



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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BVARC MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, May 8, 2014

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

You Are Grounded, Aren't You?

This month we take a sabbatical from government affairs. During the May BVARC General Membership meeting we will take a look at a subject that has as many opinions as there are hams discussing it. Grounding.

Our featured speaker for May will be Bob Hardie, W5UQ. A sixty year veteran of ham radio, Bob will be giving us his presentation – “From Earth to Ground”. A basic presentation about grounding for the ham radio station/system. Bob promises to keep it lively.

If grounding is something you have a fascination with, or something that is as much of a mystery as the six meter band, then join us this May at the BVARC meeting. Come for the camaraderie and stay for the learning.



April Meeting Recap – Navy MARS

During our April General Membership meeting, we were introduced to the South Texas state Navy Marine Corp MARS. Introductions were made by Mr. Jerry Hargett / NNN0GBY, the NCMC South Texas State Director. The presentation was given by Mr. Godik Glydenege / NNN0HVB, Manager of Special Projects. Further information for interested hams may be found at their website - <http://navymars.org/>

Next month, June, we will meet with Jeff Walter / KE5FGA. Jeff is with ARES and his presentation will continue our look into amateur radio and our government.



Ten Simple Questions

As a BVARC board member, I am searching for areas where BVARC can be better and provide more value to current and future members.

On the BVARC home page (www.bvarc.org) there is a link to a short on-line survey directed at BVARC members. The survey is anonymous. I'm only interested in collecting information that will help make BVARC a better organization. Just click on the link to take the survey or type the link into your web browser.

73,
Ron, K5HM
Board Member,
Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club





From the President, Bill Stone, WS5H

Greetings to TEAM BVARC,

I am happy to announce the 2014 BVARC Field Day chairman club member, Roy, W5TKZ, has accepted the position. At the pre FD meeting your BVARC Prez, TDXS Prez Bob W5UQ and the ECHO Society President representative Mike N5MT had discussion and set agreement of the unified Tri Club and member support of THE KK5W BVARC 2014 Field Day. Where the meeting became memorable is when the FD chairman was developing the plan, the 13 attendees in unity at the meeting in support, met Roy's requests to assist the action plan. All stayed to near closing time at the BBQ house. To watch the birth and growth of a BVARC Field Day meeting was priceless.

We seem to have a rough sea for now to set the Museum Ships Weekend Event this year as per location permissions. Our MSWE chairman, Cookie, K5EWJ, has our requests in, however the past Oil Spill and a now (at time of this article) ongoing restoration of the USS Stewart work week, the MSWE agenda item delayed is now set on the AUWC Board meeting in late May. This cuts it close time wise for the event. The Ft Travis Park will be booked up by Boy Scout troops and no permission had been given for MSWE. All good ideas contact BVARC MSWE chairman. We have other options brewing so don't give up the Ship.

Club BVARC had a written request for possible support in a Texas State Guard training exercise with provision for Ham Radio Support. TXSG has another meeting before known if we are needed for deployment in FT Bend County. EMROG, FT Bend RACES and ARES Members have the same notification and have training for this exercise. If this becomes Not a BVARC Club drill for TXSG then this is notice for EMCOM members to have those To-Go Bags for radio operations close by and Ready Response Teams on standby.

I Thank You for the New, Renewal, Life Member and current membership of BVARC.

CU at Our next general membership meeting.

73 Bill Stone WS5H
BVARC President



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 :

1/13 - 30 - Willard, kd5eka	2/17 - 24 - Ron, k5hm	3/24 - 31 - Pete, kd5qpx
1/20 - 28 - Ron, k5hm	2/24 - 32 - Pete, kd5qpx	3/31 - 27 - Terry, k5pgf
1/27 - 38 - Pete, kd5qpx	3/3 - 24 - Cam, k5cam	4/7 - 34 - Cam, k5cam
2/3 - 34 - Cam, k5cam	3/10 - 18 - Willard, kd5eka	4/14 - 28 - Willard, kd5eka
2/10 - 30 - Willard, kd5eka	3/17 - 22 - Ron, k5hm	4/21 - 24 - Ron, k5hm





Radiosport Items on Note for May 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 you can't easily find on the bands otherwise. .

- 7th Area QSO Party – May 3rd - May 4th
- Indiana QSO Party – May 3rd – May 4th
- New England QSO Party – May 3rd – May 4th

SSB Contests

No SSB only contests this month

VHF

50 MHz Spring Sprint May 10th – 11th

Mixed Mode

Italian DX Contest - May 3rd – 4th

Baltic Contest – May 17th – 1May 18th

CW Contests

10-10 Spring Contest CW May 3rd – 4th

FISTS Spring Sprint May 10th

His Majesty King of Spain, CW May 17th – May 18th

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint – May 22nd

CQ WW WPX, CW May 24th – May 25th

Digital

Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest May 11th – May 12th

EU PSK DX Contest May 17th – May 18th

SARL (South African Radio League) Digital Contest – May 25th

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 March

WIAW Centennial Celebration – W100AW ARRL 100th anniversary special call sign continues in March.

W!AW portable operation – Work toward W1AW WAS by working WIAW portable in every state. Scheduled in March week beginning are:

*Utah – 5/7

*Nebraska – 5/7

South Dakota – 5/14

*New York – 5/21

Colorado – 5/21

Missouri – 5/28

Wyoming – 5/28

*- indicates states that are in their second rotation. This is your last chance for these states.

May 6th – May 8th - 1869 Transcontinental Railroad Golden Spike - W7G

May 10th - MARS and Amateur Radio Crossband Test

May 19th – May 25th - Indy 500 Special Event - W9IMS

May 20th – Charles Lindberg Crosses the Atlantic – K2CAM

May 27th – Texas Star Party – W5TSP

AND the ever popular:

Toad Suck DAZE Special Event – May 3rd – W5AUU, Conway AR

For details on every Special Event in March, 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



Amateur Radio and the Juno Flyby by Allen Mattis N5AFV

Last month I received a commemorative QSL card from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA's Juno Earth Flyby on October 9, 2013. This flyby was what some call a "slingshot" maneuver that increased the forward speed of Juno by an additional 8,800 miles per hour. Juno is expected to arrive at Jupiter on July 4, 2016.

This flyby gave NASA a chance to test the RF receiving capability of the Juno probe before it headed for Jupiter. Over 1,400 amateur radio operators worldwide representing all seven continents participated. The radio amateurs sent the letters HI in CW on designated frequencies in the ten meter band every ten minutes on a rotating schedule based on call sign. The letters were sent extremely slow. According to NASA, Juno was able to detect the CW signal several times during the flyby.

So, is the card I received a QSL card or a commemorative card? Certainly the 1,400 plus amateur radio operators collectively sent signals to Juno. Juno detected those signals several times, and on a NASA frequency Juno indicated that it received those signals. This is very similar to what amateur radio operators do on OSCAR satellites every day except that the downlink was not an amateur radio frequency.

The bottom line for me is that I enjoyed participating in the Juno Earth Flyby experiment and the card I received is a nice memento.



THE BVARC Rag Chew Net March Check-ins

04/02/14, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, WA5CYI, KL5AX (KATY), K5CAM, W5TKZ, K5LJ, AF5T, K5IZO, N0NM, W5RH, N5DTT (Bellaire), KF5JMJ (Pasadena), AA5OA. (14 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 153, SN = 124, A = 6, K = 1

04/09/14, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, W5HFF, W5TOM, N5DTT (Bellaire), KE5OBY (R), K5LJ, AA0ST (Dickenson), AF5T, WS5H, AA5OA, KF5TFJ, K5CEK/5 (RCS), KL5AX (KATY), K0NM, KF5JMJ (Pasadena), WA5VBP/5 (KATY).

(25 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 132, SN = 94, A = 5, K = 2

04/16/14, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, W5HFF, K5CAM, K5LJ, WA5CYI, AA5OA, KL7AX (Katy), N5DTT (Bellaire), AF5T, KF5TFJ, W5RH, AA0ST (Dickenson).

(13 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 173, SN = 149, A = 6, K = 0

04/23/14, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TOM, W5TKZ, AA5OA, W5HFF, N5DTT (Bellaire), WS5H, VK2AJB/5 (RCS) (Sidney, Australia), KE5OBY (R), K5LJ, AF5T, AA0ST (Dickenson). (12 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 135, SN = 136, A = 5, K = 2

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

Come join us each Wednesday evening. Regards. John K5LKJ



The Radio Hotel – The Standing Wave – Rick – W5RH

We use the term SWR, or Standing Wave Ratio, as an indicator of the quality of the impedance match in our antenna systems – in reality it is the difference of the impedance match between the antenna (the load) and the transmission line (TL). Ideally, a 50 ohm coax wants to feed a 50 ohm antenna, but that is not as typical as it would seem. There is always some variation -- from very slight to quite a difference.

But, just what is the standing wave? Here is the story: Power, as a sinusoidal wave of voltage (and current) from the transmitter, is input into the TL and the wave moves down the TL to the load. If the TL's characteristic impedance(Z) and the load input feed impedance (Z) are equal (matched), all power is transferred to the load from the TL, hence more signal is radiated from the antenna – a good thing. If the TL and load are mismatched (not equal), there will be some 'reflection' of a portion of the forward wave back toward the transmitter. The greater the mismatch differential the greater the reflected wave amplitude. This reflected wave heads back toward the transmitter.....(Yes, Virginia, you can have 2 waves traveling in 2 different directions on a TL.) Keep in mind that the forward wave is continuously being generated by the transmitter and the reflected wave is being reflected back toward the transmitter continuously. Because it is a closed system, these two waves, one traveling one way and one traveling the other, start to set up a pattern.

You know how when you look at, from the side, two passing trains traveling at the same speed in different directions on a parallel set of tracks....you see a "pattern" form by the coordinated moving spaces between the cars. Similarly, the two voltage waves, passing each other on the TL, set up a "pattern" wave of their own, called the "standing wave". It is "standing" because it not moving. It is not moving because the waves are each traveling at the same speed and, also, there is no shifting due to any difference in frequency. Understand, though, that the standing wave is an apparent/virtual wave -- the literal "sum" of the addition of the Forward wave's values and the Reflected wave's values generated, as they pass each other at each point on the TL.

How is the standing wave generated? Check out -- <http://www.bessernet.com/Ereflecto/tutorialFrameset.htm>

Years ago, Hams used a Lecher wire to measure wavelength, but you could literally see the standing wave voltage variations along the line – (Google - Lecher wire). Use the url above and change the SWR value to i.e. 2, 3, 5, 10 [hit enter] and see how the reflected wave amplitude increases and the standing wave maximum voltage to minimum voltage differential becomes greater. The Standing Wave "Ratio" then is the maximum voltage on this standing wave compared to the minimum voltage on this standing wave.

Next time "The Standing Wave Ratio"

The purpose of **The Radio Hotel** is to give you a practical kickstart into exploring the workings of antenna systems. Do a bit of research – Google the buzz words and find out what they mean. Read up on antenna theory to see how it all works together. You will be glad you did.



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BVARC Historical Vignettes – BVARC and the South Texas Balloon Launch Team

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

In the past couple of years a number of BVARC members have enjoyed participating in balloon launches put together by the South Texas Balloon Launch Team. Some enjoy tracking the balloon and recovering it after the flight. Others enjoy working stations through the repeaters on the balloon. BVARC's involvement in the balloon launches actually goes back over 20 years.

When I was President of B-VARC in 1991 my **Notes from the President** column in the June 1991 B-VARC Bulletin stated:

“At our last membership meeting, the hat was passed to raise money for an upcoming balloon launch experiment utilizing amateur radio. Club members donated a total of \$52. B-VARC recently received a very nice letter from Burns Cleland thanking those club members who donated money to help fund the Houston Balloon Launch Team. The recent launch on May 11th was a double header. The first balloon reportedly encountered problems, hit a building shortly after release, and had a fairly short flight. The package was recovered, checked out, and re-launched aboard a second balloon later in the day. This flight reached an altitude of over 91,000 feet. Many area hams participated in tracking and monitoring the balloon.”

Earlier that year Andy MacAllister, WA5ZIB (now W5ACM), presented a program entitled “Helium Balloon Experiments” at the March 14, 1991 B-VARC club meeting held at the Missouri City Fire Station on the Texas Parkway FM 2234. The following year at the August 13, 1992 B-VARC meeting held at the Sugar Land Community Center, Andy presented another program entitled “The South Texas Balloon Launch.” Since that time, Andy has presented many programs on balloon and AMSAT activities at our club meetings.



My Ham Journey

A quick summary of the hams who made a difference for me.

There were several men who influenced me to get into or deeper into ham radio. I would like to opine about their influence. Together, they played a huge part of my ham journey.

I was 15 years old when my pastor, showed me his two meter rig with auto-patch. Gosh that was cool! When He invited me to a Skywarn meeting in 1979, I recognized most of the members as people that I had known from around our small town. There was a teacher, my barber, the owner of the downtown sporting goods shop and the father of one of my classmates.

My next ham encounter was with a young married guy in Denton. He offered to elmer me to pass the novice exam. I wish I could remember his name. I learned from him how to build power supplies home wound transformers. The time I spent with him was too short as he died in a motorcycle accident shortly after I started learning from him. My entrance into ham radio was delayed.

My next influence was David Goins, KB5TO, the father of my college girlfriend. I got to know him well. Our friendship never got into his ham radio, but I did recognize that he was a ham and someone I respected. He has since moved to East Texas. I hope to make contact with him on 80 meters some evening in the future. I think he will be surprised and proud that I became a ham and have made Extra.

W.L. Brown, KF5L, was in his 80's when we met at my church in Denton. He was one of the kindest people I ever met. Brownie was a retired Collins radio engineer. He had first RTTY station I had ever seen, driven by an old IBM green screen terminal. I had many meals at his home when he shared stories about life during WW2 and developments at Collins in which he participated. His stories about life as an engineer during the post-war years were inspirational. He was one those engineers in the right place and time in history to made a big impact on critical projects that made America successful during some tough years.

Going chronologically here, I had few contacts with other hams after I left Denton in 1990. I heard the news that the code requirement was removed in 1997, so I added getting into ham on my bucket list again, but, it was on the backburner. Then, I met Tom Morton, W5TOM, in the front of CVS in the Spring of 2011. His top down Mazda Miata sported vanity plates, so I knew he was a ham. Tom told me how to get a license and I knew suddenly that all of my excuses were gone and I would accomplish this quickly. Thanks to Ham Test Online, I was on my way to the exam.

My next ham friend who made a difference is none other than the Antenna guru himself, Rick Hiller. He has taken time to teach me some things about antenna design and building and had extended telephone calls with me many times. He has also encouraged me to do some things that I wanted to do, not only in radio, but in my professional life as well. Some call it a gentle kick in the rear, but I call it true friendship.

Jack Van de Mark, WN5A, helped me setup my first hf rig. He took much time to explain to me how to become effective with it and came over to my house to help set it up. Dwayne, KB5YTA loaned me an ICOM IC 2100 until I bought my first radio. Fortunately, Terry Leatherland, K5PGF gave me a two meter rig before I got around to buying one. Bill Stone, WS5H, helped with my first hf mobile experience with a Radio Shack HTX-10. I had a lot of fun with that radio on my way to Pennsylvania to do adjusting in 2012.

The best part of my ham journey is not the gear, the dx contacts, working the special events, contacts with famous hams or even the joy of a homebrew creation, but the joy of friendship with some wonderful people. These hams sprinkled through my life, have made a difference to me. There are many more than I have mentioned here. To those people I say, thank you very much for your help, time and advice. I will pay you back by helping others. If you are an 'old' ham who needs help with a tower, I can help, if you have a brand spanking new technician with a a KG5 license, I will gladly tell you what I have learned so far. Someday, I will probably need your help as well.

Together, young, old, new and experienced, we are better than the sum of our parts.

On the journey,

'73

Bob Hawkins

KD5AT

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**Results of the April 8th
BVARC Amateur License Examination Session
by: John Moore, KK5NU**

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio License Examination session that was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 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

Five examination elements were administered during the evening to five applicants. Four new Technician, and one upgrade to General class license were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 5. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

- Kimberley R. Beard - {KG5BMR} - Technician
- Jerry P. Beevers - N5JPB - General
- Michael P. Donoghue - {KG5BMS} - Technician
- Peter G. Hillier - {KG5BMT} - Technician
- Joseph S. Turkowski - {KG5BMU} - 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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Advertising in the BVARC Newsletter

Per BVARC Board of Director's approval, the rates for ½ page are as follows; \$25 per month, \$125 for six months and \$250 for one year. The rates for a full page are as follows; \$50 per month, \$250 for six months and \$500 for the year.



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Pearland Amateur Radio Club (PARC) multi-club tailgate

When:

Saturday May 17, 2014

Where :

Frank Braden Center 1838 E Sam Houston Pky S, Pasadena, TX 77503-3408 in the central parking lot which is in front of the Summit. (on the north side of beltway 8) Between Red Bluff and Pasadena Blvd.

Time: From 7:00 a.m. to maybe 11am or so depending on participation

If you need more information, contact Bill Cook, W5WBC, the current Pearland Amateur Radio Club (PARC) Vice President.. use the following email bcook65@gmail.com

The PARC club in Pearland will be using their repeater for talk in (147.220 MHz, uses a positive offset, and has a PL tone of 167.9 Hz.)

This link is to the Google Map of the location: [Pasadena Multi-Club Tailgate](#)

Minutes of the April Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Bill Stone called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to at 7:05 PM on April 3 2014 at Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston 77074. Attending were: Bill Stone WS5H (Pres), Michael Monsour ACØTX (Rec.Sec./Quart.), Ron Litt K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir.& Radio Sport), Jerry Muller KF5EYC (2yr At-Large Dir.), John Chauvin K5IZO Newsletter Editor, Mike Hardwick N5VCX, Norma Stone KE5NDN

Reports:

- 1 ACØTX Michael distributed the March 6 revised minutes that includes the advertising rates. So 5.4 shall read as:
There is a problem that there seems to be no advertising rated published and is difficult to place an ad. A motion was passed with no nays that the proposed layout is half page layout and full page layout per month, half year and full year. The rates for ½ page are as follows; \$25 per month, \$125 for six months and \$250 for one year. The rates for a full page are as follows; \$50 per month, \$250 for six months and \$500 for the year.

Jerry made a motion to accept the revised minutes and Michael ACØTX seconded that. Jerry and Michael voted to accept and Ron Litt abstained. The printed minutes will be at the next general membership meeting.

- 1.1 Quartermaster Report: Four names have been placed on the locker; Quartermaster, President, Vice-President and Treasurer. All keys are being recalled, as a new lock will be utilized. Keys are to be given to Pres, Vice-Pres, one elder off the board and temporary possession will be given to whoever is doing Field Day and MSWE and any other BVARC event.
- 1.2 There is no Treasurer report because of a health issue.
- 1.3 Ron gave a Budget report and it shows ~\$1400 less but that includes Hamfest costs and not the Hamfest admissions.
- 1.4 John Chauvin will do a 15 minutes presentation at the general membership meeting in April or May. There will be a de-briefing meeting two weeks from now at Fuddruckers.
- 1.5 John Chauvin went into the by-laws and certain things need to be changed to clean up the by-laws. There needs to be 51 members in good standing for a quorum for a by-laws vote. This may take place in August at the Ice Cream Social.

Old Business

- 2.1 Questions about the March Treasurers report about donations to the Banquet and discussions of a possibly dues increase will resume in the May Board meeting.

New Business

- 3.1 There was a complaint about someone that forgot to bring two copies of their license at the VEC session at the Hamfest. It seems that the VEC session requirements posted with the Hamfest may be wrong and may not indicate how many copies of the old license are required. There was extensive discussion. A report from Bob Tomlinson N5JSL a VE there, said the complainant was more rude. A direct conversation with Bob Tomlinson brought out the fact that John Moore KK5NU maintained a professional attitude. BVARC has no care or custody of a VE session. Jerry KF5EYC had direct contact with the complainant and said he was extremely belligerent and kept complaining for two hours whereas a ten-minute trip down to some bank for copies could solve the issue; indeed one other participant did exactly that. The VE program has no sponsors and it stands by itself.
- 3.2 Ron Litt K5HM made a motion: "That we sever out relationship with John and tell him that we will not take his money and he can deposit his money himself and send it to where ever he wants to, and then we form a VE group and provide that to the Hamfest, we have enough volunteer examiners and we can get a VEC in this club that will more compliant with our [not clear]"
- 3.3 Both Jerry KY5EYC and Michael ACØTX directly stated they would not second the motion.
- 3.4 Mike Hardwick N5VCX offered a suggestion that the proper way to deal with this to back to the beginning and check what the requirements are at a VE session and make corrections to the Website and have a private discussion. Getting a replacement VEC will be difficult.
- 3.5 Need a new Hamfest chairman as John Chauvin cited, as he has for the past 2 years, wants out and wants to make the 2014 Hamfest his last as the Chairperson.
- 3.6 MSWE The island is closed off as also the Texas City Dike. Nothing else is known.
- 3.7 Field Day, need a BVARC chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX

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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
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>

06/13/2014 | Ham-Com 2014 - "REGIONAL ARRL CENTENNIAL EVENT"

Location: Plano, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: West Gulf & Delta Divisions

Website: <http://www.hamcom.org>

07/12/2014 | Texas City Hamfest 2014

Location: Texas City, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tidelands Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://tidelands.org>

07/24/2014 | Central States VHF Society Conference

Location: Austin, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Central States VHF Society

Website: <http://csvhfs.org>

08/01/2014 | Texas State Convention (Austin Summerfest)

Location: Austin, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Austin ARC & Texas VHF-FM Society

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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 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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