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For Amateur's By Amateur's

Letter From The President
Shane Driskill KG5SRO

I want to say thank you to all that have put there confidence in me to become President of PBARC. Over the last year we have seen some great things happen and I want to see even more this next year. We are trying to have something every month from POTA to Field Day and even more. Also, every Saturday morning at 7:30, we meet at the Corner Café for anyone that would like to join us, even if its only once a month. If there's anything you want to do let us know and we will do our best. Please try to attend the Nov 13th meeting; we will be putting together all the details about the Christmas Party.

73, KG5SRO

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Mills Park

K0637

Bryant Arkansas

August 25, 2018

Location: EM34so (34.603546, -92.481895)

Operators: Shane Driskill, KG5SRO and Glenn Wolf, N5RN

Weather: Hot, 92.7 degrees

This activation has a little history behind it. After posting in the ADXA (Arkansas DX Association) newsletter about activating a park or two I got an email from Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, offering the use of his Scamp (a tag-a-long) camper for an activation. For a couple of reasons, mainly logistics, we finally worked it out with Ken to use his Scamp for a nearby activation – Mills Park in Bryant, Arkansas.

After making some updates/minor repairs to the Scamp we finally decided to give it a try on Saturday, August 25, 2018. After updating Ken on our plans, we agreed to meet him at his home and then he would follow us to the park.

Shane and I arrive at Ken's QTH a little bit before 9:30. Ken invited us in to his home and as we were preparing to leave Shane and I ended up having some very interesting conversations with Ken. We talked about his time working at the FAA and where all he had worked. During that conversation we found out the Ken was also interested in guns and reloading. Shane and I both have an interest in this area as well. Ken also showed us where his shack was and where he was doing some repair work on some vintage radios. These conversations ended up taking a good bit of the morning.

We finally got away around 11:00 AM and headed to the park. Ken pulled the Scamp and set it in place for us. He told us about the antenna setup that he had on the Scamp and how we might use it. He gave us some information on how to change bands with his setup and then he left us to operate. We quickly realized that Ken had really studied and planned his setup.

We had to do some tweaking to the setup to get on the air but once we got going we did quite well. We ended up logging some 30 to 40 QSOs in the few hours we worked but if you've tried portable operations during this sunspot cycle you realize how good of a total 30 to 40 QSOs is.

Our biggest issue was the heat. Even though we were under a shade tree the heat was intense. As fate would have it, Ken drove up about 30 minutes before we were going to call it a day and contact him to come tow the Scamp back to his home.

Overall, it was a good experience. We will certainly keep this option in mind especially as fall and winter approach as it will be good to be out of the elements.

Thanks to Ken Blevins for letting us use his Scamp for this activation. It was certainly appreciated and we hope to use it in the future.



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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting

Nov .13

Dec. 11

(Larry's Pizza)

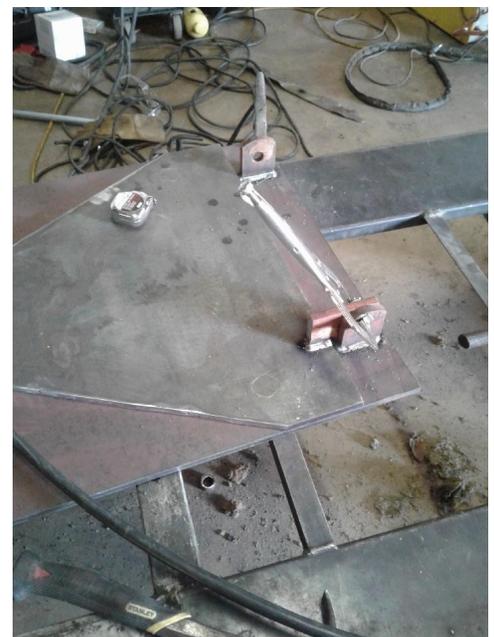
Christmas Party

Dec 22

Time TBA

(All dates are tentative)

This is a tilt plate I built for Don Cox K5DCX.
The tower is a 24" base and the plate was
made with 1\2" Base and 3/8" Tilt section
and weighs around 100 lbs.



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Grounding My Station At Home KG5SRO



Well after what can only be described as too long I decided it would be a good idea to finally ground my station. Outside the house I have an 8' copper ground rod. I used a 2/0 ground cable, and I know some will say I need a 3" flat copper strap instead but this is what I had. The cable is hooked to a 1 1/2" copper pipe mounted to the underside of my desk. From there I used 1" flat copper banding to every piece of equipment. So far so good.



Member Accomplishments

Over the past few months a few members have received a few awards from the ARRL and they are as follows:

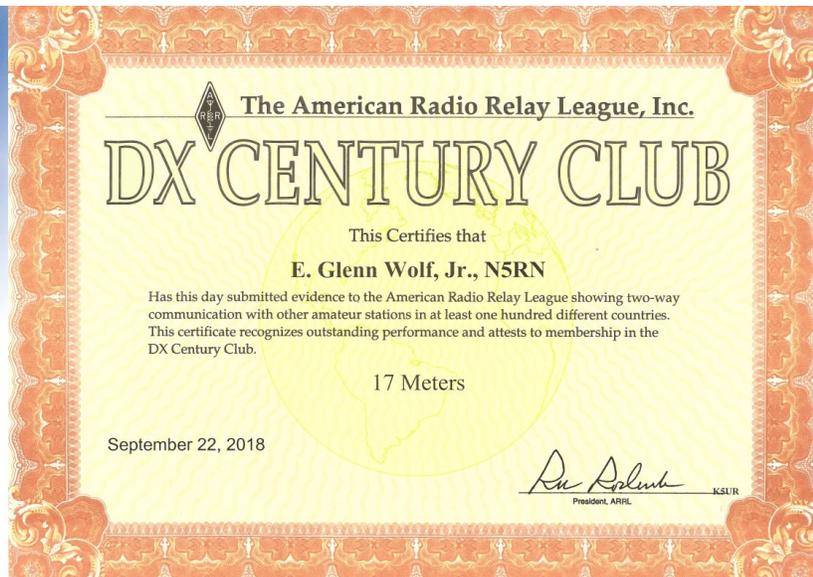
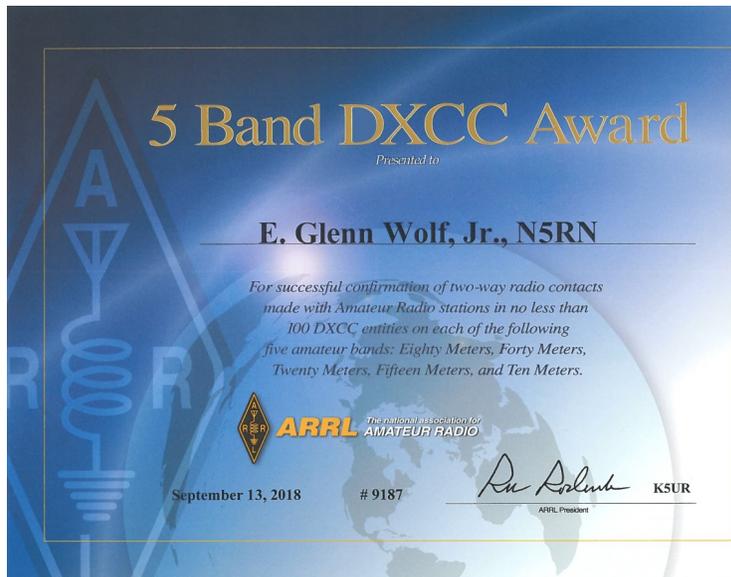
Keith Cook, KK5ZD, Worked all States (Mixed)

Glenn Wolf, N5RN, DXCC on 80M ,17M, and 5 Band DXCC

Shane Driskill, KG5SRO, Worked all States (Mixed, Digital, and FT-8)

PBARC, K5DAK, POTA Award for working 10 POTA stations.

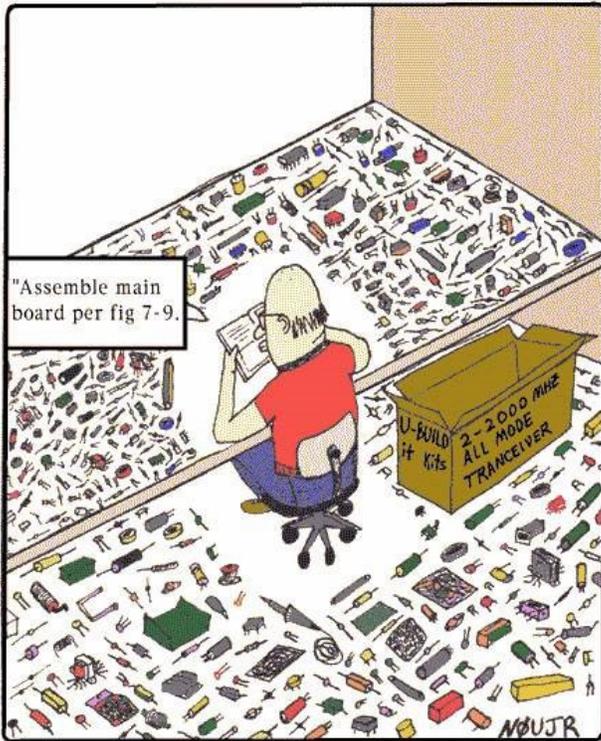
PS. Notice how mine are so much bigger than Glenn's →





Ham Humor

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Kit fun.

This reminds me of Bill KC5MN and his k3 build.



"Yes I really am running just 5 watts QRP...although I suppose I do have an above average antenna system..."

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Web Site Updating

If there is anything you want to see on the website please contact us so we can make that happen. Glenn N5RN has added a silent key page to the list since the last newsletter. You need to check it out. I was amazed at the Keys that have become silent that were members of this club. If there are any links you want to see added please let us know.

Useful Links

www.pbarc.net

www.arrl.com

www.dxengineering.com

www.adxa.org

www.debcoelectronics.com

www.dxsummit.fi

