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BVARC January Annual Award Banquet

6:00 PM, Friday, January 10, 2014

HMNS at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd, Sugar Land, Texas

REMINDER – There will be no General Membership Meeting in January.

Please join us for the BVARC 2013 Annual Awards Banquet on Friday January 10th, 2014 from 6:00 PM until 9:30 PM at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sugar Land campus (13016 University Blvd.) Your tickets will gain you access to the exhibit hall, a fine catered dinner and a talk from a distinguished guest speaker. Plus, a night of camaraderie with your closest Ham Radio friends. Come and help us congratulate the award recipients for 2013.

- \$25.00 / person for members and their first guest
- \$55.00 / person for all other guests

Tickets may be purchased online from the BVARC website – www.bvarc.org or contact our Treasurer Bob Tomlinson at rbtswim@gmail.com.



December meeting recap – Home Brew Night

Our annual Home Brew night at the BVARC club meeting was a whole lot of fun. There were quite a few members who have been keeping their hands busy tinkering and they brought their projects with them for a night of show and tell.

We thank all of the Do It Yourself members who participated and we look forward to next years offerings. If you have a project that you have been putting off or one that is somewhere between the planning stages and fully modified, please bring it to next years Home Brew night and share your project.



ATTEND THE ANNUAL BANQUET, FRIDAY, JAN. 10. MAKE RESERVATIONS ON-LINE ON THE BVARC WEBSITE BY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 12:00 NOON!

President's Corner for January 2014

By Kirk Kendrick – KK2Z

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

The December general membership meeting was the annual Homebrew night. A nice collection of homebrew work – modifications, inventive solutions to field and mobile operations, and a few conversions of old gear to newer technology. However, for the second year in a row, I wasn't one of the presenters. My backlogged project list stayed backlogged – the next item is to build an SDR SoftRock II receiver. I have had the kit on the shelf for about 6 months waiting on time to clear my workbench and make room to work on it. Unfortunately, other projects (failing computers, failing wireless routers, failing remote controlled gate openers, and a hundred others around the house) got in the way. Seems like a recurring theme lately that I need to rectify. 2014 is my year to relocate my shack and get a clean work area to handle these projects. The good news is that I am becoming proficient in RG-6 connectors and diagnosing satellite signal issues...not by choice.

My wife and I have been working a year on getting our house in Burnet ready for the day we choose to retire and move there. We even named the ranch the "Back 44" (for 44 acres...away from town...on a hill...good views for Astronomy and a nice place for an Antenna Farm!) I have picked the spots for two towers...one 40' tower about 15 feet from the shack for a satellite tracking antenna and a second 50-70' tower about 75-100 feet from my shack sporting an HF beam (or two). Inverted V's supported by a 30' push up pole have had me on the air on 80, 40, and 15 solid. But it would be nice to have more band coverage, a bit more height, and a little more gain and directivity.

After 2 years of VP & Program Chair and 2 years as President, it's nice to pass the reins to Bill Stone WS5H – BVARC's 2014-15 President. Michael Wrenn K5WRN – BVARC's VP -- has the programs well in hand, and the rest of the Board of Directors and club have the annual BVARC events under control and the club running well. It's been an honor to serve the club – I've truly enjoyed my time in office. Now...onward to Past President! And, hopefully, to more time on the air!

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. YES! Pump WA5CYI has the 94 machine back on the air!)
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.
Join the discussion, share what's going on, and talk about HF Radio!

Get on the Air with BVARC!

73 de Kirk KK2Z



Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm**. 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:

9/16 - 16 - Willard, kd5eka	10/21 - 16 - Willard, kd5eka	11/25 - 24 - Pete, kd5qpx
9/23 - 26 - Pete, kd5qpx	10/28 - 28 - Terry, k5pgf	12/2 - 23 - Cam, k5cam
9/30 - 27 - Pete, kd5qpx	11/4 - 26 - Cam, k5cam	12/9 - 18 - Willard, kd5eka
10/7 - 22 - Cam, k5cam	11/11 - 23 - Willard, kd5eka	12/16 - 22 - Ron, k5hm
10/14 - 20 - Willard, kd5eka	11/18 - 26 - Ron, k5hm	12/23 - 11 - Pete, kd5qpx

THE BVARC Rag Chew Net November Check-ins

Below is the BVARC Rag Chew Net check-in information:

11/27/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, W5TOM, WS5H, WA5CYI, VK2AJB/5 (RCS) (Sidney, Australia), K5LJ, AA5OA, K5IZO, W5HFF, KC6JSM, KF5JMJ (Pasadena), N5XTC (Brownsville), KA5GCB (Round Rock), KC5JAR (Katy).
(15 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 129, SN = 47, A = 2, K = 1

12/04/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, W5HFF, AF5T, KF5TFJ, KE5OBY, KC6JSM, W5TOM, K5LJ, AA5OA, K5WRN, K5IZO, K0NM, WA5CYI, KC5VAE, N5CPA, AA0ST (Dickenson), KL7AX (Katy), WS5H, KC5JAV (Abita Springs, LA), KF5JMJ (Pasadena). (21 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 138, SN = 97, A = 4, K = 1

12/11/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, KE5OBY, KC6JSM, K5LBU, K5LJ, W5TOM, AF5T, VK2AJB/5 (RCS) (Sidney, Australia), AA0ST (Dickenson), KL7AX (Katy), AA5OA, N5DTT (Bellaire), N5CPA, KJ5SS (San Angelo), KF5PHA, KF5JMJ (Pasadena), K5WRN, WS5H, WN5A. (20 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 175, SN = 169, A = 5, K = 0

12/18/13, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, W5HFF, W5TOM, AF5T, KA5MEI (Hockley), K5LJ, KF5TFJ, KE5OBY (R), VK2AJB/5 (RCS) (Sidney, Australia), K5CEK/5 (RCS), AA5OA, WS5H, K5IZO, K5LBU, N5DTT (Bellaire), KJ5SS (San Angelo), WB4KTF, WN5A, KF5JMJ (Pasadena), KF5JAB, KL7AX (Katy). (24 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 159, SN = 91, A = 3, 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

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Results of the December 10th 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, December 10, 2013 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford, TX.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Koppenhaver, N0BNA
John Moore, KK5NU
George Ontko, KM5VP

One examination element was administered during the evening to one applicant. One new Technician class license was attained, with the total number of elements passed being 1. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

David A. Windsor - {KF5ZMZ} - 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.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE BVARC 2014-2015 PREZ ELECT

First I would like to thank the members who nominated me to run for the position and the membership votes who know I am entrusted to hold the BVARC 2014-2015 President position. I was very impressed with 3 candidates on the ballot to run for the President position. The members who attended the meeting and voted know it was not a land slide victory. I thank the candidates who ran for the Prez position Nathan Vessey N5NYV and Matt Tatro K5NGU for their remarkable club service work past, present and continuing future efforts as event chairman, committee members and the relay of suggestions and ideas of the BVARC membership. Perhaps I will see your names nominated on the 2015 BVARC BoD election ballot.

Some of the BVARC membership had expressed concern with my TDXS membership as the DX Chairman appointed BoD position. It was thought to be a possible conflict of my time dedication to the BVARC presidency. My TDXS DX Chairman position has been appointed to another TDXS member and the TDXS meeting schedule has been previously arranged to have dinner meetings bimonthly and not on the 2nd Thursday. These changes allow for my FULL attention to the BVARC BoD presidential duties and still enjoy the full TDXS membership status learning DX from the TDXS special interest club.

Big thanks to Kirk KK2Z for his excellence of service work as 2012-2013 BVARC President and the 2012-2013 BVARC Board of Directors.

73 and will see everyone at the BVARC Banquet

Bill Stone WS5H



THE 34/94 REPEATER IS BACK ON THE AIR

The new antennas and feed lines have been installed. But other work remains to be completed. Please take a look at the 17 minute video to get an idea of what a large task the upgrade was. This work was accomplished by the efforts of Robert, KD5YVQ and Steve, WB5UGT spending many hours of their time. If you see or talk to Robert or Steve be sure to thank them for all the hard work they have contributed to getting the repeater back on the air.

The video URL is:

<http://youtu.be/1HX1jkU5Zsw>

Donations to cover the up grade costs would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made through BVARC. Any amount will be appreciated. An anonymous club member has agreed to match the first \$250 donations received. BVARC is a nonprofit organization and donations may be deductible. Check the BVARC web site at <http://www.bvarc.org> for the US mailing address and how to donate using Pay Pal. You may also donate direct to Pump, WA5CYI, at: A. E. Fawcett, 4218 Willow Bank Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479.

To help cover the upgrade costs another ham has donated an Alinco DR 135T/EMkIII Two Meter radio to be raffled off. This radio is brand new in the box, never been used. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. They may be purchased by sending your payment to: A. E. Fawcett, 4218 Willow Bank Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77479. If you live on the east side of Houston contact Al Bayer, W5AEB, at 281-481-0060. The drawing for the winner will be held at 11:00AM at the Houston Ham Fest on March 22, 2013. You need not be present to win. The rig will be shipped to you. Make sure to submit name, call, phone number and address with your donation.

73, Pump



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34/94 Repeater History

(As provided by Jerry Muller, KF5EYC)

My first memory of the 34/94 machine was in the late 60's. I attended a meeting of Texas UHF FM society in the Pasadena bank building, Pasadena, Texas. The original machine was mounted on the bank building. Permission was given to the hams in the area to place the machine on the building. Dusty Rhodes (sk) of the Pasadena Police department provided some of the technical information. Others involved were Albert Rogers K5DGD (sk), Bill Terrell W5DNE (sk), Fred Kuhn K5YSE (sk), Dick Fenner W5AVI (sk), Bob Pace WA5CJG, Harold Sanders WA5RSU (sk). Lawrence Trowbridge K5DAI (sk), with many others. Equipment was scrounged from old Motorola surplus radios provided by many. The control panels were built from NASA surplus warehouse. The repeater provided good coverage for the minimum height it was mounted.

A better site was look for; then a friend of Bill Terrell an engineer at Channel 13 was given permission for the 34/94 machine to be mounted on the 300 foot platform on Channel 13's backup tower on Blue Ridge Road. Antennas were mounted at 700 feet. A weather proof box was provided by Al Bayer WB5CFI, now W5AEB. Another 450 mhz machine 444.2 was added a few years later. More modifications were provided to existing equipment, remote control via touch tones. Channel 13 allowed the Hams to work on the tower. Many days were required to get antennas, coax and control systems in place. Dorthy Braddy WB5TRQ (SK) had a Monday night net for many years. Over these many years many hams have been provided communications for Civil Defense, Community activities, storm communications. The basis of all of the founders was to provide emergency communications for the area it covered. Over the many years equipment was improved as the better equipment became available. Over the many years that have passed; several hams have been appointed as "Trustee". The first one I remember was Albert Rogers K5DGS, Fred Kuhn K5YSE, Bert Atkins W5HJL, Dick Fenner W5AVI and then Pump Fawcett WA5CYI.

Money has always been provided by the hams. Auctions, junk sales and donations, Vendors would give discounts if new equipment was needed.

34/94 wants to serve the community in the future as it has in the past. If you want to suggest some improvements, give them to "Pump" or one of the workers. BVARC has stepped up to the plate to help with this ongoing project. The repeater has had a lot of expenses and hard work by the install team. Please support this effort, so this machine can serve another generation of good hams and this community.

Thanks,
Al "AB" Bayer W5AEB (formerly WB5CFI)

P.S. If you can provide more history information, please call 281-481-0060



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THE STORY OF A TOWER PARTY

Jerry Muller, KF5EYC

Once upon a time in a local HAM community there was a new HAM. He started out like most good hams with a dual band hand held. He then progressed to a dual band Mobile station. He then wanted to quit taking the mobile station out of the truck to use in his QTH (HOUSE) so he bought another dual band for his QTH.

Well about now he was hearing a lot of talk about something called HF. Wondering what that was he asked some members of a club he had joined if they could tell him what this big deal was called HF. Well he was regaled with all kinds of wonderful stories about far of lands and people that he could talk to if he had but a HF unit and an antenna. Shortly thereafter a wonderful event occurred in his community called HOUSTON Ham Fest. Well a good friend went with him and there sitting on a table was just what the friend said he needed for a starter HF rig with all the buttons and knobs he could imagine. So with his friends help he bought it and set it up on his desk in his study. But he sensed something was lacking so he asked his friend what that might be. His friend said you need an antenna. So it just happened that a member of the Ham community was going to get rid of a Vertical antenna if the somewhat new ham would come and get it. Well bless my soul said the young ham he would be delighted to. So the young ham put up the Vertical and got some good coax cable and hooked it all together and then got a copy of the operating manual and since the 10-10 international contest was just around the corner he put his Technician license to good use and started making some (Q's) contacts. 57 to be exact. But he was not happy because other members of the club were make many many more contacts that he was not able to hear. Propagation may have hand it that. So he waited around till someone in the Club that he belonged to had a better unit for sale. He bought it but still was not getting all the contacts that others were getting. So he was asked if he had a beam antenna and a tower. And there in lies the real story. He had over time, 14 months, purchased a Beam and partially assembled it in his garage. He then over time, 14 months, purchased tower parts and collected them. He was getting old and feeble so he wondered if there was a device that would go up and down the tower so he could work on the antenna as needed. Why yes answered a very knowledgeable senior ham. It is called a HAZER. So the young ham purchased it and the accessories need to make it work. Then the young ham want to assemble it and with that he put two sections of the tower together, put the Hazer on it and digging a big hole buried 5.5 feet of the tower in the ground. Now remember old and feeble. He then asked for help from the surrounding Clubs and was overjoyed at the response. Two people volunteered to climb the tower and add the last two sections. Kent Marshall of ECHO/TDXS and Michael Wrenn of BVARC. But he still needed some help on the ground so four hams came to his rescue. Marty Blaze of ECHO, Jo L Keener of BVARC, Bob Hawkins of BVARC and a non-ham friend of Bobs who's name escapes him. After about 4.5 hours the tower was up and the antenna was on the hazer and up the tower. He connected the cables and now he could hear a lot lot more people. Coffee and breakfast snackes were had by all as well as water and carbonated beverages.





Minutes of December 5th, 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 7:05 PM on December 5th, 2013 at the home of Peter Sauermilch in Sugar Land, TX. Attending were;

Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.);

Rick Hiller, W5RH (proxy for David Barber, 2yr At-Large Dir.);

Michael Wrenn, K5WRN (V.P.);

Michael Monsour, AC0TX (Rec. Sec. to be);

Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec./Treas.);

Bill Stone, WS5H (Pres. to be)

Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.);

Jerry Muller, KF5EYC (2yr At-Large Dir. To be)

Ron Litt, K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir. & Radio Sport);

1. Recording Secretary's Report: Minutes for the November 2013 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the December 2013 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report: A financial statement was presented to and accepted by the Board.
3. Old Business:
 - 3.1. Banquet: Candidates for awards were discussed. Nominations need to be made to Kendrick.
 - 3.2. Meeting Location:
 - 3.2.1. Attendance at Eldridge is averaging 45, down from an average of 65 at Imperial Park. Kendrick is concerned that the location is starting to limit the club.
 - 3.2.2. Each board member asked to look for a new location. It must have at minimum the following.
 - 3.2.2.1. Must be low cost.
 - 3.2.2.2. Must be available every 2nd Thursday of the month.
 - 3.2.3. Continue with Eldridge until replaced by better location.
 - 3.3. Annual budget:
 - 3.3.1. Budget Committee should hold a "Special Meeting" starting January 2014.
 - 3.3.2. Committee previously comprised of Bob Tomlinson and Ron Litt.
 - 3.3.3. Said meeting not a board meeting.
 - 3.3.4. Open to general membership.
4. New business:
 - 4.1. 34/94 Repeater:
 - 4.1.1. Pump Fawcett looking for support for funding the 94 repeater repairs.
 - 4.1.2. Litt: Motion made and passed.
 - 4.1.2.1. BVARC shall donate \$1000 directly to Fawcett for repeater repair.
 - 4.1.2.2. The BVARC board shall solicit members to make voluntary minimum contributions of \$15 towards repair of the repeater.
 - 4.2. New "Over 50MHz Award":
 - 4.2.1. Cameron Mitchell proposed a new award for the awards banquet to honor those who make club contribution in the VHF/UHF spectrum.
 - 4.2.2. Board agreed that proposed award is worthy.
 - 4.2.3. Specification of award discussed. Hiller and Kendrick will refine wording and plaque.
 - 4.2.4. The award name was thought to need more elevated titling.
 - 4.3. Appointment of a Parliamentarian: Kendrick proposed that club should have an active parliamentarian. Said person would be responsible for By-Laws management and guiding president and Board of Directors.
 - 4.3.1. By-Laws on the web are not correct.
 - 4.3.2. Parliamentarian needs to look at By-Laws and make changes.
 - 4.3.3. Kendrick will leave this possible task to the next president.
 - 4.4. Closed Board Meetings:
5. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST, MARCH 22, 2014

The hamfest is about 2 ½ months away. Many of you have volunteered to help "make it happen" and have begun working on those actions. If you haven't volunteered and can help either in the preparation and/or the execution, please contact John, K5IZO, at k5izo@yahoo.com to see where your skill sets and abilities can best be used. Help is needed from sit-down tasks to manually intense tasks.



BVARC Historical Vignettes – Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, and BVARC

by Allen Mattis, N5AFV, Club Historian

Like many of the older members of our club, I scan through the Silent Key column in QST Magazine each month. I was saddened this past December (2013) when I saw that Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, of San Antonio became a silent key. Wangler was the ARRL West Gulf Division Director for many years and he spoke to our club at least 4 times from 1981 to 1985. But more than that, he played a major role in BVARC becoming an ARRL affiliated club.

In the first few years of BVARC's existence the club leadership had decided to affiliate with the American Radio Relay League. The proper paperwork was submitted to the ARRL in late 1980, and in January 1981 Ray Wangler notified BVARC that he had approved the application and that he wanted to present the affiliate charter personally to the club. Wangler presented the charter to BVARC at the February 1981 general membership meeting, and the process to become a regular ARRL affiliated club had taken just six months.

Two years later in 1983 when Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN, was president, the BVARC leadership decided to apply for ARRL Special Service Club status, a higher level of club affiliation. How many of you have noticed that the club summary on the BVARC newsletter states that "The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the club's commitment of service with the coveted status of Special Service Club." Why is this status coveted? Perhaps it is because the club went through a great deal of difficulty in its efforts to apply for the special service club status.

In April 1983 the BVARC board of directors appointed Harold Parker, ND5F, to be the BVARC Special Service Club Coordinator. Parker arranged for ARRL West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, to speak at the June 1983 BVARC general membership meeting and the club discussed becoming an ARRL Special Service Club. In November 1983 the club's Special Service Club application was submitted to the ARRL. Nothing was heard from the ARRL for months and at the June 1984 BVARC board meeting Parker reported that "The club's application for the designation of Special Service Club is nowhere to be found! It is lost. We have a Post Office Return Receipt for the first stop on the way to Newington but the application can not be traced from there."

Fortunately, BVARC president Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG, attended Ham Com in Dallas in June 1984 and met with ARRL West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler who advised that the best thing to do was to re-submit the application. Wangler expedited processing of the application and in the September 1984 club newsletter BVARC president Ron Bolyard stated "As promised and stated at the last meeting of your club, our Special Service Club application has been approved by the local ARRL field group and is now in Newington for final approval." Formal notice of approval was received in November 1984 and the masthead of the November 1984 club newsletter (Volume 7, Number 11) contained the ARRL Special Services Club logo for the first time. The process had taken 20 months. Now you know the story behind BVARC's coveted status of ARRL Special Service Club and how Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, helped BVARC become an ARRL Special Service Club.



Remember:

- **THERE IS NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JANUARY**
- **ATTEND THE ANNUAL BANQUET. ON-LINE RESERVATIONS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 12:00 NOON!**





RadioSport Events of Note for January 2014

Don't miss the annual banquet on Jan 10th.

ARRL RTTY Roundup – Jan 4th – 5th

A good contest to test your digital digits.

Rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>

PODXS 070 PSK Club Fest , Jan 4th 0000Z to 2400Z

This is a great contest if you are new at PSK and want a little excitement in your life. Try making lots of contacts in 24 hours. Rules at: <http://www.podxs070.com/pskfest>

The PODXS is a good on the air club(No Dues) and has a very newbie friendly Yahoo group. Recommend you at least join the Yahoo group if you want your PSK skills to grow. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/070/>

Rules at: <http://www.podxs070.com/pskfest>

North American QSO Party, CW Jan. 11th 1800Z to Jan 12th 0600Z

Here is a great contest to cut your teeth on and develop your CW skills for the New Year. If you made a new Year's resolution about getting better at CW, here is an easy contest to enter. Rules at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqlogssubmit.php>

DARC 10 Meter Contest, Jan 12th

You will participate and you will have fun. Your papers better be in order!

Rules at: <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/10m/en/rules/>

North American QSO Party, SSB Jan. 18th 1800Z to Jan 19th 0600Z

Another fun event for the new year. Rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/naqlogssubmit.php>

CQ 160 Meter Contest Jan 24th – Try the Top Band for fun.

Rules at: <http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>

10-10 Winter Contest, SSB Feb 1st – 2nd – Here is a fun context . Meet your neighbors or work the world. It all depends on band conditions.

Some Special Events for January, 2014

ARRL Centennial QSO Party – Jan 1st – Dec 31st 2014. The longest running QSO Party in ham radio history. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ARRL. Get points for every ARRL member, volunteer, appointee or elected office of ARRL throughout the year. Get the rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>

AND, My personal favorite:

European Handball Championship for Men January 12th – 26th, 2014

Jan 1-Jan 31, 0001Z-2359Z, 5P14EHC, Copenhagen, DENMARK. EDR. 21.015 14.015 7,015 3.515. Certificate & QSL. Jorgen Romming, OZ0J, Brandelev Stationsvej 9, DK-4700 Naestved, DENMARK. Danish radio amateurs will be QRV with a special event call, 5P14EHC. All Modes and bands. www.5p14ehc.dk Don't miss it!

Info on other special events can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

Reporting from the Dark Side,

Ron, K5HM



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1 Year at Large Board Member
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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 (Check page 1)

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

Eating Schedule

See in adjacent column.

Rag Chew Net

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m.

Public Service Net

Monday night on 147.36 (100.0) at 8:00 PM

Editor's Note: The officers for 2014 assume
their roles after the banquet. As the above
members still hold their position, this list will
be updated in the next newsletter.

BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

IHOP, 7:00a.m., SW Freeway inbound 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

Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club

Website: <http://w5sc.org>

02/22/2014 | Orange Hamfest 2014

Location: Orange, TX

Sponsor: Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/>

3/22/2014 | Greater Houston Hamfest

Location: Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, TX

Sponsor: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Website: HoustonHamfest.org

03/29/2014 | HamEXPO

Location: Belton, TX

Sponsor: Temple Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://tarc.org>



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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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