



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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Oct 14th General Membership Meeting

Learn to use Electronic Test Equipment



At the October General Membership meeting, the BVARC Elmers will present "Using Test Equipment". Join us as the Elmers walk us through "how to" demonstrations of five common test equipment from Digital Volt Meters to Oscilloscopes that every Ham should know how to use. The meeting will be held at our prime location, the Sugar Land Community Center



September Meeting Report

In a departure from the normal HF world, the September meeting took a look into "microwave" 2.4 GHz operations using HSMM-MESH™ Ham firmware loaded in an off-the-shelf LinkSys WRT54GL router. An HSMM-MESH™ router along with a web server and IP camera were flown on the recent South Texas Balloon Launch Team BLT-26 balloon flight.

The meeting featured 3 separate talks:

- BLT-26 & HSMM-MESH™ Introduction – Kirk KK2Z
- The Balloon Launch Team History and BLT-26 Flight and Payload Descriptions – Andy W5ACM
- BLT-26 HSMM-MESH™ Results – Ron AG5RS

After the talks, the HSMM-MESH™ software was demonstrated along with the actual Balloon payloads from BLT-26 flight.

The presentations are available on the BVARC Technical Articles page:

<http://www.bvarc.org/index.php?page=tech>

BVARC was treated at the meeting break to a viewing of the video taken from the balloon...all the way up to 89,000' and back.



Commercial Advertising in the BVARC Newsletter

This issue marks the first month where we are enforcing the advertising rates as approved by the Board of Directors. Business card sized insertions are \$50 per year for 12 insertions. Half page ads are \$25 per insertion

President's Corner

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

BVARC -- The Core

Within any organization there is "The Core"; a description of those club members who are always there, always interested and always willing to give of their time and effort, towards the greater result of a better club. All members of the club benefit from the efforts of this core group.

Within BVARC there are, of course, the typical Core members. Attending the breakfasts, always at the meetings, holding office on the Board, maintaining BVARC digi-peaters, being trustee of the club call, editing the newsletter, taking dues at the meetings, being net control on Monday night, running the monthly raffle, bringing the A/V equipment for the meetings, setting up meeting chairs and tables, etc. The list goes on. When you add up all of the tasks and all of the effort from those in the Core, the result is a great radio club.

When there is a dilemma, we not only have to dig into the core, but we will also ask (and sometimes plead) outside of the core, for other members to fill in. So here is my pitch..... again. Within BVARC every one is equal. Yes, some may have more Ham Radio/electronic knowledge or some have been around for quite a few years, but the least common denominator is that we are all Amateur Radio, Ham Operators and we are all BVARC members. We all have a license and we all have an interest in the hobby. We all spend a few minutes (or hours, or days) each month doing what we like to do—Ham Radio. BVARC provides plenty of opportunity for the members to partake of the hobby in a structured environment, like on the Monday night Public Service Net, the Tuesday night CW Net or the Wednesday night Rag Chew net. All of these are designed for, and provide to, the membership, with on the air opportunities and a place to develop that inter-member camaraderie. All Hams are welcome and all participation is greatly appreciated by the net controls, the BVARC leadership and the elders of the club.

So think about becoming a BVARC Core member. Volunteer for net control, join in on the CW or Rag Chew Net, write an article for the newsletter, run for an office on the Board of Directors, give a presentation at a club meeting, join forces with other BVARC members at Field Day, Museum Ships, Boy Scout Ham Station demonstrations, bike rides, the Houston Marathon, etc. The yearly event cycle list goes on and on....round and round, waiting for you to jump on board. We are all volunteers and we all work, simply, for the satisfaction of providing a bit of service to the club and to the local Ham Radio community.

With the Core in mind, one of our BVARC elders and active core members has departed our Ham Radio ranks. Claude Sessions, K5HFY, our long time ham radio friend, passed on to the great antenna farm in the sky on September 20, 2010. Many BVARC members attended "Buddy's" memorial service on Saturday the 25. How fitting that the TEXAS QSO Party was going on at the same time.



BVARC was a main stay in Claude's life and we all certainly enjoyed having him around. Claude was a regular on the Public Service and Rag Chew Nets. Claude also worked 80, 40, 10 and 6 meters using ISOTRON Antennas, due to deed restrictions. Claude worked 220 when he could find someone to QSO with. On Ten meters, Claude belonged to Ten Ten International and was a Senior Life Member holding #65002. He was also active in the local TenTen SHOT Chapter, holding SHOT # L139. He had attained the Enterprise Award and was an Instant Qualifier.

Claude, one of the old school hams, had been a ham since the 50's. He'd been around electronics and ham radio well before solid state electronics made its' mark. Claude was a long time radio enthusiast and radio and TV broadcasting equipment engineer. The Channel 39 transmitter was well looked after for years by our friend Claude. Each month, Claude joined forces with Cam, K5CAM, to fold, staple and post the monthly BVARC newsletters. Everyone in the club benefitted from Claude's "Core" work, performed behind the scenes. We will all miss Claude at the BVARC breakfasts and on the air. 73, OM, K5HFY.

Please, enjoy your hobby to the fullest. Participate in 'on the air' and 'off the air' Ham Radio and BVARC activities. Think about taking action to become part of the BVARC Core. I promise, you'll be glad you did.

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

Public Service Events

As this issue goes to press, this information is not available. Check the website for any updates.



Morse Code Classes

The code class did “make” so they will begin on Monday, Oct. 18. If you would like to join the bandwagon and participate in the new, successful, CW net and add another mode to your routine, contact John Chauvin, K5IZO@yahoo.com for details. There is no fee for this class. John and Ross Lawler, W5HFF, are ARRL registered instructors and have developed the lesson plans over several years.

See the article elsewhere in this issue about the CW Net.



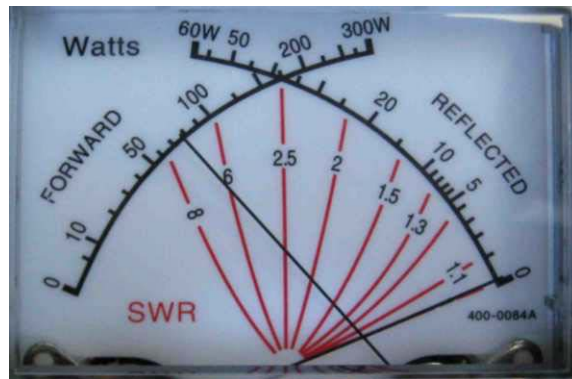
The 2010 Texas QSO Party (KK5W TxPedition)

Just the facts ma’am.

Who: KK2Z, K5JMK, KD5QPX. What: Texas QSO Party. When: Sep 25th and 26th. Where: East and Central Texas. Why: Because we could.

The Facts: Miles, 725; Contacts, 163; States, 27; Counties, 40; Texas Counties with same station, 15; DX, 0; Points, 36842.

And now for the mystery picture, at right. Know what this means? Find the answer in the full article next news letter.



Did You Participate in the Texas QSO Party?

If you participated in the Texas QSO Party, let the editor know at k5izo@yahoo.com. A separate article from the KK5W article will be published giving a list and general information. Please provide summary information: QSOs, Counties worked, States/ Provinces/ DX worked, where you worked it from, how long you were on the air, etc. These specifics will not be given however some general information, not tied to any individual, will be given. So even if you worked for 10 minutes and made 2 Qs, let the editor know.



BVARC Greater Houston Hamfest Update

The kickoff meeting for the Hamfest took place in mid-September. We are very fortunate in that the core task group leaders have volunteered to act in the same capacities again. If you have not yet volunteered to participate, please contact John, K5IZO at K5IZO@yahoo.com.



RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 14 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, September 10, 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

Two examination elements were administered during the evening to two applicants. One new Technician class license, and one upgrade to General class were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 2. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

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|------------------|------------|--------------|
| Kevin R. Pair | - {KF5ILZ} | - Technician |
| Narciso J. Pavon | - KF5GHC | - 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 Science & Technology Building for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

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The Perfect Storm

Oct. 16, 2010

George Observatory

Astronomy Day is held each year at the George Observatory located in Ft. Bend County in the Brazos Bend State Park. This year however there is a confluence of events which make this a "Perfect Storm" of opportunity to promote amateur radio and BVARC. In conjunction with Astronomy Day, there will be an ARISS QSO (communicating with ham-astronauts on the Space Station), Jamboree On The Air (Boy Scouts), an AMSAT table, where BVARC can place material and a satellite QSO demo. Typically 3000 people show up at the observatory for Astronomy Day and by their nature, it is a group, mostly young, that have an interest in science. The ARISS pass occurs at 5:15 PM and the satellite pass for the satellite QSO takes place about an hour later. The Astronomy Day events start mid-day so if you would like to promote amateur radio and BVARC to this select group, show up early afternoon and go to the AMSAT by the observatory and lend a hand. Park entry fees are \$5.

FYI, amateur astronomy and amateur radio have always had a strong bond. For example BVARC VP, Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z and the editor, John Chauvin, K5IZO, are both past presidents of the Houston Astronomical Society, a 501 C-3 organization of about 400 members. Randy Pollard, AK5G, is a past Treasurer of HAS and. Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM, has his own domed observatory at his country home. I'm sure there are other BVARCers who have telescopes and are, or were, active in astronomy.

It sounds like a great opportunity and a lot of fun.



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Meeting Notebook – Upcoming BVARC Meetings

October – The BVARC Elmers presents “Using Test Equipment”

November – Chili Dinner, BVARC Elections, and “Bring your favorite piece of Ham gear”

December – Homebrew Night

January (2011) – BVARC annual banquet and awards



Satellites on Ships

Museum Ships Weekend 2010 - Special Event on the Satellites

by Allen F. Mattis, N5AFV, n5afv@amsat.org

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) annual participation in the Museum Ships Weekend Event sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station on June 5-6, 2010 provided an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the OSCAR satellites and Amateur Radio. During the weekend event Amateur Radio operators activated Amateur Radio stations on 83 museum ships worldwide. More than half of the museum ships were located in the United States; however, museum ships in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom also participated. Amateur Radio operators who contacted any fifteen of these ships qualified for a handsome certificate.

bands – phone operation on the USS Stewart and CW operation on USS Cavalla. The radio rooms on the ships contain a considerable amount of vintage radio gear that is no longer operational but serves as a museum display. The Amateur Radio operators brought along their own equipment, but did use the long wire antennas that have been restored on both ships. A third station was set up in the park immediately adjacent to the ships and was primarily used for phone operation on the 20 M band. Operation on a regional 2 M repeater and on satellites was also conducted from the park location.

The club made a total of 495 radio contacts during the event, and 18 other ships participating in the Museum Ships Weekend event were worked. Approximately 25 Amateur Radio operators participated in the

dual-band mobile radio in a vehicle.

Two passes of SO-50 and one pass of AO-27 were worked, and a total of 26 satellite contacts were made with stations in 17 US states and Ontario. Contacts were made with K8YSE at the Hudsonville Michigan hamfest, WD9EWK at the Show Low, Arizona hamfest, and N2SPI at the Rochester, New York hamfest. It was nice to be able support these stations conducting satellite demonstrations, and to let those listening at the hamfests know that special event stations operate on the satellites. A contact with Patrick, WD9EWK, also provided the opportunity to talk with a boy scout about the Museum Ships Weekend Event, and the scout was able to satisfy several requirements toward the Radio Merit Badge. Two club stations that were demonstrating Amateur Radio to the public, W9MJL, operated by the Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association in Illinois and VE3JW at the Canada Science & Technology Museum in Ottawa, were also worked. The stations operating at the various hamfests and special events took turns working stations which allowed many contacts to be made on the congested passes.

This was the third year that BVARC participated in the Museum Ships Weekend Event, and the first two years KK5W was the only station worldwide in the event to operate on the satellites. This year we were in touch with the group at the USS Wisconsin Radio Club, N4WIS, in Virginia Beach, Virginia in advance of the event and set up a schedule for a satellite contact. N4WIS heard KK5W on the first SO-50 pass we worked but they were not able to get in to the bird to make a contact with us. KK5W and N4WIS did make contact on 20 M approximately an hour later and a scheduled contact for the next AO-27 pass was confirmed. Unfortunately we did not hear N4WIS, but during that AO-27 pass N4WIS made a satellite contact with N2SPI at the Rochester, New York hamfest. Even though we did not make a ship-to-ship satellite contact, our efforts resulted in doubling the number of Museum Ships Weekend Event stations operating on the satellites. Perhaps AMSAT members living near some of the museum ships that participate in the event can come forward and volunteer to help to put these ships on the satellites next year.



Photo 1: Allen Mattis, N5AFV, with portable satellite station on the deck of the USS Cavalla with the USS Stewart in the background (Photograph by Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN)

During the event the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) operated club station KK5W from Seawolf Park on Pelican Island in Galveston, Texas. Seawolf Park is home to two museum ships - the destroyer escort USS Stewart (DE-238) and the submarine USS Cavalla (SS-244), nicknamed the "Lucky Lady" by submariners. As a result, a contact with KK5W counted for two ships.

BVARC operated from three locations within Seawolf Park. The radio rooms on the two ships were used for operation on the HF

Seawolf Park operation.

Out on the deck of the USS Cavalla, a portable satellite station consisting of an Icom W32A HT with an Arrow antenna mounted on a tripod was set up. This equipment caught the eye of visitors to the park and provided the opportunity to discuss Amateur Radio and OSCAR satellites with those who expressed interest. Because heavy congestion on the satellite passes was anticipated the decision was made to work the satellite passes using an Alinco DR605



As in past years, it was very enjoyable and rewarding to participate with the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) in the annual Museum Ships Weekend Event and we hope that other satellite operators will join us next year and participate in the event. 🌐



Photo 3: "Cookie" Willis Cooke, K5EWJ, working CW on the HF bands from the radio room of the USS Cavalla (Photograph by Travis Burgess)



Photo 2: "Wink" Winfred Chamberlain, N5ECE, and Joe Wileman, AA5OP, look on as Bill Stone, WS5H, tunes the across band in the USS Stewart radio room (Photograph by Travis Burgess)



Photo 4: Ross Lawler, W5HFF, and Darrell Kirk, KC5JAR, operating phone on 20 M from Seawolf Park (Photograph by Travis Burgess)



Photo 5: Travis Burgess and Allen Mattis, N5AFV, working an AO-27 pass (Photograph by Travis Burgess)



Photo 6: Mark Palsha, KI4VB, and Ed Williams, KN4KL, on the USS Wisconsin operating a satellite pass during Museum Ship Weekend 2010 (Photograph by Ron Young, W8RJL)



BVARC Historical Vignettes – BVARC’s Standing Roll Call

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

Have you ever wondered how the custom of having a standing roll call at the BVARC general membership meetings originated? The custom was already established when I joined BVARC in September 1985. The early club newsletters from before that time do not provide much information about what occurred at general membership meetings.

The first newsletter to contain any significant details about a general membership meeting was in September 1979. Program director Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN, discussed the program schedule for the August, September and October meetings. However, specific details of what took actually took place at the meeting do not appear in the newsletter.

The following year, in August 1980, Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, became editor of the newsletter. Stu worked very hard at improving the club newsletter and more and more details regarding club meetings and activities began to appear in the newsletter. The B-VARC Bulletin (as Stu named it) was published every month and became a first class club newsletter.

The February 1981 B-VARC Bulletin actually contained minutes of the January 1981 general membership meeting. The minutes of the club meeting, written by the club secretary Phil Steinbach, WB5SUR, mention a “standing progressive roll call.”

B-VARC BULLETIN
February 1981

AT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the outgoing president and the new officers and directors for 1981 were introduced. The incoming president, Richard N5KV then took charge of the meeting.

Bob Spradling W5UBD, the outgoing president, was presented with the Club's first "Order of the Key" award for his outstanding leadership and service to the Club during 1980.

A standing progressive roll call followed, with non-member visitors being especially recognized and welcomed.

The standing roll call clearly dates back to the earliest years of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. The club was formed in September 1977 and the club newsletters indicate that the standing roll call at general membership meetings was already established in January 1981.



THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

Minutes of September 2nd, 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 7:10 PM on September 2nd, 2009 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Rick Hiller, W5RH (Pres.); Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (V.P.); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Charles Frost, K5LBU; (Past Pres.); Ross Lawler, W5HFF (At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; David Bogart, N5EMG; Scott McKee, NT5SM; Allen Brier, N5XZ.

- 1) Minutes for the August 2010 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the September 2010 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Asset List: Sauermilch, no progress.
 - b) Field Day t-shirts: There was one order error, size.
 - c) BVARC apparel: Found one vendor willing to supply small quantities.
 - d) 2011 Banquet: Hiller, no progress on finding a new location.
 - e) Newsletter advertiser billing: Knoche will take on task of sending invoices.
- 4) New business:
 - a) Membership: Knoche, six new members joined in August.
 - b) QSL Cards: Knoche, BVARC received 3 incoming cards.
 - c) LoTW: BVARC received ARRL registration from Logbook of the World through efforts of Jim Burrough.
 - d) CW Class: Lawler, he and Chauvin willing to conduct classes. Question remains regarding club interest. Discussion followed on using Face Book and Web Page. Mitchell reported that 41 club members subscribe to the reflector.
 - e) Shack Jam: Hiller, will be in October at Texas Speedway. He is aiming at a couple of HF stations for Amateur Radio exposure. There is no merit badge connection planned for this activity.
 - f) Astronomy Day: Brazos Bend Park, this is a JOTA and ARISS activity. We can't locate person heading the Amateur Radio activity.
 - g) BVARC email address: QTH and ARRL now show email address for KK5W.
 - h) KK5W: Lawler (trustee) proposed revised use agreement, gave board draft copy.
 - i) Air Show: October 23rd.
 - j) Texas QSO Party: September 25th and 26th, four club members plan to go mobile for event.
 - k) 2011 Greater Houston Hamfest: Kick-off meeting is planned for the 5th Thursday of September. Brier has secured the special event call sign of W5H for the event and has requested NASA to provide a speaker for the hamfest.
- 5) Schedule: (Kendrick)
 - a) September: Mesh Network and Balloon Launch. Meeting will again use the short format as done in August.
 - b) October: Test Equipment
 - c) November: Chile Supper and elections; positions expiring are Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, At Large Director.
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



BVARC "Under 15" CW Net

Tuesday 7PM

Join us for a fun filled 30 to 45 minutes of working the CW mode. 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 (NC) 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> Just have a listen or join in, but do get on the air and have some fun with CW.

See the article elsewhere in this issue about CW classes.



THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

September check-ins

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

09/22/10, K5LKJ (NCS), KA5MEI (Hockley), K5LBU, W55RJA (Schulenburg), WS5H, AF5T, AA5OA, K5LJ, W5TKZ, WA5CYI, N5CPA, K5NDB, W5HFF (M), KC5FSY (Eagle Lake), W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City), WA5OEN (Pasadena), WA5FMK, N5PDQ (Jasper), KC5JAR. (20 Check-Ins)

09/15/10, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, KE5UTN (W. Monroe, LA), K5IZO, K5LJ, K5LBU, K5NDB, W5HFF (M), N5CPA, WA5CYI, WA5JMC, WB5PNL (Beach City), KC5FSY (Eagle Lake), W5RH, WS5H, KC5ETX (Katy), KF5CTC (Alvin), KD5QPX, KK2Z, K5KJS, NU5K. (21 Check-Ins)

09/08/10, W5RH (NCS), K5IZO, K0NM, W55RJA (Schulenburg), K5LJ, K5CAM, K5NDB, N5CPA, K5LBU, W5TKZ, KC5JAR, WS5H, WB5PNL (Beach City), KF5CPC (Alvin), KB5VTB KG5KV, WA9YNJ, AA5OA, N5TPO (Sherman) (19 Check-Ins)

09/01/10, K5LKJ (NCS), AA5OA, WS5H, AF5T, KC5JAR, KE5UTN (W. Monroe, LA), WA5CYI, N5CPA, W55RJA (Schulenburg), K0NM, K5JWM/5 (Rock Springs), K5LJ, W5TKZ, KC5YVQ (Kingwood), W5TOM, WB5PNL (Beach City), WA5OEN (Pasadena), W5RH, WB4KTF, KF5CPC, N5ZUA, K5LBU, KE5OBY. (23 Check-Ins)

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

Regards.

John C. Whiteman



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: x

6/14 - 42 - Bill & Norma

6/21 - 20 - Dwayne, kb5yta

6/28 - 32 - Pete, kd5qpx

7/5 - 30 - Cam, k5cam

7/12 - 27 - kb5yta & kc5jar

7/19 - 27 - Dwayne, kb5yta

7/26 - 39 - Pete, kd5qpx

8/2 - 32 - Cam, k5cam

8/9 - 33 - Bill & Norma

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



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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
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>

10/09/2010 | [Amateur Radio Club of Central Louisiana](#)

Location: Pineville, LA

Website: <http://www.clarc.us>

10/16/2010 | [Lufkin Hamfest 2010](#)

Location: Lufkin, TX

Website: <http://www.lufkinhamfest.com>

10/16/2010 Baytown Area Tailgate Sale

Baytown Area Amateur Radio Club
7-11 AM

Eastside Honda Motorcycle Dealership
12527 I-10 East, Baytown, TX at Exit 800
Under the Pavilion, rain or shine.

11/06/2010 | [12th Annual Coastal Bend Hamfest](#)

Location: Corpus Christi, TX

Website: <http://n5crp.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 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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