



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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AUGUST IS ICE CREAM SOCIAL MONTH

Come one, come all!! Join us for the annual ice cream social. This is one of the club's most popular events. Please contact Ross Lawler, W5HFF, for information and to coordinate the supplying of goodies. We need (homemade or bought) ice cream and cookies, including condiments. Ross's phone is 281-342-3340.

B-VARC NEEDS A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM, is resigning as newsletter editor after nearly five years at the job. His tenure will last through the October issue.

The Club is searching for a new editor. The form and style of the newsletter is determined by the editor and doesn't require knowledge of complicated computer software.

Please contact Mike, N5VCX, or Cam, K5CAM.

PRELIMINARY FIELD DAY RESULTS

We had 27 operators total at the event, with 10 visitors.

I did not include the GOTA station, as we had only 20 contacts, and I did not have an operator list for that station.

We are claiming bonus points for: Emergency Power, Set-up in Public Place, WIAW Bulletin, Natural Power QSOs, and APRS Demonstration Station.

Breakdown:

CW QSO's: 376

Digital QSO's: 151

Phone QSO's: 263

Total QSO's: 790

Total QSO Points: 1317 X Power Multiplier: 2
Claimed Score: 2634 X Bonus Points: 900

Total Claimed Score: 3534 points.

73,

Paul Gray, N0JAA

2-year Director

Field Day Coordinator

LICENSE EXAMS RESCHEDULED IN AUGUST

Our August exam session is scheduled one week earlier due to the HCC campus facility access.

We will return to our regular schedule next month - with the September session on the 10th.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 6th, as the date for our next regular B-VARC 'Tuesday' Exam Session.

At the usual time, check in about 6:30 P.M.; exams at 7 PM at our current exam session site:
Houston Community College,
Scarcella Technology Center
10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX

Parking in the rear --

Inquire at the 'front desk' for our room assignment.

Cash Road intersects Murphy Road (FM 1092) at about the 13,500 block, between Greenbriar- Mula Road and the SPRR - US 90A crossings.

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Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month-
August 8 ← Ice Cream Social

Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month at the
Sugar Land Community Center

Volunteer Examiner Program

BVARC administers Amateur License
Exams on the 2nd Tuesday of each
month.
Contact John Moore, KK5NU

Eating Schedule

Third Friday Dinner at 6:30.
Location announced in the calendar.

Saturday morning breakfasts -
7:30 AM Viking Den,
Hwy 90A in Stafford

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

April 12th & 13th, 2003 MS150 BIKE TOUR

For everyone who missed it in April, here are the date for the 2003 MS150 Houston to Austin Bike Ride. Sign up now for the best positions. Don't wait to be the last one.

If interested please call Mike, N5VCX at 713-771-4625

SCANNER JACK'S CORNER

HERE ARE THE FREQUENCIES AND ID'S FOR JULY 4 FREEDOM OF HOUSTON

938.2375
938.2500
938.8750
938.8875
938.9625
938.9750 CNTRL
938.9875

ID'S

1104 H.P.D. COMMAND POST
1616 V.I.P.
4592 STAGE OPS.
CITY OF HOUSTON T.R.S. ID'S
35600 H.P.D. COMMAND POST
460.425 HPD COMMAND POST
453.675 H.F.D. COMMAND POST
453,950 H.F.D. COMMAND POST

from
SCANNER JACK
JACK ROBERTS KB5TMY

THE BVARC RAG CHEW NET

June 2002 by Sam Wilson, N5CPA

PLEASE NOTE FREQUENCY CHANGE FROM 3960 KHz

3962.5 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00PM

Just WHAT IS the Rag Chew Net? Well it's a chance for you to get on the low bands and hang out with other BVARC members, as well as hams from around the south central US! WHAT?? Don't have voice privileges? Got a short-wave receiver? Dial in and listen, then check in using the telephone number announced at the beginning of each net.

6/05/02--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5LBU, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5JWM, K5HFY, WB5SRN. (8)

6/12/02--N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, K5JWM, W5GHK, K5HFY, K5LBU, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WB5SRN, NM5K, WA8LEQ. (12)

6/19/02--N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, K5LJ, K5JWM, WB5SRN, K5HFY, KC5VYZ. (8)

6/26/02--N5CPA, K5JWM, K5CEK, KE5SR, K5HFY, K5LJ. (6)

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AMATEUR RADIO TESTING

RESULTS OF THE July 9th
B-VARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION
by: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's
Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on
Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at HCC's Scarcella Technology
Campus here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
Mark Winslet, KM5WR

One examination element was administered during the
course of the evening to a single applicant. The
unlicensed candidate passed the Technician license
exam; with the total passed elements being 1. The
overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

Congratulations to the following who passed an exam:

Omar C. Richardson - Technician

Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants
who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month.

All of us at B-VARC again thank everyone at HCC
Scarcella Technology Center for making these excellent
classroom facilities available to us for our exams each
month.

..... 73

John Moore - KK5NU

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BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2002 Membership Application

Check One:

New Membership

Renewal

Roster Update ONLY

Regular membership dues are \$16.00 a year. Lifetime Memberships are \$160.00. Additional family members may join B-VARC for only \$2.00 a year each with no additional copy of the newsletter.

Name: _____ Call: _____

Additional Family Members: _____ Call: _____

Additional Family Members: _____ Call: _____

(Note: If this is a renewal, please indicate only changes in personal information. Thanks.)

Address: _____ Day Phone () _____

_____ Zip+4: _____ Eve Phone () _____

e-mail address: _____

Main area of interests in amateur radio: _____

License Class:
 Novice General
 Technician Advanced
 Tech+ Extra
 Former Ham Not Yet a Ham

ARRL Membership?
 Life
 Annual
 Not a member

I agree to observe the By-Laws of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club and rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

Signature: _____ Call: _____ Date: _____

Remittance:

Regular Membership _____ + Family Membership _____ = \$ _____

BVARC *LIFE MEMBERSHIPS* at \$160/Person _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and write your call sign, if any, on your check. Send this form and your check or money order to:

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 1630
Missouri City TX 77459-1630

B-VARC Calendar - August 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 BOD Meeting 7:30 PM	2	3 Breakfast 7:30 Viking Den
4	5 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	6	7 HF Net 7:00 pm 3962.5 +/-3KHz	8 Club Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 Breakfast 7:30 Viking Den
11	12 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	13 VE Session 6:30 pm	14 HF Net 7:00 pm 3962.5 +/-3KHz	15	16 3 rd Friday Nite Dinner*	17 Breakfast 7:30 Viking Den
18	19 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	20	21 HF Net 7:00 pm 3962.5 +/-3KHz	22	23	24 Breakfast 7:30 Viking Den
25	26 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	27	28 HF Net 7:00 pm 3962.5 +/-3KHz	29	30	31 Breakfast 7:30 Viking Den

* At 6:30PM SHARP, Friday, August 16 we will eat at GOLDEN CORRAL on West Airport Road about a half block west of the Southwest Frwy.

B-VARC Calendar - September 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	3	4 HF Net 7:00 pm 3962.5 +/-3KHz	5 BOD Meeting 7:30 PM	6	7 Breakfast 7:30 Viking Den
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Johnny Gilmore, AC5TL, a frequent attendee at our Saturday morning breakfast, made an "extra stop" at the Viking Den on the way to the airport, slipped and broke his leg in two places. So he is stoved-up for a while. We wish him a rapid recovery.



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The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) was organized in 1978, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford, when required. Since that time, BVARC has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active Amateur radio club in the Southwest Houston and Fort Bend county areas.

Today, BVARC is truly a general interest club with an impressive record of Public Service. The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the club's commitment to service with the coveted status of Special Service Club. We are proud of our members who represent some of the finest in Amateur Radio. Membership is not limited to licensed operators, but is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. Meetings are held generally at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, at the Sugar Land Community Center. Talk-in assistance is available in the 145.470, and 444.550 MHz (PL 123.0) repeaters. Membership dues are \$16 annually.

BVARC conducts A.R.R.L. VEC license exam sessions on the second Tuesday of each month. BVARC also conducts a Public Service Net at 9:00 P. M. each Monday on the Memorial Emergency Radio Association's 145.470 and 444.55 repeaters.

To obtain information about joining BVARC or its activities, contact Cameron Mitchell at 281-565-4665. New members and prospective hams should contact the Club's "Elmer", Ross, W5HFF at 281-342-3340 or w5hff@juno.com.

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**Next general meeting is
on August 8 –
Ice Cream Social**



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