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AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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BVARC FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, February 13, 2014

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

Government – Everything else is Anarchy

Starting in February we will kick off a series of presentations focused on our government and how amateur radio remains an effective participant in their communications team..

Our first presenter in this series will be the Office of Emergency Management, presented by Nathan Vessey (N5NYV).

Nathan's talk will be on Public Health, Emergency Management and Response.

If you are curious how the amateur radio service meets it's primary purpose, "*as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications*", then don't miss this series of talks.



January Banquet Recap – Slow Coffee

If you missed this years annual BVARC banquet you missed out on some excellent food, excellent conversation, and an excellent presentation by David McCombs. You also missed the introduction of your new board.

Congratulations to all award winners.

And as David reminds us, we are all elmers, and we are all responsible for how the next generation learns about our hobby.

Note: The above 2 notices were submitted by Michael Wren, K5WRN, BVARC VP & Program Chairperson



Board of Directors Location Change.

Bill Stone, WS5H

This is a reminder that the BVARC Board of Directors Meetings held each month on the 1st Thursday will not be at the Fuddrucker's location. To begin in February on 2-6-14, The BVARC BoD meetings will be held at Bayland Park 6400 Bissonnet in the Bayland Park Community Center in Southwest Houston. This move was made to better conduct BVARC BoD club biz and get away from the loud food fellowship entertainment environment.



Greetings to the BVARC membership,

As your new President and BoD members have now become settled in to the BVARC positions we will begin to tackle the BVARC Finance / Budget for 2014. This will take much time so non-critical BVARC biz may be renewed for the next months meeting in March. This budget report will begin in the Feb. BoD meeting however I foresee as per length of discussion, the continuance of a special session meeting on the budget held outside of the normal time and date of the regular BoD meetings. Our past Prez Kirk began the budget task with the creation of a finance committee and that report is ready for presentation. Thank you Ron and Bob for the Finance Budget report.

I have received many comments and suggestions about our BVARC Banquet and the comments have been archived per location, presentation and menu. Thus far I will agree that the Banquet was a success however I do not see a January 2015 Banquet in the same location for a 3rd year. Your BoD will address this item when it comes up in the latter part of the year.

All systems are GO for our Greater Houston Hamfest in March. Again John, K5IZO, has spearheaded the event and my thanks and gratitude go to John and all of the many committee members that make this event happen. As we know the Hamfest has been the main source of revenue for our BVARC Special Service Club recognition to fund the many projects our club provides to the Amateur Radio community. If you have not volunteered for help with our Hamfest please contact John.

I look forward to see all of you at the general membership meeting and if the opportunity arises try to bring a friend or a long time not seen BVARC member.

Though it has never been said I am a man of few words, I will call this a wrap and sign off.

73 Bill Stone WS5H



Results of the January 14th 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, January 14, 2014 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford, TX.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
George Ontko, KM5VP
Robert Tomlinson, N5JSL

Six examination elements were administered during the evening to four applicants. Three new Technician class licenses were attained, along with one upgrade to General class; with the total number of elements passed being 4. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 66.67%.

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

Jerry P. Beevers	- {KF5ZXS}	- Technician
Randall A. Dorn	- {KF5ZXT}	- Technician
Gregory J. Graziadio	- {KF5ZXU}	- Technician
Alexis-Taylor S. McVeigh	- {KF5ZXY}	- 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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THE BVARC Rag Chew Net January Check-ins

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

12/25/13, K5LKJ (NCS), K5PGF, K5LJ, K5CEK/5 (RCS), W5TOM, K5IZO, K5WRN. (7 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 123, SN = 96, A = 7, K = 1

01/01/14, K5LKJ (NCS), WS5H, W5HFF, W5TKZ, K5WRN, KF5JMJ (Pasadena), N5BXP, KE5OBY (R), KF5TFJ, N5ASH (El Campo), AA5OA, N5CPA, N5DTT (Bellaire), KK5A (San Antonio), AA0ST (Dickenson). (21 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 160, SN = 136, A = 12, K = 3

01/08/14, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, VK2AJB/5 (RCS) (Sidney, Australia), K5CEK/5 (RCS), W5TKZ, W5HFF, N5NYV (Clear Lake), AF5T, WS5H, K5LJ, KL7AX (Katy), K0NM, K5IZO, N5DTT (Bellaire), KF5JMJ (Pasadena), K5SFV (Clear Lake), WA5CYI, KI6ASK (Palo Alto, CA), KE5OBY (R), W5DXP (Chandler), N5CPA, KC5JAR (Katy). (22 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 195, SN = 196, A = 8, K = 1

01/15/14, K5LKJ (NCS), W5HFF, W5TOM, KF5TFJ, K5LBU, K5LJ, KL7AX (Katy), AF5T, KE5OBY (R), W5TKZ, WN5A, N5DTT (Bellaire), K5IZO, WS5H, AA0ST (Dickenson), W5RH, KE5HDR, KF5JMJ (Pasadena), AA5OA.

(19 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 127, SN = 95, A = 11, K = 1

01/22/14, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, W5TKZ, KC5JAR (Katy), KJ5X (Broussard, LA), KL7AX (Katy), K5LJ, KE5OBY (R), AA5OA, KF5TFJ, K5IZO, WS5H, VK2AJB/5 (RCS) (Sidney, Australia), K5LBU, N5DTT (Bellaire), W5RH, KJ5SS (San Angelo), AF5T, WA5CYI, AA0ST (Dickenson), KF5PHA, K5CEK/5 (RCS), N5CPA, WA5KXG, KF5JMJ (Pasadena). (25 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 146, SN = 141, A = 8, 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



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:

10/14 - 20 - Willard, kd5eka	11/18 - 26 - Ron, k5hm	12/23 - 11 - Pete, kd5qpx
10/21 - 16 - Willard, kd5eka	11/25 - 24 - Pete, kd5qpx	12/30 - 16 - Terry, k5pgf
10/28 - 28 - Terry, k5pgf	12/2 - 23 - Cam, k5cam	1/6 - 35 - Cam, k5cam
11/4 - 26 - Cam, k5cam	12/9 - 18 - Willard, kd5eka	1/13 - 30 - Willard, kd5eka
11/11 - 23 - Willard, kd5eka	12/16 - 22 - Ron, k5hm	1/20 - 28 - Ron, k5hm



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Skeeters Night Out

BVARC will have a night out in May (date TBD). Come and enjoy some fellowship with other members of the club. If interested please let Art Caprio know. We need a head count so we can get the deposit for the group tickets.

See Ya @ The Ballpark
Art Caprio/KE5OBY



GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST, MARCH 22, 2014

The hamfest is about 1 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.

There is a link to the Hamfest website on the BVARC.org home page.



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Radioport Items on Note for February 2014

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

QSO Parties – An easy way to try a contest for the first time. State QSO Parties are relaxed events. If you happen to need these states for WAS, they are a great way to work states to work states you can't easily find on the bands otherwise. .

- Vermont QSO Party – Feb 1-2
- Minnesota QSO Party – Feb 1st
- British Columbia QSO Party – Feb 1st
- Delaware QSO Party – Feb 1-2
- New Hampshire QSO Party Feb 8-9
- North Carolina QSO Parties – Feb 23-24

SSB Contests

CQ 160 Meter Contest, SSB. Feb 21-23. Yes its two days long. But it's the magic Top Band.

10-10 Winter Contest, SSB – Feb 1-2. Join the fun. Help the club and submit a log with BVARC as you r club and boost our score.

ARRL International DX Contest, SSB – March 1-2. The big one. USA vs.the World. Great fun, lots of DX too.

Digital Contests

EPC WW DX Contest ,PSK63 – Feb 1-2. A PSK contest for digital fans using PSK 63; twice as fast as PSK 31 and faster than RTTY

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest – Feb 8-9

North American QSO Party, RTTY = Feb 22-23

CW

ARRL International DX Contest, CW Feb 15-16– A big one for CW fans. Sharpen your code speed boys! The US versus the World.

High Speed Club CW Contest – Feb 23. Only eight hours!

Sprints – A fun variation of contests. You have to QSY often.

North American Sprint CW – Feb 2nd

Fists Winter Sprint – Feb 8th

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint – Feb 12th. The old fashioned way, no electronic keyers.

Classic Exchange, Phone – Feb 9-10. AM, CW, SSB. You get points for using your old boat anchor.

For details on any of these contests, visit the web link at the top of the page or the contest calendar on www.bvarc.org

Selected Special Events in February

WIAW Centennial Celebration – W100AW ARRL 100th anniversary special call sign

W!AW portable operation – Work toward W1AW WAS by working W1AW portable in every state. Scheduled in February are

Minnesota – W1AW/0

Texas – W1AW/5

Georgia – W1AW/4

Hawaii – W1AW/KH6

California – W1AW/6

Wisconsin – W1AW/9

Michigan – W1AW/8

Florida – W1AW/4

Washington – W1AW/7

Kansas – W1AW/0

W5B – Feb 1 -4- 55th Anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly

K3HWJ – Feb 2nd – Groundhog Day

K4US – Feb 15th – George Washington Birthday

N4DAB – Feb 21-24- 56th Anniversary of Daytona 500

For details on every Special Event in February, go to

http://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:3/Date.start:2014-02-01/Date.end:2014-02-28/model:Event

Reporting from the Dark Side,
Ron, K5HM





Minutes of January 2nd, 2014 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 7:10 PM on January 2nd, 2014 at Fuddruckers, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were; Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (Pres.); Michael Wrenn, K5WRN (V.P.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Ron Litt, K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir. & Radio Sport); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Michael Monsour, AC0TX (Quartermaster); Ross Lawler, W5HFF; Mark Lawler; Bill Stone, WS5H Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Mike Hardwick, N5VCX; Jerry Muller, KF5EYC; Matt Tatro, K5NGU;

1. Minutes for the December 2013 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and as appears in the January 2014 newsletter.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented to the board through email from treasurer. It was accepted by the Board.
3. VP Report:
 - 3.1. December 2013: Activity was Home Brew Night.
 - 3.2. January 2014:
 - 3.2.1. Activity will be the Awards Banquet. To date, forty-six have purchased tickets. There will be a Cash Bar before dinner. Bar will be self-funding from external donations to the banquet. The meal will be fajitas, chicken or beef; a desert; and coffee.
 - 3.2.2. Dave McCombs (NA5CW) is the scheduled speaker. He travels and unable to guarantee his appearance. If Dave is unavailable, a Jeopardy or Trivial Pursuit game will be held. As a fun event, all attendees will be given a scavenger hunt challenge when they arrive to help us find the hidden treasures in the museum.
 - 3.2.3. There was a request that we recognize members those who have deceased during previous year. A lengthy discussion followed. An objection was raised that we should be focused on new members, not just on those who have departed. The matter was resolved with decision to have a memorial display that is not at the speaker's podium.
 - 3.2.4. Suggestion was made that a retrospective for the previous year be made of both good and bad. No volunteer was available at time of meeting to effect work on said retrospective.
 - 3.2.5. Awards:
 - 3.2.5.1. Several nominations have been submitted for the standing awards.
 - 3.2.5.2. The new, above 50MHz award, will be named the K1JT Award in honor of Dr. Joe Taylor.
 - 3.2.5.3. The K1JT award will be similar in appearance to the Loop & Zepp award.
 - 3.3. March:
 - 3.3.1. Joint Meeting with Texas DX Society.
 - 3.3.2. See paragraph 6.5 for location and time.
4. Radio Sport: Anarchic Sked set for Saturday, 1/4/2014, 7PM on 14.243MHz. KC4AAA has list of stations and will initiate the contacts.
5. Old Business:
 - 5.1. Repeater Donation: A proposal was made to allow Mr. Fawcett to sell raffle tickets at the banquet, discussion followed. Kendrick had concerns that our contract with the HMNS Sugar Land would not allow any type of financial activity. Kendrick resolved to contract the HMNS and determine if it was allowed.
 - 5.2. Stone: Our charter addresses having a parliamentarian. Bill agreed that this was necessary and had already purchased an edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
6. New business:
 - 6.1. Lawler: Proposed that we should be looking toward Field Day 2014. He suggested that the club procure a second tri-plexer so CW operations can share a Yagi antenna. No board action followed.
 - 6.2. Stone: Proposed club procure a 10 meter directional antenna for Field Day.
 - 6.3. Stone: Proposed that BVARC make a \$100 donation to the Texas DX Society as a thank you for the use of their repeater while the 94 was under repair. Board approved said donation.
 - 6.4. Stone: Future board meetings will be held at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnett.
 - 6.5. Stone: March GMM will be at Tracey Gee's Community Center. Time 7PM to 9PM. Stone will announce venue.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX





ARRL Centennial Worked All States – W1AW Portable

Unless you are living under a rock, you must be aware of the 100th anniversary of the ARRL this year.

One part of this celebration is W1AW operating from all 50 states during the year. Each week, W1AW will be portable in two states for a week at a time. You can find the complete schedule of operation at:

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On%20the%20Air/W1AW_2014_sked.pdf

ARRL will offer a special, a special W1AW WAS certificate and plaque for QSOs made with the **W1AW/ portable** operation. To earn the “Worked all States with W1AW Award,” work W1AW operating portable from all 50 states. (Working W1AW or W100AW in Connecticut does *not* count for Connecticut, however. For award credit, participants must work W1AW/1 in Connecticut)..

To qualify for the W1AW WAS award, you don’t need QSL card confirmations either. Just upload your W1AW QSO’s to Logbook of the World (LOTW).

If you aren’t already registered with LOTW, now is a good time to take care of that as well. Being a member of LOTW will add to your overall enjoyment of amateur radio and it doesn’t cost anything. You don’t even have to be an ARRL member.

You can also track your progress with a special record sheet that can be downloaded from

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On%20the%20Air/Keep%20Track%20of%20Your%20W1AW%20QSOs%20in%202014.pdf>

If you missed a state, don’t worry, each state gets to host W1AW twice, so you can still catch it on the second week.

In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the ARRL, the ARRL Centennial QSO Party, <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party> kicked off January 1 for a year-long operating event in which participants can accumulate points and win awards. The event is open to all, although only ARRL members and appointees, elected officials, HQ staff and W1AW are worth ARRL Centennial QSO Party points. Working W1AW/x from each state is worth 5 points per contact.

QSL information for 2014 W100AW and all 2014 W1AW/xx Centennial Stations

Although you don’t need them if you confirm your contacts through LOTW, some may prefer to add these contact to their paper QSL collection. After all, these contacts come along only once every 100 years.

Direct requests for all these various stations may also be sent to W1AW. Please include a SASE. Please note it will take some time to process QSL card requests for these various operations.

QSL cards from W100AW and W1AW operating portable will be sent automatically via the QSL Bureau system to each U.S.A. station who signs-up online to receive such cards [this form is not ready yet – please watch for an announcement]. This is a one-time only use of the QSL Bureau for this purpose. QSLs will automatically be sent to stations outside the U.S.A. via the QSL Bureau as normal. QSLs may be requested directly also, with an SASE required for return.

Reporting from the Dark Side,
Ron, K5HM

Where in the world is . . . **Ascension Island (ZD8)** **IOTA AF-003**

A small, volcanic, equatorial Island located in the South Atlantic, about halfway between South America and Africa. It was discovered twice. Once by a Spaniard, who apparently thought it of no importance. It was found again by the Portuguese explorer Alfonso de Albuquerque who named it for the day he sighted it, Ascension Day in the church calendar.



Dry and barren, it remained uninhabited except for numerous seabirds and native green turtles. Goats were later introduced as well. In 1815, the British claimed the island and garrisoned it as a precaution after imprisoning Napoleon on Saint Helena to the southeast.

Historically, it has played a role as an important safe haven and coaling station to mariners. During the 1930's and 40's it was a stopover for commercial airliners during the days of international air travel by flying boats. In World War II, Ascension was an important naval and air station. The island was used extensively by the British military during the Falklands War.

Today, the island population of about 800 is made up of government and military personnel. The Royal Air Force and the USAF maintain a presence. There is a European Space Agency rocket tracking station, an Anglo-American signals intelligence facility and the BBC World Service Atlantic Relay Station. Ascension Island hosts one of five ground antennas that assist in the operation of the Global Positioning System (GPS) navigational system.

QRZ.com lists six hams who actually reside on the island. Other hams have operated from ZD8 as Dxpeditons or have passed through as a result of business visits. It is listed 238th on the list of most wanted DXCC entities.

St. Helena (ZD7) **IOTA AF-022**

Another island of volcanic origin, St. Helena was also discovered by Portuguese explorers around 1500. It lies approximately 800 miles Southeast of its neighbor, Ascension Island. Saint Helena is one of the most remote places in the world. The nearest port is Namibe in Southern Angola.

Both islands along with Tristan de Cunha are governed as part of the British Overseas Territory of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

In 1815, the British government selected Saint Helena as the place of detention of Napoleon Bonaparte. He was brought to the island in October 1815; where he died on 5 May 1821.

Today's island population is about 4,200. St Helena's economy is weak, and is almost entirely sustained by aid from the British government. The public sector dominates the economy, accounting for about 50% of gross domestic product.



According to QRZ.com, twenty eight hams live on the island, mostly in Jamestown the capital city. St. Helena is listed as the 158th most wanted DXCC entity.

Reporting from The Dark Side,

Ron, K5HM



BVARC Historical Vignettes – Bayland Park and BVARC

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

For the past ten years the BVARC Board of Directors has been meeting at various restaurants with the Fuddruckers on Highway 59 just south of the Fountains Shopping Center being the last venue. Beginning in February 2014 the Bayland Park Community Center will be the location of the BVARC Board of Directors meetings. While BVARC has not held any activities at Bayland Park for many years, the park was the site of the first BVARC picnic.

BVARC was founded in 1977 and according to the May 1979 club newsletter (the third club newsletter) the first club picnic was held May 12, 1979 beginning at 10:30 in the morning at Bayland Park near the intersection of Bissonnet and Hillcroft. Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN, organized the picnic which he promoted as a family picnic. Anyone with baseball equipment, frisbees, or other outdoor games was asked to bring them to the picnic. Members were also asked to bring their own food and drink, but were advised that grills, picnic tables, and restrooms were available in the park. The newsletter stated that the club “will have an area staked out at the EAST end of the park, near the FIELD House.”

As luck would have it, a special Dxpedition to Luchenbach, Texas was scheduled to be on the air that day, and plans were made to set up a portable HF station at Bayland Park to try and work Luchenbach. The South Texas Amateur Radio Society (STARS) was operating the special event station using their club call sign W5TEX. Unfortunately, club members were not able to work the Luchenbach Special Event station but they did have a good time on the air.



2013 Club Officers:

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Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month, 7:30 PM
2511 Eldridge Rd, Sugar Land, 77478, Eldridge
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Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM
Bayland Park Community Center
Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet,

Volunteer Examiner Program

BVARC administers Amateur License Exams
on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the HCC
Scarcella Technology Campus, 10141 Cash Rd.
in Stafford.

Contact John Moore, KK5NU

jwm@hal-pc.org

Eating Schedule

See in adjacent column.

Rag Chew Net

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

Public Service Net

Monday night on 146.94 (167.9) at 8:00 PM



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>

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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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-©-(3).

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

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

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

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