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BVARC GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST

**The Hamfest was an outstanding success. Virtually everyone enjoyed themselves.
The vendors and tailgaters were very happy.**

See the 2 page article on the hamfest inside this issue.x



April 9th General Membership Meeting Technical Topic

In keeping with our long term theme of “Practical, Hands on Radio” and the recent series of “computer based ” tools (IRLP, Digital Delights, Digi-peaters and Logbook of The World)

the presentation at our April 9th meeting will be:

”Antenna Modeling on Your Computer, using Free Software”

by Rick Hiller -- W5RH

This will be a guided tutorial/demonstration on the use and understanding of EZNEC – the free version.

After this presentation, you will be able to, knowledgably, start using EZNEC, and other free software packages, such as MMANA, to model your simple antennas and understand their characteristics. A sheet of references of antenna modeling articles and web sites will be handed out. Using what you learn in the presentation, along with this handout, you will be able to go home and hit the ground running.



March Meeting Report

A superb presentation was given by Jim Burrough, N5DTT, on the ARRL Logbook of the World.



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President's Message.

As this issue of the Newsletter goes to press, the message from da prez (Frosty, K5LBU) is not available.



Public Service Events Coming Up

JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

BP MS150 Houston to Austin Bike Tour

April 18th and 19th, 2009

Come out and help with the largest 2 day bike ride in the nation. Many operators are still needed to fill medical vehicles, supply trucks and MS Staff vehicles. This is a 2 day position and a motel room or similar will be provided for Saturday night for the radio operator.

Informational meetings are to be held on 10 am on Saturday, April 11th and 7 pm on Monday, April 13th at the MS Office, 8111 North Stadium Drive. Event information, maps, and tee shirts will be available at that time. You will be able to sign-up to volunteer on www.houstonhams.org beginning March 31st. If you would like to work a 2 day medical position, you will need to have a background check completed by April 9th. Please contact David Taylor david@taylorcentral.com for information on getting the background check completed.

A frequency list and a volunteer release form will also be available on the website on March 31st. If you are not able to attend, please contact me for information

On April 18th, non-ARES operators will need to be at the I10 and Hwy 6 Park and Ride at 4 am to receive last minute updates, tee shirts and install equipment into vehicles. ARES operators need to check with their ARES coordinator for their start times and locations.

If you need more information, please call me at 713-826-6917.

Come out and volunteer and put your radio and license to a great use.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX



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RESULTS OF THE March 7th, Greater Houston Hamfest AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMINATION SESSION

By John Moore, KK5NU

The BVARC VE License Exam Team, with the aid and assistance of the Houston ECHO VE License Exam Team, sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination sessions that were held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg, TX, as a part of the Greater Houston Hamfest.

MEMBERS OF THE BVARC VE TEAM: MEMBERS OF THE HOUSTON ECHO VE TEAM:

Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD
Jim Burrough, N5DTT
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU

Marty Blaise, AG5T
Louis House, KD5GM
Mike Nault, W5OFT
George Ontko, KM5VP

Jeff Fussell, KD5VGE
Franz Laugermann, K3FL
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
Randy Pollard, AK5G

Non VE Helper:, Marie Schaer, KD5UJT

Thirty four examination elements were administered during the day to thirty three applicants. There were fifteen (15) new Technician licensees, nine (9) upgrades to General class license, and one 'Grandfathered' General Class upgrade, along with three (3) additional upgrades to Amateur Extra; with the total number of elements passed being twenty seven (27). The overall "pass rate" for the day was 79.4%.

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

Peyton Barnes, Jr.	-	KE5ZDZ	-	General
Michael S. Brannan	-	KA5OXA	-	General
Amber A. Brower	-	{KE5ZVD}		Technician
Michael K. Brown	-	KE5YUI	-	General
Richard S. Doty, Jr.	-	{KE5ZWA}	-	Technician
Phillip R. Fischer, III	-	{KE5ZVE}	-	Technician
Phillip E. Gaines	-	KE5WQV	-	General
Neil L. Gardner, IV	-	KE5WIQ	-	Amateur Extra
Gregory A. Gatterson	-	N5KAB	-	General
Billy W. Hagebusch	-	{KE5ZVF}	-	Technician
Glenn A. Hasdorff	-	K5HAS	-	Amateur Extra
Bobby L. Lawrence		KB5ASW	-	General
Douglas G. Malloy	-	{KE5ZVG}	-	Technician
Billy D. Mills, Jr.	-	{KE5ZVH}	-	Technician
William D. Quimby	-	KE5WHI	-	General
Robert Rasa	-	W5CPU	-	General
Albert E. Rodriguez	-	KC5VZP	-	General
Timothy P. Sloan	-	{KE5ZVI}	-	Technician
Trey C. Soper	-	{KE5ZVJ}	-	Technician
Ralph F. Soucie, Jr.	-	{KE5ZVK}	-	Technician
Adam R. Thayne	-	{KE5ZVL}	-	Technician
Jennifer S. Thompson	-	{KE5ZVM}	-	Technician
John P. Thompson, II	-	{KE5ZVN}	-	Technician
Jeffery A. Walter	-	KE5FGA	-	General
Wilson G. Weisert, Jr.	-	{KE5ZVO}	-	Technician
Wendy L. Wiesinger	-	{KE5ZVP}	-	Technician
Allen R. Williams	-	WA5SPP	-	Amateur Extra
Kimberly K. Yawn	-	{KE5ZVQ}	-	Technician

My thanks and appreciation to *all* of the BVARC VE Team Members *and* the Houston ECHO VE Team Members who Served for the day, including those who were on 'hot stand-by' if needed; and also to Marie Schaer,, KD5UJT who worked the 'sign in' desk at the Exhibit Hall Front Door.

John Moore, KK5NU, BVARC VE Team Liaison, 73

THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

February check-ins

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00pm, John Whiteman, K5LKJ, Net Coordinator

02/25/09, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, KJ5SS, K5HFY, K5UHZ, WA5CYI, AA5OA, W5HFF (M), KB5JJW (Weimer), N5CPA, KC5JAR, K5NDB, WA5FMK, K5LJ, W5RJA (Schulenburg), WS5H, W5TOM, W5RH, KC5HNJ. (19 Check-Ins)

03/04/09, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, N5CPA, KJ5SS, W5RJA (Schulenburg), W5CAM, AA5OA, K5LOT, W5HFF (M), K5LJ, K5JWM, K5NDB, WS5H, KB5JJW (Weimer), W5RH, AF5T (T). (17 Check-Ins)

03/11/09, K5LKJ (NCS), KC5JAR, K5CEK, KJ5SS, WS5H, K5NDB, W5TOM, K5LJ, AA5OA, W5ELM (Oberlin, LA), N5CPA, AB5IP (Yorktown), KQ5A, KD5YOU, K5JWM, AF5T, W5RJA (Schulenburg), KB5JJW (Weimer), K5HFY, W5HFF (M), W5RH. (21 Check-Ins)

03/18/09, K5LKJ (NCS), K5HFY, K5LOT, K5JWM, KG5W (Harlingen), AA5OA, WS5H, K5CAM/5 (Cat Springs), K5NDB, N5CPA, AF5T, KD5YOU, WA5FMK, W5TOM, K5ADA, W5RJA (Schulenburg), W5UHZ (Beaumont), K5LBU, K5CEK (T), KJ5SS (T), W5RCP (Putnam), KD5YVQ (Kingwood), KB5JJW (Weimer), W5RH, WB4KTF, WA5CYI.

(26 Check-Ins)

03/25/09, K5LKJ (NCS), WS5H, W5UHZ (Beaumont), K5JWM, W5RH, W5RCP (Putnam), K5ADA, K5NDB, AF5T, K5LOT, W5TOM, W5HFF (M), N5CPA, W5RJA (Schulenburg), AB5AB (T), W5DPY (C), KE5WQU/WS5H(CPO), WA5CYI.

(18 Check-Ins)

(T) = telephone check-in, (M) = mobile,

(CPO) = control point operator

Regards.
K5LKJ, John C. Whiteman



Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm**, 145.47 (PL -123.0). 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:

12/15 - 27 - Sid, n5zkd
12/22 20 - Pete, kd5qpx
12/29 19 - John, k5lkj
1/5 - 28 - Cam, k5cam
1/12 - 24 - Bill, ws5h

1/19 - 18 - Sid, n5zkd
1/26 - 25 - Pete, kd5qpx
2/2 - 31 - Cam, k5cam
2/9 - 25 - Bill, ws5h
2/16 - 11 - Sid, n5zkd

2/23 - 22 - Pete, kd5qpx
3/2 - 23 - Cam, k5cam
3/9 - 28 - Bill, ws5h(94)
3/16 - 22 - Sid, n5zkd
3/23 - 22 - Pete, kd5qpx

Control Ops needed for the Monday Night Net – n5zkd@arrl.net



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BVARC Historical Vignettes – Most Unusual Program at a BVARC General Membership Meeting

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

Occasionally the program at a BVARC general membership meeting has nothing to do with amateur radio. Sometimes these programs add a little variety to the meetings, but one such program probably ranks as the most unusual program ever presented at a BVARC general membership meeting. This program is not mentioned in any of the club newsletters and even the date the program was given was apparently not recorded in club records, but we do know the club meeting was held at the Missouri City Fire Station.

It is believed that this unusual program was given in 1988 or 1989. My recollection is that the program that had been scheduled for a general membership meeting was cancelled a week or so before the meeting, and Gerry Borg, N5APW, came forward and volunteered to find a speaker. The speaker was his friend, Andy Odum, KE5RU. Even though Andy was an amateur radio operator the program had nothing to do with amateur radio.

Andy worked for the Houston Zoo as a herpetologist in the reptile department. Andy literally brought a bag of snakes to the meeting. He started the program with a small harmless snake that was actually passed around the room as Andy told us about the snake.

I recall that two of the other snakes were poisonous, and that another snake was quite large being twelve to fifteen feet long and three or four inches in diameter. At least five snakes were shown during the program. Due to the fact that most people do not like snakes, by the end the program, the only person left sitting in the front row was Gerry Borg. Quite a number of pictures were taken during the program.

About six months after the program, Andy Odum left Houston to take a job in Ohio at the Toledo Zoo. It was a wonderful career move for Andy, and today he is the Curator of Reptiles at the Toledo Zoo.

One of the definitive books about snakes in Texas was published in 2000, and is entitled [Texas Snakes](#). This book was written by **John E. Werler and James Ray Dixon**, two of the state's most respected herpetologists. In the acknowledgements for the book, the authors thank "Andrew Odum (now curator of reptiles at the Toledo Zoo)" for allowing them to use photographs he took while employed at the Houston Zoo as well as photographs he took in the field on his own.

If anyone has more details about this unusual program please contact me. A special thank you goes to Gerry Borg, N5APW, for participating by e-mail (gborg@bresnan.net) in the preparation of this Historical Vignette.

West Gulf Legislative Update

Editor's Note: This was received via e-mail on March 17 and is reproduced in its entirety.

Although this legislative report is specific to Texas, I have included Oklahoma in this newsletter's distribution. Everyone should know about the results of the West Gulf legislative efforts reported below.

Texas House Transportation Committee

The Risk
The Response
The Immediate Results
The Future
Thank you
FLASH FLASH

THE RISK

West Gulf's Legislative Action Team (LAT) learned late Friday, March 6, 2009, that the Texas House Committee on Transportation had scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, March 10th at 8:00 A.M. for eleven House "wireless communication device" bills (WCD). Each of the bills, if passed as worded, would make mobile Amateur Radio illegal.

West Gulf Director Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, after consulting with the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs John Stratton, KE5ISX, decided to ask each Texas ARRL member in the West Gulf Division to call or fax the eleven House Transportation Committee members to request that the pending WCD bills be modified so as to protect Amateur Radio. A Division newsletter bulletin with that request was sent at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 9th.

THE RESPONSE

Your response was stunningly successful -- underscoring how, if amateur radio operators act as a unified group, we can have a dramatic, positive impact.

So many of you called and faxed that the telephone and fax lines of the eleven Committee members were tied up for most of Monday afternoon. Within less than three hours after the request for action was emailed, the West Gulf Division began to receive multiple calls from the Committee members telling us that they now clearly understood our concerns.

Our ability to respond so quickly and in such numbers impressed quite a few Legislators. We were told by Committee members and others at the Legislature that very few groups have the ability to produce such an intense, well coordinated outreach.

We asked all of you to be consistent on the message delivered and the relief requested. You were -- and that also impressed the Committee members. Equally important is that we have not heard one complaint of a rude or disrespectful contact by a ham with any Committee staff member.

Legislators and their staffs are used to, but are sharply resentful of rude and abusive contacts by people for or against pending legislation. When an organization with a passionately held position inundates the Legislature because of its concerns, but is polite, courteous and consistently on message, it leaves a strong, positive and favorable image.

Your participation and the West Gulf's Legislative Action Team's (LAT) efforts have greatly and favorably raised the visibility of Amateur Radio at the Texas Legislature.

It cannot be stressed enough that our image and standing is only enhanced by polite and courteous contact with every member of the Legislature.

THE IMMEDIATE RESULTS

Assistant Director (AD) John Robert Stratton, KE5ISX and Legislative Action Assistant (LAA) Glen Reid, K5FX, met with the staffs of the majority of the WCD bill authors and Committee members on Monday afternoon. Almost all of the bill authors either agreed to the changes requested or agreed to seriously consider the requested changes. As a result of the overwhelming contact from West Gulf members, all of the Committee members visited, expressed their support for the West Gulf's requested changes in the pending bills.

At the Committee hearing on Tuesday morning, the majority of the authors consistently testified they were willing to accommodate Amateur Radio's concerns and make the necessary modifications to their bills. Rep. Dan Branch from

Dallas, author of HB 55, was so supportive he actually prepared and presented a substitute for HB 55 at the Committee hearing. The substitute contained the exact language requested by West Gulf to protect Amateur Radio.

Unless something changes, it appears any WCD bill reported out (approved) by the House Transportation Committee will contain the protective language we requested. If that occurs, the House bills will match the leading Senate WCD bill, SB 582 authored by Sen. Wentworth. Sen. Wentworth from San Antonio worked with the West Gulf in the last legislative session and introduced SB 582 in this Session with the language requested by the West Gulf. With matching language in both the House and Senate bills, any WCD legislation passed in this Session would not harm Amateur Radio.

THE FUTURE -- It ain't over 'til it's over

However, we are not safe yet. The bills have not yet been approved and are being held back for further consideration in Committee. Until a bill or bills are reported out of Committee with the protective language we need, we are still at risk.

Based on meetings with the Committee members and the comments of the Committee members during the hearing, it appears there is a consensus that the multiple WCD bills must be consolidated into one or two bills and must have their present language modified. There is a strong probability that a WCD bill will be passed by the Texas Legislature in this Session.

The impetus to pass a bill this Session, when these bills have failed for the past two -- three sessions, comes from two sources: first, the increasing public dissatisfaction with the reckless, thoughtless and inconsiderate actions of many cell phone and texting device drivers and second, the proliferation of city ordinances designed to regulate cell phone and texting while driving. The city ordinances that have been passed are inconsistent, conflict with each other and almost universally are hostile to Amateur Radio.

The passage of a WCD bill that clearly protects Amateur Radio operators is in the best interests of Amateur Radio operators. The passage of a favorably worded bill would protect hams from the proliferating, inconsistent and hostile local ordinances being passed around the State.

West Gulf's Legislative Action Team (LAT) will continue to monitor the progress of the various bills, work with the bills' sponsors and the Committee members to insure that the actual bill or bills approved protect Amateur Radio.

Depending on the outcome of the LAT's efforts and the House Transportation Committee's decision, we may again need for you to contact certain Legislators or Committees. If that is necessary, we will send out a division newsletter bulletin detailing the type of help we need.

THANK YOU

For those who responded -- we thank you. For those who did not have the time to participate -- please do so next time. We have just proven that the actions of one ham, coupled with actions of other individuals, can have an overwhelming positive effect.

As your Director, I would like to thank Jim Robinson, N5PNV, STX State Government Liaison, for his advice and political insight. AD John Stratton, KE5ISX, and LAA Glen Reid, K5FX, should also be recognized and commended for the many hours of dedicated effort they spent walking the halls of the Capitol speaking to bill sponsors and Committee members. They were at the Capitol all day Monday convincing legislators to exempt amateur radio operators from the WCD bills, and again on Tuesday at the House Transportation Committee hearing, providing testimony and monitoring the proceedings. Clearly, there is no substitute for having "boots on the ground" at the Capitol during a legislative session.

FLASH FLASH FLASH

The CC&R Relief Bill's SB1552 and HB 4637 have been filed. Look for more legislative updates coming soon.

Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV
Director West Gulf Division

2009 Greater Houston Ham Fest a Smashing Success

Saturday, March 7th was a day of celebration for BVARC and other members of the Houston, Harris County and Fort Bend County Amateur Radio Communities. Our 2009 Greater Houston Area Ham Fest attracted close to 800 tailgaters, commercial vendors, table vendors, test takers, and Hams of all ages coming to partake of the festivities. The Fort Bend County Fair Grounds was, once again, the site of this yearly event that is getting to the point of being an event that you simply don't want to miss. Whether it is being able to purchase that set of matched 572B's for your old amplifier or being able to ask a question directly to Dr. David Woolweaver – K5RAV, our local voice of the ARRL; there is something for everyone -- Technician, General, Extra and even the non-Ham.

Success comes in numbers, so, here are a few that outline this success:

License Testing -- 3 VEC Test Sessions, 33 Test Applicants, 27 elements passed, 28 hams passing elements or upgrading, 15 new Technicians, 10 General Class upgrades, 3 Extra Class Upgrades, 79.4% pass rate.

Vendors and Sellers – Over 85 vendor tables, over 35 tailgaters, Commercial Vendors -- The Sign Man, HF Projects, Blue Star Antennas, Jubilee Enterprises, African DX Safaris, River Oaks Car Stereo and Houston Amateur Radio Supply

Local clubs and organizations showed up to talk to the Ham community and to show off their capabilities, EmCom vehicles and to help with the Ham Fest organization and activities. Organizations such as ARRL, AMSAT, ARES, American Red Cross, BVARC, CERT, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, Texas Army MARS, Houston ECHO Society, TDXS, Texas QSO Party (NARS) and the 10-10 SHOT Group were there.

But success isn't measured only in the number of attendees and vendors. Success is generated by the volunteers that give of their time and effort. Hams from BVARC, members of clubs like TDXS, NARS and ECHO, members of the VEC Testing committees of BVARC and ECHO and the 9 presenters of technical and operational Ham Radio topics. Also, the behind the scenes folks that helped in the organization, set-up, tear down, parking, talk-in, raffle ticket sales, MC'ing, entry ticket sales, table sales, food sales, facilities management, audio/ visual equipment, marketing, advertising, accounting, picture taking and everything else that it takes to put on a successful Ham Fest. A large slap on the back "THANK YOU" to everyone listed below (and the few others that we have yet to find out who they were) !

Arnold Knoche – K5ADA, Doug Holley – KE5SR, Sid Sherwood – N5ZKD, Sharon Heivilin – KC8EO,
Dave Barber – K5NDB, Allen Brier – N5XZ, Pete Sauermilch – KD5QPX, Cam Mitchell – K5CAM,
Randy Pollard – AK5G, Robert Polinski – KD5YVQ, Charlie Frost – K5LBU, Mike Hardwick – N5VCX,
John Chauvin – K5IZO and spouse, Priscilla Chauvin, Phillip Hudson – WD5DAY, Larry Jacobson – K5LJ,
Dwayne Jones – KD5YTA, Kirk Kendrick – W5KMK / KK2Z and son Jerod Kendrick, Ross Lawler – W5HFF,
Claude Sessions – W5Hfy, Michael Monsour – AC0TX, Tom Morton – W5TOM, Bill Stone – WS5H,
Dennis Dietrich -- W5DDD, Dave Beers – AF5T, Marty Blaise -- AG5T, Jeff Fussell -- KD5VGE,
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Andy McAllister -- W5ACM, Alan Isaachsen -- KB2WF, Ken Mitchell -- KD2KW,
Richard Driscoll -- KD5URB, Ken Ransom -- N5VHO, Rick Hiller – W5RH, Steve Agee – N5ZUA,
Ken Stevens – KC5FSY and spouse Adele Mirshak, John Dennison – KD5YOU, Ken Lee – KD5RDR,
Pump Fawcett – WA5CYI, Tom Shaw -- K5LOT, Dennis Harper -- KC5QDN, Bob Walworth -- N5ET,
Orin Snook – KB5F, LeMoyne Boyer -- KD5JCY, Marinda Boyer -- KE5WAE, Charlie Matthew – N0XFD,
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Jeff Walter – KE5FGA and spouse Kim Walter, Charles Kimtantas -- WB8EXI,
Jeff Hoke – Centerpoint Energy, Danny Jan – Deputy Sheriff FB County.

All in all, 68 individual volunteers

And a special thank you goes out to Ms. Jean Hartfiel – Fair Ground Facilities Coordinator; and Mr. Steve Rye – On Duty Fair Ground manger, whose help and guidance contributed greatly to the success of this event.

See you March 6, 2010

Photos from the 2009 Greater Houston Ham Fest



More photos on line at: www.bvarc.org and <http://www.geocities.com/john9818a/BVARCHamFest09.htm>

Minutes of March 5th, 2009 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Charles Frost called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:00 PM on March 5th, 2009 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX.

Attending were:

Charles Frost, K5LBU; (Pres.); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas./Cor. Sec. & At-Large Dir.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); David Barber, K5NDB, (At-Large Dir.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (At-Large Dir.); Mike Hardwick, N5VCX (Past Pres.); Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Bill Stone, WS5H; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; John Chauvin, K5IZO; Ross Lawler, W5HFF; Robert Polinski, KD5YVQ; David Bogart N5EMG; and Kirk Kendrick (KK2Z).

- 1) Minutes for the February 2009 meeting were approved as they appear in the February 2009 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business, Hamfest:
 - a) 76 tables already registered.
 - b) 45 admissions already prepaid.
 - c) All workers purchase their own admissions.
 - d) Gates open at 6:00AM
 - e) Discussion about various assignments.
- 4) Other Business:
 - a) Marathon Oil has given to BVARC a \$260 grant through the efforts of Jeff Fussel (KD5VGE).
 - b) The Richmond Fire Training Field secured for the BVARC 2009 Field Day activities.
 - c) Stone requested help setting up the digipeater station at West Oaks Hospital.
 - d) The BVARC March 9th net will be hosted on the 146.94 repeater for the benefit of those unable to reach the 145.47 machine.
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX

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Museum Ships Hurricane Ike Restoration

. THE U.S.S. CAVALLA and U.S.S. STEWART at SEAWOLF PARK NEED VOLLENTEERS FOR GENERAL CLEAN UP AND RESTORATION FROM HURRICANE IKE DAMAGE. THE NEXT MAJOR VOLLENTEER WORK MIGHT BE ON THE 2ND WEEKEND IN APRIL 11TH AND 12TH 2009 . YOUR SERVICE WORK FOR SEAWOLF PARK WILL BE NEEDED TO OPEN THE SHIPS TO THE PUBLIC AGAIN AND THUS WE THE CLUB COULD HAVE THE MUSEUM SHIP WEEKEND EVENT THIS 1ST WEEKEND IN JUNE 2009. PLEASE LETS MAKE A GOOD CLUB SHOWING OF INTREST IN THE HISTORICAL RESTORATION OF THE SHIPS AND TO PROMOTE NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS ON BOARD BY KK5W OUR CLUB. MORE NEWS AND UPDATES WILL BE GIVEN ON OUR VHF PUBLIC INFO NET AND OUR HF RAGCHEW NET. CONTACT BILL WS5H FOR MORE INFO AND BE ADDED TO THE VOLLENTEER LIST. HOPE TO CU ABOARD - - - - BILL, WS5H

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Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month, 7:30 PM
Sugar Land Community Center,
226 Matlage Way

Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM
Fuddruckers, just South of the Fountains
Shopping Center on US 59 outbound..

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
jwm@hal-pc.org

Eating Schedule

Saturday morning breakfasts
Third Thursday dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Location announced in text of this edition.

Rag Chew Net

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

Public Service Net

Monday night on 145.47 (PL 123.0) at
8:00 PM

BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST:

59 DINER, 7:30a.m., SW Freeway outbound service road, near Kirkwood.
NEW YORK COFFEE & BAGEL SHOP, 7:30a.m., 9720 Hillcroft.

THIRD FRIDAY DINNER: April 17, 2008, 7:00p.m. (Note new time)

LOS GALLITOS MEXICAN CAFÉ, 12030 Murphy Road, west side,
2 blocks S. of SW Fwy. (US59).

OTHER HAM GROUPS:

WEDNESDAYS – WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

LUBY'S CAFETERIA, 10:30a.m., Bellaire Blvd. ½ blk. E. of Hillcroft.

WEDNESDAYS – AMSAT & QRP GROUP

PAPPAS BARBECUE, 11:30A.M., SW Corner Westheimer & Gessner.



Hamfests

(within 200 miles of Houston)

Hamfest info for the next few months. More information at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

Pearland Tailgate Sale

Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Pearland High School parking lot on North side of building

Time: 8:00 a.m. until ?

HamEXPO

18 Apr 2009

[301 West Loop 121](#), Bell County Expo Center

Doors open at **7:00 a.m.**

Temple Amateur Radio Club, Belton, TX

<http://www.beltonhamexpo.org>

Talk-In: 146.820 (PL 123.0)**X**

Ham-Com, Inc

West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com 2009)

12-13 Jun 2009.,

[2000 East Spring Creek Parkway](#), Plano Centre, Plano, TX

North Texas Microwave Society, McKinney ARC, et al

<http://www.hamcom.org/>

Talk-In: 147.18+ (PL 107.2)

Meeting Presentations for 2009

April – Free Antenna Modeling Software Tutorial – W5RH

May – Museum Ships Event—WS5H

June – Field Day Planning and Free Transmission Line Software Tutorial –
W5RH

July – Texas QSO Party – NO5W

August – Ice Cream Social – needs coordinator

September – Centerpoint Energy – Jeff Hoke

October – open

November – Elections and Chili Supper – needs coordinator

December – Home Brew Night .



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Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) was organized in 1977, 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 area. BVARC is a Non-Profit Corporation classified by IRS as 501-(c)-(3).

Today **BVARC** is truly a general interest amateur radio club 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. 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 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Community College's Scarcella campus in Stafford. A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 145.47 (minus offset, PL 123 tone) repeater & a rag chew net is held each Wednesday at 7 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 see the BVARC website: www.bvarc.org

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