



# BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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## BVARC NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, November 14, 2013

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

### Vote for Chili?

First up, the annual elections. Members are encouraged to come and vote in you board of directors. Once the politics have subsided, it's time for chili. Bring your crockpot, bring your favorite fork and definitely bring your appetite. **NOTE: We are still meeting at the Eldridge Park Conference Center (see above).**



### December meeting –Homebrew

Coming up in December, our annual homebrew night. Come and show off your creations. Come and see what idle hands can create.



### October meeting recap – Auction

In October we tried something new and held an inner club auction. There were many great items up on the auction block, and a couple of questionable ones. The auction was a lot of fun and a great fund raiser for the club. We hope you'll join us next year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BVARC Auction.



## BVARC Elections for 2014/2015 Officers

*The response, so far, for nominations and volunteers to run for office has been "under"whelming.*

*Without officers and a Board of Directors, YOU have no club! Think about it!*

The November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting brings us to our annual elections (and Chili Supper). The Election Committee is looking for any persons willing to serve the club. Being on the BVARC Board of Directors is a bit of work, but it is also fun. You get to see and, more importantly, influence how the club is run.

In November, we will be voting for a new **President**, a new **Recording Secretary**, and one **2 Year At Large Member** – all 2 year terms. No experience is necessary, but your dedication to the club and the Ham Radio hobby are certainly welcomed.

Contact me, Rick Hiller, at [rhiller@sdicgm.com](mailto:rhiller@sdicgm.com) or call me, day-time, at 713-278-6310 direct to my desk at anytime, if you desire to help the club in the future.

Thank you. BVARC 2014/2015 Election Committee

## President's Corner for Nov 2013

By Kirk Kendrick – KK2Z

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

Ham Radio has been challenged in my life by work pressures. Like many, I travel with my job. And, Shell has a policy that we are not allowed to use our radios while driving "on the job". That includes travel that is paid by Shell. For other times, luckily, I have a radio in my car that lets me take advantage of travel time.

So, who have I talked to from my car in the last month? Australia, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, many Caribbean islands, Japan, and a few contacts into Europe. If I had been in the USA (or at least had a radio with me) during the recent 10m openings, I could have added more.

Why do I point this out? Mobile operating is one of the more challenging ham radio activities I've been involved in. The antennas are (at best) compromises...power is (usually) limited...and you can't sit staring at the radio or computer screen while operating (unless you pull off the road and operate "portable"). I REALLY enjoy the thrill of working VK-land mobile – halfway around the world while driving across Texas. When I operate portable from a park, I can put up a full dipole and bring a generator if I want to run an amp. And, if you are industrious, you can put up a beam or higher gain antenna.

What I continue to learn when mobile is to TUNE THE ANTENNA! Ideally, I tune for resonance as closely as possible and touch up the match with a tuner. It's the difference in calling 20 times for one contact versus getting responses on the first or second attempt. My wife logs for me when I'm driving, and we are both shocked when I can get through a pile up on the first try. During the trip home from Austin yesterday, I worked 5 Caribbean stations in a row on the first try. That makes you feel like your rig is working!

Okay...okay...okay...enough preaching. The plea is to Get On The Air (GOTA)! An easy way to work DX is to work a contest weekend. Test your skills by trying portable or mobile as well! During the CQ WW DX contest, I heard several US-based QRP operators working into Europe, Caribbean, and Japan. Try it! You may like it!!

And, as I remind you each month, join BVARC on the nets every week!

- Mondays at 8pm CST on 146.36 MHz PL 100.0 (courtesy of TDXS) or 146.94 PL 167.9 (courtesy of Pump Handle Fawcett) 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



### THE BVARC Rag Chew Net October Check-ins

09/25/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, K5WRN, K5LBU, W5TKZ, KF5TFJ, KE5OBY, K5LJ, K5IZO/5 (P)(Jasper), AF5T, WD0MN, AA5OA, N5CPA, KD5PMU (Victoria), KONM, AA0ST (Dickenson), W5RH, KJ5SS (San Angelo). (17 Check-Ins)  
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 110, SN = 56, A = 9, K = 1

10/02/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, WS5H, K5LJ, KF5TFJ, KE5OBY, N5CPA, AA0ST (Dickenson), W5HFF, AF5T, AA5OA, WA5CYI, W5RH, WN5A, KC5JAR (R)(T) (Katy). (15 Check-Ins)  
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 107, SN = 49, A = 5, K = 3

10/09/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, WN5A, KE5OBY, AA5OA, K5LJ, WS5H, W5HFF, N5CPA, KF5TFJ, W5TOM, K5LBU, WB4KTF, N5ASH (El Campo), AA0ST (Dickenson). (15 Check-Ins)  
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 112, SN = 99, A = 16, K = 3

10/16/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, K5LBU, KC5JAR (Katy), N5CPA, W5HFF, KE5OBY (R), AA5OA, K5LJ, K5IZO/5 (P)(Jasper), AA0ST (Dickenson), WS5H, W5RH, N5DTT, AF5T. (15 Check-Ins)  
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 125, SN = 148, A = 14, K = 2

10/23/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, KC5JAR (Katy), AA5OA, K5LJ, K5IZO, N5AFV, KE5OBY (R), KF5JMJ (Pasadena), N5DTT, W5HFF(T), WS5H, KF5PHA, AF5T, N5CPA, N5ASH (El Campo). (16 Check-Ins)  
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 146, SN = 228, A = 5, K = 1

(M) = mobile (P) = Portable (R) = Relay (RCS) = remote controlled station (T) = telephone check-in

Come join us each Wednesday evening. Regards. John K5LKJ



## Have you Noticed?

Most of the articles appearing in the newsletter are written by the same people, month after month. We need more folks to contribute their work to the newsletter so the monthly publication has new authors or perspectives.

You can contribute even if you think you cannot put a coherent, interesting sentence on paper and here's how.

I'm starting a new monthly feature, called Shack Pix. Each month beginning in December, I will feature a picture or pictures of some member's shack along with a brief description and write up of their operations or interests.

Don't worry, You don't have to do anything except take a photo or two and provide a few statements about the content and/or yourself. I'll edit the copy to be sure that it qualifies for the Pulitzer Prize. Then I'll send the final copy to you for approval.

We'd like to see what ingenious innovations you incorporated in your station. How you fit in to your available space; what accessories or software you use; how you cope with antenna restrictions. With almost 200 active members in the club, this column should have a long life. But it won't get off the ground, if you don't contribute.

Just e-mail me a couple of photos. You don't have to be Ansel Adams. You can send cell pix, color or B&W. Also include a short statement of what's in the photos, what your interests are and e-mail it to me. My e-mail address is on the club roster.

Since I recently renovated my shack, I'll be the first guinea pig . . . er, subject of the column in December, so you can see what I'm shooting for. That's just a figure of speech.

This should be an easy thing for all of us to contribute and help keep the newsletter interesting.

Reporting from the Dark Side,

Ron, K5HM



## 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:

7/15 - 19 - Ron, k5hm	8/19 - 25 - Ron, k5hm	9/23 - 26- Pete, kd5qpx
7/22 - 20 - Pete, kd5qpx	8/26 - 30 - Pete, kd5qpx	9/30 - 27 - Pete, kd5qpx
7/29 - 33 - Cam, k5cam	9/2 -23 - Cam, k5cam	10/7 - 22 - Cam, k5cam
8/5 - 21 - Terry, k5pgf	9/9 - 18 - Willard, kd5eka	10/14 - 20 - Willard, kd5eka
8/12 - 18 - Willard, kd5eka	9/16 - 16 - Willard, kd5eka	10/21 - 16 - Willard, kd5eka

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## **Results of the October 8th 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, October 8, 2013 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford, TX..

### MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Jeffery Fussell, KD5VGE

John Moore, KK5NU

George Ontko, KM5VP

Two examination elements were administered during the evening to two applicants. Two new Technician class licenses 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:

Joseph B. Bryson, Jr.	- {KF5YRJ}	- Technician
Bill Dirba	- {KF5YRK}	- Technician

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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## 59 REDUX

"I love the smell of napalm in the morning", opined Lt. Col. Bill Kilgore in *Apocalypse Now*. Right now, I am thinking that napalm would be appropriate for the 59 Diner.

Last month I gave a positive, almost joyful review of the changes in the diner. I must have hexed the place because in the last two Saturdays, they slipped back into old habits. I take back all the good things I said about the improvements in service. One thing that is a little too high tech for them.

Do you like a hot breakfast? FAHGEDABOUDIT. For the last two weeks, my breakfast radiated about as much heat as a limp handshake. ! Apparently heat lamp technology is unknown at the 59.

My average breakfast cost is up about \$2.00 since they increased prices. Then they decided to add an automatic 15% tip. Too bad; I usually tip more.

Don't forget to ask for the Senior Discount. Seriously. They don't advertise it and it is not printed in the menu. You have to ask for the 10% Senior Discount and they will take it off the bill.

So what is good about the dining experience? There's no place I know where there are more interesting people sitting around a table that early on Saturday morning.

Reporting from the Dark Side  
Ron, K5HM

## Minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 7:00 PM on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.); Ron Litt, K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir. & Radio Sport); Rick Hiller, W5RH (proxy for David Barber); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM (proxy for Travis Burgess, this meeting only); Michael Monsour, AC0TX (Quartermaster); Ross Lawler, W5HFF; Mark Lawler; Bill Stone, WS5H; Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Sharon Tomlinson, KF5HUF; Charles Frost, K5LBU; Dave Beers, AF5T; Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; and Roy Storey, W5TKZ.

1. The Minutes for the September 2013 meeting as previously distributed by email and as appears in the October 2013 newsletter were challenged by Cameron Mitchell. He stated that paragraph 3.5.5 was not what he said and asked paragraph 3.5.5 be struck from the minutes. Sauermilch removed paragraph 3.5.5, renumbered paragraphs following, and removed a reference to the removed paragraph made in the renumbered paragraph 3.5.6. A motion was made and board approved the amended September Minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
3. VP Report:
  - 3.1. Sep: Meeting was at Eldridge Conference Center. The topic was the Texas QSO Party.
  - 3.2. Oct: Tatro will make a presentation on the Raspberry Pie computer. Sauermilch will conduct a member-to-member auction. If time permits, Hiller will conduct a round of Ham Radio Trivial Pursuits.
4. Radio Sport: Everything is in the newsletter
5. Old Business:
  - 5.1. GHH: Chauvin not present. Kendrick and Tomlinson need to pay the Fair Grounds. Cost is expected to be in-line with the 2013 expenses. Litt moved that Kendrick and Tomlinson to pay Fair Grounds. Motion carried.
  - 5.2. Astronomy Day, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: Kendrick and Chauvin will be presenting at the George Observatory as in 2012. No funding is required.
  - 5.3. Quartermaster's Report: Monsour needs to locate coax. He intends to tag each roll so as it is checked out and if not returned, he will know what happened to it. Hiller, Litt, and Kendrick currently have custody of all club coax.
  - 5.4. Newsletter: Litt presented the argument that club members ought to have the right to opt-out of receiving a paper newsletter. Discussion followed. Litt made motion to allow members to opt-out of paper newsletter with the ability to opt-in at a later time if they wish to do so. Kendrick asked for board vote individually and that member votes are recorded in the minutes. Said vote is recorded below.

5.4.1. <u>Wrenn</u> :	Yes	5.4.2. <u>Tomlinson</u> :	Yes
5.4.3. <u>Sauermilch</u> :	Yes	5.4.4. <u>Mitchell</u> (Burgess proxy):	No
5.4.5. <u>Litt</u> :	Yes	5.4.6. <u>Hiller</u> (Barber proxy):	Yes
5.4.7. <u>Kendrick</u> :	Abstained		
  - 5.5. Permanent Home:
    - 5.5.1. Stop Work Motion: Litt made a motion that the Permanent Home Committee stop work until BVARC establishes its budget. An objection followed that old business from September meeting regarding his motion on this matter had not been addressed. Kendrick decided that there had been a procedural error. Litt removed his motion because it was really new business.
    - 5.5.2. Idea for Permanent Home: Sauermilch presented a proposal in response to Litt's September board meeting motion asking for ideas. Discussion followed with the loose consensus that the general membership should be asked if this is worth pursuit.
    - 5.5.3. Sauermilch made a motion; "At November meeting, after a short presentation, a show of hands be made of who thinks a permanent home would be a good idea and who thinks it would be a bad idea." Motion carried.
    - 5.5.4. QSL Cards: Stone commented that cards from N0D still have not gone out.
  - 5.6. New business:
    - 5.6.1. Hiller: Three officers are up of election, President, Recording Secretary, one Two-Year Director. He has received nominations for President and Director Positions but not for Recording Secretary.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX

## BVARC Historical Vignettes – Elections and Chili Supper

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

For over twenty years, the November BVARC elections have been associated with chili. The first time chili was served at a BVARC election night meeting was on November 8, 1990. However, the first chili event at a BVARC meeting was not at the election meeting, but at the March 9, 1989 general membership meeting held 24 years ago. It was this event that paved the way for having an annual chili supper at later election meetings.

The speaker at the March 9, 1989 meeting was Hub Ratliff, N5MXC, who spoke about the Civil Air Patrol and their use of direction finding gear. The meeting was also billed as a "Chili Cookoff," with the chili provided by Vic Richard, N5NAS. Vic was well known for his skill at cooking meat at BVARC picnics where he took his portable grill/smoker and prepared delightful chicken, beef and sausage. The club had not yet had the opportunity to sample Vic's chili. It was not really a cookoff because the only chili served was prepared by Vic. After the business portion of the meeting, club members went through the line to get a bowl of chili and sat down to hear Hub speak. The chili was fantastic, and everyone enjoyed the program. The B-VARC Bulletin described the meeting as a resounding success.

From the April 1989 (Vol. 12, Issue 4) B-VARC Bulletin, Irv Smith KB5EXM editor:

### MARCH MEETING REPORT

The Chili Cookoff was a resounding success. Thanks to Vick (N5NAS) and Harold (ND5F) for coordinating it. An incomplete list of others bringing food or items includes Suzanne (KB5BAY), Ralph (KB5DNT), Irv (KB5EXM), Herb (N5GZW), Susan (KB5ICO), Bill (N5KXU), Charles (KG5KV), Greg (K5LW), Hub (N5MXC), and Lee (KA5JWB).

The following year, it was decided to have food at the election meeting, and since Vic's chili was such a great success the year before, it was decided that the program for the November 1990 meeting would be called "Elections & Chili Con Carne", with Vic cooking the chili. Vic actually cooked the chili at the Missouri City Fire Station for the November 1990 meeting.

From the December 1990 (Vol. 13, Issue 12) B-VARC Bulletin, Vincent Orlando WA5ETS editor:

### ELECTION NIGHT

By Bill Todd-Brown

When we arrived at the Missouri City Fire Station, there was Uncle Vic, N5NAS, inside the fire station next to the fire trucks, with his propane burner on high and his "oil tank with handles" bubbling out of the essence of dreams – good chili.

Speaking of "Thanks," I'm probably going to leave someone out and be in trouble again, but here goes. Vic, N5NAS, supplied the chili, in its entirety, he purchased the meat (and ground it up by stomping it with his cleated shoes) – (but not to worry; he put down fresh newspapers to stomp it on), he cooked it, seasoned it and brought it. We suspect that Pat played more than a small role in it. Thanks, Vic; it was superb. (In fact it was so good that Harold, ND5F, and his wife went over to Vic's house after the meeting to help dispose of what was left.)

The following two years, 1991 and 1992, the program at the November BVARC meeting was called "Election and Chili Cookoff." Any member who wished could bring chili, and after tasting the various kinds of chili, members voted by secret written ballot for what they thought was the best chili. In that sense, it was a chili cookoff. In 1993, the November BVARC program was termed "Elections and Chili Feast," and since that time the November program has been known as "Elections and Chili Supper." Now you know how the tradition of having chili at BVARC elections started.



## BVARC Texas QSO Party Results

This year we had thirteen stations represented in the 2013 Texas QSO Party Club Scores. Congratulations to the following members who submitted scores on behalf of BVARC's Club Score.

Jim N5DTT  
Cam K5CAM  
Toss W5HFF  
Roy W5TKZ  
RickW5RH) & Pete(KD5QPX) as KK5W  
Rick NC5IR  
Jon KF5TFJ

Nizar K0NM  
John K5IZO  
Ron (K5HM) as K5T  
Kirk KK5Z  
Larry K5LJ  
Joe AA1Z

This year the club aggregate score was: 371,151 points. In 2012 our club score was 269,254 points. An increase of over 100,000 points compared to last year. Thank to all the participants who devoted time, large or small to making this club record score.

Reporting from the Dark Side, Ron, K5HM



## Radiosport Items of Note for November 2013

It looks like a busy contest month in November. Some Major contests this month! Don't miss them

**CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

**CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

**ARRL Sweepstakes CW Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Japan International DX Phone Contest Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

**10-10 International Fall Contest, Digital Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Nov 10<sup>th</sup> .**

**ARRL Sweepstakes SSB Nov 16<sup>nd</sup> – Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**

And my personal favorite:

**Bulgarian DX Contest (Worked All LZ) Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**QSO Parties** – Only one state QSO Party this month. If you are not a DX Chaser, try this relaxed event. Just work everyone in Kentucky.

**Kentucky QSO Party – Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

Want to have some fun on PSK? Try:

**EPC (European Phase Shift Club) PSK63 QSO Party, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

For detailed start times and rules please go to <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html> or click the Contest Calendar link at [www.bvarc.org](http://www.bvarc.org)

Special Events in October include:

**Nov 3, 0000Z-0600Z, W8BAP - Extra Hour Special Event Station**

Chillicothe, OH. Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club. 28.445 14.280 7.250 3.860. Celebrate the return to Standard Time.

**Nov 11, 0900Z-1700Z, USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial, 5th Anniversary. W0V, Sioux Falls, SD. USS South Dakota Wireless Association - N0EBC. 28.315 21.315 14.315 7.215. QSL**

**Nov 23-Nov 24, 0001Z-2359Z W6OI and VE9TEN and DL0X Special Event**

**W6OI**, Burlington, WI. Ten-Ten International . all modes 10 meters. Certificate & QSL. Jerry Kopstein, N9AC, 8041 W Lakeshore Dr, Burlington, WI 53105. Ten-Ten International club stations W6OI, VE9TEN, and DL0X will be in operation from all US call areas, in Canada, and Germany to keep ten meters active, to advertise 10-10 organization, and to have fun. Special Event QSL cards available on request and certificate given to those that work all US call areas. Contact Jerry N9AC, for any further information.

[www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)

For details and more special events visit:

[http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events/search/page:5/Date.start:2013-09-01/Date.end:2013-09-30/model:Event](http://www.arrl.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



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Club Happenings:

General Meeting  
Second Thursday each month, 7:30 PM  
2511 Eldridge Rd, Sugar Land, 77478, Eldridge  
Park Conference Center

Board of Directors Meeting  
First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM  
Fuddrucker's, 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](mailto: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



## 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>

### **01/11/2014 | 2014 Amateur Radio Fiesta**

**Location:** Schertz, TX  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** San Antonio Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://w5sc.org>

### **3/22/2014 Greater Houston Hamfest**

**Location:** Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, TX  
**Sponsor:** Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.  
**Website:** [HoustonHamfest.org](http://HoustonHamfest.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](mailto:w5hff@yahoo.com) or see the BVARC website: [www.bvarc.org](http://www.bvarc.org)

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