



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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BVARC JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:00 PM, Friday, January 14, 2011
Arabia Shrine Center, 10510 Harwin Drive

BVARC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The January "meeting" is the BVARC Annual Awards Banquet on Friday January 20th, 2012 from 6PM until 9:30PM at the Arabia Shrine Center (10510 Harwin Drive).

- 6:00pm – The cocktail and social hour includes entertainment by Rick Hebert, a sleight of hand, strolling magician as you visit with your BVARC friends
- 7:00pm – Followed by a Buffet dinner (see the website for menu choices)
- 8:00pm – Enjoy coffee and deserts during the presentation of BVARC awards and a Year in Review slide show followed by our keynote speech "Half a Century of Radio from Crystal Sets to Moon Bounce" by Andy MacAllister, W5ACM.

NOTE: The event is BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle). Set-ups will be provided.

To purchase tickets, for additional details, and for directions, go to the BVARC website – www.bvarc.org

NOTE: Join us in February for our "New Ham Night". The presentation will be "Getting Started in Ham Radio" – You passed your license exam and you have a call sign – now what?"



December Meeting Report

The club was treated to a variety of equipment that members have built, modified, and "applied"—ranging from a few hours to a few years effort. The new meeting room worked well for the presentations with tables around the walls to display the accomplishments. Several members also discussed their "favorite piece of gear" ranging from antenna tuners to antenna books.



The Presidents Corner

by Rick Hiller – W5RH

Thank you!

Happy New Year!!! Thank you for making 2010 and 2011 BVARC years spectacular. Thank you for your support of the club and it's many, ever expanding activities. Thank you for checking into the Public Service VHF Net, the Tuesday evening 80 Meter CW Net and the Wednesday evening 75 Meter Rag Chew (Phone) Net. Thank you for attending club meetings, and bringing chili or the accessories. Thank you for eating all of the Ice Cream at our social. Thank you for coming to the BVARC breakfasts each Saturday. Thank you for being one of the 700K plus Hams in the United States. It has been a real pleasure to serve as your club President for the past 2 years. Kirk, KK2Z, will step up in February as the leader of the pack. GL OM Kirk.

So where do we go from here, you ask? With the hobby and the club rev'd up again, with membership at just about 200, we can do almost anything. I have a few suggestions (my opinions -- influenced by my activities of interest, of course). I'd like to see our nets keep going great guns, as they are now. But, I'd like to see us promote the other nets in the Houston/Harris/Ft. Bend County area. I'd like to see us continue our "on the air" operations of Field Day and Museum Ships weekend along with the Greater Houston Hamfest and other special events that support similar scientific hobbies like Astronomy Day. It would be great to promote to the club membership other local events such as the HQRP field events done by the HQRP Group or the Battleship Texas operating events done by BTARS (Battleship Texas Amateur Radio Society), as an example of two.

Now, you ask, why promote other clubs stuff? Well, it's all Ham Radio. It's all fun, and these other clubs and groups will welcome you as a participant. You will get to operate different situations like the Pearl Harbor Day special event or QRP sprints, like FYBO (Freeze Your Buns Off). You'll get exposure to other parts of the hobby and you'll meet interesting Hams in the Houston area and, maybe, have some more radio fun in a different way.

I wrote in "The PC" last year that you are not bound exclusively to BVARC. Yes, we welcome you and enjoy your being a member with us, but BVARC cannot be all things to all Hams. Other groups cannot either. SIGs (Special Interest Groups) exist for a reason, "Special" reason....to group similar minded Hams into a small covey that appreciate and delve into a certain aspect of the Hobby -- QRP, Special Events, Balloon flights, etc. to name a few. Not all hams are geared to go to these events, just like not all Hams would like BVARC. I do wish for every Ham to belong to a club, to do some Ham Radio activity and to enjoy the heck out of what they are doing. You can hang your hat anywhere, but I do hope that you hang it, at least once a week or once a month, at the BVARC hat rack.

Make this hobby like a shark feeding frenzy. One shark bites and the others smell the kill and join in. Make yourself "BE" that one ham who does something new or different. Tell folks about it on the repeater or at the club meeting in a presentation. Make other Ham's excited about the prospects of doing these new things; and before long you will have a "group" of like minded Hams (a SIG). Market it on the local nets. Pull help from BVARC, from NARS, from TDXS, from KARS, from CLARC, from SETAC, etc. Pretty soon you are well known by many folks and your activity becomes self promoting by way of that Ham Radio grapevine. Hey, isn't that how Ham Radio used to be pre-Internet? Wow, what's old is renewed again....just like this brand New Year of 2012. Make the most of it.

See you on the radio. Enjoy your hobby -- no matter how that might be.
With sincere THANKS. 73 Rick -- W5RH dit dit

ps -- Oh, BTW -- Thank you for wishing me a happy 59th birthday at the club meeting on December 8th.
Ham made music never sounded so sweet!





BVARC 2011 Annual Awards Banquet

6:00 PM until 9:30 PM -- Friday January 20th, 2012

**Arabia Shrine Center
10510 Harwin Drive
Houston, TX 77036**

Please join your friends at BVARC for the Annual Awards Banquet.

Arabia Shrine Center is a fantastic venue with plenty of room for all of our members.

(Note that the event is BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle). Set-ups will be provided.)

The evening starts at 6:00 PM with a cocktail/social hour, while we wait for all of our attending members to arrive. Rick Hebert, a sleight of hand, strolling magician will entertain you as you visit with your BVARC friends. At 6:45 PM, we will sit down and have a 15 minute magic show with Rick closing out his banquet attendance. At 7:00 we will start going through the buffet line. At about 8 PM, we will start the festivities as we all enjoy our desert and coffee. Of course, we will do the usual Annual Awards presentations, our President's "State of BVARC" slide show review, followed by our Guest Speaker for the evening -- BVARC member Andy MacAllister, W5ACM, talking about:

"Half a Century of Radio - From Crystal Sets to Moon Bounce"

Join us for an evening of Ham Radio camaraderie and fun.

Menu

Cocktail hour – BYOB – Set-ups provided (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite with ice)

Appetizers: Fig and Brie on toast & Armadillo eggs

Meal: Dinner Salad with Italian or Ranch dressing

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Beef Wellington (choice of one)

Parsley Buttered Red potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Apricot Glazed Carrots

Ice Tea and Water

Dessert: Cream Puffs with Coffee

Purchase tickets at www.bvarc.org

\$20 per member, \$20 for the first guest, \$40 for non-members or 3rd guest



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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:

9/19 - 32 - Bill, ws5h
9/26 - 40 - Pete, kd5qpx
10/3 - 28 - Cam, k5cam
10/10 - 28 - Clint, kd5hdf
10/17 - 33 - Dwayne, kb5yta

10/24 - 39 - Pete, kd5qpx
10/31 - 22 - Sid, n5zkd
11/7 - 28 - Cam, k5cam
11/14 - 28 - Clint, kd5hdf
11/21 - 29 - Dwayne, kb5yta

11/28 - 28 - Pete, kd5qpx
12/5 - 25 - Cam, k5cam
12/12 - 25 - Sid, n5zkd
12/19 - 30 - Dwayne, kb5yta
12/12 - 25 - Sid, n5zkd



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HAM RADIO IS BACK IN HOUSTON AGAIN!



BVARC "Under 15" CW Net Tuesday 7PM 3.550 MHz

Join us for a fun filled 30 to 45 minutes of working the CW mode. We welcome new folks with open ears, so join us. 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. NCS sends the Pre-amble, then calls for check-ins "QNI?".... and then, after checkins, each station is called "QTT" to invite them to transmit a short greeting or message.

Net Control Station (NCS) is Rick, W5RH, but some nights WS5H, Bill, or others take over, so listen carefully right at 7 PM. Frequency is on 3550 KHz (+/- 3 KHz pending QRM).

Listen to a sample pre-amble (mp3) on the CW Net web page at <http://bvarc.org/index.php?page=cwnet>
Just have a listen or join in, but do get on the air and have some fun with some slow speed CW.



A NEW CHAPTER FOR HOUSTON AMATEUR RADIO SUPPLY

Submitted by: Mike Hardwick, N5VCX

If you have been too busy lately working CW, you may have not heard that Houston Amateur Radio Supply (HARS) has changed hands. HARS started in 1994 by George Diletto, KD0RW, selling ICOM, Yaesu, ADI and Alinco amateur radio equipment. So, after 17 years, HARS now has a new owner, David McCombs, K5FNG.

David comes from the world, as a general contractor, who has worked for those little companies in Houston such as BP, ConocoPhillips, and Shell. David has already started to put some of his touches on the store, including bringing in Kenwood equipment for sale.

David is continuing the annual Icom Day that George started, but this time it is going to serve as a grand opening for HARS under David's ownership. The information for the event is:

**GRAND OPENING EVENT
HOUSTON AMATEUR RADIO SUPPLY, Inc.
Exit 68, I-45 North, 167 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM JANUARY 21, 2012
D-STAR PRESENTATION, DOOR PRIZES
FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE**

David is very excited about buying HARS. In talking to David, he said he is ready to do what he can to help the amateur radio community in the greater Houston area. He is working hard on putting his personal touch on the business, as well as getting prepared for the Grand Opening Event.

So, if you can put your headphones down for a little while, go visit Houston Amateur Radio Supply and meet David (tell him that he should give N5VCX the ICOM 7200).



Results of the December 13th BVARC Amateur License Examination Session by: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at HCC's Scarella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

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

One examination elements was administered during the evening to one applicant. One new Technician license was attained; with the total number of elements passed being 1. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

Forrest L. Carpenter - - Technician

Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month. All of us at BVARC again thank everyone at HCC Scarella Science & Technology Building for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month. 73

AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

It has been a while since I have published a public service event calendar but the New Year is putting me in a can do mood. So here are some of the upcoming public service events that need help from amateur radio operators to provide communications for the event.

By volunteering to help for public service events amateur radio operators provide a service to the community as well as preparing themselves for emergency situations (the basis for amateur radio as per FCC CFR 47, Subpart A, Part 97.1). Event organizers have found out that cellular telephones are not very reliable especially for participant support and safety. From the small events needing only 3 or 4 operators to the Marathon or the MS150 (needing over 125 operators each), amateur radio operators can prepare for emergencies situations where we can provide a valuable service to the community. So set some time aside and come out and help for a great cause for a great hobby.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the upcoming events, please send me an e-mail at n5vcx@att.net or call me at 713-826-6917 and let me know.

Date	Day	Time	Event Name	Location	Coordinator/Registration
January 14 th , 2012	Saturday	7:00 am	Olympic Trials	Houston	Carl Hacker
January 15 th , 2012	Sunday	7:00 am	Marathon	Houston	Carl Hacker
January 22 nd , 2012	Sunday	8:00 am	Frost Bike 50	Cypress	Mike Hardwick
February 4 th , 2012	Saturday	7:00 am	Puddle for the Ducks	Katy	Mike Hardwick
February 11 th , 2012	Saturday	8:00 am	Pedaling the Prairie	Waller	
April 21 st /22 nd , 2012	Sat/Sun	7:00 am	BP MS150 Bike Tour	http://bpms150.n0xfd.com/	

I also send out an e-mail notification every few weeks. It is labeled Amateur Radio Info-mail and it is sent out to people that have volunteered in the past. If you would like to be put on the list please send me an e-mail and let me know.

So give me a call and volunteer for an event or two. Putting your radio and license to a great use for both the community and the hobby!

Mike Hardwick
N5VCX
713-826-6917



BVARC Volunteer Examination Team - 2011 Summary

During the calendar year 2011 the Brazos Valley (BVARC) Volunteer Examination Team held eleven (11) "Second Tuesday" monthly sessions and was joined by the Houston ECHO/K3FL Volunteer Examination Team at the March Greater Houston Hamfest license examination session for the purpose of obtaining and/or upgrading an Amateur Radio Operators license.

In these monthly sessions a total of 54 applicants were given the opportunity to take a total of 63 examination elements, successfully passing 44 of them.

As a result of the teams efforts, there were 24 new Technician Class licenses attained, 4 new and 10 upgrades to General Class, and 8 upgrades to Amateur Extra Class for an overall total of 46.

John Moore, KK5NU
VE Liaison for the
BVARC VE Examination Team



THE BVARC Rag Chew Net
December check-ins

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

11/30/11, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, K5LBU, AA5OA, K0NM, K5NDB, KC5JAR (M) Katy, K5LJ, K5IZO, WS5H, N5CPA, W5HFF (M) (Houston, WA5CYI, W5TOM, W5RH, N5DTT, WB5PNL (Beach City), KK2Z, K5CEK, KE5OBY.

(20 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 141, SN = 106, A = 11, K = 3

12/07/11, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, K5NDB, WS5H, AA5OA, K5LBU, K5LJ, N5CPA, W5TOM, K0NM, KC5JAR (M)(Houston), KE5OBY, N5DTT, WB5PNL (Beach City), WD0EMN, KK2Z, W5RJA (T) (Round Rock), WA5CYI, AF5T, KB4KTF, K5DLL (Deer Park). (21 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 151, SN = 143, A = 1, K = 1

12/14/11, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, W5TKZ, K0NM, K5IZO (P)(Jasper), AF5T, K5NDB, K5LJ, N5CPA, NC5IR (Friendswood), KE5OBY (T), K5CAM, W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City), N5DTT, WS5H, KC5JAR (Katy), AA5OA, W5RJA (T) (Round Rock), KB5VWZ (Sargent), N5TGL, WA5RAC (Addicks Barker).

(21 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 132, SN = 77, A = 1, K = 0

12/21/11, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, W5TKZ, N5CPA, WS5H, K5NDB, K5LBU, WA5CYI, K5LJ, KC5JAR (M)(Katy), K5DLL (Deer Park), KK2Z, N5GDW, W5TOM, WB5PNL (Beach City), KB5KIC/5 (Shelby County), K0NM, KE5OBY (R)(T), WA9YNJ. (19 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 145, SN = 139, A = 3, K = 1

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

Thanks.

Regards.

K5LKJ

John C. Whiteman



BVARC Historical Vignettes – BVARC's 10-10 Number

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

A previous Historical Vignette discussed the close relationship that has existed for many years between BVARC and the Houston SHOT Chapter of Ten Ten International. Many BVARC members enjoy participating in the 10-10 QSO parties, and Bill Stone, WS5H, often checks BVARC club station KK5W into the Houston SHOT Net.

It was through the efforts of Claude Sessions, K5HFY, that the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club acquired its 10-10 number in December 1995. Claude was authorized to operate the club station on the 10 meter band to acquire the necessary 10 contacts with stations having a 10-10 number and to make application with Ten Ten International for a 10-10 number for BVARC.

Claude began this task on Wednesday September 6, 1995 when he worked BVARC member Donn Washburn, N5XWB. Due to illness, it was two months later until Claude could continue working on acquiring a 10-10 number for KC5OIG. On Tuesday November 7, 1995 he checked KC5OIG into the Houston SHOT Net and worked 7 more members of Ten Ten International. Two weeks later on Tuesday November 28, 1995 Claude again checked the BVARC club station into the Houston SHOT Net and acquired the two additional 10-10 contacts he needed. Of the ten stations Claude worked to qualify KC5OIG for a 10-10 number, nine have been or are BVARC members.

On April 8, 2005 club call sign KC5OIG was replaced by KK5W when BVARC past President Betty Wilcox Zermeno, KA0TEN, graciously allowed the Brazos Valley Amateur Club to acquire the call sign of her late husband, Al Zermeno, KK5W. BVARC encountered a problem with Ten Ten International because KK5W was already assigned a 10-10 number issued to the M. D. Anderson Amateur Radio Club. Because I was an award manager for Ten Ten International at the time and knew the Ten Ten International officers, BVARC license trustee Randy Pollard, AK5G, asked me if I could help sort this problem out.

I contacted Gerry Gross, WA6POZ, the Ten Ten International Data Manager, and the 10-10 number for KC5OIG was transferred to KK5W. My work with Gerry Gross on this problem resulted in Ten Ten International developing a procedure for handling such a problem. The issuing of vanity call signs was beginning to create similar problems for other call signs and Ten Ten International was now prepared to handle the situation.

A copy of the application for a 10-10 number for KC5OIG that was prepared by Claude Sessions, K5HFY, was included in a packet of papers he gave me before he passed away.

K 5 H F Y

Claude E. Sessions Jr.
13410 Linden Street
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

K C 5 O I G
BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
P. O. BOX 1630
MISSOURI CITY, TX. 77459-1630

GRACE DUNLAP, K5MRU #218
BOX 445
LA PERIA, TX. 78559

DECEMBER 12, 1995

DEAR GRACE,

PLEASE FIND INCLOSED OUR CHECK FOR \$10.00 TO COVER OUR
DUES TO 10-10 INTERNATIONAL NET, INC. FOR the BRAZOS VALLEY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, KC5OIG.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF 10-10 MEMBERS WE HAVE WORKED:

1.	MIKE	KC5CP	TEXAS	24949
2.	GEORGE	N5MCK	TEXAS	58488
3.	DAVE	KK5QR	TEXAS	67596
4.	DAVE	N5SRC	TEXAS	65057
5.	BUD	N5UOG	TEXAS	65055
6.	A. J.	KC5NMR	TEXAS	67056
7.	LANNY	KB5VTB	TEXAS	64342
8.	DONN	N5XWB	TEXAS	66289
9.	ALLEN	N5AFV	TEXAS	27571
10.	ROBERT	KK5UO	TEXAS	67099

NUMBER 8 WAS WORKED ON SEPT. 6, 1995, NUMBERS 9 AND 10 WERE
WORKED ON NOVEMBER 28, 1995. ALL THE REST WERE WORKED ON
NOVEMBER 7, 1995.

73,

DIRECTOR
BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Application for a 10-10 number for KC5OIG



Minutes of November 9th, 2011 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Minutes of December 1st, 2011 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 December 1st, 2011 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Rick Hiller, W5RH (Pres.); Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (V.P.); Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec./Treas.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Bill Stone, WS5H (1yr At-Large Dir.); Ross Lawler, W5HFF (2yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Norma Stone, KE5NDN; John Chauvin, K5IZO (Newsletter Editor); David Barber, K5NDB; Ron Litt, AE5NO; Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; and Mark Lawler.

1. Minutes for the November 9th 2011 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and as appears in the December 2011 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
3. Old Business:
 - 3.1. Banquet: Arrangements are finalized. Website updated to provide menu choices.
 - 3.2. Greater Houston Hamfest: Hiller announced that the deposit increased because we are prepaying the extra tables that we would otherwise pay for after the event. Chauvin presented a summary of past GHH financials and his best guess for 2012. Animated discussion followed when board discussed authorizing the expenditure funding, disagreement about how to view the deposit monies that are expected to be returned to the treasury when GHH 2012 concludes. Funding was approved.
 - 3.3. Wish List: Much discussion about list funding and how that should be shown. Basic issues centered on what was reoccurring and what was thought to be a one-time expenditure. Stone made a motion to add to the list a gift to the Cavalla Historical Association. Said motion received no second. Tomlinson again stated that BVARC needs an operating budget. It was resolved that Tomlinson, Knoche, and Sauermilch would form a committee and present a draft budget to the board at the January 2012 meeting.
 - 3.4. Sauermilch announced that the location for the next six General Membership Meetings would be at Imperial Park.
 - 3.5. Kendrick outlined the format for Home Brew night at the December meeting. February 2012 may be devoted to Skywarn training.
4. New Business:
 - 4.1. CW Contest: Hiller recognized the grateful participation of all concerned.
 - 4.2. Hiller reminded all attending that nomination are needed for the awards to be given at the January banquet.
5. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



2011 Club Officers:

President:

Rick Hiller, W5RH
rhiller@sdicgm.com

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Board Member:

Ross Lawler, W5HFF
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At Large Board Member
(One year – vs Past President)):

Bill Stone, WS5H
dragntow@wt.net

Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month, 7:30 PM
Imperial Park Recreation Center,
234 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

See in adjacent column.

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

Under 15 CW Net

Tuesday night, 7PM, 3.550 MHz

Editor's Note: The officers and directors listed to the left hold their positions until the "January General Membership Meeting" which will be the Annual Banquet. The new list will be updated for the February Newsletter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

59 DINER, 7:00a.m., SW Freeway outbound service road, near
Kirkwood.

NEW YORK COFFEE & BAGEL SHOP, 7:30a.m., 9720 Hillcroft.

THURSDAYS BEFORE CLUB MEETINGS--6.15p.m.

VASOS BAR-B-Q, 9920 Hwy. 90-A, #D-120 on the SW corner of
US Hwy. 90-A and Dairy Ashford.

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 BAR-B-Q, 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>

San Antonio Amateur Radio Fiesta – January 14, 2012

Location: Schertz, TX

Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club

Website: <http://w5sc.org>

Greater Houston Hamfest – March 3, 2011

Location: Rosenberg, TX

Sponsor: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Website: www.houstonhamfest.org





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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 Imperial Park Recreation Center, 234 Matlage 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 \$200.00.

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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Annual Awards Banquet – Friday, January 20.

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