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BVARC DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, December 9, 2010

Eldridge Park Community Center, 2511 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land

Homebrew & Favorite Equipment Night

The December meeting is your chance to bring out that favorite project that you designed, built, or just modified in 2010. A twist has been added this year – non-builders can bring their favorite piece of ham gear or accessory to demonstrate (or just talk about). Ham Radio equipment and accessories is the main focus, but you can bring any other electronic or mechanical gizmo you use in the shack to display. If you have any questions about the BVARC Homebrew night please contact our VP – Kirk – KK2Z at kk2z@arrl.net

NOTE: A very special BVARC Awards Banquet is planned for January 14th, 2011 at the Marriott Hotel in Sugar Land.

6:00pm – hor d'ourves and cash bar starts in the Sugar Land Ballroom Foyer. 6:45pm – Italian Extravaganza Dinner is served, buffet style

7:30pm – Our keynote speech by Dr. Siebert, after which we'll have our BVARC awards and a Year in Review slide show

Additional details and directions can be found in a separate announcement in this issue and on the BVARC website – www.bvarc.org



November Meeting Report

Ross Lawler, W5HFF, coordinated another great meal for BVARC at our annual Chili Supper. The meeting consisted of the annual elections and the Chili Supper.

Those elected for 2010 are:

VP – Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z

Treasurer – Arnold Knoche, K5ADA

Corresponding Secretary* – Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL

Director at Large (2 year) – Dwayne Jones, KB5YTA

Director at Large (1 year) – Bill Stone, WS5H

All other officers and directors remain the same.

* The BVARC Board of Directors decided to split the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary positions, and appointed Bob N5JSL to fill the position for 2011.

President's Corner

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

BVARC – Speaking about Reflections and Planning

At this time of year we all should take some time to reflect....and plan. I'll leave the reflection on the other parts of your life to you on your own, but I will comment about your Ham Radio hobby and club life. We all have a lot for which to be thankful. We have a great club and great folks within the club. We do a lot of operating events throughout the year for members to participate in and we provide great meeting presentation subjects to keep things technically interesting. We all work very hard at keeping BVARC vibrant. With your help, we can do better. So, start thinking about next year. What projects do you want to undertake, what BVARC operating activities do you want to assist with, how about buying a table at the Hamfest and selling some gear, learn about and get set up to operate a new mode or a new band, help a friend in need with his radio set-up. Teach someone about an area of ham radio that you know well and they don't. There are lots of things that you can do once you put your mind to thinking about your hobby, Ham Radio, in 2011

Speaking of thanks: many thanks to the folks that ran and were elected to the 5 board positions on the ballot in November. Kirk, KK2Z, will continue as our Vice President; Arnold, K5ADA, will continue as our Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary; Bill, WS5H, will sit in one Member at Large position, and Dwayne, KB5YTA, will sit in the other. Congratulations and thank you to these gentlemen for stepping up to the plate. We need more members to do this. Many members have, indeed, served on the board and as officers in the past. The newer members and the members who have not served their time (that sounds ominous) need to get with it and do the same. Serving on the board is fun and satisfying, as you are providing the background efforts that make the club run as it does. If you want more detail, as you might be feeling a bit of trepidation, just ask me and I'll tell you what happens and what you will be required to do. This gives you an 11 month head start on thinking about running in the November 2011 elections.

Speaking about 2011: the Annual BVARC Awards Banquet is going to be held on Friday, January 14th. The venue is the Sugar Land Marriott Hotel Ballroom. This will be a "real" banquet, with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour, then dinner followed by a key note speaker – Dr. Jim Siebert – KC5TIN—of Channel 26 Weather. The menu will be Italian food with more food choices than you can probably eat. All this, along with, of course, the camaraderie of your fellow BVARC'ers and their spouses, friends and family. Don't forget, you MUST purchase a ticket for yourself and your guest, as we need to know exactly how many folks will be in attendance. You only have until January 9th to place your on-line order on the web site. Find full details further on in this newsletter. Note that the ticket price for the members and their one guest has been raised to \$25 each, but keep in mind that the club is subsidizing more than this amount per person. Hey, we all work hard for the club, so all the members should be provided some nice things throughout the year, this subsidy being one. So, I do hope that you all will go on line and buy a couple of tickets and come out and enjoy our evening extravaganza to celebrate the collective efforts and successes of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Speaking of volunteering: the Greater Houston Hamfest is just 2.5 months away. Now this is another fun event for you to help with in 2011. Yes, it takes time and is, at times, hard work, but it is awfully satisfying when you sit there after the Hamfest with the rest of the hardworking crew and reflect on the good activity and stories of the day. Plan ahead to participate. It is a great way to kick off your year, as a BVARC member.

And speaking of BVARC members: the happiest of holidays, and the best in propagation to you all!

Enjoy your hobby. See you on the radio. Rick – W5RH (dit dit)



November 4th, 2010 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

BVARC Board members met at 7:00 to 7:30 PM on November 4th, 2010 at Fudrucker's; 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT, CONSEQUENTLY NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

Attending were: Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); David Barber, K5NDB, (At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K; Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Bill Stone, WS5H; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; David Bogart, N5EMG; David Elsner, KD7THJ; Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



**Announcing:
The Annual BVARC Awards Banquet
January 14th, 2011**

Marriott Hotel in Sugar Land

**Keynote Speaker
Dr. Jim Siebert – KC5TIN
Chief Meteorologist for KRIV Fox26 TV News**

You are cordially invited to attend.
The reception starts in the Sugar Land Ballroom Foyer at 6PM with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

The Italian Extravaganza Dinner is served, buffet style, at 6:45.
Dr. Siebert speaks at 7:30, after which we'll have our BVARC awards and a Year in Review slide show

Tickets are \$25 for full members and \$25 for the first guest

Tickets for non-members and extra guests are \$50.

Only full members are allowed a guest. Family members, under a full membership, count as guests.

*Note: \$50 is the price the club will pay the Marriott for each ticket sold.
The BVARC Board voted to subsidize the difference of \$25 per member ticket.*

Go to -- <http://bvarc.org/index.php?page=banquet>

to purchase tickets, see the menu and read the bio of Dr. Siebert – KC5TIN

Tickets must be purchased by January 9th. None will be sold after that date.

Questions or comments to Rick – W5RH – BVARC President 2010/2011

rhiller@sdicgm.com



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:

8/16 - 27 - Sid, n5zkd
8/23 - 42 - Pete, kd5qpx
8/30 - 36 - Cam, k5cam
9/6 - 32 - Cam, k5cam
9/13 - 36 - Dwayne, kb5yta

9/20 - 36 - Dwayne, kb5yta
9/27 - 41 - Pete, kd5qpx
10/4 - 32 - Cam, k5cam
10/11 - 32 - Clint, kf5hdf
10/18 - 21 - Dwayne, kb5yta

10/25 - 36 - Pete, kd5qpx
11/1 - 33 - Cam, k5cam
11/8 - 32 - Clint, kf5hdf
11/15 - 20 - Dwayne, kb5yta
11/22 - 36 - Pete, kd5qpx





THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

November check-ins

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

11/24/10, K5LKJ (NCS), AF5T, K5NDB, WS5H, K5LJ, WA5CYI, N5CPA, AA5OA, K5IZO, W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5HFF (M), KD5QPX. (13 Check-Ins)

11/17/10, W5RH (NCS), WA5CYI, WB4KTF, N5CPA, K5LJ, W5HFF (M), W5TOM, K0NM, AA5OA, WS5H, AF5T, K5NDB, KC5JAR (Katy), K5LKJ (T), N5TGL (Fulshear), K5YZS (Spring), WB5PNL (Beach City), KD5QPX. (18 Check-Ins)

11/10/10, K5LKJ (NCS), WS5H, KA5MEI (Hockley), W5TKZ, AF5T, W5TOM, K0NM, W5HFF (M), K5NDB, AA5OA, KG5KV, K5LJ, N5CPA, KE5HSW (Lake Charles, LA), WA5FMK, WB5PNL (Beach City), KD5QPX, WA5CYI. (18 Check-Ins)

11/03/10, N5CPA (NCS), K5IZO/5 (Jasper), KE5AAE (West Monroe, LA), AF5T, WB5TMX (DeRidder, LA), W5TKZ, K5NDB, W5FLC (Angleton), WB5PNL (Beach City), AA5OA, K5LJ, WA5OEN (Pasadena), W5HFF (M), KB5VTB, W5TMP (Leesville, LA) (15 Check-Ins)

10/27/10, W5RH (NCS), AF5T, WS5H, K5NDB, W5TKZ, N5CPA, K0NM, K5LJ, AA5OA, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5HFF (M) (11 Check-Ins)

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

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Thanks. Regards., John C. Whiteman



AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Rick Hiller – W5RH

You are invited to send in your nominations for one, two or three of the BVARC Annual Awards

The Order of the Key – The Dr. Bill Award -- The Loop and Zepp Award

- --Any BVARC member, in good standing, may make nomination(s).
- --The nominations must be made in writing, and should include a description of the nominee's contributions to the club.
- Anyone in the club may be nominated and they don't even have to be aware of your nomination.
- Nominations must be submitted to any BVARC officer or Board member not later than the December regular membership meeting. See web site for their e-mail addresses.
- The awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet on January 14th.

The awards are as follows:

- **THE ORDER OF THE KEY** – This is the highest honor that can be conferred by BVARC. With this award, we recognize the BVARC member who has made outstanding contributions to the progress of the club. These contributions might take the form of a long-term, consistent commitment to service, or might represent an extremely high level of service for a shorter time. In any case, the award represents exceptional service and commitment to the goals of BVARC.
- **THE DR. BILL AWARD** - In 1988, BVARC initiated the presentation of the Dr. Bill Award, which was originated by Keith and Eva Hugel (KA5F and KA5CYZ) in honor of Dr. Bill Ossenfort, NG5C, now a Silent Key, who had been very active in the Volunteer Examiner Program in the Houston area. This award may be presented each year to the BVARC member recognized as the outstanding participant in the BVARC Volunteer Examiner Program.
- **THE LOOP AND ZEPP AWARD** - In 1989, the Loop and Zepp Award was originated to recognize BVARC members for their efforts to promote operation on the high frequency (HF) bands. These efforts may take the form of dedicated participation in any form of HF activities, the promotion of HF activities or the assistance in furthering HF activities.





RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 9 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, November 9, 2010 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

Five examination elements were administered during the evening to five applicants. Three new Technician class license, one upgrade to General class, and one upgrade to Amateur Extra were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 5. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

Jeffrey A. Bowker	- KF5HEB	- General
Marc E. Hopkins	- KF5IQA	- Amateur Extra
J. Michael Potter	- {KF5IYZ}	- Technician
Wanda S. Reves	- {KF5IYX}	- Technician
Mark Rice	- {KF5IYY}	- 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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HAM RADIO IS BACK IN HOUSTON AGAIN!



Morse Code Classes

These classes ended with 9 participants. A live demo of actual CW QSOs was scheduled for the last class but technical problems prevented from pulling this off. So a live station will be set up at the December meeting about 1 hour before the meeting start time (say around 6:30). So if you want to see some slow CW contacts being made and possibly participate yourself, be there at that time.

Ross and John hope the “students” that participated in the classes follow-up with CW and add it to their regular repertoire of modes that they use on the air.



Meeting Notebook – Upcoming BVARC Meetings

December 2010 – Homebrew Night and “Bring your favorite piece of Ham gear”

January 2011 – BVARC annual banquet and awards

February 2011 -- ARISSAT-1 – An Amateur Radio “Suit” Satelite

Minutes, November 11th, 2010 General Membership Meeting Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
Editor's Note: This is not normally included in the newsletter, but since it was a special meeting, including elections, it is included this time.

- 1) Call to Order: Kirk Kendrick, Vice President, called the monthly General Membership Meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:30 PM on November 11th, 2010 at the Sugar Land Community Center; Sugar Land, TX.
- 2) Agenda: Kendrick announced the agenda to be:
 - a) Chili supper.
 - b) Election of officers to replace those with expiring terms.
 - c) Announcements.
- 3) Chili Supper: Approximately fourteen pots of home-made chili were served.
- 4) Elections: [Recording Secretary's Note: By-Law *Article II Section B* sets the date for change-of-officers to be the January General Membership meeting. In accordance with *Article II Section B*, the positions of President (Rick Hiller), Recording Secretary (Pete Sauermilch), and one of the two 2-year Directors (Ross Lawler Jr.) continue in force as these two-year positions expire at the General Membership Meeting on January 2012. As required by *Article IV Section A*, the Past President position will be converted to a 1-yr Director position in January 2011.]
 - a) Rick Hiller announced the start of the election.
 - b) John Moore conducted the election. He requested a show of hands of members to determine if a quorum was present. A quorum was deemed present.
 - c) Moore announced that no nominations were presented from the nominating committee. All nominations for expiring positions were to be voiced from the meeting floor.
 - d) Moore announced that Bob Tomlinson and Bill Stone had volunteered through email to stand as a candidates. Tomlinson expressed preference for the 2 year Director position though was willing to be a candidate for any position. Stone was willing to stand as a candidate for the 1 year Director position.
 - e) Vice President: Kirk Kendrick was nominated from the floor, seconded, and elected by acclamation without opposition.
 - f) Corresponding Secretary / Treasurer: Arnold Knoche was nominated from the floor, seconded, and elected by acclamation without opposition.
 - g) 2-yr. Director: Dwayne Jones was nominated, seconded, and elected by acclamation without opposition.
 - h) 1-yr. Director: Bill Stone was nominated, seconded from the floor, and elected by acclamation without opposition.
- 5) Announcements:
 - a) Bill Stone promoted the SHOT net and 10 meter operation in general. He displayed memorabilia from the SHOT net's history.
 - b) Dwayne Jones asked for a show of hands of veterans from any service branch. He thanks them for their service.
 - c) Sam Wilson announced coming month's ham dining opportunities.
 - d) John Whiteman promoted the Wednesday BVARC 3910 Rag Chew net.
 - e) Jim Burrows announced BVARC Field Day results. BVARC placed #1 in South Texas Section 4A stations. (Recording Secretary's Note: KK5W also placed #8 among all 58 South Texas Section stations of all classes behind NARS and Texas DX Society.)
 - f) Dwayne Jones announced the ONURLEFT Duathlon event this coming Sunday, 11/14/2010, in George Bush Park.
 - g) Rick Hiller promoted the Under 15 CW net on Wednesday evenings.
 - h) Rick Hiller announced that the 2011 January Banquet would be at the Marriott Hotel in Sugar Land TX on Friday, January 14th, 2011.
 - i) Dwayne Jones promoted the BVARC Monday night Public Service Net on the 146.94 repeater.
 - j) Robert Polinski announced the coming-soon-to-the-Houston-Area 10 meter repeater. Input will be on 29.54MHz, output will be on 29.64MHz. Currently input and output are not linked. The 29.54 input is now cross-banded to the 444.725MHz repeater. The 444.725 input is not cross-banded to 29MHz.
- 6) Standing roll call was conducted.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Submitted by Recording Secretary:
Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX

BVARC Historical Vignettes – The BVARC Newsletter in the Early Years of the Club

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

The BVARC newsletter is very important to our club. Club members who do not regularly attend the monthly general membership meeting rely on the newsletter to keep them informed of club activities. The club newsletter and the club's weekly nets both serve a very important function in terms of communication. Since John Chauvin, K5IZO, became editor of the club newsletter in November 2004, the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club has had a newsletter each month. When John is out of town he makes arrangements for someone else to put together the newsletter in his absence. I believe this is one of reasons why BVARC is such a healthy and active amateur radio club today. In the early years of the club things were very different. The club newsletter was published sporadically and it wasn't until a regular monthly newsletter was established by Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, in August 1980 that the club began to grow significantly in size and prosper.

BVARC was established in September 1977 at a meeting held at the Westbury Methodist Church in southwest Houston. The first club newsletter was published six months later in March 1978. The newsletter consisted of three pages. Page one was a letter to the club members from the club president, Jerry Albright, WD5HQU. Page two was a letter from Tom Casey, WA5ACF, ARRL Emergency Coordinator for Fort Bend County asking amateur radio operators interested in emergency communications to contact him. Page three was a roster showing that the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club had 25 members.

The next club newsletter appears to have been published ten months later in January/February 1979 and was edited by Tom Casey, WA5ACF. In his column in the newsletter Tom stated "Last year we were like a small child learning to crawl and even taking a few steps but, now we are beginning to run." It was a six page newsletter and included a column by Larry Levy, WD5DRB, entitled "The Roving Reporter." It appeared the club was ready to try publishing a regular newsletter again but only every other month.

The next newsletter we have in the club archives was published three months later in May 1979 and was edited by Larry Levy, WD5DRB. It appears that Tom Casey was unable to continue as newsletter editor and Larry Levy came to the rescue. The archives indicate that the newsletter was published under Larry's leadership every month through September 1979.

The next newsletter in the club archives was published five months later in February 1980 and was edited by Alan Shapiro, N5BSW. The newsletter was six pages long and contained a roster showing that the club now had 29 members. The newsletter also contained an announcement that negotiations were underway to put a repeater on top of Southwest Memorial Hospital. Even though Tom Casey has stated the year before that BVARC was "beginning to run" the club had apparently not yet got to that point.

In August 1980 Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, stepped forward to be editor of the club newsletter. Stu remained editor through December 1985 and every month the club had a newsletter. By the time Stu "retired" as newsletter editor the club had grown from 29 members to 120 members - a 400% increase! I believe that having a good newsletter every month played an important role in that large increase in membership.



BVARC "Under 15" CW Net Tuesday 7PM

Join us for a fun filled 30 to 45 minutes of working the CW mode. The net is transmitted at 11/15 WPM Farnsworth spacing, so it is easy to copy. The net structure is just like the Rag Chew Net on Wednesday nights: pre-amble, call for check-ins "QNI?" and then each station is called, "QTT", to invite them to transmit a short greeting or message. Net Control Station (NCS) is Rick, W5RH. Frequency is on 28.043 MHz. Listen to a sample pre-amble (mp3) on the CW Net web page at <http://bvarc.org/index.php?page=cwnet> Join in or just have a listen, but do get on the air and have some fun with CW.



2010 Club Officers:

President:

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Arnold Knoche, K5ADA
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Recording Secretary:

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Ross Lawler, W5HFF
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At Large Board Member

(Past President):

Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU
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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
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Eating Schedule

Saturday morning breakfasts
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.

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>

01/22/2011 | San Antonio Amateur Radio Fiesta

Location: Schertz, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club

Website: <http://w5sc.org>

3/5/2011 Greater Houston Hamfest.

ARRL South Texas Convention

Remember the BVARC Greater Houston Hamfest, March 5, 2011. If you
haven't volunteered, contact Rick Hiller, W5RH, at rhiller@sdicgm.com or
John Chauvin, K5IZO at k5izo@yahoo.com

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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 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 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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