



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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May 13th General Membership Meeting

The General Meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, May 13, at the Sugar Land Community Center on Matlage Way. The meeting features a video tape from the ARRL Educational Series of 1996. **“Everything You Wanted To Know About Antennas (but were afraid to ask)”** will be shown. It’s a videoed technical talk on antennas with the highlight being the empirical display of many antenna types and the far field radiation patterns associated with each. A very cool video for antenna nuts and all Hams in general. 1 Hour long. If you have never seen this video, it is well worth coming out to see.



April Meeting Report

The featured presentation for April was about amplifiers. This was one of the most practical presentations we have had and hopefully it will result in more BVARCers working HF and getting a linear amplifier.



Museum Ships Weekend Planning Meeting

The Museum Ships Weekend Event 2010 (MSWE) planning meeting will be held at Fuddruckers in the Fountains (11445 Fountain Lake Dr. Stafford Tx 77477) on Thursday, May 6 at 8pm, immediately following the regular, BVARC board meeting. Come out early (7pm) and see your club board members at work promoting Ham radio and the Club or make a showing at 8pm to help BVARC club call, KK5W, operate aboard the USS Cavalla and USS Stewart. Fuddruckers will close at 9pm, so the meeting will be to the point and not be an all night affair. Please come and share your experience in event planning or come out and get the birds eye view on the how's, whys, when's and who's of this BVARC event.

Some topics to be ironed out are; - Do's and Don'ts at SEAWOLF PARK - Food, Water, Soda, Ice, Lunch for SAT & SUN.- still camera shots of event - U-TUBE vidio crew - AMSAT satellite crew for contacts aboard ships – Motel room for the weary -- logistics for 3 or more stations, including the daytime park station, mobile stations, and the 24 hour Stewart and Cavalla radio room stations – Radio Gear needed - Hand log vs PC logging -- contact strategy - CO coordinators (XO's) and crew for Fri setup, Fri night ops, Sat. day ops, Sat night ops, Sun day ops, Sun breakdown approx 4pm.

We have a lot on our meeting plate for such a small time frame, so this will serve as an overview. As position heads are filled, we discuss detail on that position. Please, come aboard with us June 5th and 6th in the largest ever MSWE at SEAWOLF PARK.

If you wish to operate a station in the event, email dragntow@wt.net or call Bill, WS5H, 713-776-1030. Info needed is your Name, Call, Day and Time you wish to operate, the mode you wish to use, and a return phone number and email. We will coordinate a time table, so that all can operate. If you can't make the meeting , but wish to fill a volunteer position, feel free to contact me.

Hope to CU in the Cavalla or Stewart radio room.

Bill Stone, WS5H – Chairman, BVARC MSWE -- KK5W



Public Service Events Coming Up

As this issue goes to press, this information is not available. Check the website for updates. Look for this information in next month's newsletter.



Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm** on 146.94 (167.9). 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: x

1/11 - 43 - ws5h & kb5yta
1/18 - 23 - Dwayne, kb5yta
1/25 - 26 - Pete, kd5qpx
2/1 - 27 - Cam, k5cam
2/8 - 37 - Bill, ws5h

2/15 - 21 -Dwayne, kb5yta
2/22 - 20 - Pete, kd5qpx
3/1 - 32 - Cam, k5cam
3/8 - 29 - Bill & Norma
3/15 - 24 - John, k5lkj

3/22 - 37 - Pete, kd5qpx
3/29 - 35 - Sid, n5zkd
4/5 - 28 - Cam, k5cam
4/12 - 28 - Bill & Norma
4/19 - 27 - Dwayne, kb5yta

President's Corner

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

All Hands on Deck!

Get ready! In the next 2 months there is a fair amount of club "in the field and on the air activity". I encourage you to partake in the fun. Museum Ships Weekend (MSWE) is on the first weekend of June and ARRL Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June. But, it's only May, you say.....why the mention in the May Newsletter?

Well, for one, Museum Ships happens before the June Newsletter is published. The more important reason, though, is that there is a substantial amount of planning (and work) that happens before both of these events actually come to fruition. Bill Stone, our Chief of Logistics for BVARC MSWE on Pelican Island, Galveston, has been working for months on the BVARC operation. BVARC members and non-members have been prepping the ships for on-board operation utilizing the ship's wire antennas. (A fair undertaking when you are dealing with things that are 70 years old). For more details, see the MSWE articles later in this newsletter.

Also intensely working and planning are the returning Field Day Co-chairs: Jim, N5DTT, and Kirk (our VP), KK2Z. They have been hard at it, figuring out what class to run and how to get more folks out to the Fire Training Ground. Your mission, fellow BVARC'er, should you decide to accept it, is to note your calendar on that weekend and come out to BVARC Field Day to help set up, operate CW, SSB or other mode, help cook some great food, eat some great food, bring a non-ham friend to work the GOTA (Get On the Air Station), work the satellites, work VHF and UHF, help Bill's 10 meter Mauraders make Q's or even help tear down. Field Day weekend is the one weekend where we definitely get to be Hams and play with all of our great radio toys by getting on the air and contacting folks all over the US of A. Shoot...what more can you ask for!

On a more serious note: fellow BVARC'er, Claude Sessions, K5HFY, has been in the hospital for quite a few weeks due to fall taken at his home. He is hanging in there, according to the few hams that have visited him. Please keep him in your daily thoughts. Sam Wilson, N5CPA, is having some ongoing medical problems, but Sam keeps showing up on the nets. Good for Sam, but do keep him in your thoughts also. Doug Holly, KE5SR, and Doc Moore, KK5UO, have been under the weather too. Keep them all in mind when thinking of friends and family – your BVARC Family.

Last month we had a really great meeting and presentation. The thing that made it so great was that it involved quite a few BVARC Hams to put it on. We had a lot of hands-on -- linear amplifiers with their tops off. Folks could see just what makes up a linear -- be it solid state or vacuum tube/ceramic tube. Thanks to Ross, W5HFF, Bill, WS5H, Larry, K5LJ, Dave, K5NDB, Robert KD5YVQ, Mike, AC0TX. Also Pete, KD5QPX, and Dwayne, KB5YTA did yeoman's work on the chairs and lights, etc. If you missed the talk on linear amps, check on the www.bvarc.org web site "Tech Articles" page for a PDF of the slides and the reference hand outs.

Lastly, I have a few questions for all of you. Why don't you check into the nets? Why don't you come to the BVARC breakfast? Why don't you come to the meetings? If you are working or have family issues OK, we all have those. But, if you aren't participating because it is boring or uninteresting, I want to know. If BVARC isn't doing what you would like it to do, PLEASE tell me. I know, BVARC can't be all things to all people all of the time, but we can certainly give it a shot. The next many months will have some great operating events, a few great technical presentations on Ham based MESH Networks and Test Equipment, the Ice Cream Social and Chili Supper and some other fun things thrown out in which you should participate. I really hope that you do. I, along with many other BVARC members, find Ham Radio interesting and fun and we would love to share our Ham Radio joys and experiences with you. Please come out and join us.

Other stuff to do in May – work some CW, go to the Cavalla's antenna party in Galveston, come to the MSWE planning meeting, attend the BVARC monthly meeting, go to the Dayton Ham-vention in Ohio, attend the Pearland Tailgate sale on May 29th and don't forget to hug your Mother on May 9th. Enjoy your hobby.

See you on the radio. Rick – W5RH



THE CAVALLA AND STEWART ANTENNA RESTORATION PROJECT / UPDATE

Last month, K5IZO John, K5EWJ Cookie, KE5WCP Stephen, AF5T Sparks, and WS5H Bill showed up for the looksee / troubleshoot of the USS Cavalla longwire antenna and Stewart radio room at the volunteer work weekend at SEAWOLF PARK. I am very pleased with the Ham turn-out for both club members and non-members alike. In May, we should be able to complete the Cavalla antenna with the original crew and any additional help that shows. Cookie, of TXDS, has purchased the material needed for the longwire project. Further inspection of the one of two Stewart longwires will need to be fixed and need to remove the old window AC unit out off the floor of the Stewart radio room. Plenty of work is needed on both ships.

The next work weekend is May 8th and 9th. Please come out to help and restore the antennas. This will allow all hams in our area to enjoy both the Stewart and the Cavalla Radio Rooms by getting on the air or donating to the CAVALLA HISTORICAL FOUNDATION R.R. 8, BOX 10, PELICAN ISLAND, GALVESTON, TX. 77554.

A report of the last work weekend is below.

Arrived to the park around 8:15 with Sparks. At gate entrance delivered 2 1/2 cases of water (1/2 case fit into the iced cooler at gate) for the volunteers. R.O.T.C. Navy was just beginning to paint on the old cold war red water line on one side of the sub. Notified our intentions and gave a list of our volunteer crew to expedite their entry. I believe that all who came out had no problems gaining access to the ships.

The BVARC donation check, letter from our club president, the certificates from MSWE 2009 (3 copys for ships, CHF, John C.O.B.- chief of boat) was delivered to John, COB, and we were given permission to begin our project for volley weekend with antenna trouble shoot and the Stewart radio room. Keys were given for the day and all access granted in our efforts of repair.

The written antenna reports were reviewed and a good plan to fix for upcoming work weekend. The AC window unit donated by contributions from BVARC members, SHOT chapter and individuals ham and non ham was installed in the radio room by the contractors that repaired damages from IKE- powered up and blows cold. Had to leave a good extention 110 cord as we have electrical issues in the radio room (transformer doa and most outlets are non fuctional from IKE)

John C.O.B trouble shooted the power problem with us and installed some flouresent bulbs as now have good lighting in the Stewart radio room. We have 110 outlets for the AC and radio power supply. He said he would get back to me / us on the transformer problem as he will need the full power for a full array of 110 outlets and if we ever get around to firing up the old WW2 high volt transmitter.

The 2 ship's longwires on the Stewart: Antenna 1 -- used in MSWE 2008, but is not working. The inspection revealed an exterior inspection cover was blown away by Ike and is most likely full of salt water. Also possible that it was hit by lightning. We need to clean out and cover ASAP. -- Antenna 2 -- checked out ok with no shorts and was used with the radio gear I brought out to make some Q's (20 contacts for signal reports) and got good 5/9 reports SSB . CW was tested with the antenna and that was put in the log also. I see good 599 on tx and rec in the log.

We had a rain out 1/2 way through the day, but still, much was discovered and repaired. The Stewart radio room is good to go for MSWE 2010 and upon my departure from the park John COB (chief of boat) gave us -- BVARC KK5W -- permission to come aboard for MSWE 2010

I have notified the MSWE sponsor NJ2BB USS NEW JERSEY. We are now on the list of ships on their website – www.nj2bb.org

73... Bill WS5H



BVARC Historical Vignettes – Part 1: BVARC and its ARRL Affiliation

by Allen Mattis, N5AFV, Club Historian

How many of you have noticed that the club summary on the BVARC newsletter states that “The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the club’s commitment of service with the coveted status of Special Service Club.” Why is this status coveted? Perhaps it is because the club went through a great deal of difficulty in its efforts to apply for the special service club status.

In the first few years of BVARC’s existence one of the things that stands out when you read the club newsletters is that the club leadership had decided to affiliate with the American Radio Relay League. The September 1980 club newsletter indicates that an ARRL Affiliation Committee had been formed and that “This activity has gotten to the top of the priority list of the chairman and work has started on accumulating information required to accompany the affiliation application. One of the requirements is that at least 51% of Club members also be members of ARRL, and it appears at this writing that we’ll make it. A firm target date for filing the application is not yet in sight but it will be as soon as possible.”

In November 1980 BVARC received a letter from the Club and Training Department of the ARRL. The ARRL had completing checking over BVARC’s application for club affiliation and had forwarded it to ARRL West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, in San Antonio for “proper endorsement.” In January 1981 Ray Wangler notified BVARC that he approved the application and that he wanted to present the affiliate charter personally to the club. Wangler presented the charter to BVARC at the February 1981 general membership meeting, and the process to become a regular ARRL affiliated club had taken six months.

Two years later when Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN, was president, the BVARC leadership decided to apply for ARRL Special Service Club status, a higher level of club affiliation. Vice president Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG, wrote in the February 1983 club newsletter “Our goal for the year is to become eligible for a SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB by ARRL. It will require a supreme effort by the entire membership to achieve this objective. I believe we have the people; all we need now is make the commitment to do, and have the motivation to perform.” In April 1983 Bolyard was overloaded with job responsibilities, and the BVARC board of directors appointed Harold Parker, ND5F, to be the new BVARC Special Service Club Coordinator.

Parker helped arrange for ARRL West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, to be the speaker at the June 1983 general membership meeting. Wangler was brought up to speed on BVARC and its activities and was told that BVARC would be submitting an application for Special Service Club in the near future.

In the November 1983 newsletter it was reported that “Harold Parker has done a super job of preparing the letter of application” for BVARC to become a Special Service Club and the application was ready to be submitted. In the April 1984 club newsletter Harold Parker stated “Our application was received [by the ARRL] and we are anxiously awaiting notification that it has been approved.” In the May 1984 newsletter Harold Parker again wrote “Our application was submitted for the Special Service Club designation...” However, the minutes of the June 1984 BVARC board meeting contained a bombshell: “Harold, ND5F, reported that the application for the designation of Special service Club is nowhere to be found! It is lost. We have a Post Office Return Receipt for the first stop on the way to Newington but the application can not be traced from there.”

How did BVARC recover from the loss of its Special Service Club application? Next month this Historical Vignette will continue.





BVARC Historical Vignettes – Luchenbach and BVARC Revisited

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

Last month's Historical Vignette discussed the first BVARC picnic held in 1979 and how the club planned to operate on HF from the picnic to attempt to contact the W5TEX special event station operating from Luchenbach, Texas that weekend. Larry Levy, WD5DRB, was at the picnic and tells me that the club was not able to make contact with W5TEX.



Minutes of April 1st, 2009 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Rick Hiller called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:10 PM on April 1st, 2009 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Rick Hiller, W5RH (Pres.); Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (VP); (Past Pres.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); David Barber, K5NDB, (At-Large Dir.); Charles Frost, K5LBU (Past Pres); Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Bill Stone, WS5H; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Eddie Runner, NU5K.

- 1) Minutes for the February 2009 meeting were approved as they appear in the March 2009 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented by email and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Kendrick reported on the AV problems of the March General Membership Meeting (GMM).
 - b) Sauermilch reported that no progress has been made on the club asset list.
 - c) Hiller reported that the Greater Houston Hamfest (GHH) financial figures looked good as they improved from 2009. Additional discussion was deferred to a meeting when the other GHH principals would be present, as they were not at this meeting.
- 4) New business:
 - a) Kendrick reported that the Monday Net Control Operators had not been getting a list of GMM main topics and that he would provide such to them in the future.
 - b) Hiller reported that the BVARC members who are working on re-establishing Houston Amateur Radio Club as an independent entity are moving forward with that effort. No estimate is available for completion.
 - c) Stone reported that on April 10th, there is a workday at Sea Wolf Park. If BVARC members intended to operate Museum Ship Weekend (1st weekend in June) from one of those ships, then members needed to show up and do some work. He would make a similar announcement on the Monday Net. Stone also asked the club donate \$150 to the Cavala Historical Foundation. A motion was made and passed to make said donation. Stone asked the club to reimburse up to \$35 for supplies and expenses for the Saturday workday. A motion was made and passed to make said donation. Stone reported that we intended to send BVARC newsletters to both the Cavala Historical Foundation and to the curator of Sea Wolf Part to establish that BVARC is a legitimate organization.
- 5) Other Business:
 - a) Hiller reported that the Pearland tailgate is on April 10th.
 - b) Hiller reported that no Field Day organizational meeting is yet on the schedule.
 - c) Runner asked if the list of Traffic Nets that was recited during on of the Monday Nets was available for the web site. Sauermilch told him that C. Kimtantas created the list and was the one to contact.
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



Pearland Bi-monthly Tailgate Sale

The Pearland Amateur Radio Club will be holding another Tailgate Sale on Saturday, May 29 at 4717 Bailey Rd, Pearland, TX 77581. It is held in the parking lot of Old Dawson School located just west of Veterans Rd. on Bailey Rd. Google the address for directions. 7:00AM until about 9:30

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BVARC Museum Ships Challenge

A BVARC Club Contest

Submitted by: Rick Hiller, W5RH

If you are going down to the KK5W operation for the Museum Ships Weekend Event on Pelican Island, then good for you and “thanks” for supporting BVARC Events. But, if you are not going down (due to having to attend your cousins wedding or maybe even working), we have a way you can participate. It’s called the “BVARC Museum Ships Challenge”. It’s a contest, for BVARC members only.

The goal is to work as many official Museum Ships as you can, on as many bands as you can, in as many modes as you can.

Event: BVARC Museum Ships Challenge

Date: June 5 and 6.

Time: Local -- anytime during June 5 and 6

Frequency: Any frequency band the ships are operating (160 thru 440 MHZ, WARC, too)

Mode: Any mode that the ships are operating

Points: All QSO’s are 1-point*(Limit one per mode per band)

(a 40 meter SSB contact =1pt; a 40 meter CW contact = 1pt; a 40 meter PSK contact =1pt)

NOTE: KK5W (The Stewart, Cavalla and Seawolf Park stations score 2 points per QSO, per mode.

Multipliers: Number of different Museum Ships that you work.

Stewart and Cavalla and the Seawolf Park station are 3 individual multipliers, so be sure to note which one you are talking to.

Score: Total points = Total Q’s x Number of different ships worked.

Operate fixed, mobile, and/or portable – it does not matter.

*Rules: 1) Your contact must be with a recognized Museum Ship, as per the Museum Ships Web site www.nj2bb.org
2) You can operate KK5W and then go home and work ships and even KK5W from home in this contest – no problem.

Send in your questions or entry/summary sheet to Rick, W5RH, at rhiller@sdicgm.com
Top three places get a nice prize and a certificate at the July meeting.

Hamfest Season is Here!

Successful AMSAT Activities at the 2010 Greater Houston Hamfest

by Allen F. Mattis, N5AFV, n5afv@amsat.org

AMSAT was well represented again this year at the Greater Houston Hamfest (GHH) held March 6, 2010 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg, Texas, southwest of Houston. The GHH is billed as the fastest growing hamfest in Texas and this year the GHH again hosted the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) South Texas Section Convention. ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, and ARRL West Gulf Division director Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, were the featured speakers. The GHH had all of the usual hamfest activities including over 18,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space, tables for vendors and individuals, a free tailgate area with early buyer access before the main hall opened, Amateur Radio related presentations and exhibits, and VE testing sessions.



Figure 1: Entrance to the 2010 Greater Houston Hamfest.

The AMSAT booth was manned by Mike Scarcella, WA5TWT, and his team consisting of Andy MacAllister, W5ACM, Tom Matthews, K5SAF, Charlie Keng, K5ENG, Scott Kendall, WA5LHM, Tony Summerville, N5RPQ, Louis House, KD5GM, and Pete Abad, KD5ELH.

Allen Mattis, N5AFV, presented a talk entitled "More OSCAR Satellites Active



Figure 2: Mike, WA5TWT, and his team gathered around the AMSAT booth (photograph by W5ACM)

Today than Ever Before" that was attended by 45 people. At the conclusion of the talk, questions from the audience were answered and a satellite demonstration team consisting of Will Thomas, N5ESA, George Carr, WA5KBH, Jim Clary, ND9M, Andy MacAllister, W5ACM, Louis House, KD5GM, Walter Holmes, K5WH, and Allen Mattis, N5AFV, walked the attendees out into the parking lot for a Saudi-OSCAR-50 pass. Will and George made contacts using the special event call sign W5H issued for the hamfest while the other members of the team were scattered among the spectators providing everyone with an opportunity to hear the satellite. Arrows, Elks, Pryme AL-800s and other curious, homebrew, hand-held antennas were everywhere. Over 85 people attended the two satellite demonstrations and approximately 20 contacts were made.

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC), organizer of the hamfest, fully supported the AMSAT activities again this year by giving away a Kenwood TH-F6A HT, Arrow antenna and duplexer as the raffle second prize at the hamfest. Many favorable comments from attendees regarding the AMSAT activities were received by the hamfest organizers. 🌐



Figure 3: View of Greater Houston Hamfest main floor from AMSAT booth.



Figure 4: Walter, K5WH, and Louis, KD5GM, preparing for satellite demonstration (photograph by Travis Burgess).



Figure 5: Will, N5ESA, preparing for a satellite demonstration (photograph by WA5KBH).



Figure 6: Jim, ND9M, George, WA5KBH, Allen, N5AFV, and Andy, W5ACM, chatting after a successful satellite demonstration.





**RESULTS OF THE April 13th
BVARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION
By: John Moore, KK5NU**

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2009 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

- Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD
- Jeff Fussell, KD5VGE
- Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
- John Moore, KK5NU
- George Ontko, KM5VP

Ten examination elements were administered during the evening to ten applicants. Seven new Technician class license, and three upgrade to General class were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 10. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

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| Johnny E. Cain | - KF5FRO | - General |
| Lauren J. Gallegos | - KL1ZR | - General |
| Mark J. Haase | - {KF5GGY} | - Technician |
| Peter C. Haase | - {KF5GGZ} | - Technician |
| William P. Kelly | - KF5DEF | - General |
| Afam C. Obianagu | - {KF5GHA} | - Technician |
| Richard L. Packard | - {KF5GHB} | - Technician |
| Narciso J. Pavon | - {KF5GHC} | - Technician |
| Robert J. Powell | - {KF5GHD} | - Technician |
| Milton E. Richards | - {KF5GHE} | - 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 Science & Technology Building for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

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April check-ins

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03/31/10, K5LKJ (NCS), KB5YEG (Rayville, LA), K5IZO/5 (Jasper) (P), N5CPA, K5NDB, KD5YVQ (Kingwood), AA5OA, KE5JPS (Lumberton), WD6CQO, K0NM, WA5CYI, K5LJ, KC5JAR (Katy), W5RJA (Schulenburg), WS5H, W5DWI (Alpine), WB5PNL (Beach City), W5JUW (Alpine), W5TKZ, W5RH, WA5FMK, WB5EXI, AB8CC (Canal Fulon, OH), KC5ETX (Katy), AF5T, WB5VWB, K5LLF. (27 Check-Ins)

04/07/10, K5LKJ (NCS), N5CPA, W5TKZ, K5CEK (T), WS5H, K5NDB, WA5CYI, W5RJA (Schulenburg), K0NM, K5LJ, AA5OA, KC5JAR (Katy), KD5CDM (T), WB5EXI, WA5FMK, W5RH, NT5SM, WB5VWB. (18 Check-Ins)

04/14/10, K5LKJ (NCS), WS5H, K5IZO, N5CPA, K5LJ, W5RH, W5TKZ, WA5CYI, W5RJA (Schulenburg), WB5VWB, K5CEK, WB4KTF, WA5FMK, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5FZ, K5NDB, N5TGL, KF5BXG (Fort Worth), K0NM, AA5OA, KF5LUY (Morganton, NC). (21 Check-Ins)

04/21/10: N5CPA (NCS), K5CEK (T), KC5FSY (Eagle Lake), W5DWI (Alpine), W5JUW (Alpine) (R), K0NM, WS5H, AF5T, W5RJA (Schulenburg), W5TKZ, WB5PNL (Beach City), K5NDB, AA5OA, KC5JAR, NU5K, W5RH, KC5ETX (Katy), K5JWM, KK2Z (R), KE5NDN (T), KE5WQU (T). (21 Check-ins)

(M) = mobile (P) = Portable (R) = Relay (T) = telephone check-in

Thanks.

Regards._

John C. Whiteman



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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

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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 146.94 (PL 167.9) 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 THURSDAY/FRIDAY DINNER:

These dinners are CANCELLED.

Need a new manager for them.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Email to sfwilson@hal-pc.org

or

call Sam at 713-723-9952, or call a club officer.

OTHER HAM GROUPS:

WEDNESDAYS – WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

LUBY'S CAFETERIA, 10:30a.m. to 12:00Noon +, 9797 South Post Oak Road, just south of the I-610 Loop in Meyer Park Shopping Center.

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>

8 May 2010, Bastrop County Amateur Radio Club

Vernon Richards Riverbend Park, Smithville, TX

<http://www.bcarc-hams.org/>

Talk-In: 145.35 & 443.75 (both PL 114.8)

Ham-Com, 11-12 Jun 2010

West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com 2010), Inc.

Plano Convention Centre

[2000 East Spring Creek Parkway](http://www.hamcom.org/), Plano, TX

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

Talk-In: 147.180 MHz (PL 107.2)

10 Jul 2010+ Tidelands Amateur Radio Society

Doyle Convention Center

[2010 5th Avenue North](http://www.tidelands.org/), Texas City, TX

http://www.tidelands.org

Talk-In: 147.140+ (PL 167.9) & 442.025 (PL 103.5)





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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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