



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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APRIL FEATURED SPEAKERS



The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club wishes to thank Cal White, W5FW/VP8WFW, Paul Frantz, W5PF/VP8WPF and Keith Dutson, NM5G,VP8DXL of the VP8WW Falkland Islands DXpedition team that provided us with a very entertaining and informative presentation.

FIELD DAY, JUNE 25 & 26

Field day is coming up fast. Plans are being made. If you wish to participate in the planning or in Field Day itself, contact Ross Lawler (W5HFF), Allen Brier (N5XZ) or John Chauvin (K5IZO). Contact information is listed either under the officers or the editor on the last 2 pages of this newsletter.

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The May meeting takes place at 7:30PM, May 12 at the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way. The featured presentation will a Skywarn preparation presentation. This timely and informative program is time to coincide with the beginning of the hurricane season.

NEW BVARC CLUB CALL

It is now official! Our new club call is KK5W. This call belonged to Al Zermano who passed away about 2 years ago. We are honored that his wife Betty has allowed BVARC to assume these call letters.

UPCOMING FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

- May - a Skywarn class and bad weather preparation.
- June - a 15 to 20 minute Field Day prep meeting and about 30 minutes on the Motorola trunking system presented by a Motorola engineer.
- July - Tentatively AMSAT.
- August - the ice cream social
- September - maritime mobile licensing (tentative).
- October - undetermined - possibly something about HF - operating, equipment building, QRP, antenna building, or anything associated with HF.
- November - the chili supper and elections.
- December - home brew night. I believe the proposed schedule

There are discussions about a BVARC camping trip in September or October. Stay tuned.

President's Corner

Due to publication deadlines, the President's Corner could not be produced prior to going to press.

Concerning the Club Roster

Because of increasingly sneaky ways of search engines and spammers on the web, we have removed the email addresses from the on-line membership list. Instead, we are providing a zipped version of the entire roster which requires a password to unzip. The format of the roster is HTML, so that everyone will be able to read it. It is not suitable for printing.

The location of the roster is a link in the membership section from the main web page for the club. Click that link and your browser should set up the download for you. Be careful to note the location of the download. The downloaded file will have the extension of exe and is a self-extracting zip file. So, after downloading, "run" the file as if it were a program. Pay attention to the destination of the extracted html file. Use your browser to view the file. (This may sound a little complicated, but it's easy after the first time – the main trouble I have is not paying close attention to where the files are placed.)

The password is available from Board members or from me, Cam.k5cam@arrl.net. You must be a current member to receive the password, of course. Printed versions of the roster will continue to be available at meetings.

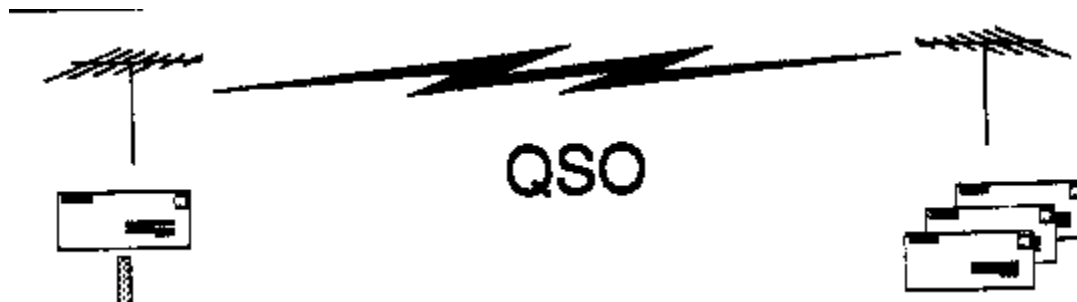
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Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm**. 146.88 Mhz, PL 103.5 (backup – 145.45, PL –none). The order of check-ins start with mobile units first then fixed stations. If you have something for the net, make sure you let Net Control know about it when you check in. We are looking for Net Control Operators. Contact any officer of BVARC if you are interested. Here are recent check-ins with control-ops:

Details of Previous Net Control Operators will be given in the next newsletter



Upcoming Hamfests

Hamfest info for the next few months. More information at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

ARLINGTON HAMCOM

June 3,4,5 Arlington, TX

ARRL West Gulf Division Convention

Friday: Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

VE Testing; Speakers; Programs.

General Admission:

Adult - \$9, Family Member - \$4, Student – Free.

For more info: <http://www.hamcom.org>

THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

By Joe Morgan, K5JWM

February 2005 check-ins

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00PM

Joe Morgan, K5JWM, Net Coordinator

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.

03/02/05 - K5JWM, W5UHZ, K5LJ, KE5CDE, N5CPA, K5CEK, K5HFF, WA5VRB, KD5QIM, W5RH. Check-ins (10)

03/09/05 - K5JWM, W5HFF, K5CEK, K5LJ, N5CPA, KE5CDE, K5HFF, KG5RQ, K5VRJ, AB5BA, NM5K, W5UHZ, KA5LLN, W5UFK. Check-ins (14)

03/16/05 - K5JWM, N5CPA, K5CEK, KD5QIM, K5LJ, KE5CDE, N5VXU, W5RH, WA5VRB, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WB5EXI, NM5K, WB5VYR. Check-ins (14)

03/23/05 - K5JWM, N5CPA, K5LJ, K5CEK, NM5K, KA5JKI, KG5RQ, K5HFF, KB5SIT, K5LBU, W5RH, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WA5TWL, W5HFF, KE5CDE, KE5CFF. Check-ins (17)

03/30/05 - N5CPA, K5JWM, K5CEK, W5HFF, W5UHZ, KE5CDE, KE5CFF, W5RH, WA5VRB, KB5SIT, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KG5RQ. Check-ins (13)

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BVARC Calendar - May, 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 License Class 6:30 PM Net 8:00 pm 146.880	3	4 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 +/-3KHz	5 BOD Meeting 7:30 PM	6	7 Breakfast 7:30 AM
8	9 License Class 6:30 PM Net 8:00 pm 146.880	10 VE Session 6:30 pm	11 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 +/-3KHz	12 Club Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14 Breakfast 7:30 AM
15	16 License Class 6:30 PM Net 8:00 pm 146.880	17	18 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 +/-3KHz	19	20 7:30 PM Third Friday Dinner	21 Breakfast 7:30 AM
22	23 License Class 6:30 PM Net 8:00 pm 146.880	24	25 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 +/-3KHz	26	27	28 Breakfast 7:30 AM
29	30 Net 8:00 pm 146.880	31				

BVARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION

by: John Moore, KK5NU

RESULTS OF THE March 5th

BVARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at the Sugar Land Community Center in Sugar Land.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Wayne Barker, AD8A
Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD
Jeff Fussell, KD5VGE
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
Randy Pollard, AK5G

Two examination elements were administered during the morning to two applicants. There was one new technician and one upgrade to General attained. A total of two elements were passed. The overall "pass rate" for the day was 100%.

Congratulations to the following who attained a license and/or passed an exam:

Larry D. Carney KD5ZXV - General
Wayne R. Vinson KE5EAB - Technician

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

RESULTS OF THE April 12th

BVARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Louis House, KD5GM
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
George Ontko, KM5VP

Two examination elements were administered during the evening to a single applicant. There was one new Technician license attained. A total of one element was passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

Congratulations to the following who attained a license and/or passed an exam:

Donald E. Lawson - KE5ENC - Technician

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

The next testing session will be at the usual time and place: That is the second Tuesday of the month, April 12.

Houston Community College,
Scarcella Technology Center
10141 Cash Road
Stafford, TX

Check in about 6:30 PM - exams start promptly at 7 PM. Parking is readily available in the rear lot -- 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 UPRR - US 90A crossings. Turn East on Cash Road; the community college building is on the *right* or south side of the street.

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





Cameron, K5CAM, “working” at the BP-150

The “Ham’s View of Ham Radio”

by W5RH Rick Hiller

Each month, I receive an e-mail from the Robert F. Heytow Memorial Radio Club. Their e-mail in my in-box means it is time for another issue of the “K9YA Telegraph”. This is a combination newsletter and e-zine, in the PDF format, containing articles, pictures and cartoons of interest to all Hams.

The focus seems to be CW operation, but the Telegraph over the years, has also included articles on antennas, special events, unusual operations and remembrances of some Old Timers. (My article “*My J-38 and Radio Magic*” was in the April 2005 issue). It is more commentary than technical articles and more entertainment than textbook facts. The overall flavor for the K9YA Telegraph seems to be “ the ham’s view of ham radio “, an enjoyable mix of light-hearted articles from some very well known and some very un-known authors.

You have QST , CQ, World Radio, NCJ, and QRP Quarterly, just to mention a few of the monthly Rags this hobby supports. They all have their particular niche of expertise or range of information. The K9YA Telegraph is simply another view of the hobby from a slightly different perspective. However, this 8 to 10 page monthly e-rag is free. All it takes to receive it is for you to subscribe on line at http://www.k9ya.org/k9ya_telegraph1.htm. You must have Adobe Reader version 5.0 or newer, which is downloadable for free, also, at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Additional information on the K9YA club or the K9YA Telegraph, including sample issues, can be found at: <http://www.k9ya.org>

Check it out. I hope you enjoy the “Telegraph”Rick – W5RH

2005 Club Officers:

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Allen Brier, N5XZ
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Past President:
Kevin Foto, KD5O
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Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month,
Sugar Land Community Center,
226 Matlage Way

Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month,
Sugar Land Community Center,
226 Matlage Way

Volunteer Examiner Program

BVARC administers Amateur License Exams
on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the HCC
Scarcella Technology Campus,
10141 Cash Rd. in Stafford.
Contact John Moore, KK5NU

Eating Schedule

Third Friday Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Location announced in the calendar.

Saturday morning breakfasts –

7:30 a.m. New York Coffee Shop
9720 Hillcroft, Houston
7:30 a.m. Viking Den
2939 S. Main, Stafford

Rag Chew Net

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m.

Public Service Net

Monday night on 146.88 (103.5 PL) at 8:00 PM

Minutes of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting

April 07, 2005

Attendees:

President Mike Hardwick-N5VCX
Vice President Allen Brier-N5XZ
Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary Ross Lawler-W5HFF
Recording Secretary Joe Morgan-K5JWM
Two-year at large Director Sid Sherwood, N5ZKD
Two-year at large Director Robert Polanski-KD5YVQ
Cameron Mitchel-K5CAM

Meeting called to order at 7:42
Minutes for February were presented for approval Board Approved minutes for
February.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Ross Lawler presented for approval.
Total number of members is 103.

Emergency Business: Warehouse space will cost \$65.00 in less we find a storage
for free.

We will need to increase deposit for room space. We still need to decide a location
for board meeting.

2006 Mix-n-Match looking for space and some places have been submitted to the
board.

Old business: The club is trying to get a new club call (kk5w) and we will know
hopefully next month.

Send thank you letters to emergency vehicles and commercial vendors.

Club schedule:

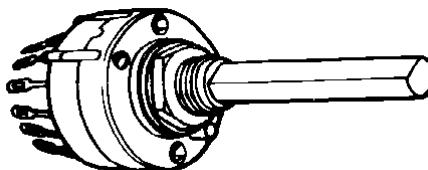
April we be Falkland DXpedition,
May Skywarn and Hurricane season,
June Field Day prep

Pump, WA5CYI, is in charge of resurrecting the annual club camp out/picnic.

Other business: For E-mail address on the BVARC web site members will need a
password. Info on this will be posted in the newsletter. There will be a contact
page that you can contact board members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:042pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary Joe W Morgan-K5JWM





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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.

Today **BVARC** is truly a general interest amateur radio club along with an impressive record of public service. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the club's commitment of service with the coveted status of Special Services 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. Club meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlege Way. Talk-in assistance for the club meeting is available on the 146.880 repeater (minus offset, 103.5 tone). General membership dues are \$20.00 per year, with student dues \$10.00 per year, additional family members \$2.00 per member per year and life membership \$160.00.

BVARC also administers amateur radio license exams on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Houston Community College's Scarcella campus in Stafford. A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8:00 p.m. on the 146.880 (minus offset with a 103.5 tone) repeater and a rag chew net is held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on 3910 KHz +/- 3 KHz.

To obtain information about joining **BVARC** or its activities contact the club's "Elmer", Ross Lawler, W5HFF at 281-342-3340 or w5hff@yahoo.com or the BVARC website at www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc.

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General Membership Meeting – Thursday, 7:30, May 12

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