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## **BVARC December GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

7:30 PM, Thursday, December 13, 2012

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

### Annual Homebrew Night

With the year ending, BVARC again invites all of you that have built, modified, or “created” something in 2012 that relates to Ham Radio and electronics that you’d like to share. The plan (as we did last year) is to place tables around the meeting room for folk to place their items on. We’ll go around the room and give a few minutes to each person for “show and tell”.

This year, we are adding an additional spin – if you have a unique digital interface, to enable sending “digital modes” through your radio, bring it in and show it off! We’ve had a large number of folk asking about how to do APRS, PSK31, WSPR, RTTY, or simply sending CW (the original digital mode) from your computer.

### January meeting – Annual Awards Banquet

January meeting will be 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). A great benefit of attending this year’s banquet is that your banquet ticket grants full access to the museum’s exhibits! You’ll start the evening with time to mix and mingle while enjoying the museum.

Tickets will go on sale at the December meeting and will be available online after the meeting. In addition to the awards presentations and great food, we will have a guest speaker – to be announced at the December meeting. Expected cost for each person is \$27.50 for members and their first guest, and \$50-55 for non-members.

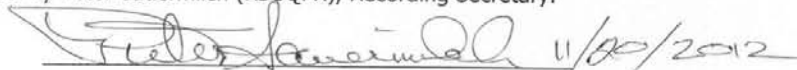
NOTE: the banquet speaker has not committed to the 18<sup>th</sup> yet, and the alternate date is January 11<sup>th</sup>.



BVARC Election Minutes Notes  
11/08/2012

1. Call to order 7:30PM, Pete Sauermilch, presiding in the absence of Kirk Kendrick and Ross Lawler.
2. Meeting agenda
  - 2.1. Announcements
  - 2.2. Standing Roll Call (Attendees voted to forgo in order to speed meeting conclusion.)
  - 2.3. Election
  - 2.4. Chili Supper
3. Announcements
  - 3.1. Nets
    - 3.1.1. Monday Night Public Service Net 146.94, 8PM
    - 3.1.2. Wednesday Rag Chew 3910±3, 7PM
    - 3.1.3. Fort Bend County RACES, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday
    - 3.1.4. Sauermilch solicited replacement for Public Service Net Manager. Terry Leatherland (K5PGF) volunteered.
    - 3.1.5. Sauermilch solicited replacement/backup for Public Service Net 1st Monday NCO. Ron Litt (K5HM) volunteered.
  - 3.2. Announcements from the Floor, none made.
4. Election
  - 4.1. Rick Hiller officiating (Past President), announced that we had a quorum, he then started board elections.
  - 4.2. Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary
    - 4.2.1. Bob Tomlinson (N5JSL) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.2.2. No nominations received from the floor.
    - 4.2.3. Tomlinson elected by acclamation.
  - 4.3. Vice President
    - 4.3.1. Terry Leatherland (K5PGF) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.3.2. Michael Wrenn (K5WRN) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.3.3. No nominations received from the floor.
    - 4.3.4. Candidates left room.
    - 4.3.5. Leatherland won election by show of hands.
  - 4.4. Director, Two Year at Large
    - 4.4.1. Ron Litt (K5HM) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.4.2. Forrest Carpenter (W5FLC) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.4.3. Michael Monsour (AC0TX) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.4.4. No nominations received from the floor.
    - 4.4.5. Candidates left room.
    - 4.4.6. Litt won election by show of hands.
  - 4.5. Director, One Year at Large
    - 4.5.1. Jerry Muller (KF5EYC) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.5.2. Travis Burgess (K5HTB) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.5.3. Cameron Mitchell (K5CAM) had volunteered to stand as candidate.
    - 4.5.4. No nominations received from the floor.
    - 4.5.5. Candidates left room.
    - 4.5.6. Burgess won election by show of hands.
  - 4.6. Hiller declared election finished.
5. Chili Supper

Minutes submitted by Peter Sauermilch (KD5QPX), Recording Secretary.

 11/08/2012

## President's Corner for Dec 2012

By Kirk Kendrick – KK2Z

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

November was very unique for me – I spent almost the entire month overseas! My wife and I travelled to Australia to see a Total Eclipse of the Sun in the North-East corner of the country. We joined a group of 20 amateur astronomers on a tour of Australia that included 2 weeks of touring and 2 minutes of totality.

I actually took a radio with me – a Kenwood TH-D72A handheld...but didn't make any contacts to speak of other than a couple of quick 2m contacts. I was not able to figure out how to set my call sign to an appropriate VK-call to be able to use APRS as planned. The D72A would not allow a call sign that included an international prefix – a slash (/) was invalid – and concatenating VK4 with my call and a dash separator was invalid. I'll research it on the internet now that I'm home.

Speaking of internet, an hour of internet time was between \$10 and \$12 (!! ) on a VERY slow connection (felt like dial-up). I only had free internet in the Alice Springs airport! At those rates, I checked e-mail twice...and didn't do any surfing.

So, where did we go? Melbourne for 2 days, Ayers Rock for 2 days, Alice Springs for ½ day (tour during connecting flight time), Cairns for 4 days, Sydney for 5 days, and Hobart (Tasmania) for 3 days. Of course, the eclipse was AWESOME!! I'll show a picture (or 3) at the meeting!! Just ask if you want to be bombarded with more!!

On the last morning, I visited a radio telescope, talked to a PhD student about the electronic setup – a lot of cool equipment from spectrum analyzers to attenuators to band-pass filters to lots of new and not-so-new communication gear. They had a portable 19" rack-in-a-box with gear used to track SpaceX launches and report accurate positions to mission control. Kinda-cool!

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



### RadioSport Events of Note for December 2012

#### **NOD - The End of the World is Coming! December 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

That's right Amateur Radio Operators. Better get all your fun in before Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. After Doomsday, all bets are off. You'll have three chances to work NOD. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, the day before. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, we'll be on the air as destruction rains down on us. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Well, that's a little iffy right now.

We'll be on the air on 10-through 80 meters at various times as power is available and antennas stay up. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to work NOD. QSL with SASE via KK5W . . . If we make it!

#### **RAC Winter Contest December 29<sup>th</sup>**

One of my favorite contests. I love all things Canadian: Calgary Stampede, the Canadian Mounties, Holmes on Homes, and Molson's beer, eh? Twice a year the Radio Amateurs of Canada take to the air in impressive numbers. Where else can you get a QSL from Moose Jaw, Yellowknife, Whitehorse or even Iqaluit (if you can pronounce it)?

#### **World Wide Iron HAM Triathlon – Last Full Weekend in December.**

This is the first year for the Iron HAM Triathlon, sponsored by Brazil's Araucaria DX Group and the Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Rádio Emissão (LABRE). What better way to celebrate the end of the year and bring in the new one?

This contest promotes the use of three amateur modes for each entrant: Phone, CW and RTTY. As a Triathlon, the 24 hour contest is organized to have 8 hours of operation on each mode in periods no shorter than one hour. You decide what mode to use on what band and when. You can enter with only one mode but what's the fun in that? Your total score is the sum of the scores for the three modes. More information at [http://www.araucariadx.com/ih/IRON\\_HAM\\_CONTEST\\_ENGLISH.pdf](http://www.araucariadx.com/ih/IRON_HAM_CONTEST_ENGLISH.pdf)

Reporting from the Dark Side  
73, Ron  
K5HM

## Doomsday Balloon BLT-32

The South Texas Balloon Launch Team will be sending up a Doomsday Balloon BLT-32 to mark the end of the world. The trackers in the balloon will use the N0D Doomsday Call Sign.

In order to be sure the balloon is launched in time to escape destruction, the launch will occur on Saturday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>



73, N0D

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73,

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

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio License Examination session that was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD  
John Moore, KK5NU

Jeffery Fussell, KD5VGE  
George Ontko, KM5VP

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ

Two examination elements were administered during the evening to two applicants. One upgrade to General and one upgrade to Amateur Extra class license were attained, with the total number of elements passed 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:

Michael P. Easton - KF5SGR - General  
Roy E. Storey, Jr. - W5TKZ - Amateur Extra

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.

## Minutes of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 7:07 PM on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at Fuddruckers, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (Past Pres.); David Barber, K5NDB (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Bill Stone, WS5H Michael Monsour, AC0TX; Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; Matt Tatro, K5NGU.

1. Minutes for the October 2012 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the November 2012 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to and accepted by the Board.
3. VP Report:
  - 3.1. November General Membership Meeting (GMM), Election & Chili Supper: Hiller reports he has candidates for every position but VP. For the Chili Supper, 5 have volunteered to bringing chili, others bringing accompanying items.
  - 3.2. December GMM, Home Brew & Digital Interface: Kendrick reports several commercial types of digital interfaces have already been volunteered.
  - 3.3. January, Banquet: Kendrick, still in progress.
4. Old Business:
  - 4.1. 2013 Greater Houston Hamfest (GHH): Tatro and Kendrick presented an updated planning. Admission pricing is going up to \$10 at the door (get 1 raffle tickets) and \$6 in advance (get 2 raffle ticket); tables will be \$15 (with 5+ you get 2 admissions). We will put 200 tables in the floor (up from 165 last year). Kendrick discussed budget. We assume only 90% of tables will sell in advance because of the price increase. This will give us some tables to sell at the door which has not been the case in the past 2 years. We think there will be a possible net revenue increase from \$3,838 (2012) to a potential \$4600. The increase of \$1,500 in expenses (more tables, higher fairgrounds costs, paying for setup/tear down assistance) also has risks that may limit revenue (rebellion against price increases, unknown weather, donations, lower attendance affecting raffle sales). The Board authorized the expenditure of \$5,500 for 2013 GHH.
  - 4.2. Fire Field Donation: At the October board meeting, Tatro proposed making a donation to the Richmond Fire Training Field. That was tabled until the November meeting. No research in the matter has taken place. Sauermilch will discover who at the fire field should be the club contact. Board approved to donate \$300 to the fire field. Tatro and Sauermilch will comprise a committee to contact the fire field.
  - 4.3. Astronomy Day: Kendrick reported that they had Boy Scouts at Brazos Bend talking to scouts at other locations. Museum staff was supportive.
  - 4.4. Scout Event, Camp Bovay 11/3/12: Tomlinson will conduct the event. It is unknown who might be assisting him.
5. New business:
  - 5.1. ARRL Sweepstakes this weekend, a reminder.
  - 5.2. GMM Program Ideas: Kendrick, will solicit ideas from the membership for 2013 for the new VP.
  - 5.3. Museum Ships: Stone reports report between BVARC and Cavalla Historical Society is quite good.
  - 5.4. Budget: Kendrick, now is the time to create a committee to propose a operating budget for the coming year. Runner suggested that the general membership should become involved in the budget committee as well as other projects like finding a new home committee. Kendrick plans to make it a topic for a GMM.
  - 5.5. Stone asked if there were plans for a 1-by-1 call and special event station for the Mayan Dooms-Day.
  - 5.6. Kendrick asked who was participating in balloon launches.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



## 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:

8/13 - 27 - Cam, k5cam	9/17 - 21 - Dewayne, kb5yta	10/22 - 25 - Pete, kd5qpx
8/20 - 25 - Dewayne, kb5yta	9/24 - 33 - Pete, kd5qpx	10/29 - 28 - Bill, ws5h
8/27 - 36 - Pete, kd5qpx	10/1 - 39 - Cam, k5cam	11/5 - 35 - Cam, k5cam
9/3 - 32 - Cam, k5cam	10/8 - 29 - Cam, k5cam	11/12 - 24 - Clint, kf5hdf
9/10 - 33 - Pete, kd5qpx	10/15 - 30 - Dwayne, kb5yta	11/19- 23 - Dwayne, kb5yta



## Doomsday Update from N0D

The Doomsday countdown clock is running. As of Nov 25<sup>th</sup> there are only 25 days to the end of the world. Only 25 days to make your last QSO's so don't waste them. Keep track of the days remaining with the Doomsday Countdown clock, <http://countdown.onlineclock.net/countdowns/doomsday/>



More than 400 stations have registered to be N0D Official Doomsday network stations, including amateur stations from Spain, Argentina, Algeria, Japan, Alaska, Romania, Canada, Germany, Venezuela, England, Ireland, India and France.

An informal Google search revealed more than 20 links from websites, blogs and e-mail reflectors to the N0D Web Site. If you haven't registered on the N0D website, register today and receive the Official Doomsday Network certificate.

Go to [www.nowzerodayz.com](http://www.nowzerodayz.com) to preview the N0D QSL card. Contact N0D during the three day Doomsday special event and maybe you'll get the card . . . if we survive.

The range of N0D activities is growing. Allen Mattis, N4AFV will be operating N0D via satellites and the AMSAT news service has picked up our press release.

W4DNA, North Carolina Section NTS Traffic Manager and W9ILF, Indiana CW Traffic net manager, Are promoting N0D via message traffic in the NTS.

The South Texas Balloon Launch Team will be sending up BLT-32, a Doomsday Balloon. Trackers on the balloon will use the N0D call sign. "To the End of the World and Float!" To insure the balloon will escape destruction, the launch will occur on Saturday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. More information at: <http://www.w5acm.net/b32.html>

N0D needs operators for Doomsday. If you can find an hour or two to help operating from your personal bomb shelter, please contact me at [N0D.doomsday@gmail.com](mailto:N0D.doomsday@gmail.com). Make N0D the Last QSO!

73,  
Ron, K5HM  
Doom Meister



## **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](mailto:WC5WM@arrl.net) (preferred) or [Carl.Hacker@oplink.net](mailto: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>

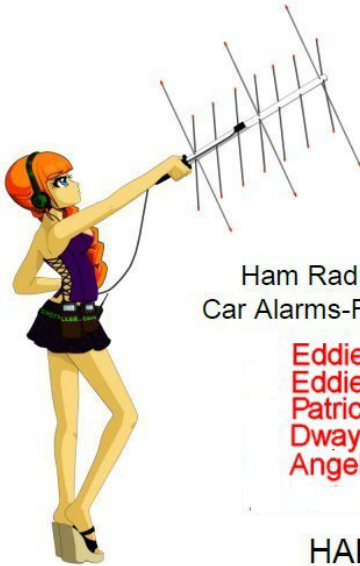
If you have not already registered on the web site, click on "Sign In" to start the registration process. Then click on "Not Registered" to go to creating a user name and password (call letters will work for user name) for your account. The next item you are asked for is a "**Join Code**" which is "**ham**" 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

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## 2 Nights Before Christmas

Ron Litt, K5HM

Two nights before Christmas and up at the shop,  
Santa was checking his sleigh for the big hop.

His APRS was already on line,  
So the gang down at NORAD could track him 5 – 9.

The new HF rig was tuned up on 20.  
He knew that 100 watts would be plenty.

“I’ll be on VOX for this flight”, he said in his head.  
I have to be able to look straight ahead.”

So sideband it is for the big night tomorrow.  
I hope the CW guys won’t be too full of sorrow.

The two meter rig was already encoded,  
with every repeater that could be uploaded.

They’ll know when Santa’s near; they won’t be surprised,  
and make sure the kids have all closed their eyes.

He stopped for a moment then gave a big start,  
when he suddenly realized he was missing a part.

“Of course!”, he shouted. “its my laptop PC!  
I won’t get far without it on my knee.”

“Its got my log and my list and my flight plan too,  
though I always have Rudolph to guide me through.”

He pulled out his wallet once more to check,  
that his FCC license was there for the trek.

“Well, it looks like I’m ready”, they heard him declare,  
“I’ll be single op unassisted for the entire affair.”

“I better get some rest now before the big night,  
So I can be ready for the flight.”

And they heard him exclaim as walked off to bed,  
“CQ, CQ, CQ . . . QRZed?”

Merry Christmas Y’all

73,  
Ron, K5HM

# BVARC Historical Vignettes – Photographs from the 1983 Sharpstown Mall Mother’s Day Event

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

This month’s Historical Vignette will feature photographs of one of BVARC’s most successful public service events. Throughout the years, BVARC has been known for its public service events, and one of the longest running public service events in the early days of the club was the Mothers Day Event held at Sharpstown Mall prior to Mothers Day each year from 1982 through 1988. Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN chaired the event for the entire 7-year period.

According to minutes from the January 1981 membership meeting, the initial idea for the Mothers Day event was apparently an offshoot of the club’s ARRL Field Day activities. There was a discussion in the membership meeting about moving the club’s Field Day activity from the Fort Bend County Fair Grounds to a place that would provide more exposure to the public in order to showcase amateur radio. It was eventually decided to institute a new event that had showcasing amateur radio to the public as its primary function.

The idea behind this event was quite unique – have the public use the amateur radio traffic system to send greetings to their mothers on Mother’s Day. The event was usually scheduled a week or two prior to Mother’s Day in order to allow sufficient time for delivery of the messages. Club members in Sharpstown Mall forwarded the messages to the Houston Traffic Net who in turn put them into the national traffic system. The club operated from tables set up in the center of the mall near one of the major stairways which put the tables in an area of heavy traffic. Vents in the ceiling above the tables were used to route coaxial cable up to the roof where antennas were erected. Shoppers could see and hear messages being passed, and hear amateur radio operators talking on the HF bands. The event was very popular.

Thank you to Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN, for providing photographs taken at the 1983 Sharpstown Mall Mother’s Day Event.

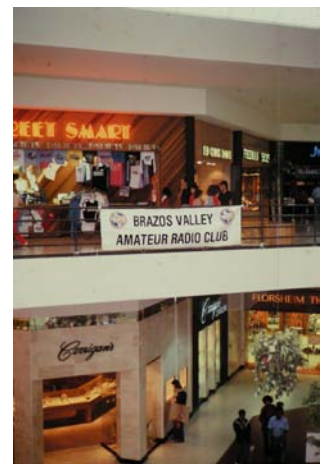


Figure 1 – A beam antenna on the roof of the mall was used to pass traffic on 2-meters

Figure 2 – A vertical antenna on the roof was used to pass traffic on the HF bands

Figure 3 – Coax was run through vents in the ceiling to the tables below

Figure 4 – BVARC’s first club banner was proudly displayed



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## THE BVARC Rag Chew Net November check-ins

10/24/12, K5LJK (NCS), K5DLL (Deer Park), K5NDB, AF5T, W5TKZ, K5LBU, AA5OA, N5CPA, K5LJ, KC5JAR, WN5A, WS5H, WA5CYI, N5ASH (El Campo), KD5CDM, AL7AX (Katy), K0NM, W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City), AA0ST (Dickenson). (20 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 136, SN = 84, A = 5, K = 0

10/31/12, K5LJK (NCS), K5CEK, N5FNA (Deer Park), KD5CDM, K5LBU, AA0ST (Dickenson), W5TKZ, AA5OA, N5AFV, N5CPA, WA5CYI, K5LJ, AF5T, K5NDB, KF5ONT, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5RH, N5ASH (El Campo). (18 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 106, SN = 56, A = 2, K = 3

11/07/12, K5LJK (NCS), N5FNA (Deer Park), AA5OA, K0NM, K5LJ, WS5H, N5CPA, W5TKZ, K5IZO, K5HTB, AA0ST (Dickenson), N5DTT, K5NDB, W5RH, AL7AX (Katy), WB5PNL (Beach City), KA5ILS (Baytown), KD5CDM, K5TRV (Alvin), KF5PPH, WN5A. (21 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 99, SN = 61, A = 4, K = 3

11/14/12, K5LJK (NCS), K5CEK, WS5H, N5FNA (Deer Park), N5AFV, N5ASH (El Campo), W5TKZ, W5TOM, AF5T, N5CPA, K5NDB, WA5CYI, K5IZO/5 (Jasper), K5LJ, WN5A, K0NM, N5DTT, W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City), AL7AX (Katy), AA0ST (Dickenson). (21 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 146, SN = 108, A = 15, K = 4

11/21/12, K5LJK (NCS), W5TKZ, N5FNA (Deer Park), AA5OA, W5RH, K5LJ, WS5H, K5NDB, N5DTT, WN5A, AA0ST/0 (Springfield, MO)(R), KA5ILS (Baytown), W5UFK/5 (Ace), AF5T, WA5CYI, KD5CDM, WA5JMC, K0NM. (18 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 141, SN = 119, A = 11, K = 1

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

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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  
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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**

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

### **03/23/2013; Greater Houston Hamfest**

**Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club**

**Rosenburg, TX**





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**Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC)** was organized in 1977, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford when required. Since that time, **BVARC** has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active amateur radio club in the Southwest Houston and Fort Bend County area. BVARC is a Non-Profit Corporation classified by IRS as 501-(c)-(3).

Today **BVARC** is truly a general interest amateur radio club with an impressive record of public service. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the club's commitment of service with the coveted status of Special Services Club. We are proud of our members who represent some of the finest in amateur radio. Membership is not limited to licensed operators, but is open to anyone with an interest in amateur radio. Club meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at **the Imperial Park Recreation Center, 234 Matlage Way.** . General membership dues are \$20.00 per year, with student dues \$10.00 per year, additional family members \$2.00 per member per year and life membership \$200.00.

**BVARC** also administers amateur radio license exams on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Community College's Scarcella campus in Stafford. A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 tone) repeater & a rag chew net is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. on 3910 KHz +/- 3 KHz.

To obtain information about joining **BVARC** or its activities, contact the club's "Elmer," Ross Lawler, W5HFF at 281-342-3340 or [w5hff@yahoo.com](mailto:w5hff@yahoo.com) or see the BVARC website: [www.bvarc.org](http://www.bvarc.org)

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