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BVARC July GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, July 12, 2012

234 Matlage Way, Imperial Park Recreation Center, Sugar Land, Texas

Join us for a readout on BVARC's "To the Field" Events for 2012:

- Greater Houston Hamfest (John K5IZO),
- Museum Ships Weekend (Ron K5HM), and
- Field Day (Kirk KK2Z)

And, we are having a special Ham Radio Trivial Pursuit hosted by Rick W5RH.



June Meeting Report

The June BVARC General Membership meeting continued our series of meetings for "New Hams" with Steve Lee of the FCC's Houston Office talking about the equipment he uses and some of the experiences he has had. Come see the special vehicle and equipment it takes to make this job possible.



Editor's Note: We had a lot of timely material for this edition of the Newsletter, including articles on the Museum Ships' Weekend and Field Day. The initial paste up took 18 pages and the newsletter cannot be more than 12 pages for postage reasons. Accordingly some material that was properly submitted, in a timely fashion, had to be delayed until a future issue. This included a reproduction of a 2 page article from AMSAT on the Greater Houston Hamfest and a technical article on feedlines. These will be published at first opportunity. Additionally, a lot of reformatting of some articles was required where we normally try to retain the "flavor" of the author's submittal. Also occasional use of smaller typeface than desired was necessary.



The President's Corner

By Kirk Kendrick – KK2Z

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

Wow! What a month!! Many, many of you operated Museum Ships Weekend at the beginning of the month. And, a bigger group joined to operate Field Day at the end of the month.

For Field Day, my plan was to help the club get 100 bonus points for a satellite contact after a couple of dry years. The goal was to automate the satellite contacts with a higher gain antenna system...computer control...and provide any help to our Satellite focalpoint – Allen N5AFV. After two weekends of work to trailer mount my Yaesu 5400 alt-az mount along with a pair of HyGain antennas....I successfully was able to drive the mount with a computer and track satellites as they went over! Wow!! I finished Friday night at about 11pm....the night before Field Day..."Just in Time!"

How'd the satellite operation go? Allen successfully had a contact on both a linear transponder SSB satellite and an FM satellite. SUCCESS!! But...BOY! It was hot!!

To augment the desserts and sides brought by many who joined, our FD kitchen crew led by Angel KC5KRV & Billy N5EVD who worked in extreme heat in the kitchen (MUCH hotter than the 102 outside) to cook and prepare some fantastic ribs, brisket, burgers, hot dogs, and lots of veggies. Many, many thanks to Angel for all the unending hours in the kitchen to make the food a success.

Not to be forgotten is Matt K5NGU – our Field Day Maester – who kept all of us cats in line to have a FANTASTIC time!! Great organization, great execution, and great corralling of us cats!!

On a sadder note, we had some heat related problems at Field Day...both at BVARC and TDXS events...with the paramedics called to help with a medical problem for each club. Not quite to that extreme, I personally got overheated and couldn't stop stomach cramps, headaches, and muscle aches from ending my day on Saturday many hours earlier than planned.

All I can say is in Summer operating...drink plenty of fluids before you go out...while you are out...and then drink some more. Take many breaks to cool off...and don't be a victim. If you are having issues...STOP! Take care of yourself to operate another day. Okay, enough soap box...

Finally – THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE MATT AND BVARC LOOK REALLY GOOD!!! Great Field Day!!!!

Don't forget to 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.
- Tuesdays at 7pm CST on 3550 kHz (3.550 MHz) is the "Under 15wpm" CW net. This is a chance for everyone to try CW on the air – new hams and old welcomed.
- 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



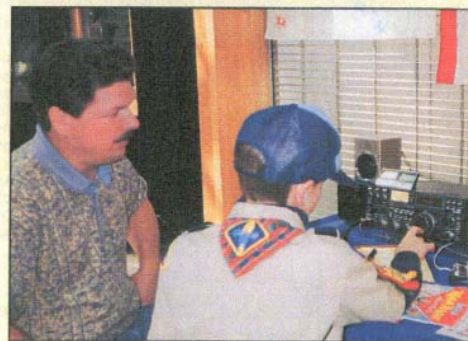
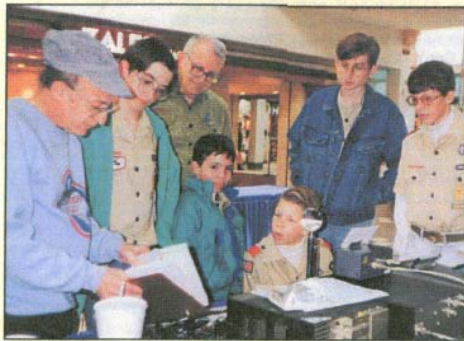
BVARC Historical Vignettes – BVARC Makes News in QST

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

For many years BVARC has supported scouting and various scouting related activities such as the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is a major supporter of JOTA which is held each year on the third weekend in October. In recent years the number of JOTA participants has been growing at approximately 15% each year. JOTA is now the largest scouting event in the world with over 750,000 participants. Because BVARC is an ARRL Special Service Club our continued support of radio-related scouting activities is very appropriate.

BVARC has been supporting scouting activities for many years, and BVARC was recognized for these activities by the ARRL in the July 1996 issue of QST magazine. BVARC members used the club call sign KC5OIG to demonstrate HF, VHF and VHF packet for boy scouts attending the Tatanka District Boy Scout Festival held in Houston in 1996.

A special thank you is owed to both Rick Hiller W5HF and Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN for providing material for this Historical Vignette.



The Brazos Valley ARC, a League Special Service Club, demonstrated ham radio at the Tatanka District Boy Scout Festival in Houston, Texas. The B-VARC station went on the air with its new call sign, KC5OIG, on HF, VHF packet and VHF FM. The club also had a display of satellite tracking, as well as materials and videotapes from ARRL HQ. In the photo on the left, Steve, WA5OEN (l) and Lanny, KB5VTB (third from l) show Scouts some of Steve's QSL cards. The photo on the right shows Rick, KF5NU (l), and a Scout at the HF station. (Tnx to Louis, KD5GM, VP of B-VARC.)

20 August 1996 QST-



Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN Demonstrating Amateur Radio for the Boy Scouts in 1996



THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

June check-ins

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

05/23/12, W5TKZ (NCS), K5CEK, WS5H, AF5T, K5DLL (Deer Park), K5LJ, K5NDB, N5CPA, K5IZO, W5HFF, AA5OA (T), WB5PNL (Beach City), KD5RGT (Brookhaven, MS), K5LKJ (T), W5RH, AA0ST (Friendswood), KE5OBY (R), WA5CYI, WB5EXI (19 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 117, SN = 91, A = 18, K = 2

05/30/12, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, W5TKZ, K5NDB, N5CPA, AA5OA, W5RH, WD6CQO (Nederland), WB5PNL (Beach City), K5YZS (Spring), W5HFF, KE5OBY (R), K5DLL (Deer Park). (14 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 106, SN = 73, A = 6, K = 2

06/06/12, K5LKJ (NCS), K5LBU, W5TKZ, W5RH, K5LJ, K5IZO/5 (Jasper), K5NDB, K5DLL (Deer Park), K0NM, AA5OA, WS5H, AF5T (T), K5YZS (Spring), W5HFF. (22 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 139, SN = 154, A = 17, K = 3

06/13/12, K5LKJ (NCS), WS5H, K0NM, W5TKZ, K5LJ, K5IZO, N5CPA, K5NDB, W5HFF, AF5T, W5RH, K5DLL (Deer Park), AA0ST (Friendswood), AA5OA, VK2AJB (Sidney, Australia), WB5PNL (Beach City) (R), KC5JAR (Katy) (R), WD6CQO (Nederland), WB5VYR. (19 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 141, SN = 132, A = 13, K = 1

06/20/12, K5LKJ (NCS), WA5CYI, K5LJ, W5TKZ, K5NDB, W5RH, N5CPA, K5DLL (Deer Park), AA0ST (Friendswood), AF5T, WS5H, AA5OA, W5HFF, WB5PNL (Beach City), K5IZO. (15 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 110, SN = 64, A = 3, K = 1

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

06/27/12, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, W5TKZ, NJ5X (Broussard, LA), K5DLL (Deer Park), K5NDB, K5LJ, WS5H, AA5OA, N5CPA, K5IZO, KA5MEI, K0NM, W5RH, W5HFF, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5TOM, KE5OBY (T), KE5HDF, K5WRN. (20 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 99, SN = 28, A = 8, K = 2

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

Thanks.

Regards._



BVARC 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?". After checkins, each station is called with "QTT" to invite them to transmit a short greeting or message.

Stations may send at any speed they wish – slower or faster than NCS. NCS will respond at that same speed.

Net Control Station (NCS) is Rick, W5RH, but some nights WS5H, Bill, or Roy, W5TKZ, 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 the original digital mode.

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Field Day 2012 – Preliminary Lookup by Matt, K5NGU

Only a few weeks ago that we started planning the BVARC Field Day 2012 and we are happy to announce that, after 24 hours of operation, we completed our 2012 field day at 1PM, June 24th. We are specifically mentioning 1PM because we started Field Day on time, Saturday at 1PM.

We were able to start Field Day, with time to spare, because we had such a *fantastic* team for setup, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Since everyone was so dedicated, the vast majority of the antenna setup was done by 10AM. This gave us time to test everything, have a meeting prior to operations beginning and even some lunch.

We were able to complete the Field Day operations and have the facilities cleaned up due to the equally *fantastic* tear down crew. All antennas and equipment were removed just one hour after operations stopped at 1PM. We were able to leave the field day site the way it was given to us at 2:45PM today.

I can say that, from my personal viewpoint, field day was a very successful event. I am hopeful that everyone feels the same. Here are some of the *very* preliminary statistics from our field day:



BVARC Field day station	We decided to run our field day as a 5A field day setup, but probably could have been a 6A as well.
Total contacts in the log	1949 (we also have more logs paper and external I have to analyze)
Bands worked	We worked all bands except 160 meters.
Satellite	Contacts were made via satellite and reported to AMSAT
Solar Power	We made 12 contacts using a solar powered radio.
GOTA	This station was a huge success with many non-hams and hams getting on the air.
Press	We had great press coverage – 92.1 FM had us on the air live twice, Friday and Saturday, Fox 26 came out on Sunday as well and the Fort Bend Star published an article on their website. The Fox 26 coverage is available by searching for ‘field day’ on their website.
Dinner	Well, what can I say – that was a great success. We had all the food we needed and <u><i>such fantastic cooks</i></u> in the kitchen.
Setup and Teardown	Completed in record setting time. We left the premises at 2:45PM today.



We will have much, much more to report at the July meeting and we will of course have many pictures, video, anecdotes and a complete look-back. We have already posted the pictures to the website. Thanks to Trevor, Forrest and others for getting the pictures to us in a timely matter and, if you have some you would like to share, please contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the folks that put together field day and made it all such a great, safe and successful event.

I will be putting a questionnaire online so everyone can leave feedback on this year’s field day and we can make 2013 even better than 2012. If you have any feedback, good or not so good, pertaining to the field day, please send this directly to me, matttatro@gmail.com.



Monday Night NET Updates

Don’t forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm** on 146.94 (167.9). The order of check-ins start with mobile units first then fixed stations. If you have something for the net, make sure you let Net Control know about it when you check in. We are looking for Net Control Operators. Contact any officer of BVARC if you are interested. Here are recent check-ins with control-ops:

3/19 - - Dwayne, kb5yta
 3/26 - 32 - Pete, kd5qpx
 4/2 - 31 - Cam, k5cam
 4/9 - 42 - Clint, kf5hdf
 4/16 - 31 - Dwayne, kb5yta

4/23 - 43 - Pete, kd5qpx
 4/30 - 36 - Pete, kd5qpx
 5/7 - 39 - Cam, k5cam
 5/14 - 41 - Bill, ws5h
 5/21 - 31 - Dwayne, kb5yta

5/28 - 24 - Pete, kd5qpx
 6/4 - 34 - Cam, k5cam
 6/11 - 44 - Clint, kf5hdf
 6/18 - 36 - Dwayne, kb5yta
 6/25 - 34 - Cam, k5cam

Underway on Ham Radio Power

By
Ron Litt, K5HM

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, concluded its fifth successful year of participation in the worldwide Museum Ships Weekend 2012 event June 2-3. Ninety nine historic ships were part of MSWE 2012 and over 30 were ships located in foreign QTH's.

The USS Cavalla and USS Stewart at Seawolf Park were prominently represented to stations around the globe by volunteer operators from area clubs, including several from TDXS. This was the largest effort for BVARC in the five years it has been participating in Museum Ships Weekend as more than 50 members and guests from area clubs descended on Seawolf Park in Galveston to operate or just help out. TDXS members at the park included, Jim Boockholdt, N4AL, Willis "Cookie" Cooke, K5EWJ and Bill Stone, WS5H.

For a two day period, the radio rooms of the two ships were brought to life. The crackle of radio static, the dit-dah of CW and the voices of radio operators could be heard by visitors as they toured the ships.

We had sufficient interest in CW that we were able to dedicate the Cavalla radio room for CW operation and eventually logged approximately 150 Q's on CW. There were two shore side stations set up in a picnic shelter, plus the Stewart Radio room too.

Much of the radio equipment on the ships no longer works due to age and lack of parts. So club members brought their own gear. On the Cavalla and Stewart, the original seventy year old shipboard antennas gave great performance during the event.

During the weekend long event, we made radio contact with more than 1,000 stations across throughout the US, Canada and as far away as Australia. The final numbers are not in yet but it will be a record to beat.

The BVARC satellite crew logged over 40 Q's on three satellite passes, including contacts with the Lightship Overfalls in Lewes, Delaware, the Battleship New Jersey in Camden, NJ and the USS Nautilus, in Groton, Ct. N1S, USS Nautilus, is remembered for many accomplishments in its active service life including the historic message, "Underway on nuclear power."

This year we decided to promote the unofficial Texas Navy by offering a Texas Navy Certificate for stations that contacted all five Texas based ships during the event, including the USS Lexington, W5LEX in Corpus Christi. All of the Texas ships agreed to send us log copies to validate applications for certificates. And the applications have already started coming in.

BVARC also operated two VHF nets on Saturday and Sunday for local amateurs using the 146.94 repeater. The repeater coverage was wide enough to permit the USS Texas, NA5DV and the Tall Ship Elissa, N5E to participate in the nets too. With the addition of these two ships and KK5W, representing the Cavalla and Stewart, more than 50 local stations logged contact with four of the five Texas based Museum Ships on the net.

The Executive Director of the Galveston Park Board sent a congratulatory e-mail thanking us for helping to promote Seawolf Park through our event. We also got an article in the Galveston Daily News.

All in all this was an event in the best traditions of amateur radio. It demonstrated the power and flexibility of ham radio to the general public, it was a tune up for Field Day and a public service to the community.

The weather was great too!

73, Ron
K5HM



Bill, WS5H, on the USS Stewart



Cookie, K5EWD, on the USS Cavalla



Matt, K5NGU and Jerry, KF5EYC
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Results of the June 12th 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, April 10, 2012 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford. B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford.

"Second Tuesday" License Exam Results w/Call Signs - June 12, 2012

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD
John Moore, KK5NU

Jeffery Fussell, KD5VGE
George Ontko, KM5VP

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ

Ten examination elements were administered during the evening to seven applicants. One new Technician class, one new and one upgrade to General class, and three Amateur Extra class licenses were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 7. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 70%.

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

Melanie I. Black	- {KF5QQH}	- Technician
Ronald W. Fawcett	- KD5CDM	- Amateur Extra
John T. Hayes	- KF5LOE	- General
Michael R. Mazoch	- N5TCB	- Amateur Extra
Narciso J. Pavon	- {AF5FF}	- Amateur Extra
Thien T. Pham	- {KF5QQI}	- 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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Minutes of June 7th, 2012 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Ross Lawler called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:00 PM on June 7th, 2012 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Ross Lawler, W5HFF (V.P.); Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec./Treas.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Dwayne Jones, KB5YTA (2yr At-Large Dir.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (Past Pres.); David Barber, K5NDB (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Bill Stone, WS5H; Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Sharon Tomlinson, KF5HUF; Billy Jones Jr., N5EVD; Angel Abbott-Jones, KC5KRV.; Mike Hardwick, N5VCX; Travis Burgess, K5HTB; Ron Litt, K5HM; Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; Matt Tatro, K5NGU, and Allen Brier, N5XZ.

1. Minutes for the May 2012 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the June 2012 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
3. VP Report: Up-coming General Membership Meetings summarized.
 - 3.1. June: Steve Lee from the FCC
 - 3.2. July: Museum Ships Weekend and Field Day reports plus Trivial Pursuit, with prizes.
 - 3.3. Aug: Ice Cream Social, currently scheduled for Imperial Park. Sauermilch to check if Sugar Land Parks and Recreation will allow food in a carpeted meeting room.
 - 3.4. Sep: Texas QSO Party Presentation
4. Old Business
 - 4.1. Wish List: Computer Purchases, Sauermilch summarized purchases. Tatro will take custody of notebooks for Field Day from Litt and load logging software. Lawler questioned how club was to keep up with computers between events. Resolution deferred to after Field Day.
 - 4.2. Museum Ships Weekend:
 - 4.2.1. Litt summarized: Event came in under budget, largely because of a lot of personal donations. Event had 1400 Qs, 58 people signed up, 41 showed up, 11 did all the work. Some type of problem with the beam, need attention. Stewart radio room was a big hit. CW worked from the Cavalla. Satellite station worked 4 passes. VHF net worked well with the Texas and Elissa on at the same time. Tideland's ARC played well with BVARC. Galveston Parks Board sent a letter to BVARC asking how they could facilitate next year's event. 20M band on Sunday was awful. R7 vertical didn't work, loose traps and other hardware. There was a lot of visitor verbal noise that interfered with operations. Headsets are needed in the future. There was a problem with lack of operator proficiency. Sun a big problem with park station. Tear-down problematic, too few people.
 - 4.2.2. Muller: As safety officer noted the vertical fell because it was not guyed.
 - 4.2.3. Stone: \$150 given this year to Cavalla Foundation. He requested that board add \$100 to make the 2012 donation the same as the 2011. Board approved \$100 to make donation total \$250.
 - 4.3. Muller: (Safety Officer) BVARC has 2 fire extinguishers two 2 first aid kits, one small one large. These will be at all future events.
5. New Business:
 - 5.1. ARRL Special Club Status: Hardwick said the application has been sent to ARRL but no response as yet.
 - 5.2. TOP Plaque: Waiting for Chuck to request it to be sent.
 - 5.3. Stone: Wants to end being QSO manager.
 - 5.4. Stone: 40M filter doesn't work. On in set with 17M. DB will check them out.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



CLUB QSL MANAGER POSITION - OPEN

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - Some PC / hand log skills required. Also to have sent and RX a QSL card would be a big plus.

TALK TO ROSS W5HFF CLUB CALL TRUSTEE / VP AND A BVARC BOARD MEMBER.

After 5 years Norma and I, do to medical and other reasons, are hangin' the hat on club card managing effective SEPTEMBER 15 2012.

PLEASE don't wait till the last minute to take part in this vital area of service work to the club. it would be best for me to show the ropes of the old method so you can do a better job of QSL improvements for the Bigger and Better BVARC contests and events.

It was a pleasure to serve
73 Bill WS5H & Norma KE5NDN

BVARC Extra Exam Challenge

by Matt, K5NGU

In late June, I posted the Extra Exam Challenge on the BVARC reflector. I personally had planned to start working on my Extra Class after field day and now, that field was completed successfully, the time has come. Since shared pain is half the pain I decided to see who else would like to join and let's see if we can make this the largest Extra Exam in BVARC / Houston history.

Here are the rules:

1. As mentioned – this is a self-learning endeavor with crowd sourced help
2. We will meet every Wednesday from 6:30PM until 8:30PM. Philip, WD5DAY, has graciously offered to help and give us access to the Elks Lodge.
3. We will all take the exam the same day – hopefully on a special exam event – the EXTRA Challenge exam night
4. I will setup a Skype conference link so everyone can participate, close and far
5. The goal is to make this the largest Extra exam (of course with everyone passing) in the BVARC history

There are of course many different ways people learn and as such I have put together a whole set of options people can use, both free and on a cost basis. During the Wednesday evening we will do our best to teach, with the help of volunteers, those subjects that may be causing problems. Here is a list of great ways to get started. Our first face to face meeting will be July 18th and then we will schedule the exam 5 weeks later. This should give us a lot of time to get ready.

As I mentioned in previous emails you can expect to put in about 1 hour every day in order to pass the exam.

Here are some resources you can use that are free:

1. Qrz.com has practice exams and some study guides. They also remember your progress and repeat questions you have failed in the past. This is web based only and as such you have to be connected. I used this for my General and was very happy with it.
2. Another great resource is the www.handiham.org. This is a resource for blind or visually impaired hams and they have great audio lectures and audio versions of the exams. The membership is \$12/year. I know I said this would be the free section, but donating \$12 to this organization does many things beyond exams. Click <http://www.handiham.org/local/blind/index.html> to see what they have. I have downloaded all the Extra lectures and paid my \$12. I can share this if you guys are interested. You can listen to the audio on your iPod and learn something while driving to work. Highly recommended.
3. Mobile devices, iPhone, Android and Windows – there are too many to mention here, but just go online to the respective appstore and download the exam application free.

Here are some resources that are not so free:

1. <http://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/> is very popular but frankly I see little difference to the QRZ version, that is free
2. <http://www.arrl.org/shop/Licensing-Education-and-Training/> is another source for study guides.
3. Gordon West, WB6NOA, also has a set of study materials. <http://www.gordonwestradioschool.com/> or <http://www.w5yi.org> There are also audio versions available for Gordo's stuff.

Local hams that have passed the test are also good sources...

I will be providing feedback on my progress towards the goal of passing the Extra Exam. Just another little way to get everyone motivated and, please share your progress as well.

If you know of others that want to participate, please let me know and I will add them to the list. I will be sending out updates 1-2 week.

If you would like to participate, please contact me directly at matttatro@gmail.com



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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>

07/14/2012 | 2012 TARS Hamfest

Location: Texas City, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tidelands Amateur Radio Society

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

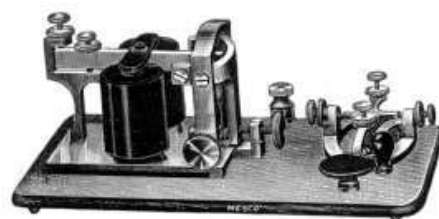
08/03/2012 | Texas State Convention (Austin Summerfest)

Location: Austin, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Austin Amateur Radio Club & Texas VHF-FM Society

Website: <http://www.austinsummerfest.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 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

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