

BOSQUE BEACON

*Newsletter of the Bosque Amateur Radio
Club of New Mexico*
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FROM THE EDITOR

Jerry Aceto K6LIE



Wow! Another year gone. Anyone know where it went?? I sure don't !!

I hope everyone had a great 2024 holiday season celebrated with family and friends. Let's hope 2025 is good to all of us for a healthy and happy year.

For this month's program, Dominic Tanner, KI5WTR, will showcase the sBitx V3 25 watt SDR transceiver. This transceiver is very unique. It has a computer built in, so you can literally surf the internet right on your radio. This little rig runs FT8, SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31, and more, right out of the box. Dominic will demonstrate many of the features of this extremely capable radio. It is perfect for portable operation or just running low power from your shack. 25 watts is very capable, especially with the present HF conditions. Should be very interesting!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Saturday.

73...Jerry K6LIE

Bosque Amateur Radio Club



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Club Net

The Bosque ARC hosts a **Club Net** *Every Saturday Morning at 10:00 am local time except for the first Saturday of the month when we meet in person for our club meeting.*

146.900 (- 600 kHz) pl 67.0

442.450 (+ 5000 kHz) pl 67

449.550 (- 5000 kHz) pl 71.9

Club Meetings

- * 1st Saturday of the Month, 10 AM
- * Always a program that deals with Ham Radio
- * APD NW Area Command on Ellison, across from Cibola HS

Activities

- * School Visitations to Promote S.T.E.M.
- * Field Day Activations
- * Gatherings for Breakfast,
 - * Thursday mornings at 7 AM,
 - * Flying Star, 10700 Corrales Rd

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Whether you are a new ham, a seasoned old timer, or just thinking about becoming a ham, I would like to invite you to our meetings to take in our presentations, join us for breakfast on Thursday mornings, or participate in any of our activities. If you like what you see and hear, we would love to have you join our club. If you have any questions regarding ham radio, we can answer them.

Hope to see you at our meetings!
73.

Brian Listvan KJ5CNC
President, Bosque ARC

VE TESTING

If you would like to upgrade your license, or take your first amateur radio test, Mathias Gibbens, K0WBG, holds licensing exams after our regular club meeting on the first Saturday of the month. Testing starts around 12:30. If you would like to test or know anyone else that would like to test, contact Mathias at AbqRRVET@gmail.com to sign up.

CLUB MEETING ADDRESS

APD NW Command Center, 10401
Cibola Loop NW, Albuquerque,
NM 87114 (across the street from
Cibola High school)

CLUB ADDRESS

Bosque ARC
2524 Baldy Loop NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144

CLUB REPEATER — 444.200 (+) 67 Hz PL

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CLUB NET

Our club net has been doing very well and we want to thank all of you that participate each week. Anyone wishing to be net control, simply let a club officer know and you will be set up with the script and instruction page on linking the repeaters on the Upper Rio repeater system. This affords a good learning experience on conducting a net and engaging in conversation.

Remember, club net every Saturday morning at 10 am (except the 1st Saturday for our meeting) on the Upper Rio Repeater system.

CLUB REPEATER 444.200 Mhz (+) 67 Hz PL

A reminder to all that our club repeater is up and running from the west area of Rio Rancho at an elevation of about 700 feet above the valley, affording reasonable coverage of the greater Albuquerque area.

The repeater has been very quiet since getting it on the air several few months ago. We would like to see it used by our members and also the entire community. It is open to all. You all are welcome to meet on our system. You can chat all you want and meet with your friends and club members. Since it is a low level system, handhelds may have a problem, but in actuality, we have heard several folks on handhelds. But the ideal system is a typical mobile or fixed station running 20 watts or so to an outside antenna. In this situation, the system is very usable and does well. Please give it a try and you can chat all day long, if you wish!!

GERRY JURRENS N2GJ, CELEBRATES 60 YEARS IN HAM RADIO!

Our own Gerry (widda 'G') Jurrens received this note from Tom Loughney, AJ4XM, President, Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc :

"This is a very special year as you celebrate your '60 Year Anniversary' in Amateur Radio." "I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this significant milestone in your amateur radio avocation!" 73, Tom Loughney.

Congratulations on your long history in Amateur Radio, Gerry!! I know there are many, many stories you could tell with such a long history in our great hobby. Here's to many more continued years of learning and experiencing the fun of Amateur Radio. Best 73 on behalf of our club and myself!

Jerry K6LIE

ISS TRANSMITTING SSTV IMAGES DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 5

Ed Poccia, KC2LM, advised the club members that the International Space Station will be transmitting SSTV pictures. On Saturday, Dec. 28th, 12:22AM, he received this picture shown below. This is a perfect, noise free image. There was another very good pass at 10:37 pm on the 1st. The next good pass will be on Jan 3 at 12:57:51 UTC. Elevation will be 60 degrees, so it should be a very good pass.



John Mocho, KC5QOC



Ed Poccia, KC2LM

FROM THE ARRL LETTER

Winter Field Day



Winter Field Day (WFD), hosted by the Winter Field Day Association, is scheduled to run from 1900 UTC on Saturday, January 25, through 1859 UTC on Sunday, January 26.

WFD is held on the last full weekend in January and is a communications exercise that can be worked from the comfort of your home or from a remote location. You can participate by yourself, with your friends and family, or with a local club.

WFD is designed to help increase your level of preparedness for disasters and for you to improve and practice your operating skills in winter environments, as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operating conditions.

WFD is open to participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including from using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, making satellite contacts, and more. Make sure you register your location at the [WFD registration page](#). To date, there are 345 locations registered around the world.

CLUB SHIRTS

These beautiful club shirts come in ladies and men's styles and sizes. We proudly wear our shirts whenever we are doing an activity that involves the public. It is a great way of promoting the club, not to mention that they look great! They are available in polo and button down long sleeve.

Contact Turbo Threads at 505 999-1234 or on line at <https://turbothreads.com> .

BTW...That snazzy club logo on the shirt and on our club banner was designed by Art Nichols, KI5GOL, one of our founding members.



If you wish to use PayPal to pay club dues, simply go to bosquearc.com and click on the Membership and Dues tab. You will find all the info needed. When you fill out the form on line, hit Submit at the bottom of the page. This will take you to a prorated table. Since our dues are paid by the year starting in April, you will only pay a partial amount based on the month you join. Club dues are only \$20 per year.

Here are email addresses of our officers should you need to contact any of them:

President - Brian Listvan KJ5CNC - zzwooffee1949@yahoo.com

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Secretary - Bill Tilman KA0B - ka0b.bill@outlook.com

Treasurer - Bob Witter W5IV - rwitter@hotmail.com



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