



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

JANUARY 2013

VOLUME 37 ISSUE 1

BVARC January Annual Awards Banquet

6:00 PM, Friday, January 18th 2013

HMNS at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd, Sugar Land, Texas

REMINDER – There will be no General Membership Meeting in January. Instead, please join us for the Awards Banquet!!

Please join us for the BVARC 2012 Annual Awards Banquet on Friday January 18th, 2012 from 6:00 PM until 9:30 PM at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land (13016 University Blvd).

Tour the exhibits and listen to a great talk by our guest speaker, Dr. Patricia Reiff, Rice University, on Space Weather.

- \$27.50 for members and their first guest
- \$57.50 for non-members.
- Purchase online on the BVARC website (www.bvarc.org).

See the article later in the newsletter for more details.



December Meeting Report

The annual Homebrew night featured 14 folk that showed off items they are restoring or have built or modified in the last year with about 60 onlookers asking questions. Several digital interfaces were shown – from a small FTDI board with USB connector to a built-in interface in a recently built Elecraft KX3. Many thanks to all who participated!



President's Corner for January 2013

By Kirk Kendrick – KK2Z

QST...QST...QST...

Wow! What a wonderful month! Balloons, N0D, Homebrewing, and, of course, the Holidays! December was the annual Homebrew evening. My goal was to finish (at least) one of the QRP projects I have on the shelf. Unfortunately, work and "lack of time" got in the way. BUT...I did get moved into my place in central Texas – satellite internet and TV to go along with beds, chairs, and kitchen stuff to make it comfortable. Before the banquet, I hope to throw up a temporary antenna to "get on the air" from here and see how things sound.

N0D – the BVARC special event – was an OUTSTANDING success with over 2900 QSOs in the short time period around the Mayan "end of the world"...I mean..."end of the calendar". Ron K5HM did an impressive job of getting BVARC on the air to talk to all the states & at least 54 DXCC entities. WOW!! Kudos to Ron and the team!!

The BLT-32 launch on Dec 15 from the alternate space port (Covey Trails airport on FM359 and FM1093) sent a 2000g all the way to Mississippi where it burst at over 106,000 feet!! Two new records – distance and altitude – for the BLT team....a little short of Europe or Asia...but WOW!! Many BVARCers were up much of the night talking on the 146.940 repeater (thank you Pump!) as we all tracked the progress of the flight on one of the APRS transmitters or the PSK 18.110 MHz transmitter. Luckily, a hunter in Mississippi found the package shortly after it landed...its being readied for another flight soon! Stay tuned!!

Coming up in 2013, our new VP and Program Chair – Terry K5PGF – has started a series of new talks:
Feb – A discussion and demonstration of Remote Radio operation using Ham Radio Deluxe by Terry K5PGF

Mar – Feeding your Antenna – by Marc Abramson from ABR Industries

Apr – 3rd Annual Joint Meeting of TDXS and BVARC

And, as I remind you each month, join BVARC on the nets every week!

- Mondays at 8pm CST on 146.94 MHz PL 167.9 is the BVARC Public Service net. Announcements about upcoming club activities and other amateur radio related fun.
- Wednesdays at 7pm CST on 3910 kHz (3.910 MHz) is the BVARC Rag Chew net. You never know who will join or where the discussion takes us!

Get on the Air with BVARC!

73 de Kirk KK2Z



Results of the December 11th BVARC Amateur License Examination Session

Though the VEs were there to administer the test, this was only the third (3rd) time since at least October 1995 that a session failed for lack of any candidates for examination. Accordingly, there is no report.



RadioSport Events of Note for January 2013

Don't miss the annual banquet on Jan 16th. If you are a budding contester or DX chaser, you'll get the lowdown on Space Weather from Dr. Patricia Reiff of Rice University.

North American QSO Party, CW Jan. 12th 1800Z to Jan 13th 0600Z

Here is a great contest to cut your teeth on and develop your CW skills for the New Year. If you made a new Year's resolution about getting better at CW, here is an easy contest to enter. Rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/nagplogssubmit.php>

North American QSO Party, SSB Jan. 19th 1800Z to Jan 20th 0600Z

A fun event for the new year. Some of us plan to work part of this contest out at Cullinan Park. The park is located on the North and West side of Sugar Land Airport. Look for us in the Pavillion, weather permitting. If you are new to contests or even vaguely interested, come on out to the park.

Rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/nagplogssubmit.php>

PODXS 070 PSK Club Fest , Jan 5th 0000Z to 2400Z

This is a great contest if you are new at PSK and want a little excitement in your life.

Try making lots of contacts in 24 hours. Rules at: <http://www.podxs070.com/pskfest>

The PODXS is a good on the air club(No Dues) and has a very newbie friendly Yahoo group. Recommend you at least join the Yahoo group if you want your PSK skills to grow. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/070/>

Rules at: <http://www.podxs070.com/pskfest>

Some Special Events in January:

SKCC 7th Anniversary Jan 1-Jan 31, 0000Z-2359Z, K3Y

Straight Key Century Club . 14.050 10.120 7.055 3.550.

01/14/2013 | Presidential Inauguration

Jan 14-Jan 22, 0000Z-0000Z, W3A, Washington, DC. District of Columbia Amateur Radio Society (NW3DC). 14.200

Reporting from the Dark Side

Ron, K5HM



This is it!!! The BIG ONE!!!
Our Biggest Meeting of the Year!
Circle January 18th 2013 on your calendars
BVARC's Annual Awards Banquet

This year we have something special:

- A unique venue at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land
- A great speaker
- A dinner menu with an Italian flair by Café Natalie (<http://cafenatalie.com/>)

This year's Banquet will feature Dr Patricia Reiff, W5TAR, of Rice University. Dr. Reiff is Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy and Director of the Rice Space Institute at Rice University. Given that 2013 is the peak of the current sunspot cycle, Dr. Reiff's topic, Space Weather should be very interesting. So if you want the inside scoop on DX for 2013, you can't afford to miss this event.

Your banquet tickets this year include full access to all the museum exhibits! So come early, grab a toddy, or whatever and wander through the museum before dinner. Mix and mingle with fellow members and swap stories about the rare one that got away!

The BVARC 2012 Annual Awards Banquet is Friday January 18th, 2013 from 6:00 PM until 9:30 PM at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land (13016 University Blvd).

Tickets cost \$27.50 each for paid up members and their first guest. \$57.50 for additional guests and non-members. Buy your tickets on-line at <http://www.bvarc.org/index.php?page=banquet>

If you are not yet a BVARC member or your membership has lapsed, you can join or renew now and get your banquet ticket at the member price; a \$10 savings for a memorable evening. (<http://www.bvarc.org/index.php?page=membership>)



Minutes of December 6th, 2012 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Kirk Kendrick called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:00 PM on December 6th, 2012 at Fuddruckers, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec./Treas.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (Past Pres.); David Barber, K5NDB (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Ron Litt (Radio Sport), K5HM; Sharon Tomlinson, KF5HUF; Michael Monsour, AC0TX; and Matt Tatro, K5NGU.

1. Minutes for the November 2012 Board of Director's meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the December 2012 newsletter.
2. Minutes for the November 2012 election were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the December 2012 newsletter.
3. Treasurer's Report was presented to and accepted by the Board.
4. VP Report: (by Kendrick)
 - 4.1. December: Homebrew & Digital Interface night
 - 4.2. January: 2013 Awards Banquet
 - 4.2.1. Location: Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land
13016 University Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas
 - 4.2.2. Date: January 18th (Friday)
 - 4.2.3. Time: 6:00 to 9:30PM
 - 4.2.4. Speaker: Dr. Patricia Reiff, Rice University
 - 4.2.5. Topic: Space Weather
 - 4.2.6. Admission ticket also gets visitor into the exhibits. The number of attending drives the total price, as the attendance increases the individual admission decreases. A cash bar has a \$500, nonrefundable, set-up fee. Cost of an alcoholic drink is in addition.
 - 4.2.7. Board approved the motion that the cost structure is as follows.
 - 4.2.7.1. Alcohol will not be served because of the cost.
 - 4.2.7.2. Members and first guest will pay \$27.50.
 - 4.2.7.3. Nonmembers and first guest will pay \$57.50.
 - 4.2.7.4. Club will subsidize admission of a member and their first guest at \$30 per admission.
 - 4.2.7.5. A nonmember would be allowed to join in order to lower the price of admission.
 - 4.2.8. Awards: Kendrick reviewed award criteria. He solicited nominations. Decision must be made in early January.
 - 4.3. February: Hiller, antenna review; Leatherland, remote rig operation.
 - 4.4. March: Marc Abramson, ABR Industries (coax).
5. Radio Sport, N0D (Now Zero Days): Litt, event has tremendous with over 800 stations registered through the N0D web site. Have 86 operators but need much more.
6. Old Business:
 - 6.1. Hamfest: Mitchell asked about when the QST advertisement appearing?
 - 6.2. Vendors: The major US radio manufacturers were contacted about getting the best deal on the big raffle prize. Icom offered the best discount.
 - 6.3. Floor Plan: Kendrick and Runner working details.
7. New Business:
 - 7.1. Radio at the Park: Tatro, visited the public park immediately North of Sugar Land Municipal Airport. He had set up a portable station. He thought it would good venue for showing people how to set up stations. Proposed date is January 19, 2013. The event drivers are Tatro, Litt, and Hiller.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX





NOD – Doomsday Finale Ron, K5HM

It was 0001 UTC on December 22nd as I carefully cracked the seal on my secret underground bunker. I carefully peered out till I could make out animate movement. NO red dawn, no volcanic ash.

Although everything looked normal, looked like propagation was working. So I picked up my cell phone to order a pizza and the guy in the other end said, "Doomsday? What's that? You want large or jumbo?" We made it.

Like the pizza guy, Doomsday operations was a lot of fun. Judging from the comments of our Doomsday operators, they had a blast.

In total, NOD made over 2900 contacts. We worked every state and at least 54 countries. At one point or another we were on every band from 2 meters to 160 and satellite. Based on the feedback from our operators, it was instant pile up every time NOD worked a band.

Some of the most interesting comments were from stations that posted spots on the DX clusters:

- Avoid Doomsday, leaving planet now
- Use Forever Stamps for QSL
- Ready for Doomsday- Maxed all my credit cards
- Got My ARES GO kit ready

Some on the air comments were hilarious too. The lead up to doomsday had tremendous momentum. Our press release went global and information about NOD appeared on over 50 web sites and blogs world wide. As a result, the world wide amateur community was pretty hyped up. In preparation for Doomsday, we launched the Doomsday Network. By going to the NOD website, www.nowzeroday.com amateurs from around the globe could register for their unique Doomsday number. To date we have registered over 2,200 Doomsday Network certificates. The website also provided a preview of the QSL card they might never get. We also sold T-shirts, hats and buttons. Proceeds from apparel sales will pay for the QSL cards. So out of pocket cost to BVARC is zero.

NOD kicked off activities on December 15th with the launch of the Doomsday Balloon. BLT-32. To the End of the World. Trackers on the balloon were signing NOD. We didn't quite make it that far but we did reach an altitude of 104,000 feet before the balloon burst. The package landed somewhere north of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Satellite , HF and VHF activity commenced shortly thereafter and continued through Sunday December 22nd.

Volunteer NOD operators reported heavy pileups as soon as they got on the air. After all, we were the rarest of rare DX. Wednesday night, December 19th, with the help of John, K5LKJ, the BVARC Ragchew net used NOD as the net control call sign, allowing checkins to make contact with NOD.

My thanks to all those who helped put NOD on the air.

Bill, WS5H
John, K5IZO
Matt, K5NGU
Frosty, K5LBU
Nizar, K0NM
Rick, W5RH
Theresa, KE5MUX
Michael, N5TGL (KARS)
Dick, KE5TGZ(TDXS)

Reporting from the Dark Side

73,
Ron, K5HM



NOD WS5H Report

By Bill Stone, WS5H

The special event was great fun for all. The now decommissioned NOD WS5H bunker logged 613 Q's, working 10, 17, 20, 40, 80 & 160 meters and used the NOD call on 3 nets: Houston SHOT net with 20 check-ins, BVARC Rag Chew Net John K5LKJ as NOD net control 26 check-ins (1 short of the record for check-ins) and very crazy special 80 meter net held late one night on 3.908 with WS5H (Bill) and KK5TC (Robert) as co-net controls. We had some local and DX check-ins that we could legally log. We seemed to have attracted every drunk farmer and UFO (Unidentified Flying Operators), Jammers and every known animal in and on the 80 meter zoo.... those who monitor 80 meters late night on weekends know what I'm talking about. We had way too much fun on 80 but managed to stay legal with the NOD call.

I could have logged many more contacts but spent a minute or so with each contact. The special numbered NOD certificate stations that were allowed to use their call with the serial number for calling out as a Doomsday station that checked in got even more time in Q with NOD as I asked them to report the going-ons in their area. Listed are just a few of the many reports of 48 states and 28 DX given to NOD bunker at the WS5H QTH.

In Florida: As per the projected magnetic pole switching of the earth many made purchases of heavy winter coats and thermal underwear.

In northern states and Canada: Per the pole switching, large purchases of sun tan oil and swimwear were made.

Mid America: Walmart sold out of lawn chairs and sunglasses for the outside view of the Big Flash and Bang.

Indiana: Suspected sun switching polesready for a good sunspots for the last band opening

Dry counties in the USA: After a long drive, dry counties had a very wet population.

Roswell NM: Many wore a special foil hat to bum a ride from a UFO to leave the planet.

NY: As many single men and women did not wish to die alone it seems they paired up at bar closing time and as the sun came up on Saturday many had regret and wished they had used better judgment. It is projected that in 9 months, a baby boom will occur in the 5 boroughs.

This is just a few of the many that had me dropping the mic and falling out of the chair.

I will make good mention of Doomsday station in NE, N0RIS #0240 Christina and her co operator K1AUD #0247 Claudia. As I spent time scanning the band to give numbered Doomsday stations NOD in their log, I found N0RIS DOOMSDAY #0240 calling CQ doomsday and creating pileups. They were delighted that NOD stopped by to get them in the log. Those YL's were having a blast as I was with the event.

I have to say of all the events that I have took part in, this was the BEST EVER.

Keep up the brain storming Ron K5HM....Even the ARRL wished they thought this one up.

73 Bill WS5H



2013 Houston Marathon Events

5K Run Saturday, 12 January 2013
Houston Marathon and ½ Marathon Sunday, 13 January 2013

All Hands,

I write to request your help with providing amateur radio communications (or support of our part if you do not have a license) to assist with assuring the safety and welfare of the several thousand runners and spectators of the 2 events during Marathon Weekend in 2013 in Houston. The first event is a 5K race on Saturday, 12 January 2013. The second event is Houston Marathon and the ½ Marathon races on Sunday, 13 January 2013.

The Saturday 5K is near the GRB and is an Out-&-Back run. This event will need about 12 or so amateur radio operators. **We will assemble at 5 AM**, and the race should be over about 10 AM.

The Sunday Races will be very similar to past years and they will need several kinds of positions to be filled. **We will assemble at 4:30 AM for your packet and tee shirts.** When you will be dismissed will depend on what job you have. You might visit the Houston Marathon Committee's web page and peruse the course maps and other materials there.

For now, however tentative, I need to know whether you can help on either or both days. If you can help, contact me by e-mail, WC5WM@arrl.net (preferred) or Carl.Hacker@oplink.net or 713-977-9754. When you send me an e-mail and you wish to work at the same position as in past years, please let me know. If you do not hear from me in day or so send me another e-mail or call 713-977-9754 (I may be slow but not as bad as N5VCX! Hi Hi). Your help is appreciated and needed. Should others express to you an interest in helping, please have them contact me.

This year, the Houston Marathon Committee is maintaining a data base of all who volunteer. That database serves a very different use than the one I developed for Amateur Radio Operations several years ago to keep track of who is on board with what gear and to generate reports for Amateur radio operations. You will need to register at <http://houstonmarathon.volunteerhub.com/Events/Event/Summary.aspx?EventID=1157591>

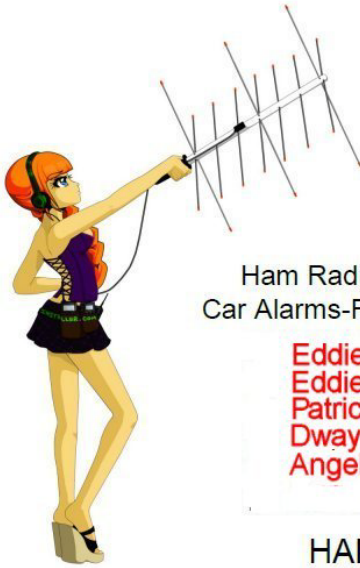
If you have not already registered on the web site, click on "Sign In" to start the registration process. Then click on "Not Registered" to go to creating a user name and password (call letters will work for user name) for your account. The next item you are asked for is a "**Join Code**" which is "**ham**" which must be filled in. Complete the rest of the on-line form making sure you complete and "sign" the release form at the end. If you have any difficulty with this system, please call me at 713-977-9754.

Thank you again for your willingness to help on past Marathons and considering doing so again.

73's
Carl Hacker, WC5WM

River Oaks Car Stereo

4129 Richmond (near Wesleyan) 713-626-7627
Houston, Texas 77027



Ham Radio -Emergency Strobe Lights- Police Scanners-Car Stereo
Car Alarms-Radar Detectors- Bluetooth Hands Free Phone Kits-IPOD Integration

Eddie - NU5K
Eddie Jr. - KB5OBB
Patricia - K5PLR
Dwayne - KB5YTA
Angelo - KF5MJV

www.houstonhamradio.com
www.riveroakscarstereo.com
www.installer.com

Yes, we can install Ham radio in your car!

HAM RADIO IS BACK IN HOUSTON AGAIN!



Greater Houston Hamfest, March 23, 2013

Greater Houston Hamfest – many improvements and changes for 2013.

The 2013 Greater Houston Hamfest takes place on March 23, once again at the Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds. We have a great keynote speaker, have all the usual activities as in the past and have the usual highly desired raffle prizes. About 35 tables have been added without compromising attendee access and flow.

The on-line table reservations and advance admissions are now up and running. Go to www.houstonhamfest.org to select the best choices on tables and to take advantage of significant admission savings and other benefits.

The tables are \$15 each. For those taking 5 or more tables, 2 admissions are included free. Remember that tables sold out in advance in 2012.

Advance on-line admissions are \$6 until March 9. For those paying in advance, you will receive 2 free raffle tickets (instead of 1 as with at-door admissions). On-line registrants will also enter through the VIP door for expedited entry. The Greater Houston Hamfest is trying to give strong incentives to on-line admissions. At-the-door admissions will be \$10. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each and 7 for \$5.

We look forward to another successful Hamfest.

BVARC Historical Vignettes – ARRL National Traffic System

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

Almost all of you know that my primary amateur radio activity is operating over OSCAR satellites. This past November I worked a station in Pennsylvania I had not heard on the satellites before. This in itself is not unusual, but five days later I had a surprise. Anita and I were eating dinner and the telephone rang. For some reason, I decided to take the call instead of letting it roll over to the answering machine.

The caller turned out to be an amateur radio operator from south Texas who was delivering a message sent to me over the ARRL National Traffic System. The message he delivered was from the satellite operator I had worked five days before thanking me for making the contact with him. The amateur radio operator from south Texas went on to tell me that he had been trying to pass this message on to a Houston station for three days but no Houston stations had checked into the Texas Traffic Net. As a result, he called me himself from south Texas to deliver the message.

I am not surprised that the ARRL National Traffic System is experiencing these types of problems. With today's e-mail and texting capabilities it should be no surprise to us that the National Traffic System is seeing a drop in both the amount of traffic being passed and the number of radio amateurs participating in the nets.

I did advise the caller that a number of Houston area stations check into the Louisiana Traffic Net at 6 PM Thursdays on 3910 KHz just prior to the BVARC Rag Chew Net.

Even though today's technology makes many people view the ARRL National Traffic System as a dinosaur, in times of major emergencies such as our Hurricane Ike or New York City's Hurricane Sandy, the ARRL National Traffic System can be a major asset. In the early days of our club, BVARC's Sharpstown Mother's Day Event made extensive use of the ARRL National Traffic System, and next month's Historical Vignette will have the final set of photographs from that historical club activity.



THE BVARC Rag Chew Net December check-ins

11/28/12, W5RH (NCS), W5TKZ, WA5CYI, AA5OA, K5LJ, K5NDB, WD6CQO, N5CPA, K5LKJ (T), W5HFF, K5WRN, K0NM, AF5T, N5DTT (Bellaire), N5FNA (Deer Park), WN5A, WB5PNL (Beach City), AA0ST (Dickenson), WS5H, AL7AX (Katy), (20 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24 No data available.

12/05/12, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, WS5H, N5CPA, KE5OBY, N5FNA (Deer Park), K5LJ, WN5A, K5NDB, WB5VYR, AA0ST (Dickenson), W5TOM, K0NM, N5DTT (Bellaire), W5HFF, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5RH, AA5OA, N5ASH (El Campo). (14 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI =96, SN = 58, A = 2, K = 1

12/12/12, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, N5FNA (Deer Park), W5TKZ, N5CPA, K5LJ, K5NDB, K5LBU, AA0ST/5 (Dickenson)(P), WN5A, KE5OBY, AA5OA, W5HFF, W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City), WB5KTF, N5ASH (El Campo), WS5H, AF5T, KC5JAR (Katy). (20 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 112, SN = 55, A = 2, K = 0

12/19/12, N0D (Special Event Station)(K5LKJ)(NCS), KC5JAR (Katy), WN5A, WS5H, N5FNA (Deer Park), W5HFF, K0NM, W5TKZ, KE5MUX, N5CPA, K5LJ, KE5OBY, WB5UPS (Port Neches), N5AFV, KL7AX (Katy), K5LBU, K5NDB, AA0ST (Dickenson), W5TOM, W5RH, N5DTT (Bellaire), AF5T, AA5OA, W5DDD, WB5PNL (Beach City), NT5SM. (26 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 116, SN = 116, A = 6, K = 0

12/26/12, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, N5FNA (Deer Park), N5CPA, WS5H, W5HFF, AA5OA, AA0ST (Dickenson), AF5T, K5LJ, W5PCJ, K5HTB, KE5OBY, AB5V (Magnolia), K5IZO, K5NDB, WN5A, KC5JAR (Katy), W5TOM, WA5CYI, KD5CDM (R), WA5JMC (R), N5ASH (El Campo), W5RH, WD5CQO (Nederland). (25 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 110, SN = 58, A = 3, K = 0

(M) = mobile (P) = Portable (R) = Relay (T) = telephone check-in
Come join us each Wednesday. Regards._

Fully Automatic Solid State Linear Amplifiers



SPE EXPERT 1K-FA



SPE EXPERT 2K-FA

....amplifiers with a PhD

160 thru 6 Meter coverage -- Built-in dual voltage power supply -- Embedded antenna tuner
 Multiple antenna output ports -- Auto band switching -- SO2R compatible
 Full Break-in -- Light weight-- Small footprint

Find us at: www.expertampsusa.com
 E-mail: contact@expertampsusa.com
 Telephone: (281) 682-6093

Expert Amps USA
 P.O. Box 38502
 Dallas, Texas 75238



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:

9/10 - 33 - Pete, kd5qpx	10/15 - 30 - Dwayne, kb5yta	11/19- 23 - Dwayne, kb5yta
9/17 - 21 - Dewayne, kb5yta	10/22 - 25 - Pete, kd5qpx	11/26 - 26 - Pete, kd5qpx
9/24 - 33 - Pete, kd5qpx	10/29 - 28 - Bill, ws5h	12/3 - 31 - Cameron, k5cam
10/1 - 39 - Cam, k5cam	11/5 - 35 - Cam, k5cam	12/10 - 20 - Ron, k5hm
10/8 - 29 - Cam, k5cam	11/12 - 24 - Clint, kf5hdf	12/17 - 24 - Bill and Norma



2013 Club Officers:

President:
Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z
kmkendrick@gmail.com

Vice President:
Terry Leatherland, W5PGF
k5pgf@yahoo.com

Corresponding Secretary / Treasurer
Robert Tomlinson, N5JSL
rbtswim@gmail.com

Recording Secretary:
Pete Sauermilch, KD5QPX
kd5qpx@arrl.net

2 Year At-Large Board Member A:
Dywane Jones, KB5YTA
dwayneredhonda@gmail.com

2 Year At-Large Board Member B:
Ron Litt, K5HM
k5hm.ron@gmail.com

1 Year at Large Board Member
Travis Burgess, K5THB
travburg1@sbcglobal.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

CW Net
Tuesday night, 7PM, 3.550 MHz



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.

OTHER HAM GROUPS:

WEDNESDAYS – WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

LUBY'S CAFETERIA, 10:30a.m. to 12:00Noon +,
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>

01/12/2013 | 2013 Amateur Radio Fiesta

Schertz, TX (NE of San Antonio)

Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway
Schertz, TX 78154

San Antonio Radio Club; <http://w5sc.org>

Talk-In: 146.940 - (PL 179.9)

02/23/2013 | Orange Hamfest 2013

VFW Post Hall #2775

5303 North 16th Street Highway 87 North
Orange, TX 77630

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/>

Sponsor: Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC

Talk-In: 147.180 +600 (PL off)

03/23/2013 | South Texas Section Convention **(Greater Houston Hamfest)**

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds,
4200 Highway 36, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Website: <http://www.houstonhamfest.org/>

Talk-In: 146.940 minus offset (PL 167.9)





Monthly Publication of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.
Serving Amateur Radio for Southwest Houston and Fort Bend County
Club Call sign – KK5W
BVARC Website: <http://www.bvarc.org>
Editor: John Chauvin, K5IZO, k5izo@yahoo.com
Production Team: Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM, k5cam@arri.net

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 Scarella 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

VOLUME 37, ISSUE 1

JANUARY 2013

**BRAZOS VALLEY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
P.O. BOX 2997
SUGAR LAND, TX 77487-2997
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

FIRST CLASS POSTAGE

BVARC Annual Awards Banquet – Friday January 18.
No general membership meeting in January

*If your mailing label is
highlighted in color, it's time
to renew your membership!*