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AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT
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June General Membership Meeting notice:

June 8, 2023, 7:30 PM

Community Volunteer Fire Department Community Center, 16005 Bellaire Blvd.
Check the website or the Reflector for Zoom meeting details.

Kori Rahman, WX5KR, BVARC VP & Field Day Chairperson, will be the featured speaker giving details on Field Day. See his article below.

See "The Prez Says" regarding RSVP for food and selections (Deadline - Monday, June 5).



Where:

Fort Bend County Fire Training Field
260 Clay St.
Richmond, TX

When:

June 24th – 25th 2023
(From Saturday at 7am until we wrap up
Sunday afternoon)

Field Day is almost here! On June 24th and 25th at the Fort Bend County Fire Training Field, **BV ARC, KARS, TDXS and the University of Houston Amateur Radio Club will be joining forces again for ARRL Field Day 2023.** We will be operating at least 10 stations simultaneously, calling CQ, and racking up contacts. This year we are trying to attract as many new hams and members of the general public as we can, so they can learn about our great hobby and get on the air! The general public has been invited to visit between 9am and 6pm Saturday June 24th and we will need hams there to greet them and get them operating at our stations. From Saturday at 1pm until Sunday at 1pm we will be continuously operating our stations and logging contacts. We will have an EFHW antenna build class, as well as a 10m dipole antenna build class (sign-up sheets will be posted on BVARC.org). We'll also be raffling off ham radio gear, so get there early and get your tickets. There will of course be food and refreshments throughout the event for all of our volunteers and visitors.

We are looking for operators (THAT'S YOU) to run our stations and help out with the various Bonus Point activities this year (satellite contacts, NTS traffic handling, W1AW message copying, etc.). We need voice (SSB), CW, and FT8 operators. Technician class licensees CAN run our HF stations using the club call sign, and we will have help there to get you going calling CQ. We are trying to get as many points as possible, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

A Few of the Roles Needed:

- Voice mode operators (i.e., Single Sideband) to call CQ and log contacts
- Help setting up equipment (radios, antennas, cabling, etc.) on Friday June 23rd starting at noon
- Experienced hams to work the information table and help our guests learn about the hobby and get them set up on our stations to get on the air
- Educators to give presentations on all the fun and interesting aspects of the hobby
- General help with logistics and directing traffic during the event
- Social Media promoters (utilize social media to promote the event and post about the activities during the event)

- Net control operators to keep the talk-in net manned
- Photographers to document the event
- Help breaking down on Sunday afternoon
- and many more!

The sign-up sheets for all these volunteer roles and the station operating positions is on the BVARC.org website and was sent out through the BVARC email reflector. If you have any questions or concerns send them directly to Kori Rahman (WX5KR) at Kori113@gmail.com, or Anthony Morones (W5LIC) at W5LICTX@gmail.com.

Let's get out there and **GET ON THE AIR** to represent Houston area hams this Field Day 2023. We can't wait to see you all there, 73! – **Kori, WX5KR**



The Prez Says

The year is almost half-over and the club is extremely busy. With Parks on The Air (POTA) going strong, and the membership continuing to grow, BVARC is still the premier club in greater Houston. Our upcoming events - Museum Ships Weekend & Field Day are two of the reasons why.

These events allow hams from the greater Houston area to come out and operate HF, meet BVARC members and have a fun time doing it. It is a wonderful place for you to hone your skills as an operator and learn more about HF and how to operate. If you have not had a chance to attend either one, set time aside for at least one of them.

Mark Janzer, K5MGJ, will be at the "helm" for Museum Ships Weekend (MSWE). Mark just finished having a work party where four volunteers were finally able to repair the long wire antenna on the USS Cavalla. Mark is expecting up to fifteen people over the June 2nd - 4th operational time of the event. If you want to come out and operate, let Mark know so he can get a head count for access and for food. Thanks, Mark, for doing an excellent job.

Kori Rahman, WX5KR, will coordinate Field Day again this year. Kori feels that this year may be a bigger turnout than last year and is working hard to make it a momentous event. To make sure that things run smoothly for Field Day, Kori will be the speaker for the June meeting going over Field Day operations for that weekend. Please check elsewhere in the newsletter for more information on Field Day. Also let Kori know if you would like to help on Field Day with the set-up and tear-down.

For those that have not heard, we will be returning to the Fort Bend County Fire Training Field in Richmond. It is not the easiest place to find but it is a suitable place to operate from. More information will be on the web site as the date gets closer.

I want to thank Terry Leatherland, K5PGF for a great program on HOA's and the ham antenna problems. Terry explained issues and problems between HOA's and ham radio antennas. He also showed several types of antennas that are HOA friendly. Thanks, Terry for a great program.

I also want to thank Rick Hiller for putting together "Ham Radio" Trivia. It was a fun time as well as a great refresher on ham radio technical info. Rick, you did a fantastic job and even taught me a thing or two!

Having everyone send an RSVP last month for food worked very well at the May general meeting. It worked so well that an RSVP will be asked for all future meetings if you would like to have a meal.

Pizza will be on the menu for June. There will be three or four different selections which will be listed on the web site by June 1st. **Please RSVP no later than Monday, June 5th.** Send your RSVP to n5vcx@att.net. An e-mail reminder will be sent out to the reflector on Saturday and Monday as a reminder.

Come on out to the June meeting and do not forget to RSVP if you would like pizza.

73,
N5VCX

Museum Ships Weekend
June 2 - June 4, 2023
Seawolf Park, Pelican Island (Galveston).

- Around-the-Clock operations from 7PM Friday to approximately 10AM Sunday.
- 3 Stations will be in operation: 2 on the Stewart (SSB & Digital) and 1 on the Cavalla (CW).
- Food will be served, especially the evening meal on Saturday night.
- Overnight bunking on the Stewart is available for night time operators. Bring a sleeping bag.
- Contact Mark Janzer, K5MGJ at (k5mgj@yahoo.com) for more details, to sign up, and get you free entry [park admission/entry]. Also, look on the BVARC website.



KG5EEO
The 146.94 Repeater

If you belong to BVARC, you have more than likely used the 146.94 repeater. This is just a quick update on the repeater and on using it. Robert Polinski, KD5YVQ, and I felt that a short article is appropriate at this time to pass along repeater info and guidelines for the new hams that have joined the club over the last year. Robert will be doing a more in-depth article on the 94 soon.

To start out, the 94 repeater belongs to the Pasadena Radio Relay League. A E “Pump” Fawcett, WA5CYI, was the trustee for many years and he transferred trusteeship over to Robert approximately ten years ago. At that time, the repeater also went through refurbishment on antennas and feed lines. Robert will have more detail on the history of the repeater in his article and there is a video on YouTube showing the antenna and cable change outs.

The repeater is on a tower in the Missouri City area off FM 2234. The antenna is at approximately 700 feet operating at 35 watts output. The repeater is a 50 watt, Kenwood TKR720 and the antenna is like a DB-224 dipole antenna. Currently this is no Internet or network connections available at the repeater site.

Robert has asked me to pass along the following operating guidelines:

1. There is to be no linking to the 146.94 repeater of any kind without Robert’s prior approval.
2. Anyone that would like to start a NET on the repeater needs to contact Robert for approval as well.
3. If there is any interference or improper use of the repeater, please contact Robert or me and let us know as soon as possible. There have been problems in the past and he would like to stop them before they get out of hand.

Robert is planning a refurbishment of the radio building soon. This will involve the following:

1. Power washing and painting the building
2. Resealing the roof
3. Removing and replacing wall and roof studs in the building
4. Installation/repair of the building grounding system
5. Installation of an entry port for the transmission lines

Robert will be needing volunteers for this so if you are interested in helping let him know.

If you didn’t know, there are several other repeaters within 200 miles of the Houston repeater. They are located in Vidor, Austin, Lufkin, and Fort Worth. So, when VHF ducting is in the “air” you might hear one of them – or even all of them!

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX
President

The Radio Hotel -- Get Ready for WRTC

The Olympics of Ham Radio July 8 and 9

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

OK, I admit, I don't ski or snow board and I don't pole vault or run the 220 (anymore) but, I do watch the Summer and Winter Olympics every 4 years and cheer on my country. It is a great competition that brings together the best of the best in the amateur athletic world. Another event that happens every 4 years that brings together the best of the best, but in Amateur Radio, is the world-wide **WRTC – World Radiosport Team Championship**.

The **WRTC** is an on-site ham radio competition held every four years. Previous WRTC's have been held in Seattle (1990), San Francisco (1996), Slovenia (2000), Finland (2002), Brazil (2006), Russia (2010), Boston (2014), and Germany (2018). This year it is being held in Italy on July 8-9. *NOTE: the WRTC is always held in conjunction with the annual IARU DX contest (arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship).* The **WRTC** event promises to be a spectacular showcase of amateur radio, with the world's best operators competing against each other. The event will feature advanced radio equipment, cutting-edge technology, and high-level competition. **Visit the WRTC web site at wrtc2022.it**

What can we do here in Texas? You, as a single or multi-op, can work these WRTC stations and give them more QSO's. They are all in Italy, but on 20, 15 and 10 meters it should be possible and fun to work them, plus there are many other IARU contest stations to work on all the bands. Interesting to note that phone and CW are the only modes allowed by the WRTC stations because it is a test of the operators, not a test of the computers and equipment.

The WRTC Rules (abridged a bit) states each of the 61 WRTC teams (of 2 ops each) work the contest 80 thru 10 meters, CW and Phone only, using the exact same antennas and a 100 watt limit. WRTC stations are located near Bologna, Italy spread out over a fifty-mile diameter area.

Contest Period: Saturday, July 8th 12:00 UTC to Sunday July 9th 11:59 UTC

Frequencies: 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands

Language: English

Contest Exchange: signal report plus ITU zone

With the IARU happening at the same time, I encourage you to participate, and work the world-wide IARU stations along with the Italy-based WRTC competition stations. This popular DX opportunity is also a great contest for the beginning contesteer.

Enjoy the contest. QRZ? DE W5RH 73

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

May 7th, 2023 5:00 PM Via Videoconference

Board Members Present:

- President – Mike Hardwick – N5VCX
- Vice President – Kori Rahman – WX5KR
- Treasurer – Dave Ely – N5EKW
- Cor. Secretary – Jeff Greer – W5JEF
- 2 Yr. at Large (A) Directory – Anthony Morones W5LIC
- 2 Yr. at Large (B) Director – Drew Dasher N1ER
- 1 Yr. at Large Director – Terry Leatherland – K5PGF

Guests Present:

- Chris KG5BBF
- Ron K5HM
- Greg (no call)
- Scott KD5FBA
- Michael W5SPC
- Rick W5RH
- John KC9JLE
- John K5IZO
- Eileen KI5PIX
- Eddie NU5K
- Daphne K5VQY

Meeting:

1. Establishment of a Quorum: A business quorum of Board Members was established.
2. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 5:21 PM.
3. Club President's Opening Statement: The President thanked those in attendance for taking the time to join the meeting.
4. Emergency business.
 - Recording Secretary – Jeff Greer will assume duties of Recording Secretary until November.
5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.
6. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting were approved.
7. Approval of Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved.
8. Corresponding Secretary: Report approved as submitted.
9. Old Business:
 - Newsletter: New editor identified.
 - Field Day: The Board approved expenditure of up to \$2000 for Field Day.
 - Committees: The President created committees to address club programs/activities.
 - Programs: Museum Ships wknd, Ham Radio Trivia, Balloon Launches, POTA, Ice Cream Social
10. New Business:
 - The Board approved expenditure of up to \$250 for Comicpalooza.
 - Greater Houston HamFest committee/planning meeting, date TBD.
 - Scouting: President to meet with local scouting organization.
 - POTA: The Board approved expenditure of up to \$2000 to cover POTA expenses for the remainder of the calendar year. Donation button to be added to BVARC website.
 - BVARC Nets: Anthony W5LIC to lead Nets Committee
 - Safety/Security/Incident Response Form
11. Next BoD Meeting Date: June 4th at 5 PM on Zoom.
12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:08 PM.



Hams Helping Hams

Submitted by Anthony Morones, W5LIC

Hello Friend's. Last year the club gave Kori and me a great award, the Loop and Zepp award, for promoting HF operations. In order to live up to the award, I have been helping out the Techs in the club get on HF, in the parks, and at their home QTH. It has been my pleasure helping other Ham radio operators and I hope to encourage everyone's reading this article the importance of Hams helping Hams. Thank you, Anthony (W5LIC)

"I was inspired to get my tech license to be a motorcycle marshal at the MS 150. After my test, one of the VEs (Anthony) asked me what I wanted to do in radio. This simple question opened up a multitude of avenues and a million questions. Fortunately, I had Anthony's card and he honored me by answering my many new guy questions. In the next 3 months and attending some of the BVARC social events I got many more questions answered and took the general and extra exams. I involved Kori and the guys on the drive to and from work each day on the BVARC repeater. With huge gratitude to the members of BVARC that have contributed their time to fill the void of my ham knowledge. My current goal is to QSO Australia. I have made over 10 antennas and many conversations with Anthony and Kori to achieve this goal. Thank you to all of you. Marc KI5ZHO"

"I have received help from several people with my endeavors of amateur radio. W5LIC (Anthony) has encouraged me to do more and test my limits. One instance is my dipole antenna. It went from a VHF/UHF Coax wire build in the park to a 10-meter speaker wire with a SO239 connection. Now I have a 10-meter dipole in a box with stress supports. I'm sure that I will tear it apart and build an upgraded version again. With Anthony's help, I am able to get on the air and enjoy the hobby. I have been able to get QSOs from the park and QTH as far as 8011 miles on 10 meters. - 73 Michael W5SPC"

"I got my tech license in Aug 2021 and didn't do much in regards with HAM radio. It was hard understanding other HAM's who tried to help me because of the technically explanations. I was struggling with my car radio when I met Anthony (W5LIC), he provided his business card and offered to help me figure out my radio. I went to the Galveston POTA and told Anthony, I learn with hands on and simple explanations. I walked away from the Galveston event with knowledge and a new excitement for HAM radio / POTA. I have done several POTA activations since then and Anthony has encouraged me to go after my General. I appreciate how he listened to my concerns, understood my learning curve, and continues to find different ways to explain things so I will understand and retain the information. 73, Kristy (KI5RLZ)"

Hams helping hams is one of the best things all of us can do. Kori and Anthony are two of the best examples of that. I have spent a lot of time working beside the two at several events. Their willingness and knowledge have been instrumental in my ventures in amateur radio and I would have had a harder time if it was not for the help they have given me. From POTA to general questions about antennas to radio setup and just bouncing ideas off each other. The willingness to help other hams is always a win-win situation for you and the fellow ham you are helping and sometimes you make a lifelong friend. 73 KI5 No Problem Mike

As Anthony has said, we were both honored to receive the Loop and Zepp award this year. We have done our best to continue our work to give new hams the confidence and jump start they need to get on the air. It's an amazing feeling being there to help hams make their first HF contacts in the park and also to give new hams the hands-on experience of operating radios they may have only heard about. We get to show them the basics of setting up and running an HF radio, and give them ideas about the different settings and modes that exist. It's a great tradition in the ham radio community to pass on your knowledge and give a helping hand to those just starting out. Just as my Elmer Terry (K5PGF) lent me equipment and took time out of his busy days to help me get on the air, I try my best to do the same for others. No matter what your skill level or experience, you have something to offer. If you hear a question on a net, or see a request for help on the BVARC reflector, chime in and see if you can help. No matter what, you will show that curious ham that there are others willing to listen to their questions, and you will certainly learn something yourself. Catch you down the log, - Kori (WX5KR)

BVARC Rag Chew Net

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

04/26/23, K5LKJ (NCS), KI5HOC, K5LJ, W1BG (Katy), W5TKZ, K5TPC (Bellaire), W5LIC (Bellaire), KI5RLZ (Channelview), N5VCM, W3KCK/5 (Houston), K2MPP. (11 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 137, SN = 81, A = 16, K = 3 / Band Rpt: FAIR

05/03/23, K5LKJ (NCS), K5JPP, KI5HOC, W5VOM, K5LJ, W5TKZ, W5ALW, K5PGF, K5QDA (Port Arthur), K5TPC (Bellaire), N5VCM, AA5OA (Percy, AR)(T), KD5YOU, K5RBC (Lake Jackson), K5IZO/5 (Jasper), KI5ZHD. (16 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 157, SN = 143, A = 9, K = 1 / Band Rpt: POOR

05/11/23, K5LKJ (NCS), W5LIC (Bellaire), KI5RLZ (Channelview), AA5OA (Percy, AR), K5JPP, W5TKZ, W5VOM, KI5HOC, K5LJ, N5VCM, K5TPC (Bellaire), W1BG (Katy), KF5ONT (Conroe), W5ALW. (14 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 180, SN = 154, A = 14, K = 3 / Band Rpt: FAIR

05/17/23, W5TKZ (NCS), AA5OA (Percy, AR), KI5HOC, K5LJ, W5LIC (Bellaire), KK5CK, W5ALW, K5TPC (Bellaire), K5LKJ, W5VOM/5 (Port Lavaca), K5LLF (Lucas). (11 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 134, SN = 106, A = 8, K = 1 / Band Rpt: GOOD


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

Net conditions have been poor to good this month. Fire up the rig and learn what others are doing and share your experiences. Come join in the conversation each Wednesday evening.

Regards.
John K5LKJ



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- The 8005 can be used within its ratings to replace any of the older types such as the 203A, 211, and 845. It is only necessary to install a new socket, install a flexible lead to the plate cap, and re-neutralize the circuit.

Application Considerations

- **Power Gain.** Figure on a grid-to-plate power gain of 20 to 1 and you will have ample drive available. One 807 driver is okay. At 30 Mc, an 807 or 6L6 doubler with only 400 volts on its plate will do the job. An 807 buffer or doubler will drive a pair of 8005's.
- **Neutralization.** Adjust neutralizing condenser so that the grid-current peak and the plate-current dip occur at exactly the same point of plate tank tuning.
- **Circuit Q.** In single-ended service, the split-stator plate-tuning capacitance should be approximately 0.8 μf per section, per meter.
- **Mounting.** The 8005 can be mounted horizontally as well as vertically.

May VE - FCC TESTING SESSIONS RESULTS

For the May 6th test session at Bayland Park - we had 12 candidates and conducted 17 tests.

New Licensees:

Fink, M (Technician)
Forster, A (Technician)
Forster, K (Technician)
Needham, M (Technician)
Westfall, L (Technician)

Upgrades:

KI5WRI (General)
N7FGP (General)
W5CLV (Extra)
KI5SVV (Extra)
KI5WOC (Extra)

VEs in attendance – K5GOL, K5LJ, WM5N, KG4NDS, N1ER, NK5Q, K5IZO and WX5KR – **THANKS!**

Several of the VEs in attendance were newly trained on the Exam Tools system.

Congratulations to all!

The next BVARC test session will be **Saturday June 10th**. **Pre-registration is required.**

For new licensees the testing fee, paid at the session is \$15. An additional \$35 license fee (totaling \$50), will be collected by the FCC separately for new, renewal and vanity calls. License upgrades **do not** pay the added \$35 fee, just the \$15 session fee.

YOUTH LICENSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The ARRL has created a youth program (18 and under) to defray the licensing costs to a total of **\$5** (deducting the \$35 increase and \$10 off the \$15 VE session fee). See: <http://www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program>

Also, BVARC is implementing its own program for **youth** licensing.

We'll provide a **new VHF/UHF transceiver (Baofeng, limited supply)** at the VE session, to youth that successfully pass their Technician test. This is the result of a very generous grant from a BVARC member.

Bottom line, a young person for \$5, can walk into a test session and walk out with a new radio and a pending license.

Examination sessions are held each month, usually on the same day as the Saturday BVARC Board meeting (most times, the first Saturday of the month). These sessions are at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston TX 77074

Details for candidates are found at <https://bvarc.org/home/ham-radio-license-testing-houston/>

Pre-register to attend a test session at: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/arrl/77008/inperson>

For questions, Email Mark Janzer, K5MGJ at (k5mgj@yahoo.com).



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1 Year At Large (2023)

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Regularly Scheduled Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Both in person and ZOOM

Second Thursday each month. 7:00PM

Check www.BVARC.org for more current info.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Saturday before the 2nd Thursday, 9:00 AM

Both in-person and ZOOM. CHECK THE WEBSITE as this might change.

Bayland Park Community Center

Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston.

Check www.BVARC.org for more current info.

Volunteer Examiner Program

The monthly ham testing session takes place on the same day and location as the BOD Meeting, but at 10:30 AM. However, please check the BVARC website for any last minute changes or updates.

The meeting location is open, however please check the www.BVARC.org for updates.

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

Stir Crazy Net is held each weekday at noon. Check

www.BVARC.org for current info.

Greater Houston Simplex Net 4th Thursday, propagation net, 7:00 PM, on 146.54 MHz simplex and an alternate frequency of 147.54.

QuestionAIR every Tuesday at 7:00 PM on 146.94, negative (-) shift, PL Tone of 167.9.

Advertising in the BVARC Newsletter

Rates are as follows: Business card sized ads are \$10 each or 6 monthly installments for \$50; Half (½) page - \$25 per month for \$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.

BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

IHOP, 7:00a.m., SW Freeway inbound service road, near Kirkwood.

OTHER HAM GROUPS:

WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

This group meets weekly at Luby's Cafeteria, W. Airport & FM-1092 (Murphy Rd). 11AM.

WEDNESDAYS – AMSAT & QRP GROUP

This too is not available at press time. If anyone has information on this, please let the Editor know.

Hamfests

(Typically within 200 miles of Houston)

06/16/2023 - 06/17/2023

Radio Fiesta

Location: Schertz, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club

Website: <https://w5sc.org/radio-fiesta/>

07/08/2023 - Texas City Tideland Hamfest

Location: Texas City, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tideland Amateur Radio Society

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

03/01/2024 – 03/02/2024

Greater Houston HamFest

Location: Rosenberg, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

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

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

This newsletter, the BVARC BEACON, is a monthly publication of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. For a full listing of officers and information about BVARC, please go to www.bvarc.org. Detailed information will be published in the BEACON every 3 or 4 months. Similarly, the "Eating Schedule" will be published every 3 or 4 months unless there is a change.

General membership dues are \$25.00 per year, with student dues \$10.00 per year, additional family members \$5.00 per member per year.

Club meetings are both in-person and via ZOOM on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you have signed up for the reflector, you will receive notice and the attendance password, etc. It will also be on the website (above) a few days beforehand.

BVARC amateur radio testing takes place typically on the Saturday before the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. Location: Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, 77074. BEFORE GOING, because of COVID and scheduling conflicts, please check the BVARC website for any changes.

A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 tone) repeater.

A "Stir Crazy Net" is also held weekdays at 12 Noon on the same frequency as above.

A rag chew net is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. on 3910 KHz +/- 3 KHz.

The QuestionAIR Net is held every Tuesday at 7:00 PM on 146.94, negative (-) shift, PL Tone of 167.9.

To obtain information about joining **BVARC** or its activities, see the BVARC website: www.bvarc.org

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