC Christmas Dinner / Awards and Recognition Honors

December 6, 2018

The Normal activities for December Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting was replaced by a Christmas Dinner / Awards Banquet and Door Prize Drawings. We did not have a business meeting. We had over 43 attendees including 13 young ladies. The food was catered by Bubba's Barbeque of Jane, Missouri. The Deserts provided by the members were too numerous to list! We started with a prayer by Don Banta, K5DB and dove into the groceries that Fred Lemley, K5QBX and wife Margaret had setup. Awesome food and fellowship was plentiful and we just had a great time!

After Dinner, the Bella Vista Radio Club recognized outstanding member contributions with an awards ceremony.

The Club's top award, BVRC "**Ham of the Year**," was presented to Glenn/WB5L, for extraordinary service in 2018. In addition to serving as club President, Glenn served as Volunteer Exam Coordinator and Webmaster. Glenn also initiated numerous innovations, including the transition to evening monthly meetings, the addition of a club Constitution, a complete revision of the club's 1993 By-Laws, and accommodated PayPal online payments on the website for name badges, customized items, and payment of annual dues. Glenn is also credited with securing the prestigious "ARRL Affiliated Club" recognition.

A first time "**MVP Award**" went to Steve/K5SAW for continued outstanding service to BVRC and area hams and for extraordinary efforts during the club's ARRL Field Day.

Another first time recognition, the "**President's Award**," was presented to Fred/K5QBX for organization and execution of BVRC's 2018 Field Day, and for service as club Repeater Trustee.

A "**Behind the Scenes Award**" was given to Marc/WØKYZ for seven years of service as club Treasurer. In 2018, Marc also secured '501c3 non-profit status' for the club, began accepting online dues via PayPal, and secured club liability insurance through the 'ARRL Affiliated Club' program.

The 2018 "**Signal Award**" went to Don/K5DB for creative and diligent publication of the new monthly newsletter, "*The Signal*." Don also organized the annual Arkansas QSO Party and a BVRC special events station commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Shiloh Museum of Ozark History.

Special "**VIP Award**" honors went to Gregg/KF5ZIM for extraordinary service providing club appreciation plaques for monthly speakers, and for the design and printing of a wide array of signage, custom club name badges, mouse pads, mugs, and other 'swag' items now available on the website. Gregg also was a major contributor of monthly door prizes throughout the year.

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Leadership Award items were presented to Glenn/WB5L, Fred/K5QBX, Mark/WØKYZ, Wayne/K5UNX, Don/K5DB, Ken/K6RLA, Steve/K5SAW, and Chris/KG5SZQ.

Net Control Appreciation awards went to K5SAW, KG5SZQ, Alan/KEØQFO, and WB5L, for the weekly 2 Meter Net. Moderators of the weekly 75 Meter '3820 Roundtable' were also recognized with custom club gear. These include Don/K5DB, Fred/K5QBX, Glenn/WB5L, and John/N5SU.

Club Membership coordinator Ron/K5XK received a **Plaque of Appreciation**, as did Highland Christian Church for the use of their facilities for monthly meetings and VE Testing.

The club also recognized club member and prospective future radio amateur Randy Moll of Northwest Arkansas Newspapers with "**Press Appreciation**" recognition for news coverage and promotion of BVRC during the past year.

After the Awards Ceremony, we had an awesome prize drawing.

We had several 2-meter radios and various other items that were given away. There were too many to list! Everyone went home with something; even the YL's had their choice of a green or red Christmas tree that was table placements. Needless to say, you had to be there!

