



Radio from the mile high city of Bisbee, Arizona!

The latest news from KBRP, July 24, 2023

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4th of July 2023



Clockwise: Ember Gulden, Mia Potenza, Nancy Potenza, Ash Dahlke, Steve Moramarco and Mark Parsons

This year KBRP had the pleasure of participating in the Bisbee Rotary Club's 4th of July parade. With the help of many DJs, board members and volunteers we were able to great entry into the parade.

For our float we had a larger-than-life boom box made by KBRP Outreach Intern, Mia Potenza, streaming the live KBRP broadcast throughout the parade route. The float was driven by long time supporter and Program committee member Mark Parsons. Followed along by DJs Ash of *The Scrappy Dashboard*, Steve Moramarco of *Bargain Bin Ballyhoo*, board members Patrick Tilcock and Suzanne Walsh and volunteers from our community.

We couldn't have done this without the help of so many people and luckily the hard work paid off after we won the *Best in Past* award. The Bisbee Rotary Club said "What a great boom box!"



From the Desk of Sandy Tilcock

This newsletter's comments will be short, as I have been out of the office since the end of June recovering from hip replacement surgery. Recovery is going well and I will soon be returning to the office for short periods of time. I am still available via e-mail (sandykbrp@gmail.com) and carry the office cell phone (520-432-1400). During my absence, office assistant Paul Tompkins and

outreach intern Mia Potenza-Parsons have done a great job keeping things rolling, consulting with me as needed. A big shout out and THANKS to both of them.

Bisbee Radio Project received a grant in June from The Flinn Foundation. The Flinn Foundation is a privately endowed, philanthropic grantmaking organization established in 1965 by Dr. Robert S. and Irene P. Flinn. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in Arizona to benefit future generations. We received a \$10,000 unrestricted grant, to be used for any expenses incurred during the year of 2023. We have been identifying ways to best utilize this gift. We have been upgrading some of the office computers. Another project being considered is updating the KBRP website, making it more dynamic and reducing redundancy, make it more user friendly, especially in the mobile format. It is a process. We cannot thank the Flinn Foundation enough for selecting the Bisbee Radio Project.

We are in the "dog days of summer" so I encourage you to stay cool and well hydrated. The photo above is of my middle dog, Cali, who has just turned 7. She has been by my side during the recovery process and provides many laughs.

Photo above is of my dog Cali.

Underwriter Appreciation

Bisbee Bug

By Mia Potenza

When I went to Bisbee Bug for their interview, I was not expecting what I would learn. One would think a mechanic's shop wouldn't be such an asset of Bisbee, but they would be wrong. As I walked into their front office the familiar atmosphere that I have known since I was a child hits me. Willoughby, their dog, is barking from behind the desk and Tim is working as hard as he can to get to the next car.



Tim and Joy moved to Bisbee about 16 years ago from Western Washington. Growing up Tim would visit some of his family that live in Bisbee, and being lovers of small towns Bisbee seemed like a good place to move to when they decided to escape the grey skies and rain of Washington. In 2013, about 6 years after moving to Bisbee, they ended up buying the shop after the previous owners couldn't run it anymore. Joy said they would walk past the garage and think about how cool it would be to own it, and then one time they were just stopping by to go to a garage sale, got

to talking, and one thing led to another. The garage is located on Tombstone Canyon in an old Texaco fuel station. The building is almost 90 years old and since Tim and Joy took over, they have not changed it very much.

They both have experience at car dealerships. Joy started working at them in the 80s, and Tim has about 25 years of experience working on cars. At Bisbee Bug they do everything from oil changes to heavy engine repair, if it's small enough to fit through the garage door they can work on it. Tim is the only one working in the garage and aside from some occasional office help, Joy is the only one behind the desk.

Bisbee Bug became an underwriter within the first year of Tim and Joy owning it, "as soon as we could get into contact with the radio station." Tim and Joy were involved in community radio when they lived in Washington. They believe KBRP and stations like it provide valuable services for small communities as well as keeping people united and informed. Being an underwriter also puts their name out there and the name repetition reminds people that they are here. Joy said they have also met a lot of people through the radio and they have become more involved in the community.

As Joy showed me around the office, I noticed all the art, photographs and mementos they have collected over the years. There were many pictures from the building's past as well as artist's renditions of the current building. There's just something about the Volkswagen mural that captivates people. There was also a picture of a coaster they made for BRATS as well a picture of a wedding that took place at the shop. I even spotted a Christmas ornament I had made for them years ago, still hung up to this day. Bisbee Bug is truly an integral part of the community and so much more than just a mechanic's shop.



Did you know...?

You can listen to KBRP on Alexa, Siri and Radio Garden?

Did you know the KBRP transmitter is located atop the bell tower
at Central School?

Did you know KBRP has seventeen volunteer programmers?

The DJ Corner



Rural Electric

By Paul Tompkins

Dear Friends and Listeners,

Jim Cobis is one of our longest serving DJ/Programmers. Jim has been on the air with KBRP since 2011. During that time Jim has put together and broadcast over 490 shows. Jim says he will retire after his 500th show. We'll have to have a party! Besides being a programmer Jim has volunteered in other capacities at KBRP. He's been on the Board of Directors, volunteered for special events and while we were at Central School, he did our in-kind service hours which were part of our station rent.

Jim worked in Public Radio in Alaska for 25 years, where he had a 4 hour show every Monday. He discovered Bisbee when he visited his sister here for a day, which was long enough for him to decide he wanted to live here. During this time Jim owned a house in Hawaii and a home in Alaska. He sold them both and bought some land and a house in Bisbee.

Jim had some trouble in Alaska getting a Country and Western show on the air, so when he applied for a show at KBRP he called it Progressive Country and Western. Jim plays music from groups like Moby Grape, the Shires, The Flying Burrito Brothers, Claudia Nizer, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and Patsy Cline. Jim says he likes to play songs that tell a story and he finds many of the newer C&W acts go beyond the, "My woman left me and my dog died" genre and tell real stories.

Jim says he puts together a show in about a half an hour from his 10,000 plus library of songs. He then takes the show out for a listen in his car to make final edits One of Jim's strengths is his ability to choose what songs go together to make a show.

Jim says that working at the radio station helped him when he first came to town to feel welcome in the community.

New DJ Alert

The Lizard Lounge



with Joe Barron

The Lizard Lounge explores jazz and jazz styles from around the world, from 70s and 80s jazz fusion to contemporary barber beats and vaporwave.

Tune in Sundays for the live show from 2:30 to 3:30 pm or listen 9 to 10 pm on Wednesdays for rebroadcasts.

Emergency Response System

FCC Volunteer Opportunity

By Peter Levine

An exciting opportunity awaits you at KBRP if you would like to be involved in something different and bureaucratically-required. It is, of course, KBRP's entrance into the Emergency Alert System (EAS), something that you have somehow never heard about. It's so obscure that you'll instantly make a name for yourself with your social media posts about it. And you'll be the life of the party with your zany anecdotes about KBRP and the FCC and the EAS.



What's in it for you? Well, how would you like to become intimately familiar with the roof of KBRP's home, the Bisbee Convention Center? Learn how to climb the rickety stairs that fold down from the ceiling in the Men's Room on the second floor of the Convention Center. Then, navigate your way through the hot, stuffy, dark attic space until you climb the steep metal ladder and open the rooftop hatch, where you step into the blinding light of day. Wow! The view from up there is stunning. You can see all of the parking lot behind the Convention Center, the Old Bisbee skyline, and even the KBRP antenna atop Central School!

But wait, there's more! How would you like to learn the difference between AM and FM antennas and cabling? Splicing connectors to cables and applying heat shrink wrap? Drilling holes in window panes? Trial and error installation of electronic devices? Required Weekly Tests of the EAS gadgets? The secret, mysterious blue box known as the ENDEC into which all the secret, mysterious emergency stuff gets fed? Of course, you would. Who wouldn't?

Can't wait? Okay, sign up right away! Call Sandy @ 520 432 1400 and say the secret password: E-A-S. Don't delay. Do it today.

Meet The Board



Kimberly Baltunis

By Paul Tompkins

Kimberly Baltunis and her family have lived in the Bisbee area for 27 years. When she and her family moved to the area, they had a choice between Bisbee and Sierra Vista. They chose Sierra Vista for their family home since the family business, run by her husband is a bicycle store in Sierra Vista.

Baltunis has four grown children, two are married and live in Redmond, Oregon, one is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California and the youngest is a sophomore at Colorado State University. After her children left home Baltunis wanted to get more involved civically and when a friend encouraged her to join the Board of KBRP she took the opportunity.

Baltunis works as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Because of this she is a very informative person to have on the board. While she has to recuse herself on from voting on financial matters because of her license, she can help with advice on financial planning and fund raising.

Baltunis has no experience with radio, but is finding learning about KBRP and community radio fascinating. She sees the road ahead for success to be increasing membership, grant writing, growing our listener base through internet broadcasting and technology.

Baltunis says she is learning a lot and enjoying being on the Board of Directors.



Rob Shipley

By Mia Potenza

It is undeniable the KBRP would be no where without the Board of Directors, but who are these people? Rob Shipley is the board vice president for KBRP. He has been a part of the radio station since 2021. Shipley had known about the radio station previous to his involvement, but it wasn't until Sandy Tilcock, the Administrative Manager, went into Shipley's place of work that everything fell into place and he joined the board.

Shipley is very familiar with the small-town type of community since he comes from Emporia, Kansas a town even smaller than Bisbee! Shipley went to college for college for Sociology, Psychology and criminology but left to become a police officer. He continued on this path until 2015 when he retired after multiple serious injuries. A few years back Shipley moved to Sierra Vista, following some of his family who were

relocating to work on the base. In 2020 he met his fiancé and later that year he moved to Bisbee.

Shiple is a very hard worker and is very devoted to his endeavors with the radio project. Shiple sees himself as the devil's advocate and he likes to "push the envelope". He likes being vice president so he can take some of the pressure off the board president, Michael Brown. Shiple's proudest moment from being on the board was our Mardi Gras event back in February. He was so happy that the community was so supportive and made it as successful as it was. In general, Rob is really happy to be a part of the Bisbee community because of how tight-knit and supportive it is and he is really happy that KBRP gets to be a part of this community. Bisbee has a real "back home feel" and to him KBRP has that same feeling

Shiple believes the station has so much potential and is already so great, but that he wants this greatness to not be wasted. Shiple hopes the radio station will continue on for generations, but he knows that if that is to happen KBRP needs to keep up with the times and continue to be a benefit to the community.

Rob Shiple is exactly the type of person we need on our Board of directors. Though an unlikely addition, his hard work and determination will undoubtedly help our station now and in the future.

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