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AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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BVARC SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, September 12, 2013

2511 Eldridge Rd, Sugar Land, 77478, Eldridge Park Conference Center

Texas QSO Party

The year is now two-thirds complete and if you're an avid contester you've already lived through 5 North American QSO parties, 2 YL ISSB QSO Parties, Vermont, Minnesota, Delaware, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Mississippi, North Carolina, Idaho, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Virginia, Alaska, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Georgia, Nebraska, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Florida, Indiana, Alabama, West Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland state's QSO parties. That's half way to a Worked All States right there.

Up next – Hawaii, Kansas, Ohio, Colorado, Tennessee and TEXAS! And to tell us all about the Texas QSO party we have Mr. Keith Dutson, NM5G. To pre-educate yourself, visit txqp.net and be sure to bring plenty of questions for Keith.

October meeting – Auctioning Off Pie?

For October we would like to try something new. It's not a new concept but something new for the club. We would like to try an auction. Proceeds to be split with the club. Details will be worked out at the September meeting as there is certain to be many questions.

Also on tab for October, our Matt Tatro K5NGU will present the Raspberry Pi. What's it good for and the preferred flavor of ice cream to accompany it. Maybe it's too soon after the Ice Cream social for that. Never the less, Matt will enthrall us with new technology and how it can be introduced into your ham shack.

August meeting recap – Ice Cream - Yum

If you missed the August general meeting, well you just plain missed out. There was a great turn out for this year's Ice Cream Social. Rick Hiller W5RH would like to express his thanks to all who brought goodies and to all those assisted in the setup as well as the cleanup. It went smoothly and there were many smiling faces throughout the room.

One more reminder: SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING WILL BE AT THE ELDRIDGE PARK CENTER. LOCATED ON ELDRIDGE ROAD BETWEEN WEST AIRPORT AND WEST BELFORT.



President's Corner for September 2013

El Presidente has been out of the country on business and was unable to compose this article in time.



Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm** on 147.36 (100.0). 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:

5/20 - 25 - Ron, k5hm	6/24 - 24 - Pete, kd5qpx	7/29 - 33 - Cam, k5cam
5/27 - 21 - Pete, kd5qpx	7/1 - 24 - Cam, k5cam	8/5 - 21 - Terry, k5pgf
6/3 - 36 - Cam, k5cam	7/8 - 27 - Willard, kd5eka	8/12 - 18 - Willard, kd5eka
6/10 - 26 - Willard, kd5eka	7/15 - 19 - Ron, k5hm	8/19 - 25 - Ron, k5hm
6/17 - 27 - Ron, k5hm	7/22 - 20 - Pete, kd5qpx	8/26 - 30 - Pete, kd5qpx



THE BVARC Rag Chew Net August Check-ins

07/24/13, W5TKZ (NCS), AA5OA, W5RH, N5CPA, K5LJ, KC5JAR (Katy), N5AFV, KF5PFJ, W5TOM, WS5H, AF5T. (11 Check-Ins). Solar Cycle 24: No data available.

07/31/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, AF5T, W5RH, KC5JAR (Katy), K5LBU, WS5H, K5LJ, KF5TFJ, AA0ST (Dickenson), W5TOM, VK2AJB (Sidney, Australia)(RCS), AA5OA, W5HFF, N5ASH, N5AFV, KF5PHA, WA5CYI, N5CPA. (19 Check-Ins). Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 113, SN = 105, A = 6, K = 1

08/07/13, K5LKJ (NCS), KC5JAR (Katy), AA5OA, WS5H, N5CPA, W5TOM, W5RH, K5LJ, KF5TFJ, K5LBU, W5TKZ, KE5HDF, KE5OBY, K0NM. (14 Check-Ins). Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 104, SN = 61, A = 7, K = 1

08/14/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, AF5T, K5LJ, AA5OA, K5IZO, N5ASH (El Campo), W5HFF. (8 Check-Ins) (storms-lightning). Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 125, SN = 98, A = 10, K = 2

08/21/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, W5HFF, KF5TFJ, K5LJ, K5CAM, KF5PHA, W5TOM, VK2AJB (Sidney, Australia)(RCS), W5RH, N5CPA, N5AFV, WN5A, KF5JMJ (Pasadena) (14 Check-Ins)

(M) = mobile (P) = Portable (R) = Relay (RCS) = remote controlled station (T) = telephone check-in
Come join us each Wednesday.

Regards.
John K5LKJ



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Results of the August 13th 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, August 13, 2013 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford, TX.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Jeffery Fussell, KD5VGE Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU George Ontko, KM5VP

Four examination elements were administered during the evening to three applicants. One new Technician class license and two upgrades to General class license were attained, with the total number of elements passed being 3. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 75%.

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

Wilson C. Bland	- KF5PTB	- General
Mike V. Buebe	- {KF5WYN}	- Technician
Christopher C. Hebert	- K9CCH	- 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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John Moore, KK5NU, BVARC Examination Team Liaison



To Huntsville We Did Go

by Rick Hiller – W5RH

Why would you spend 28 hours in a vehicle over a 3 day weekend? To attend the “World’s Friendliest Hamfest” in Huntsville, Alabama, that’s why. So, was it worth it? I thought so and listening to my travel companions Kirk, KK2Z and Ron, K5HM, they thought so too.

The Huntsville Hamfest is promoted as a 2 day event, but that is pushing it a bit. Saturday is the big day. Opening at 9AM and finishing at 5 and then Sunday again from 9AM until 2PM. Everybody and their brother were there on Saturday morning for the kick off. About 3PM things started to slow down. By then, the flea market tables were a bit cleaner on top and the commercial vendors were complaining of aching feet. Sunday was a much lighter crowd. The Hamfest is held inside the Von Braun Center in downtown Huntsville; a town of 47, 000 people, but one with an extraordinary number of hams for a population of 47K. That is due to the NASA Space Center and Red Stone Arsenal located there.

Why go that far for a Hamfest? None of us had anything big to purchase. We really just wanted to see what was there and what the third largest Hamfest in the US was like. We had been to Dayton a few times and that is the king daddy of all US Hamfests, boasting about 25,000 attendees. Orlando is next largest with 10,000 and then Huntsville at 5,000.

BVARC’ers that attended – Theresa, KE5MUX – the queen of the door prizes (she won at least 7 – congrats!), Frosty, K5LBU and, of course, Kirk and Ron and me. I gave my talk on the G5RV antenna system at 2PM, which was well received. There were about 50 folks in there. That was fun to do and I gave a bit of a promotion to BVARC during the talk. The presentation slides can be seen online on the ‘Tech Articles’ page on the BVARC web site. The forums ran from 10 AM until about 4PM, covering, public service, PR, QRP, contesting, radio technology, and propagation.

Of course, all of the majors were there. Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Elecraft and Flex Radio along with Expert Amps, The Signman, Gigaparts, ARRL, Ten-Ten International, Stepp IR, Honeybaked Ham (get it? Ham?), many other commercial dealers of Ham-ware and computer folks galore – Arduino kits were quite popular. Plenty of ham radio oriented stuff to look at, touch, feel and talk about -- plus jewelry, stun guns, flashing red lights, tools, etc. It was all in one big room with the commercial vendors skirted by the flea market tables on 2 sides. Interesting that there was no tailgating. But, all in all, a good day’s Hamfest attendance.

They seem to have the formula for a Hamfest that size -- lots of radio vendors, lots of flea market tables, a great venue, sweet door prizes and a few forums with high level speakers (i.e. Rob Sherwood – Mr. Receiver Testing and Eric Schwartz of Elecraft).

Would we go again? Sure, but we’d fly and rent a car. Just like we do for Dayton. Visiting other Hamfests is great fun, plus, it also helps in our execution of the BVARC GREATER Houston Hamfest. It allows us to see what we are doing right, what we are doing wrong and what we could do better. You should think about going next year – August 16 and 17. You’ll have a good time at the Worlds Friendliest Hamfest. C U there. 73...Rick – W5RH



Theresa and her prize winning strategy.



Ron and the new Icom Touch Screen 7100.



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An Antenna Suggestion for the Texas QSO Party

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

At the September meeting we will have a presentation about the Texas QSO Party (TQP) contest happening the last weekend of September. This contest is always fun, as there are quite a few BVARC'ers who take to the highway and get out into the far reaches of Texas to work the world. In the TQP, Texan Hams work the world and the world works Texas. If you are in Texas you want to work both inside the border to up your county count and work outside the boarder to up your state count. These 2 modes are different, propagation wise. This fact, plus with 40 and 20 being the money bands, you would want to give some thought as to what antenna types will work best. Why?

An example: I have a 40 meter Delta Loop that I use to work long haul DX. Using that for the TQP last year did not work at all when trying to work the close in mobiles in Texas on 40 on Sunday morning. I had to use my 20 meter loop and use tuned coaxial feeders to match it for use on 40. With that, I could hear the mobiles. The pattern was high angle and basically a ball of radiation with little gain. The 20 meter antenna worked well on 40 with the close in stuff, but the 40 meter DX Delta was skipping my signal right over top of them and it did not even do OK on receive. This was the perfect lesson in applying the correct antenna for the job.

My suggestions: If you have, for example, a 40 meter vertical (low launch angle) or DX oriented 20 meter dipole or Yagi-Uda antenna, I suggest you put up an alternate skyhook, but keep it fairly low to the ground. For example, use an inverted V with an apex of about 25 to 30 feet. Or a dipole slung at just 20 feet. NVIS, certainly, is the name of the game to work the 40 meter inner-state stations. Set it up so that you can switch back and forth between your two antennas. That way you can get the best of both propagation modes at the touch of a knob.

I know it is tough for some putting up yet another antenna, but it is just for the weekend. Maybe your HOA-nazi will be out of town. That way you can join in on the fun and work the mobiles and other county based stations that will be on the air. With you being in Texas, stations will want to work you too.

I look forward to working you in the TQP. 73...Rick – W5RH

BVARC Historical Vignettes – BVARC & Pitcairn Island

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

As others in our club were, I too was saddened by the recent passing of Tom Christian, VP6TC, on Pitcairn Island. Many of you are not aware of the tie BVARC once had with Pitcairn Island. This tie involved a very special program at a monthly meeting of the club. Throughout the early years of BVARC, the club usually met at the Missouri City Fire Station on FM 1029 for the general membership meetings. The last meeting BVARC held at the Missouri City Fire Station was on September 12, 1991, and the program presented that evening may be the best program ever presented at a BVARC meeting. I remember it well because that was the year I was president of BVARC.

Early in my term as president, Bill Todd-Brown N5MPN resigned his position as the meeting program chairman due to health reasons, and I decided to appoint Steve Shirk N5SDL as the club's new program director. A number of old timers in the club criticized me for appointing Steve as program chairman because he was a new ham. My response was that over half of the BVARC members had been hams for less than five years, and a new ham would better understand what the kind of programs new hams were interested in. Steve did not let BVARC down.

The B-VARC Bulletin (as it was called in those days) announced that the program for the September 1991 meeting was entitled "Pitcairn Island, A Unique Experience for Hams", and would be presented by BVARC member Charlie Prochaska KG5KV. Charlie was active on the HF bands, and had a weekly schedule with Meralda Warren VR6MW on Pitcairn Island. For those of you who may not know, Pitcairn Island is famous as the hiding place of the twelve men led by Christian Fletcher who mutinied on the HMS Bounty in 1789. Pitcairn Island has no air field, and no ships call at the island on a regular schedule. When something is shipped to Pitcairn Island, the shipment is delivered by a cargo ship that is scheduled to pass through that general portion of the Pacific Ocean. The island has no harbor, so the ships anchor offshore and the islanders go out in small boats to meet the ship and pick up the cargo. Because Pitcairn Island is so isolated, the islanders are permitted to use amateur radio to order needed items. Charlie was one of the US hams arranging for purchase and shipment of supplies needed by the residents of Pitcairn Island.

The September meeting started in the normal manner with approximately 55 members gathering early to socialize, and at 7:30 PM the meeting was called to order. The usual items were covered followed by a standing roll call. Steve Shirk then introduced the program. Charlie had a large cardboard carton filled with items sent to him by the Pitcairn Islanders. As Charlie took out each item, he explained what it was and passed it around for audience to look at. When the carton was empty, Charlie showed a video tape of Pitcairn Island. This video described life on the island and showed some of the island residents including Meralda Warren VR6MW. When the lights came back on in the room, most of us assumed the program was over, but the best part was still coming.

Steve and Charlie had enlisted the help of Gerry Borg N5APW who at the time was vice president of BVARC and the trustee of the MERA repeater. Charlie turned on his HT and called Gerry. It was then that we learned that Charlie had set up a schedule with Meralda VR6MW, and that Gerry was at home on his HF rig talking to Meralda on 15 meters. Gerry then patched his HF rig into the MERA repeater and we could hear Meralda. She spoke for a few minutes and told us how excited she was because this was the first time she had ever had her voice transmitted over the 2 meter band. Charlie then asked if any one had a question to ask Meralda. It was at that point we learned that Meralda's connection to the MERA repeater allowed us to speak to her using an HT. For about the next twenty minutes, club members asked a variety of questions and Meralda answered them all. As twilight gave way to total darkness outside, the propagation path on 15 meters began to fade and Gerry had to sign with Meralda.

It had been an extremely exciting program, and the new hams in the room were absolutely awed by having the opportunity to use an HT to speak to someone on Pitcairn Island. In fact, some of the older hams were also a little awed. Charlie, Gerry and Steve had delivered the best program I have ever seen at an amateur radio club meeting. I don't believe that I have ever seen any program at an amateur radio club meeting that did so much to inspire and motivate new hams.

My comments about the Pitcairn Island program in the "Notes from the President..." column in the next newsletter were quite brief.

From the October 1991 newsletter (Vol. 14, No. 10) Vincent Orlando WA5ETS editor:

Notes from the President...

Our September meeting, the last one we currently plan to hold in the Missouri City Fire Station, turned out to be a real classic. That meeting will very likely become a club legend. The 55 persons who attended the meeting were treated to a real DX treat. It was possible to talk to Meralda Warren, VR6MW, on Pitcairn Island, with an HT from the meeting. A special word of thanks to KG5KV, N5APW and N5SDL who made it all possible.

Radiosport Items of Note for September 2013

QSO Parties – There are five QSO Parties this month. Of course the Texas QSO Party is the most important and discussion about the event will be the topic for this month's membership meeting. Make your plans to participate either as a fixed station or rover.

TEXAS QSO PARTY – Last Full Weekend in September (Sept 28 & 29, 2013) 9 AM Local to 9 PM Local on Saturday and 9 AM Local to 3 PM Local on Sunday.

Washington State Salmon Run – Sept 21st to 22nd. Use this contest as a tune up for the Texas QSO Party

Tennessee QSO Party – Sept 1st and 2nd Labor Day Weekend

QCWA Fall QSO Party - Sept 8th and 9th - Get on the air and see how many of your contemporaries are still QRV!!!

FOC – Sept 14th - First Class CW Operator's Club - If you think you are good enough, give it a try.

Sprints – This month there are a couple of Sprints that have a special QSY Rule that provides an interesting twist to the contest. Any station that solicits a call (by sending CQ, QRZ, "going up 5 kHz" or any other means of soliciting a response, including completion of a QSO where the frequency was inherited, that station is permitted to work only one station in response to that solicitation. The station must thereafter move at least 1 kHz before calling another station or at least 5 kHz before soliciting other calls.

Most Sprints are short duration; only a few hours. That makes it easy to fit into your weekend schedule. Here are two this month.

North American Sprint CW, Sept 8th

North American Sprint SSB, Sept 15th

Other interesting contests in September are:

All Asian DX Contest, Phone – Sept 7th – Sept 8th

WAE DX Contest, SSB - Sept 14th – Sept 15th

And my personal favorite, the CQ Worldwide DX Contest RTTY Sept 28th – 29th

For detailed start times and rules please go to <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

Special Events in September include

W4P - Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial – Sept 7th - Commemorating the victory of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry in 1813 who sent the message, "We have met the enemy, and he is ours." After defeating the British at the Battle of Lake Erie.

One of my personal favorites is Route 66 On The Air – Sept 7th – 15th. It's the 14th year for this annual event. Come celebrate the history of this great highway that helped build America. There are 18 clubs across the nation participating in this event using the call signs of W6B - W6T. I'll be trying again this year to work all 18 stations. I haven't done it yet.

W1E - Friday the 13th Special Event – Sept 13th - Commemorating historical significance of Friday the 13th.

N7S – Scappose Sauerkraut Festival Sept 21st - 22nd

For details and more special events visit

http://www.arri.org/special_events/search/page:5/Date.start:2013-09-01/Date.end:2013-09-30/model:Event

Reporting from the Dark Side
Ron, K5HM

Minutes of August 1st, 2013 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 7:06 PM on August 1st, 2013 at Fuddruckers, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were; Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Michael Wrenn, K5WRN (V.P.); Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec./Treas.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Travis Burgess, K5HTB, (1yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Ross Lawler, W5HFF; Mark Lawler; Michael Monsour, AC0TX (Quartermaster); Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; and Roy Storey, W5TKZ

1. Minutes for the June 2013 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and as appears in the August 2013 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to and accepted by the Board for the months of June and July 2013.
3. VP Report:
 - 3.1. Aug: Ice Cream Social.
 - 3.2. Sep: Texas QSO Party Run-Up.
 - 3.3. Oct: Matt Tatro has proposed a presentation on the Raspberry Pie computer. Possibly there will be and a member to member auction.
 - 3.4. Nov: Chili Supper and Officer Election.
 - 3.5. Dec: Home Brew Night.
 - 3.6. Jan: Awards Banquet.
4. Radio Sport: Complete list in the newsletter.
5. Old Business:
 - 5.1. David Barber has informed Kendrick that he will be unable to fulfill his duties as a board member. He has asked, through Kendrick, that Rick Hiller be allowed to act as his surrogate at board meetings. Hiller was unable to attend the August board meeting.
 - 5.2. TxPAC Donation: Hiller's and Barber's absence requires Kendrick to break the tie board vote on donating to TxPAC. Kendrick votes to NOT support the TxPAC donation because of membership comments he has received on the matter.
 - 5.3. Wish List Committee: Bob Tomlinson states they are not ready to report to the board.
 - 5.4. Permanent Home Committee: John Chauvin has made a request, through an email to Kendrick, that discussion regarding the permanent home be postponed until next month. He could not be at the August board meeting.
 - 5.5. Budgeting: Kendrick proposed that budgeting go forward as described last month. He proposed that when the new budgets (capital and operating) are approved by the board, that approved expenditures for line-items take place when those activities require without requiring an additional board motion.
 - 5.6. Storage: Kendrick announced that Michael Monsour has volunteered to be BVARC Quartermaster. A board motion was made and passed that a Quartermaster position be created and Monsour be appointed to it. Monsour requested direction from the board as to how to proceed on locating a storage site for club equipment. Monsour was instructed to investigate possibilities and report to the board at a future meeting.
 - 5.7. Newsletter: Jerry Muller proposed that members be allowed to opt-out from receiving a paper newsletter. Chauvin requested, through an email to Kendrick, that any such discussion be postponed so he could present a set of considerations. The board moved and approved that this discussion be tabled until next month.
6. New business:
 - 6.1. QSL Cards: Muller reported that no one has received MSW QSL cards. Ron Litt and Theresa Williams, who would be responsible for MSW cards, were absent from the meeting. No action on this matter was taken.
 - 6.2. Greater Houston Hamfest: Kendrick is looking for 2014 chairman. The previous chairman and key players always want someone new to take over. Chauvin agreed, through an email to Kendrick, to be chairman if most of the key players remain. Chauvin also agreed to remain as a resource if board can find a new chairman. Kendrick and Chauvin will contact past key players to see if they are willing to serve to help the board with the chairman choice. Kendrick will contact past chairmen to see if they are willing to serve.
 - 6.3. Awards Banquet: Kendrick is looking for direction on the 2014 banquet. The museum was universally liked but the most expensive venue we have had. The big task is finding a suitable venue at an affordable price.
 - 6.4. Awards Banquet: Kendrick is looking as speakers for the banquet. Last year there were negative comments the speaker was too technical.
 - 6.5. The September GMM meeting will be conducted by Michael Wrenn.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX

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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



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>

HamEXPO! 2013 -- the Belton Hamfest -- October 5, 2013

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<http://www.tarc.org/hamexpo/>

November 1 & 2, Coastal Bend Hamfest, Aransas Pass, TX

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Type: ARRL Hamfest

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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 or see the BVARC website: www.bvarc.org

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- BVARC General Membership Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 12, 7:30 PM
- Texas QSO Party, Sept. 28 & 29.

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