



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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February 11th General Membership Meeting

THIS MONTH ONLY – Change of meeting location: The February General Meeting will be held at the Eldridge Park Conference Center at 2511 Eldridge Road, North of West Airport and south of West Bellfort. Meeting start time remains as 7:30 PM.

The program this month will be a duo by our President Rick, W5RH: a slide show "BVARC -- 2009 Year in Review" and "An Analysis of the Currently Popular 43 Foot Vertical"



Annual Banquet - Report

The 2009 BVARC banquet was a huge success with 65 guests in attendance. Everyone had a great time in our private room at Texas Land & Cattle. The venue was great with no problems reported with the food or service. Frosty, K5LBU, our out-going club president thanked everyone for attending and did a great job MC'ing the awards presentations. Our new president, Rick, W5RH, talked about the upcoming Greater Houston Hamfest and premiered the "BVARC -- 2009 Year in Review". The 2009 Annual awards were given as follows:

BVARC Appreciation Award - Eddie Runner – NU5K

BVARC Presidential Award - John Chauvin – K5IZO

BVARC Presidential Award - Sam Wilson – N5CPA

Loop and Zepp – John Whiteman – K5LKJ

Order of the Key – Rick Hiller – W5RH



Rick Hiller, W5RH,
Receiving the Order Of The Key Award



Eddie Runner, NU5K
Receiving a Special President's Award

More BVARC Annual Awards Banquet Pictures



Membership Roster

Eddie Runner (NU5K)

Editor's Note: See phone listing "opt-out" option in this article.

The roster is provided so that members can easily contact other members. The most current up to date member roster can always be found on the BVARC web site <http://www.bvarc.org>. Click on the "Roster of Members" link on the left side of the home page. You can sort the roster by name, call sign, email, expiration date or license class. From the Roster you can check your membership expiration date, renew your club membership or do an address change right on the web page. There is also a search box to search the entire BVARC historical roster, this powerful tool allows you to search for past or current BVARC members including Silent Keys. If you click on the members call sign you will get the current QRZ page for that call sign, it should provide current address, maps and other use full information about that member. Our most common roster request is for members phone numbers. Next month we will be adding the members phone numbers back into the roster, we would like to know if there are any members who want their phone numbers kept private (unlisted), if so please contact Eddie (NU5K) at web@bvarc.org or Cam (K5CAM) k5cam@arrl.net we can mark your membership unlisted for you.



BVARC GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST

Saturday, March 6, 2010
Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be about 4 weeks from the Hamfest. Go to the BVARC website for details and see the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter. Have you volunteered to help yet? Contact Rick Hiller or John Chauvin.

Presidents Corner

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

BVARC – What We Are

You are a member of the most vibrant Ham Radio club in the Houston Area. It is a good club with great members and it just keeps getting better. We have had a plethora of new members in the past few weeks: Howard Hargrove (non-ham ...we need to work on him – hi), Bill – KC5ETX, John – WB5KIC, Chris – N8AI, Michael – K9MRN and Haiyan, Darrell—KC5JAR, Fred KF5EEZ and Loc—K5LOC. We welcome them with open arms to the brotherhood of BVARC.

Yes, BVARC can be considered a brotherhood, as we all, young and old, female and male have a common interest – Ham Radio. However, Ham Radio covers a massive list of specific areas in which one can hold that “special” interest. For starters, and for the older hams, like me, HF, CW and SSB. Spread out from that DX’ing, Contesting, Digital modes, Antenna system design and building, QRP operating and building. You can then go to the VHF/UHF spectrum to the repeater “watering holes” and there you have the rush hour users, the repeater operators and owners, the techies that rig the repeaters and tie them into linked, multi-state systems like Salt Grass. Also up there are the AMSAT folks. Their satellite operations open up a cabinet full of experimental and operational opportunity. Also higher up in the frequency spectrum is the very specialized moon bounce crowd. In both of the spectrums, HF and VHF/UHF, you have the folks that do public service, using their radios to support disasters, bike rides, walkathons, triathlons, marathons and all sorts of charity money raising events. There are more areas though, when you consider the internal operation of the hobby, the club Board, the operating award managers, the contest managers and the ARRL connections from local to regional to state to national.

Essentially, with that paragraph, I described Ham Radio, but it also describes BVARC and “what we are” -- a group of Hams with a common interest, but each with her or his own agenda for enjoyment within the hobby. There is not enough time in the day for any of us to dip into every aspect of the Ham Radio hobby, but through the club you can get to enjoy, or at least hear about, the “other” areas of the hobby. This, in my mind, is the largest benefit for being a club member. You are never more than one or two hams away from someone who knows everything about what you want to know. You might call this “membership knowledge synergy”. The end result is greater than the sum of its parts.

But, in order to take advantage of this built-in, club based, walking encyclopedia, you have to take part in the Monday night 8PM 146.94 net or the Wednesday 3.9 MHz Rag Chew Net. What about lending a hand at the March 6th BVARC sponsored Greater Houston Ham Fest or working a band shift at the Museum Ships special event weekend or at a bike ride or even at Field Day. Come on out, meet the other members and enjoy the camaraderie.

Of course, there are more opportunities to get to know your fellow “Beevarkers” (as Sam calls us during his eating announcements) but, I encourage you to start with attending the February 11th General Membership meeting at the Eldridge Park Conference Center. Come meet the members of our “walking encyclopedia”, enjoy the presentations and get ready for a fun experience with the 2010 events and activities of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Lastly, let me mention two club members. Robert, KD5YVQ, should have been mentioned in last month column as one of the active members of BVARC, but I was remiss and forgot him. Robert is the guy that is always there to watch your back. He runs his own business, Electro Mechanical Devices, out in the North East part of the county, and travels all over the area. And he, especially, travels on meeting nights when he “always” brings the AV equipment. Without Robert, we can’t even do shadow puppets. Thanks to Robert for being there for us. Another Ham to mention is Philip, WD5DAY. Philip is one of those quiet members that is always helping and participating with a chili dish or sitting at the front table at the Ham Fest taking money. Philip just recently upgraded to Amateur Extra class. Congratulations, Philip!

Enjoy your hobby. See you on the radio. 73, Rick – W5RH

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:

10/19 - 10 - Rick, w5rh
10/26 - 17 - Pete, kd5qpx
11/2 - 18 - Cam, k5cam
11/9 - 21 - Sid, n5zkd
11/16 - 15 - Rick, w5rh

11/23 - 17 - Pete, kd5qpx
11/30 - 21 - Pete, kd5qpx
12/7 - 31 - Cam, k5cam
12/14 - 31 - Bill, ws5h
12/21 - 13 - Cam, k5cam

12/28 - 39 - Dwayne, kb5yta
1/4 - 32 - Dwayne, kb5yta
1/11 - 43 - ws5h & kb5yta
1/18 - 23 - Dwayne, kb5yta
1/25 - 26 - Pete, kd5qpx



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Meeting Locations

The current list of meeting locations is summarized below and is subject to change. In addition, the start/end time includes set-up and tear-down, not actual club meeting times. They meeting times typically remain at 7:30.

Feb 11 2010	Eldridge Park Conference Center 6:00PM 10:00PM
Mar 11 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM
Apr 8 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM
May 13 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM
June 10 2010	TBD (Eldridge Branch, Fort Bend County Library) 6:00PM 9:00PM
July 8 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM

BVARC Historical Vignettes – Vaso’s Hitching Rail BBQ

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

We all know that it is often stated that BVARC is as much an eating society as it is an amateur radio club. Even in the early days of the club BVARC had a reputation for members gathering to enjoy food and fellowship.

In the October, 1984 VP QSO column in the club newsletter, vice president Harold Parker, ND5F, wrote “Many of us have been meeting at Vaso’s in Stafford for a bar-be-que sandwich and a good friendly visit on the evenings of our regular membership meetings. Usually there are just a few who show up – but there was almost a crowd before our last meeting.” This gathering soon became popular and grew rapidly. It was not uncommon to have more than two dozen club members gather at Vaso’s before the monthly general membership meeting. In the late 1980’s Vaso’s changed its name to the Hitching Rail BBQ but the regular customers still called it Vaso’s.

At that time, Vaso’s was located on Highway 90A in Stafford not far from the Viking Den where BVARC met for Saturday morning breakfast for many years. Club members would begin to gather at Vaso’s around 6 to 6:30 PM before the general the membership meetings. The club meetings were held two miles away at the Missouri City Fire Station.

In the early 1990’s Vaso’s closed. It was not just BVARC members that liked the food at Vaso’s. Many people in the Stafford-Sugar Land-Missouri City area also ate there. The owner was frequently asked if he would re-open his restaurant.

In response to the many requests from former patrons, a new Vasos Bar-BQ restaurant opened a year or so later at 9920 Highway 90A at the intersection of Dairy Ashford and Highway 90A (South Main) in Sugar Land. This location is in the same strip center where BVARC met for the Saturday morning breakfast at Miss Janie’s in 1999 prior to moving the breakfast to the Viking Den. Some BVARC members began to eat at the new Vaso’s prior to club meetings, but the attendance never reached the same level as it had at the old location. Even with club meetings being held at the Sugar Land Community Center which was only two miles away from the new Vasos location attendance continued to drop.

Vasos Bar-BQ remains open today with a menu very similar to the one in the original Vaso’s. A few of the longtime BVARC members will occasionally drop in for old time’s sake and enjoy the wonderful *barbeque* prior to a club meeting.



Pearland Amataur Radio Club 2010 Tailgate CALENDAR

February 13

Tailgate Sale 7am-Noon

New Location

4717 Bailey Rd

Pearland, TX 77581

Parking lot of Old Dawson School

Just past Veterans Rd on Bailey RD

Take Hwy 35 to Bailey (Light @ High School) Turn right over RR & thru intersection of Veterans Rd & Bailey.

Parking lot on right after Ag Barn

April 10

Tailgate Sale 4717 Bailey Rd

May 29

Tailgate Sale 4717 Bailey Rd

July 24

Tailgate Sale 4717 Bailey Rd

September 18

Tailgate Sale 4717 Bailey Rd

November 6

Tailgate Sale 4717 Bailey Rd





9th Annual

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST



Hosting the

ARRL South Texas Section Convention
Saturday, March 6, 2010 - 8 am – 1:30 pm
Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, Texas

Streamlined General Admission Registration
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ARRL Regulatory Information Manager

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Programs:

- Training seminars
- Information lectures
- APRS & Satellite operation demonstrations
- DXCC checking

Raffle:

GRAND PRIZE:
Yaesu FT-450-AT



HF-8M w/ DSP and Automatic Antenna Tuner

SECOND PRIZE:
AMSAT Satellite Rig



Kenwood TH-F8A Tri-Band HT w/ Arrow duplexer & antenna

Other prizes awarded every 10 – 15 minutes!

Displays & Info.:

- Emergency Vehicles
- ARRL • ARES • AMSAT
- Live HF Station
- Fox hunt

Ham License Testing:

Testing registration starts at 8 AM; Testing at 9 and 10:30 AM.

Camping and Lodging:

Overnight camping sites; full hook-ups

On-Site Food Available

Breakfast: 7:00 until 10:30
Lunch: 11:00 until 1:00
On-going snacks, coffee, soft drinks

Directions & Talk-In:

No Houston Traffic. Approx. 33 mi SW of downtown Houston. From Houston, take US 59 south to Rosenberg (approximately 17 miles past Beltway 8) to Hwy 38. Go South approx. 1 mi to Fairgrounds (on your right).
Talk-in - 146.940 minus offset, 167.9 tone or 145.470 minus offset, 123.0 tone – Club Call KK5W

Miscellaneous:

Admission: \$5 per person - Includes 1 raffle ticket!
Children Under 14 Free!
Tables: All tables - \$10 pre-registration (choose tables on-line in advance)
Electricity available to pre-registrants (no charge). On-site registrant elec. as available.
Set-up available: Friday 4-8 PM, Saturday 6-8 AM
Tailgate: Free – special area in main venue area. Attendees will have early access to the tailgate area.
Raffle: Tickets - one for \$1 or six for \$5

Hamfest Location – 4200 Highway 38, Rosenberg, TX 77471 - Lat 29 31 07 Long 95 48 49

Contact: Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z, kk2z@arrl.net, 281-639-5088

Public Service Events Coming Up

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX

EVENT NAME - EVENT LOCATION	DATE	START TIME	OPERATORS NEEDED	EVENT DAY MEETING LOCATION	EVENT DAY MEETING ADDRESS	MEETING TIME	TALK-IN / OFFSET	ZONE	AMATEUR CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Puddle for the Ducks Katy	2-6- 2010	7:00 AM	15 operators	Denny's	Interstate 10/Fry Road	5:00 am	444.075 +	103.5	George Obrien	202-552- 1760
Gator Ride	3-6- 2010	8:00 AM								
Brookwood Benefit Ride Brookshire	3-13- 2010	8:00 AM	15 operators	Denny's	Interstate 10/Fry Road	5:00 am	444.075 +	103.5	Mike Hardwick	713-826- 6917
B-geO Magnolia Miles Bike Ride Magnolia	3-20- 2010	8:00 AM	15 operators	Denny's	Tomball/FM2920	5:00 am	146.720 -	123.0	George Obrien	202-552- 1760
Bluebonnet Express Hempstead	3-28- 2010	8:00 AM	15 operators	Denny's	FM1960/Hwy 290	4:45 am	444.075 +	103.5	Mike Hardwick	713-826- 6917
Belton Ham Expo Belton	4-17- 2010	7:00 AM								254-773- 3590
BP MS150 Bike Tour Houston to Austin	4- 17/18- 2010	7:00 AM	160 Operators	Metro Park-n- Ride	Hwy 6/Interstate 10	4:00 am	444.600 +	71.9	Mike Hardwick	713-826- 6917

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Minutes of January 7th, 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 7:00 PM on January 7th, 2009 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Charles Frost, K5LBU; (Pres.); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); David Barber, K5NDB, (At-Large Dir.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (VP); Mike Hardwick, N5VCX (Past Pres.); Ross Lawler, W5HFF (At-Large Dir.); Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z; Eddie Runner, NU5K.

- 1) Minutes for the December 2009 meeting were approved as they appear in the December 2009 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Banquet on January 16th: Knoche stated that there are now 48 who have said they will attend.
- 4) New business:
 - a) General Membership Meeting Locations: Sauermilch stated that BVARC has a reservation for July at Matledge Way Community Center. Sugar Land refused to grant a June reservation at Matledge Way. The most desirable alternative is the Ft. Bend County Library on Eldridge. They only accept reservation requests within three months of the meeting date. As for now BVARC has no meeting place for June. The current list of meeting locations is summarized below and is subject to change. In addition, the start/end time includes set-up and tear-down, not actual club meeting times.

Jan	16	2010 Texas Land & Cattle	6:30PM	10:00PM
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- 5) Schedule:

Kendrick summarized planned programs for the General Membership Meetings.

 - a) Feb: DX-pedition DVD
 - b) Mar: 43 foot vertical antenna
 - c) Apr: Hiller and Barber talk linear amplifiers
 - d) May: Pre-Field Day
- 6) Other Business:

Greater Houston Hamfest Meeting: Rick Hiller's work place, 7:00PM Jan 28th.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



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THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

November check-ins

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

11/25/09, K5LKJ (NCS), KC5JAR (Katy), AF5T, W5TOM, N5CPA, W5RJA (Schulenburg) (R), N8NOV, K5LJ, AA5OA, KA5MEI, K5NDB, KD5YVQ (Jasper), KD5DFL (Alexandria), WS5H, KC5ECK (Baytown), W5RH, KD5PNT (LaGrange). (17 Check-Ins)

12/02/09, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, K5CEK, AF5T, N5CPA, KC5WSI (Oklahoma City, OK), WS5H, K5LJ, K5NDB, K5HFX, W5RH, AA5OA, N5BXP, W5RJA (Schulenburg) (T), WB5EXI, WA5FMK. (16 Check-Ins)

12/09/09, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, KZ2PZ, K5CAM/5 (Cat Springs) K5LOT, K5NDB, W5RH, K7TGC, K5LJ, W5RJA (Schulenburg) (T), N5CPA, W5HFF, KC5FSY, WA5CYI, WB5PNL (Beach City), AA5OA, W5FZ, WS5H, AF5T, KF5DMK, K5HFX, WB5EXI, N8NOV, KD7THJ, KD5RGT (Brookhaven, MS). (25 Check-Ins)

12/16/09, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, WS5H, K5NDB, K5LJ, AF5T, KD5YOU, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5RH, WA5CYI, W5TOM, W5RJA (Schulenburg) (13 Check-Ins)

12/23/09, K5LKJ (NCS), W5RH, K5NDB, W5RJA (Schulenburg), WA5FMK, N5CPA, AA5OA, KD5YVQ, WA5CYI. (13 Check-Ins)

12/30/09, K5LKJ (NCS), N5CPA, W5HFF, WA5CYI, W5TOM, K5NDB, WS5H, AF5T, K5LJ, W5RJA (Schulenburg), AA5OA, K5HFX, W5RH, AB5AB, KC5JAR. (15 Check-Ins)

01/06/10, K5LKJ (NCS), WA5FMK, W5CQG (Milam), N5CPA, K5NDB, K5LJ, WS5H, AF5T, WB5KTF, K5IZO/5 (Jasper (P), K5HFX, KD7THJ, NU5K, N5TGM, N5TGM (Dickson, TN), AB5AB, K5LLF, WA9YNJ, (17 Check-Ins)

01/13/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, K5IZO/5 (Jasper (P), WS5H, N5CPA, AF5T, K5LJ, K5NDB, K5LBU, W5RH, WA5CYI, WB5PNL (Beach City), AA5OA, WA9YNJ, (14 Check-Ins)

01/20/10, K5LKJ (NCS), WS5H, KC5JAR, K5NDB, N5CPA, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5RJA (Schulenburg), K5LJ, W5RH, KA5MEI (Hockley), WA5CYI, WA5FMK (R), AF5T. (13 Check-Ins)
(M) = mobile (P) = Portable (R) = Relay (T) = telephone check-in

Thanks.

Regards.

K5LKJ

John C. Whiteman





RESULTS OF THE January 12th 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, January 12, 2009 at HCC's Scarcella Technology & Science Building here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD	Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU	George Ontko, KM5VP
Robert Trahan, KE5ZFJ	

Eight examination elements were administered during the evening to eight applicants. Four new Technician class license, two upgrades and one 'Grandfathered' General class was attained, and one upgrade to Amateur Extra Class; 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:

Jessica Carlson	{KF5ENV}	- Technician
Kari Carlson	{KF5ENU}	- Technician
Paul A. Glosch	{KF5ENT}	- Technician
Philip S. Hudson	WD5DAY	- Amateur Extra
Steven L. Le	KE5RCX	- General
Hyoum C. Lee	{KF5ENX}	- General
James C. Matney	{KF5ENW}	- Technician
Gary L. Travis	KF5EGT	- General

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 Technology & Science Building for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

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BVARC Volunteer Exam Team - 2009 Summary

During the calendar year 2009, the Brazos Valley (BVARC) Volunteer Examination Team held eleven (11) "Second Tuesday" monthly sessions, and was joined by the Houston ECHO Volunteer Examination Team at the March Greater Houston Hamfest license examination session for the purposes of obtaining and/or upgrading an amateur radio operators license.

During these monthly sessions a total of 94 applicants were given the opportunity to take some 123 elements; and successfully passed 79 of them. As a result of the teams efforts, there were 41 Technician licenses attained; some 28 licenses or upgrades to General Class, and 8 licenses or upgrades to Amateur Extra Class.

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

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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 FRIDAY DINNER: February 19, 2010, 7:00p.m.

HICKORY BARN BARBECUE, 11534 Wilcrest, 1/2 block S. of
W. Belfort in Houston.

OTHER HAM GROUPS:

WEDNESDAYS – WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH---(Note new location)

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>

Williamson County Amateur Radio Club, 13 Feb 2010

Georgetown Community Center, [San Gabriel Park, 455 East Morrow Street](#)
Georgetown, TX

<http://www.wcarc.com>

Talk-In: 146.64 (PL 162.2)

Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC, 27 Feb 2010

VFW Post 2775, [5303 16th Street, \(Hwy 87 North\)](#), Orange, TX

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

Talk-In: 147.180 (no tone)

Greater Houston Hamfest, 6 March, 2010

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

ARRL South Texas Section Convention

Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds, [4310 Highway 36 South](#), Rosenberg, TX

www.houstonhnamfest.org

Talk-In: 146.940 minus offset (PL 167.9)

ARRL Louisiana State Convention (50th Acadiana Hamfest), 12-13 Mar 2010

Acadiana Amaterur Radio Association, Inc.

[300 Frog Festival Drive](#), Rayne Civic Center, Rayne, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/index.htm>

Talk-In: 146.82 (no PL tone)





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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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