

HAM-GRAM



A publication of the Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 552 Broken Arrow, OK 74013

MARCH MEETING

Weather Meeting conducted
by the NWS!

March 5, 2018, 7:00PM

Community Center

1500 South Main Street

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

February 2018

Fellow Amateurs!

Here you go the first Ham Gram issue in quite a while! At the January Board meeting, it was voted to reinstate the Ham Gram. It is the Board's desire to keep everyone informed on what is taking place at the BAARC, so this is our first shot out of the gate. We will send the HAM-GRAM out after every Board meeting. We will also post it on the Web Site. One note, we will not publish any financials in the Ham-Gram. Financials will still be presented at the monthly meetings.

Any questions or comments, contact me at K5PX@cox.net

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ELMER PROGRAM

Kent- K5WTS, along with other "ELMERS" will be on hand for any Elmer Questions, radio procedures, station set up, antennas, etc. and he plans on making this a regular event prior to each meeting and is also looking for other Elmers to help out with new member questions.

Words of Wisdom from the Prez

Comments from the Prez.....

Greetings, another successful meeting of the Executive Committee has come and gone, the summary printed here in the "Ham Gram" will give you the details.

March 5th meeting coming up is the **Annual Weather Seminar** provided by the National Weather Service. It is scheduled for 7: PM at the Broken Arrow Community Center located at 1500 South Main Street in Broken Arrow, OK.

No business will be conducted in order to give Ed the full two hours for his presentation. The club will be providing Coffee and Cookies for this event and hope you can attend. The room will hold about 60 people so try and arrive early for seating.

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There has been a lot of discussion about programs and events for the club this year, **Kevin-AF5SW** is working on filling the year-long calendar for programs. He has **Gary-W5ODS** set for April meeting to present and demonstrate SOTA (Summits On The Air). This will be a very good program for those of you interested in low power (QRP), backpacking, building QRP kits and learning new modes and ideas.

[Several Club Events/Activities](#) have been discussed, however, we still need someone to step up and chair the Activities Committee...This is how clubs get stronger...by members taking on responsibility... There is plenty of guidance available if you have never done this type of thing before, and there are plenty of ideas if you are a seasoned organizer. We just simply cannot accomplish these things without Member participation. **Contact any of the officers/directors to pledge your support. The organization is in place, we need people to fill the spots.**

Skipper-NQ2J, Don-W8AW, and Wes-KG5MNV have agreed to serve as our meeting room setup group. They will be there in advance of the meetings in an effort to have the room ready for members when they arrive...

Tom-KF5TIZ will be working with **Dan-W5BM** to review our website and see if we can bring it up to date and more informative. Watch for upcoming changes to the website.

Dennis-KD5DDD, Lyle-K7SSK, and others will be soon making improvements to the Tower Trailer...if you are a fabricator, welder or good hand for that sort of thing, feel free to volunteer for workgroups on that project.

There soon will be a new Tech Committee for the club. They will be designing and installing new features for members to use on our radio systems....want to be in on that group? Let an officer know. They will also be working to include members into some of these projects for learning more about Amateur Radio...and Primarily they will be there to back up and provide support for the club trustee, **Earl-WB5UUW** in order to get work done...So far, **David-KE7EK** has volunteered to participate in this group.

An updated repeater users guide will be posted on the website soon, watch for it..it will be a PDF file you can download and print. Other information will be made available as well to help the new folks.

Also, we have designated **146.560 as the official BAARC simplex frequency** for use during events and in emergencies where the repeaters are in heavy use or worse case...down.

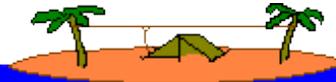
All these may seem like small or maybe insignificant, however, at the right time and place may well be invaluable.

Here is a small sample of stuff we can be doing, we just need an organizer...

Proposed Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club Events

1. NWS Severe Storms Seminar- Scheduled
2. Broken Arrow Amateur Radio Club, "Open House" to the public.
3. Pancake Breakfast
4. QSO Party (Pick a Date)
5. Field Day
6. Special Event Station (Veterans Day)
7. Winter Field Day
8. Ice Cream Social (Add operating event)
9. Christmas Banquet...Dinner, White Elephant Exchange, and Awards.
10. Re-Institute the Saturday Morning Swap Meet (2nd, 3rd or 4th Saturday).Use of the Park at East Broken Arrow by NSU...Club Activities Chair or member on site.

That's all I have until next time. I really hope to see members volunteering to get some of these ideas off the ground. I have said it before, "it is your club" how active it depends on the membership." - de KW5M



DX Doxology

What is on the horizon for DX!

1. **Bouvet**-Gone with the Wind-Well almost! The team that was headed for Bouvet ran into engine trouble and had to abort the Dxpediton. This was a major hit to the DX community, Bouvet is #2 on the DX Most Wanted List! The cost of this DXpediton was around 1 1/2 Million dollars! Calculate that as the cost per QSO! But, another group is planning on activating Bouvet later this year as **3YOI**. More news on to follow.
2. **Baker Island, KH1/KH7Z**- Number 5 on the DX Most Wanted List. This will be active starting June 2018.
3. **Z6OK- Kosovo**- We have a new DXCC entity. The IARU recently added Kosovo to the country list. Kosovo is currently active on all HF bands.
4. **XU7AET- Cambodia**- Radio Amateurs members of Haiyan Contest Club, will be active as XU7AEY, from Cambodia, in CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, 24 - 25 March 2018.
5. **3B8MM-Mauritius**, Mart, DL6UAA will be active as 3B8MM, from Mauritius Island, IOTA AF - 049, 27 March - 14 April 2018.He will operate on 40 - 10m mostly CW and Digital Modes.
6. **OJoY- Market Reef**- DL8JJ, G4PVM, MMoNDX will be active as OJoY from Market Reef, IOTA EU - 053, 27 - 29 June 2018
7. **E51MAS-Rarotonga Island**- Marilyn (YL), KI7DLK will be active as E51MAS, from Rarotonga Island, IOTA OC - 013, 13 - 25 May 2018. She will operate on HF Bands.

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DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your dues for 2018, they are now due!

Single Membership \$20.00 per year

Family Membership \$30.00 per year.

Pay them at the March meeting, or send them to the Club's
P.O. Box

Club Net

Net every Monday Night

@ 8:00PM

On 146.91

(Except club meeting nights)

VE Test Session-9:30AM

Every odd Month

Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex

1101 N. 6th Street

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

BAARC Repeaters

146.91/31 88.5 PL Tone

145.45/05 88.5 PL Tone

444 No Tone

443.6 88.5 PL Tone

442.5 No Tone

These are open repeaters, but we encourage users to help us maintain them by joining the BAARC!



**WORKSHOP
CHRONICLES**

After 58 years as a Ham, surely I picked up some useful stuff, well maybe just stuff. Anyway, I thought I would drop in some of the tricks learned, mostly by trial and error, in my Ham Radio adventures! I will also sprinkle the article with some great information by other Hams, who are outstanding in the elusive Ham Radio Quest.

Grounding- As we approach that most wonderful time of the year in Oklahoma, STORM SEASON, is your shack bulletproof?

W8JI, an owner and engineer of several commercial radio stations, and **NoAX**, a retired Professor of Physics at the University of Washington, live by the fact that everything in your shack HAS to be at the same ground potential. They mean **EVERYTHING**. Your computer, printer, rig, antenna tuner, amplifier, and your tower. They say you need to run ground straps from all your equipment to a flat strip of copper and then to the ground rod that the power company puts in as a ground for your electrical service. It all is hooked together. **W8JI** has multiple tall towers, and he says he leaves everything connected and had never had a major equipment failure due to lighting or static discharge.

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