



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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June 10th General Membership Meeting

Museum Ships Operations, Field Day Plans, and Trivial Pursuit

At the June meeting, please join us to learn about some “hands on” opportunities for all BVARC radio operators – “Museum Ships” outlined by Bill WS5H and John K5IZO, and “BVARC Field Day Plans” – Jim N5DTT. And, to challenge your amateur radio knowledge, President Rick W5RH has a new “Trivial Pursuit”. For your viewing enjoyment, the BVARC members that attended Dayton 2010 will be showing slideshows of their experience.

Note: Meeting location for this one meeting only is changed to the **Eldridge Park Conference Center** located at 2511 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX. This is on the west side of Eldridge, north of West Airport.



May Meeting Report

Pete Sauermilch, KD5QPX, ran the May meeting as Rick and Kirk were out of town. The featured presentation was an excellent video entitled “**Everything You Wanted To Know About Antennas (but were afraid to ask)**”



MUSEUM SHIP WEEKEND EVENT

June 5th and 6th 2010

At the time of this report (5-31-10) there are 77 ships world wide signed up for the event and the list is growing each day. The Cavalla and Stewart are ready to utilize the ships radio rooms and longwire antennas. Preparations are set for a multi park radio station to handle the pile ups of contacts at Seawolf Park. Our mission at the park is to contact at least 15 museum ships (21 last year) and break our last record of 600 + contacts. 25 Hams have signed up on the list to help us handle the radio traffic. **TRY TO WORK KK5W !** Do not forget that we will work the satellites on Saturday and hope to work the USS Wisconsin. We will also have Two 30 minute VHF nets each day on Sat and Sun 146.940 so please monitor the WA5CYI repeater. If you check in to the net its good for the BVARC Ship contest and send QSL S.A.S.E. for a card from each ship.

Hope to see you in the log

73

Bill, WS5H



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:

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

4/26 - 29 - Pete, kd5qpx
5/3 - 31 - Cam, k5cam
5/10 - 41 - Bill & Norma
5/17 - 25 - Dwayne, kb5yta
5/24 - 32 - Pete, kd5qpx

President's Corner

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

Opportunities!

There is an ancient Chinese proverb, "May you live in exciting times". Put into a Ham Radio perspective and taking poetic license, I will change that to "May you make exciting, the times in which you live". As an Amateur Radio enthusiast, you have the opportunity to do just that – create your own exciting times. We can all do this through our active involvement within the hobby.

BVARC is trying to provide some of those exciting opportunities in June, such as the recent Museum Ships Weekend -- KK5W operation from the USS Cavalla and USS Stewart. We have our June 10th meeting at the (alternate) Eldridge Park location, featuring the 3rd annual Ham Radio Trivial Pursuit game. Also, coming up in a few weeks (June 26 & 27), is the ARRL Field Day.

On Field Day weekend, I urge you to come out to the Richmond Fire Training grounds at anytime to see what it is all about. Sign up on the BVARC web site to reserve an 'on the air' slot to make a few Q's. If you have reservations about getting on the air yourself, please, let one of the experienced op's know and you can sit down with them and "get experienced". Log for them, then make a few Q's yourself on phone or CW. There are a lot of beginners around the USA doing exactly this during Field Day. Our Get On The Air (GOTA) station is set up specifically to support the neophyte Ham and to promote Ham Radio to those that are unlicensed. Bill, WS5H, runs the 10 meter crew, and is open to you dropping in and making a few Q's to add to their 10 meter cache. You can observe as the satellite ops set up and get ready to make that all important Q on the FM birds. Allen, N5AFV, will be pleased to explain it all to you, pre and post the contact. Randy, AK5G, might even give you some pointers on cooking Bar-B-Que. You can also help logistically, with set up and tear down. During Field Day set-up, there is ample opportunity to see how a station is set up, how the equipment is interconnected, how the antennas are checked for proper operation (low SWR reading), etc. Yes, Field Day is an "on the air" activity, but it is also an opportunity for you to learn how radio all works, meet other BVARC members and eat some 'Texas Cookin'. Please, join us.

A few other non-BVARC, but still exciting, opportunities come in to play the next few weeks and months. Ham-Com, in Plano, the largest Hamfest in Texas, is as close as you can get to Dayton without going to Ohio. It takes place June 11th thru the 13th, weekend. The Texas City Hamfest www.tidelands.org/2010hamfestinfo.htm takes place on July 10th. Saturday, July 24th hosts another bi-monthly Pearland ARC tailgate sale. Austin Summerfest Hamfest is the first weekend of August. Info at <http://www.austinsummerfest.org/> ..

Further out, the Houston Balloon Launch Team is looking forward to a balloon launch from the Wharton Spaceport on August 21st. The BLT-26 team is busy at work preparing for the flight. A lot of interesting experiments will be on board and there is usually a cross band repeater flying, so you can participate from your home. If you are interested, chat with our VP, Kirk, KK2Z, or visit <http://www.w5acm.net/b26.html> ..

For another, slightly esoteric, Ham Radio function, the International EME (Earth Moon Earth) Conference is happening in Dallas on August 12, 13 and 14. This conference is probably as close to Houston as it is ever going to get. Info at <http://www.ntms.org/eme/>. EME enthusiasts from all over the world will be descending upon Texas to talk about some really interesting stuff.

One notable HF contest coming up is the 2010 IARU HF World Championship contest. July 10 and 11 (UTC) will have all antennas pointing toward Moscow, for the World Radiosport Team Championships. Both an SSB and CW contest, it is a lot of fun and your participation lends on-air support to the team competition. More at <http://www.wrtc2010.ru/>

I realize that some of these activities are a few months away. But, as you have to work and have vacations planned, these interesting Ham Radio activities must be arranged to fit into your very busy summer schedule. However, with a bit of forethought, you can certainly squeeze one or two of them in. So, I do hope you take advantage of at least some of the Ham Radio opportunities that are taking place in "your own back yard". All fun stuff, all Ham Radio and all making the time in which you live, more exciting.

Have a great summer and enjoy your hobby. See you on the radio. Rick – W5RH



The Passion of Amateur Radio

Quoted from QST–March, 1920, a comment from Dundas P. Tucker:

“The name ‘Amateur’ is no indication of, or reflection upon, the ability of a person in his chosen line of endeavor; it merely means one who is a non-professional. The fact that the average professional operator is as far above the average “Ham”, as the advanced amateur is above the average professional, does not alter the case. I, for one, am very proud of my status as an amateur; for it means that in the Radio Art, instead of being employed for money and under the authority of my employer, I am a free agent, pursuing the game for the love of it.”



ARRL Field Day 2010



June 26th and 27th

BVARC will be participating in the 2010 ARRL Field Day, the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. Each year over 35,000 amateurs gather with their clubs or friends to set up and operate.

BVARC's Field Day effort takes place at the Richmond Fire Training Ground in Richmond, Texas. Although our Field Day ops do not really get solidified until the day of the event, we do plan and outline the major logistical issues before hand. Maps and final details of the operation will be posted on the web site <http://www.bvarc.org>, but as of now, a month out, we will be operating SSB and CW in Class 3 or 4 A (3 or 4 transmitters on emergency power) with a GOTA (Get On The Air) station, along with some satellite and VHF/digital action taking place. In order to support this on-the-air activity, we will be having to set up antennas, set up the stations and logging computers, etc. This setup will take place on the Saturday morning before the event start time of 1PM local time. Set up start time will be posted on the web and passed on via the PS and Rag Chew nets and the BVARC Reflector.

Randy, AK5G, will be providing the cooking effort for dinner Saturday evening, which is always a great feed for the participating troops. Even if you are not operating, we encourage you, as club members, to come out and have dinner and see what BVARC is doing. You could even make a few Q's while you are there.

There will be ARRL Field Day pins for all those that participate and a club Field Day 2010 T-shirt will be offered for sale, post Field Day, to allow you to keep your 2010 Field Day participation close at hand. More details on this T-shirt in next months newsletter.

Please, plan to join our club Field Day effort on Saturday or Sunday, June 26 and 27 at the Richmond Fire Training Grounds.

Watch the BVARC Web page <http://www.bvarc.org> for more details as we get closer to Field Day. Drop a note to Jim N5DTT (n5dtt@arrl.net) or Kirk KK2Z (kk2z@arrl.net) if you have any questions, want to get signed up to participate or to RSVP for the dinner head count. See you there!

BVARC Historical Vignettes – Part 2: BVARC and its ARRL Affiliation

by Allen Mattis, N5AFV, Club Historian

Last month's Historical Vignette told how BVARC first became an ARRL affiliated club and later applied to be AARL Special Service Club, a higher level of club affiliation. The application process was burdensome and required significant paperwork. The application had been mailed to the ARRL but minutes of the June 1984 BVARC board meeting state "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."

Fortunately, BVARC president Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG, attended Ham Com in Dallas in June 1984 and was able to meet with ARRL West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, to discuss the club's Special Service Club application. Wangler said the best thing to do was to re-submit the application, and he would attempt to expedite processing of the application. Harold Parker summarized the events of BVARC's Special Services Club application in the next newsletter:

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Our application was mailed to our Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) on January 3, 1984 and it was received by him on January 4, 1984. The first of a four-step approval process was completed by him and he then mailed it on to our Section Manager in early January for approval.

As the weeks went by, we inquired repeatedly about the progress of our application. Each time we asked, we were assured that everything was proceeding normally and that we should hear something soon. We just recently discovered that our application was never received by our Section Manager from that January mailing.

Our ACC told me that he had a copy of our Application and that he would again send it to our Section Manager for his approval. At this writing, it has not been received, so we have decided that the most expeditious action would be to submit another application. It will be difficult to assemble another identical one and I will be asking many of you for help in putting together another package.

The four-step approval process starts with our ACC, then to the Section Manager, then to the Division Director and finally to the ARRL in Newington. We were told by our ACC that he had initially approved our application before it was lost.

I am really disappointed that B-VARC will not receive the recognition that is deserved by being among the first in the State to be designated as a SSC, because we all know that we are active and qualified. I appreciate the initial effort that was made by many of our membership and hope that I can again call on you to contribute suggestions and materials.

I will keep everyone informed of the progress and hope that I will be able to report some better news concerning our application for SSC in the July newsletter.

Harold, ND5F
SSC Coordinator

In the September 1984 club newsletter BVARC president Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG, stated "As promised and stated at the last meeting of your club, our Special Service Club application has been approved by the local ARRL field group and is now in Newington for final approval." The minutes of the October board of directors meeting indicate that "Harold [Parker] gave to the secretary the original Special Service Club application which had been returned from Newington." Formal notice of approval was received in November 1984 and the masthead of the November 1984 club newsletter (Volume 7, Number 11) contained the ARRL Special Services Club logo for the first time. The process had taken 22 months. Now you know the story behind BVARC's coveted status of ARRL Special Service Club.





Minutes of May, 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 7:05 PM on May 6th, 2009 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Rick Hiller, W5RH (Pres.); Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (V.P.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); David Barber, K5NDB, (At-Large Dir.); Charles Frost, K5LBU; (Past Pres.); Ross Lawler, W5HFF (At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K; Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Bill Stone, WS5H; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; John Chauvin, K5IZO; Dave Beers, AF5T; David Bogart, N5EMG; and Dwane Jones, KB5YTA.

- 1) Minutes for the April 2010 meeting were approved as they appear in the May 2010 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Asset List: Sauermilch reported no progress on club asset list.
 - b) 2010 Field Day: Kendrick asked the board about purchasing ARRL T-shirts for event participants. Discussion enlarged to include Field Day Pins. Board authorized the Field Day Coordination Committee to spend up to \$300 on all materials for the event at their discretion.
 - c) Museum Ship Work Party:
 - i) Stone delivered the donation to Cavala Historical Foundation.
 - ii) Much of the radio related repair work has been completed.
 - iii) The authorized \$35 funds for the work party has been spent.
 - d) Museum Ship Weekend (MSW):
 - i) Stone listed the challenges of working at Sea Wolf Part (SWP) for Museum Ship Weekend.
 - ii) Board approved to compensate Stone up to \$400 to cover expenses of having club members at the SWP on MSW. Specific expenses covered are: a motel room for the use of club members to shower and change clothes, ice, and consumable supplies as needed. Not authorized by the board was feeding club members at the event.
- 4) New business:
 - a) Web Site Calendar: Runner reported that the web site has a new calendar with greater detail of scheduled events.
 - b) Monday Net: Sauermilch asked the board if the Monday Net should have a policy of a rotating back up net control. No board action was taken.
- 5) Schedule:
 - a) May: Antenna Video
 - b) June: Museum Ship Weekend, Field Day, Trivial Pursuit
- 6) Other Business:
 - a) Beers proposed that BVARC honor the contributions of Cookie and Steve with an award for their work on the Museum Ship Weekend project.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 07:55 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



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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.



**RESULTS OF THE May 11th
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, May 11, 2010 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
George Ontko, KM5VP

Eight examination elements were administered during the evening to seven applicants. Three new Technician class license, one new General and two upgrades to General class, along with one upgrade to Amateur Extra were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 8. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

Richard Ervine	- {KF5GWW}	- Technician
Howard R. Hargrove	- KF5EYX	- General
Rene Hernandez	- {KF5GWX}	- Technician
Eric J. Lieb	- {KF5GWY}	- Technician
Richard L. Packard	- KF5GHB	- General
Suzanne P. Runner	- {KF5GWZ}	- General
William R. Whelless	- KF5GOF	- Amateur Extra

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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Tower Experts for Hire

Don, K4ZA and John, W2GD have been in the area recently working on N5CQ's and NR5M's antenna installations.
See there work at www.nr5m.com or under the www.e-ham.net reviews.

They have more work to do here in the near future, so if you have any tower work you need to have done, large or small,
contact Don, KZ4A
at Tower Works -- Charlotte NC -- (704) 408-7948 cell or e-mail k4za@juno.com

Dayton Ham-vention 2010

By Rick – W5RH

The 2010 Dayton Ham-vention, held annually in Dayton, Ohio, was attended by at least 5 members of BVARC. Seen there were Eddie -- NU5K, Allen -- N5XZ, Frosty -- K5LBU, Rick -- W5RH (see photograph).....and George -- ND5E. The Dayton Hamfest is held for 3 days every spring at the Hara Convention Center. 20,000 Hams, 500+ commercial vendors and a 10 acre flea market filled with all sorts of Ham and electronic goodies, is certainly the mix to provide a good time. Take our wonderful BVARC Greater Houston Hamfest and multiply it by 30 or 40 times and you have Dayton.

New rigs from Icom, Yeasu, Kenwood, Ten-Tec, Elecraft, and Flex-Radio were highlighted in their associated booths. New antennas, keys, microphones and a massive assortment of accessories and kits were also being displayed. It was 'be there or be square' for the vendors, the local 8-land clubs and the national associations, such as ARRL, AmSat, QCWA, 10-10 and FISTS, to mention a few.

I saw 2 really cool new products. The best one was "Ladder Snap" from 73CNC (see picture). It is a 4 inch long, .2 oz., injection molded, delrin spacer that, when used with #14 THHN solid wire, makes quick work of building your own 600 ohm ladder line. www.73cnc.com

The other product was an expansion on an existing antenna system. Mactenna has a antenna configuration system for instantly making a dipole longer or shorter. Instead of traps, they use relay modules to cut off the remaining wire out to the insulator (or the next relay module). A switch box is utilized in the shack to send the correct number of pulses to the relay modules on each side for the dipole. See QST - September ,2008 for a complete description. Their big announcement was a 3 element Yagi.

Configurable with their switch modules to instantly go from a 3 element 20 meter to a 3 element 17, 12 , 10, 6....whatever.

Any number of bands can be switched and configured; there is no limit, you just keep adding tubing or wire to the relay module chain. See it at www.mactenna.com

If you have never been to Dayton, you should go. There is something for everyone. Better stated, there are many things for everyone, no matter your interest. The 3-land group I go with consists of an EME'er, an HF Contester, a VHF/UHF Contester and a QRP'er. Dayton is 3 days of Ham Radio fun and frolic. New gear, old gear, hardware and software and lots of stuff to fill your Ham Radio "junque box". Dayton will not disappoint you. It is worth the trip. Just, plan ahead and make your arrangements EARLY. Dayton 2011 is May 20 thru 22. Come out and see the Dayton 2010 slide show at the June 10th meeting at the Eldridge Park Community Center.





THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

May check-ins

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

04/28/10, K5LKJ (NCS), KC5JAR (Katy), WN5A, W5TKZ, N5CPA, K5NDB, W5RJA (Schulenburg), K5LJ, AF5T, WS5H, WA9YNJ, N5TGL (Katy), W5RH, KF5ELN (Shreveport), KE5OVY. (15 Check-Ins)

05/05/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, KE5YLY (Beaumont), WS5H, AF5T, W5TKZ, N5CPA, KC5JAR (Katy), K5LJ, W5RJA (Schulenburg), W5TOM, KD7THJ, K5NDB, K0NM, W5DWI (Alpine), W5JUW (Alpine), WB5PNL (Beach City), W5RH, AA5OA, WA5FMK, WB5VWB. (23 Check-Ins)

05/12/10, K5LKJ (NCS), N5CPA, WA5CYI, W5TKZ, W5RJA (Schulenburg), K5CEK, WB5PNL (Beach City), WS5H, K5LJ, K5NDB, K5LBU, K5IZO, W5RH, AA5OA, KC5JAR (Katy), WN5A, KD5QPX, AF5T. (23 Check-Ins)

05/19/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, W5RJA (Schulenburg), AA5OA, KC5JAR (Katy), K5LJ, AF5T, W5TKZ, K5NDB, N5CPA, W5RH, K0NM, WN5A, WB5EXI, WS5H, WA5FMK. (16 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

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 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>

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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