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November General Membership Meeting Notice

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Community Volunteer Fire Department Conference Center, 16005 Bellaire Blvd and via Zoom

Chili Supper and BVARC Elections – chili provided!

November Club Elections – Soliciting Candidates

A number of the current BVARC Board of Directors (BOD) members will finish their terms as of December 31st. We are seeking candidates for the following BOD positions for 2024:

President	Term – 2024 thru 2025
Recording Secretary	Term – 2024 thru 2025
2 Year at Large (A)	Term – 2024 thru 2025
1 Year at Large/Past President	Term – 2024

Should you have an interest in running for any of these positions or you have questions as to what is involved, please contact me, ASAP, before the meeting at rickhillier73@gmail.com

A quorum of at least 34 members needs to be met in order for the vote to take place. So please show up, eat some chili and vote.

Voting will be in person only and by paper ballot.

BVARC Board of Directors Elections – Candidate Introductions

Candidate for 2 Year At Large Position – Terry Leatherland, K5PGF

I've been a HAM since I was age 13 in Columbus, Ga. (WB4PGF). Check me out on QRZ.com as K5PGF.

- President of the University of Alabama Amateur Radio Club 1978-82
- BVARC Member since 1986 upon arrival in Houston.
- Current 1yr at large BVARC Board Member.

As board member this past 2023 term, I have been very keen on the association's financial stewardship, governance, member privileges, and programs, in order to bring "new fresh eyes" to the long standing status-quo. I am still full-time employed as a Systems Engineer and Account Technical Leader for IBM corporation spending 3 days per week in Dallas, TX. I plan to retire in the next 12-24 months and devote all of my time to volunteerism and radio mentoring and fishing/tennis/golf.

Candidate for 2 Year At Large Position – Phillipe Boucamont, K5BOU

My love for Ham radio started when I was ten years old in France, watching my dad making contacts around the world. After school, my job took me to many countries around the globe, which stopped me from starting to operate, because I was moving from country to country. I joined BVARC 3 years ago and saw incredible things. Still, because of my nature, "What can we do better?" Because I

believe we can always do better, I decided to apply for the “2 years at large” position and see what we can do to improve and bring BVARC to the next level together.

So, what will I bring to the club? I have experience in starting from scratch clubs or associations and bringing them to the next level. In 1999, on Mauritius island- Indian Ocean, we started a chef association to promote culinary to the young generation worldwide. We created the club: “Chefs of the Chefs” with ten members. Today, it is an international club with members worldwide and worldwide partners like Air France, Champagne “Taittinger,” and more; we meet every two years in different places worldwide and have fun.

So, what I will do if I’m elected: I will contribute to bringing BVARC to the next level by thinking outside the box, finding partners, having the right attitude, being open to suggestions, and focusing on what value we can bring to our members during BVARC meetings and events.

p.s. Sorry for my English, but I’m French.

Candidate for Recording Secretary Position – Sean Linkenheimer, N5LNK

I have been an Amateur Radio Operator since 11-24-2022, originally licensed as KI5YXN. Immediately I longed for a call with LNK in it; short for my last name. Call it divine intervention or a stroke of luck but I came across N5LNK around July 8th 2023 and found it to be inactive since 2009. It was first assigned to Marion T. Ross. What is interesting is she passed within days of me finding her expired call sign and her funeral Mass was the day after I was granted N5LNK from the FCC. I did not know Marion but the timing is impeccable and I can't help but wonder if she somehow played a role in me finding this new to me call sign that just so happens to fit my full name perfectly. As for the office of Recording Secretary I would be honored to fill this role if elected. I have past experience holding other similar positions in non-profit organizations and am familiar with the requirements needed to fill such a role. Thank you for this opportunity thru election to serve the club and its members.

Candidate for President Position – Kori Rahman, WX5KR

You may have heard me on the 146.94 MHz repeater, or met me at one of our social events, Winter Field Day, ARRL Field Day, or BVARC parks on the air (POTA) events. If there is a BVARC activity, I have tried to participate in it, or volunteered to help out with it. I’ve been able to see firsthand the success and engagement we can have as a club when we have more activities and social gatherings. Last year, I opted to join the board of BVARC as your Vice President. That role allowed me to work with the board to get various activities funded and planned. In our board meetings and planning meetings I’ve seen various helpful and positive suggestions brought by members. Some members have expressed that newer or novel ideas they have brought to the board were shut down without a fair shake. Other members have expressed an interest in seeing the presidency move on to a newer generation. Numerous instances in my time with BVARC, I’ve been asked outright to run for the office of the BVARC President. I am making this run for a chance to make positive changes and give all members the chance to see their ideas and concerns thoroughly discussed and resolved.

If you elect me president of BVARC, I will form more and better organized committees to address concerns, operate club events, and give more members direct opportunities to shape the club. I will do everything I can to increase advertisement of the club and our activities, to grow membership, and also grow our awesome hobby. I will encourage our members to share their knowledge (to Elmer) by creating more classes and workshops; to take the great knowledge base we have in this club and spread it to new and old members alike. What I have seen time and time again, is that this club has some amazing people who are willing to help out and get involved when they are given the opportunity. I do not want to simply “run” this club, I want to create an infrastructure, a body of knowledge and a framework for sharing that knowledge so that we can keep our membership going. I want to build the bonds between our members so no single person holds the club together. I know that one day I may move on from the club, and pass my responsibilities on to new folks who have their own goals and ideas. I want them to have a great place to start and the tools to achieve their goals.

No matter how this election goes, I will continue to work to make the club better. I value the insight of our older and wiser members, and I want *and need* their help to bring us into the future. This club is older than I am, and as we approach 50 years of BVARC, I want us to continue to be a massive success for the next 50 years. So if what I have said appeals to you, I would truly appreciate your vote.

Candidate for President Position – Mike Hardwick, N5VCX

The club's elections this year are at unique time for BVARC. With the Greater Houston HamFest being elevated to the West Gulf Division Convention and the possibility of a \$20,000 grant to the club from the ARRL, a status quo must be maintained in the leadership of the club.

To manage a club the size of BVARC (which is the second largest in Texas) there are three qualifications that are needed. They are **Experience**, **Knowledge**, and **Dedication**. My background easily supports those qualifications.

- Over 36 years as a Land Mobile Radio Professional with worldwide experience
- Over 34 years as an amateur radio operator, starting as a Novice in 1969
- My 31 years in BVARC includes 10 years on the BOD and 14 years as President
- Starting Mix-n-Match Swap Meet in 2002, which 2007 became **Greater Houston HamFest**

I have also supported other amateur radio functions in the greater Houston/Harris County area by becoming BVARC's Public Event Service coordinator in 1994. This position provided radio communication support to many non-profit organizations on their fund-raising events. These events included bicycle rides, fun runs, Para Olympics, and the SPCA K-9 Run in downtown Houston. Some of the high points over the 20 years as Public Service Event Coordinator are:

- Coordinated communications for over 300 events
- Served as the communications chairperson for the last 30 years for the MS150 Bike Ride
- Providing support for the Wings Over Houston Air Show with communications vehicles
- Providing communications equipment for ARES exercises throughout the Houston area

After Hurricane Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast area, I was asked to help form a group to provide communications for hospitals. This group become **Hams for Hospitals** which served over 25 hospitals in the Houston area. During this time, I also was asked to coordinate the first ever ham radio exercise to prepare for a mass evacuation from the coast along major roadways.

Besides serving on the BOD and providing communications for events, I have also supported amateur radio in the regulatory process. I provided testimony at a 2014 Texas State Senate Hearing on a bill banning cellphone use. This bill would have also banned use of amateur radio use in cars. Recently, I was invited to attend an informational meeting on bill H.R. 4006 between John Stratton, ARRL West Gulf Division Director, and Senator Ted Cruz. This bill, "Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act" is being introduced to remove barriers that govern private land use restrictions on amateur radio.

My background truly contains the qualifications of **Experience**, **Knowledge**, and **Dedication** to support a club like BVARC. Only time, hard work and "paying dues" can a person learn and develop these qualifications. There is really no way that **Experience**, **Knowledge**, and **Dedication** can be shown or learned in three years, two years or even ten months.

On November 9th, I am asking for your support for BVARC President at the general meeting. Your support for me can help maintain the stability of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Becoming a One Percenter, the Old-Fashioned Way

Yes, that's me, ambitious and energetic, at the age of 75. I am working my way up to the status of one in a hundred, a one percenter. I am hoping to join that club very soon, but don't come to me looking for a loan. This isn't about money. It's about being among the one percent who use Morse Code to communicate in ham radio.

Oh sure, I learned code at the rate of five words per minute to get my novice license back in the early 60's. But I never got on the air. You already know the excuses – girls, school, work, school, girls, career (did I mention girls) and family. But I never lost the urge and now in retirement I have time and the inclination to pursue it. I started my latest push to learn CW in January, leisurely working my way through the exercises provided on YouTube by the Morse Code Ninja (<https://morsecode.ninja/>), an amazing project to help you learn Morse Code. Kurt Zoglmann has created hundreds of audio YouTubes that help you learn the letters by sound, not by memorizing a reference list of dots and dashes. He'll take you through the letters, the numbers and other characters, then instant character recognition, and then whole word recognition. His project is not monetized. You pay only with the time you invest in your learning efforts.

Over the summer I began to hear of something called the Long Island CW Club (<https://longislandcwclub.org/>). It is just what the name says – a club that helps members learn CW, but also get on the air using CW. It has grown by leaps and bounds over the last few years, now serving hundreds of members. It's thirty dollars per year to belong, and for that you are treated to more Zoom and live interactive teaching and learning sessions than you can imagine.

The founders have done a lot of research into the best ways to learn and use Morse Code and one of the most important lessons they've incorporated into the effort is taking all the pressure out of the process. You learn by doing and have fun in the process. No angry teachers, just instructors who are on their own path to learn and improve. And their big goal is to get you on the air as quickly as possible.

Learning to use CW is a great pursuit for new and experienced hams as well. And combined with the opportunities of low power QRP operations in Parks on the Air, you'll have lots of fun. A lot of hams enjoy digital operations such as FT8, but it's important to realize that the first form of digital communication was Morse Code. It's binary, just dits and dahs, instead of ones and zeros used in the computer world. CW generally propagates further with lower power than SSB. In fact you can be extremely effective with CW from a park bench using a QRP rig you built yourself. Five watts will do it and your whole rig will weigh less than the lunch and bottle of water you take along.

There are many other resources available as well, besides the ones I've mentioned here, including the well-known CW Academy. Go for that or investigate one of the plans outlined in this article, and if you're willing to put in a little time every day, you will get there. That is, you will get the chance to join the one percent who know and use CW. Good Luck!

73, JP Pritchard, K5JPP

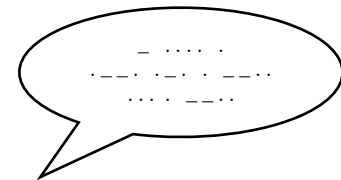
November Brews with BVARC

The next Brews with BVARC will be on Tuesday November 14th at 6:30pm. We will be at Gristworkz Brewery, 1504 Chapman St., Houston, TX 77009, just north of I-10 between I-45 and I-69. Please come out if you can. There's always great conversation and camaraderie out at these events, and we hope you can join us this time around. Give us a call on **146.520 MHz FM Simplex** if you need directions when nearby or if you have trouble finding our table.

Please check out their website (Gristworkz.com) to see their selection of beers (and non-alcoholic beverages) as well as their great looking eats! They have everything from burgers, burritos, and pizza (which they have a deal on each Tuesday). As always, arrive when you can, be safe, be responsible, and let's have fun! See you there.

The Prez Sez

Well, the end of the year is just around the corner. The next two months the club will have our annual elections, Home Brew Night, and a program on Battery Packs for Your Home and in the Field. We will also have a couple of POTA events and Brews with BVARC. Don't forget the planning meetings for the Greater Houston HamFest and the BVARC annual Banquet. It's going to be busy over the next 60 days! Oops, I knew I forgot something, there will also be Thanksgiving and Christmas thrown in there as well. So.....



Mark your calendars for the next general meetings on November 9th and December 7th. Besides the regular functions at the meetings, we will have our great food team providing the chili supper in November and Chocolate Treats in December. So, make sure you come on out.

Make sure you come out and participate in the general election at the November meeting. This is when you, as a club member, can step up and help with club decisions and directions. If you would like to serve on the Board, contact Rick Hiller, W5RH, and let him know you would like to run for a position on the BOD. More information on the elections elsewhere in the newsletter.

I want to thank Richard Bonica, KG5YCU, for a great program on HOT SPOTS and their inner workings. Even though he never told us how to build a HOT SPOT for \$5, he at least gave us the information on how they are set-up and operate. Thanks again Richard.

I also want to thank John Stratton, N5AUS, for coming down from Austin and informing us about the push on submitting a bill to protect an amateur radio operator's right to erect antennas on their property. John, along with several others including yours truly had a meeting with US Senator Ted Cruz on Friday, October 20th to discuss the bill and the effects not passing it will have on hams nationwide. The meeting went very well with Senator Cruz with a planned second meeting in Washington between his staffers and the FCC for more information. Below is a picture of everyone that was at the meeting.



I really appreciate John Stratton inviting me to this meeting. He said that that the success of BVARC and Greater Houston HamFest was the deciding factor on who attended the meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting!

73

N5VCX

Ham Exam Question

Which of the following increases Q for inductors and capacitors?

- A. Lower losses
- B. Lower reactance

- C. Lower self-resonant frequency
- D. Higher self-resonant frequency

The Radio Hotel – A Case for Dayton

Amateur Radio Nirvana by Rick Hiller – W5RH

The Dayton Hamvention May 2024

So why talk about Dayton Hamvention in November and the 3 day Hamvention event doesn't start until May 17th. A few reasons, like, it is 1,120 miles away so you have to drive or fly (booking early might mean lower fares). Also, that you will have to get a hotel room for a few days (they go fast especially the close-in ones). There are parallel events to register for like Contest University or the QRP "4 Days in May", plus Contest and DX Dinners and AmSat get-togethers, etc. Or, if you wish to sell in the flea market it is best to get spaces early. Just note that it is NOT in Dayton, Ohio anymore. It is in Xenia, OH, a smidge east of Dayton.

But why would you wish to go? As Molly Shannon on SNL said, "Don't get me started!" It is the largest gathering of hams in the world. (Germany's *Hamradio-Friedrichshafen* is a very close 2nd). All the major and minor vendors that you know are there, along with the Mom and Pop dealers, and even ones that you don't know yet. Lots of technical presentations and anything ham radio that you might wish to see and try and talk about is there at Dayton along with the soon-to-be released new radios, accessories or antennas. ARRL has a huge turn out and those authors/contributors to QST, On the Air, QEX or NCJ are there to talk to face to face. It is the best 3 days of ham radio you have ever spent. (With the Greater Houston Ham Fest a close second.)

I have been to Dayton Hamvention (Hara Arena) in Dayton 6 times, and hopefully, I will be in Xenia this next year at the new venue. Hope I will see you there. You will not be disappointed with almost 30K hams in one place. I have always referred to it as the mecca of Ham Radio.

The flea market is huge. If you went to the Greater Houston Ham Fest, you saw the flea market tables in building C. Take that area times about 20. First time I went to Dayton in 1996 it took me 8 hours to go thru the complete flea market, up and down every row (at the Hara Arena). It was fantastic. Everything you could wish to find will be there multiple times.

So find out more at www.hamvention.org and keep visiting that web site for updates. Also, have a look at past QST's that describe the activities with pictures if you don't believe what I have said. Talk to Steve, KG5ICR (he's been three times -- once at Hara Arena, the old place, and twice at the new Xenia venue), other BVARC members have also traveled there. See the BVARC newsletter June 2010, page 9. It is well worth the minimal costs to get an ear-to-ear smile that lasts for days. I'll see you there enjoying your hobby.

73...W5RH

November 2023 – Amateur Radio Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
P : Pub Svc Net 8 PM Mondays Q : QuestionAIR Net 7 PM Tuesdays R : Rag Chew 7PM Wednesdays S : Stir Crazy Net Noon Mon-Fri			1	2	3 S	4 FCC Testing Bayland Park 10:30 AM
5 BVARC Board Mtg 5 PM – Zoom	6 P S	7 Q S	8 R S	9 S BVARC General Meeting 7 PM	10 S	11
12	13 P S	14 Q S Brews w/ BVARC Gristworkz Brewery 6:30 PM	15 R S	16 S	17 S	18 Bayland Park Classroom Available 9A-1P for your session
19 POTA Brazoria NWR 10AM-5PM	20 P S	21 Q S	22 R S	23 S	24 S	25
26	27 P S	28 Q S	29 R S	30 S		

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

October 8th, 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 (B) Director – Drew Dasher N1ER

Guests Present:

- None

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 5:06 PM.
3. Club President's Opening Statement: The President thanked those in attendance for taking the time to join the meeting.
4. Emergency business:
 - 2024 GHHF will be the West Gulf Division Convention.
 - 2 Yr. at Large (A) Directory position vacant due to resignation.
5. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.
6. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting were approved with minor corrections.
7. Approval of Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved with minor corrections.
8. Corresponding Secretary: Corresponding Secretary's report was presented.
9. Old Business:
 - Life Member badges are beginning to go out (in batches).
 - Programs
 - i. October – Hot Spots with Richard Bonica
 - ii. November – Elections/Chili Supper
 1. President
 2. 2-Yr. at Large Director
 3. 1-Yr. at Large Director
 4. Recording Secretary
 - iii. December – Homebrew Night
 - iv. January – Annual Awards Banquet (location TBD)
 - Committees
10. New Business:
 - President attended Belton and got confirmations on some vendor attendees for GHHF.
 - Net Control coordinator stepped down.
11. Next BoD Meeting Date: November 5th at 5 PM on Zoom.
12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 5:50 PM.

BVARC 2024 Dates for Testing, Banquet, Training, etc.

After dealing with a new format for reservations at Bayland Community Center, the dates are finally confirmed for 2024. The dates basically follow the regular format of the first Saturday after the first Thursday of the month for testing (it's a long story on this) but the dates are confirmed.

First, **Testing dates** are as follows:

January 6 th , 2024	February 3 rd , 2024	March 9 th , 2024	April 6 th , 2024
May 11 th , 2024	June 8 th , 2024	July 6 th , 2024	August 3 rd , 2024
September 7 th , 2024	October 5 th , 2024	November 9 th , 2024	December 7 th , 2024

Second, **Training or whatever members would like to do dates are as follows:**

February 17 th , 2024	March 23 rd , 2024	April 13 th , 2024	May 18 th , 2024
June 22 rd , 2024	July 20 th , 2024	August 17 th , 2024	September 21 st , 2024
November 23 rd , 2024	December 28 th , 2024		

I was asked in 2020 about getting an extra day a month for the club which was done in 2021. Due to COVID it is understandable that no one used the facility in 2021 or 2022. However, in 2023 not one time was for any BVARC functions. I was not sure whether to reserve it again or not, but I felt that it would be better to have it than not. Please consider using the facility for a training function or educational event.

Last but not least is the **BVARC Banquet**. It will be held on Thursday, January 18th starting at 6 pm.

If anyone has any questions about the dates, please drop me an e-mail or give me a call. – N5VCX

OCTOBER VE - FCC TESTING SESSIONS RESULTS

For the October 7th test session at Bayland Park - we had 3 candidates and conducted 4 tests.

New Licensee:

Peterson, B (Technician & youth)

Upgrades

K5BBC (General)

KJ5CVU (Extra)

VEs in attendance – K5GOL, K5LJ, KG4NDS, and NK5Q – **THANKS!**

Congratulations to All!

The next BVARC test session will be **Saturday November 4th** at 10:30am. **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).

BVARC Rag Chew Net

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

09/27/23, K5LKJ (NCS), W5LIC, K5LJ, K5AKM (Alexandria, LA), KB5TWL (St. Martinsville, LA), KG5ICR, N5VCM, KI5HOC, W5ALW, W5TKZ, W1BG (Katy), K5TPC (Bellaire), WD5L (T), KI5TXY(Nederland). (14 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 165, SN = 138, A = 32, K = 3 / Band Rpt: FAIR

10/04/23, K5LKJ (NCS), K5LJ, K5TPC (Bellaire), K5AKM (Alexandria, LA), KG5ICR, W5ALW, W5RH, W1BG (Katy), AA5OA (Percy, AR)(T), WD5L (T), KE5CDE (Belton), KI5HOC (T), KI5UBL. (13 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 154, SN = 151, A = 8, K = 1 / Band Rpt: FAIR

10/11/23, K5LKJ (NCS), KG5ICR, KI5HOC, K5LJ, W5ALW, NA1H (Killeen), AA5OA (Percy, AR), K5TPC (Bellaire), W5VOM, WD5L (T)(M). (10 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 164, SN = 140, A = 4, K = 1 / Band Rpt: GOOD

10/18/23, K5LKJ (NCS), K5JPP, K5LJ, W5TKZ, KG5ICR, WU5E (Cusseta, GA), AA5OA (Percy, AR), K5TPC (Bellaire), W5ALW, KI5HOC, W1BG (Katy). (16 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 137, SN = 54, A = 3, K = 3 / Band Rpt: FAIR

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

Net conditions have been fair 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

2023 Club Officers

President (2022-2023)

Michael Hardwick N5VCX n5vcx@att.net

Vice President (2023-2024)

Kori Rahman WX5KR kori113@gmail.com

Recording Secretary (balance of 2022 – 2023)

Jeff Greer W5JEF greerjw@hotmail.com

Corresponding Secretary (2023-2024)

Jeff Greer W5JEF greerjw@hotmail.com

Treasurer (2023-2024)

David Ely N5EKW davidely@prodigy.net

2 Year At-Large Board Member A: Vacant

2 Year At-Large Board Member B: (2023-2024)

Drew Dasher N1ER adasher18@hotmail.com

1 Year At Large (2023)

Terry Leatherland K5PGF k5pgf@yahoo.com



Hamfests Near Houston

3/1/2024 - 3/2/2024

Greater Houston HamFest and ARRL West Gulf Division Convention

Location: Rosenberg, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

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

5/19/2024 – 5/21/2024

Dayton Hamvention & ARRL EXPO

Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center

120 Fairground Road, Xenia, Ohio 45385



Amateur Radio Events Near Houston

BVARC POTA 11/19/2023 10 AM – 5 PM

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

24907 FM 2004 Rd, Lake Jackson, TX 77566



Ham Exam answer: A, Lower losses. Quality Factor is the ratio of power stored to power dissipated (due to losses) in the inductor or capacitor.

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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 per year, with student dues \$10 per year, additional family members \$5 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 email reflector, you will receive notice and the attendance password, etc. It will also be on the website 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** please check the BVARC website for any changes.

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

A "Stir Crazy Net" is also held weekdays at 12 Noon on the 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 tone) repeater.

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

The QuestionAIR Net is held every Tuesday at 7:00 PM on the 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 tone) repeater.

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

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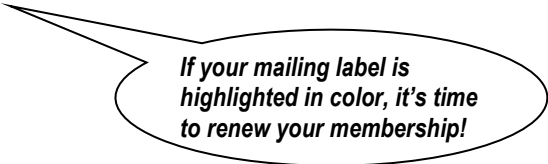
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