



BVARC BEACON



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General Membership Meeting November 14th at 7:30 PM

Community Volunteer Fire Department Community Center, 16005 Bellaire Blvd, Houston 77083

Join us for Club Elections and the Food Team's Chili Supper. Plan ahead for Homebrew Night in December!

Remember: with a good antenna you can reach Peru, but at a November BVARC meeting you can get chili...

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 2025:



Vice President	2025 thru 2026
Treasurer	2025 thru 2026
Corresponding Secretary	2025 thru 2026
2 Year at Large (B)	2025 thru 2026
1 Year at Large/Past President	2025

Should you have an interest in running for any of these positions or you have questions as to what is involved, please contact me, Chuck Hale KF5UXP, ASAP, before the meeting at tooloud61@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

Kori Rahman, for Vice President: I have been an active member of BVARC since earning my amateur radio license in December 2020. It was at one of our club's test sessions, that I passed both the Technician and General exams on the same day. A month later, I achieved my Extra license, marking the beginning of an exciting journey in amateur radio.

Professionally, I hold a master's degree in Aerospace engineering, which has complemented my passion for radio communications. As Vice President of the club, I've enjoyed contributing to its growth and fostering new activities. One initiative I'm particularly proud of is "Brews with BVARC" a social event I launched to connect members outside the usual radio activities. These gatherings (in addition to our breakfast, and the Wednesday lunch bunch) where we meet at local breweries have provided a fun and relaxed space for camaraderie among club members and a great opportunity to ask some great questions and get feedback on ideas.

I was also actively involved in operating and helped organizing the club's Field Day events in 2022 and 2023, which resulted in the highest scores in our club's over 45 year history. Beyond exclusively BVARC events, I am a dedicated Parks on the Air (POTA) enthusiast, organizing and participating in activations regularly. I've provided my own equipment and collaborated with others to run an independent POTA event called "Houston POTA," giving more amateur operators the opportunity to get on the air from our beautiful State Parks. I am also an ARES and RACES member and support the local ARES groups in Harris and Fort Bend counties as net controller for their nets and as a member of EMROG.

I am always happy to help promote our great hobby any way that I can. Thank you for your consideration and 73!

Jeff Greer, for Corresponding Secretary: I'm Jeff Greer, BVARC's current Corresponding Secretary. In November of 2017, when nobody ran for the vacant Corresponding Secretary position, I spoke with (then and still President) Mike N5VCX at the end of the meeting (after the elections) and offered to do it. I've been doing it ever since. I guess I'm doing an ok job, as I've been unopposed in every election since. I'll do it for another term, if you'll have me.

David Ely, for Treasurer: I have had the honor to serve as BVARC's treasurer for the past several years. After my retirement from forty years in the photographic industry, I became associated with the Percussion Center here in Houston. I was responsible for managing their on-line sales and billing for their sales and repair services to local school districts. As a result of the COVID epidemic, the loss of business resulted in closure of the Percussion Center. With that event, a new venture of the Houston Drum Company was established, in which I presently serve a co-founder and Chief Financial Officer. If nominated, I will be proud to continue my service to BVARC as its Treasurer.

Greater Houston HamFest March 7th and 8th, 2025

Mark your calendars for the 22nd Annual Greater Houston HamFest in March, 2025. Planning for the event has started and I am looking for people to help at the event. If you would like to help, please contact me and let me know. The event not only supports BVARC but it supports amateur radio. I need about eighty volunteers to put the event on, so line up now before it gets too crowded.

Remember the GHHF is for you and the hobby. By helping out, the support you provide helps the club can the hobby continue. If you need more information, please drop me an e-mail at n5vcx@att.net or give me a call at 713-826-6917.

Thank you for your support.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, Event Co-Chair, Greater Houston HamFest

CW Training Classes

Over the last few months, there have been several club members talking about learning CW. Even though it is no longer required for an Amateur Radio license, many hams have an interest in learning it. So.....

I asked John Whiteman, K5LKJ, to do an informal poll on the Stir-Crazy Net to see how many people would be interested in learning CW. There were several people that expressed interest in learning CW, enough that I feel a CW class would be something the club should start up.

Before the class starts though, I want to check with the rest of the club and see if the interest is there with the rest of the membership. If you are interested in learning CW and would like to attend classes, please drop me an e-mail at n5vcx@att.net and let me know. If there is enough interest, a class can be organized and started around the first of the year.

So let me know if you would like to dive into the world of Morse Code! 73, N5VCX

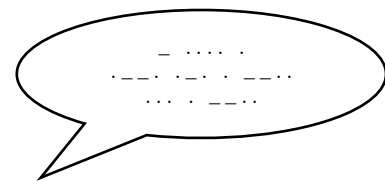
Net Control Operators Needed!

With 350 members, Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club is the largest club in Houston and the second largest in Texas. A club of this size needs the support of its members to help with various functions to keep the club functioning. There are many positions that a member can do to help with the club from serving on the board of directors to coordinating events to helping with the Greater Houston HamFest. However, one of the easiest ways to help the club is to serve as NET control on the club's different NETS. If you are interested in helping and being a NET control, please let me know. There are many openings on the Monday night NET, and the Stir-Crazy NET and I even bet John, K5LKJ, would let you take a shot at the Rag Chew NET.

If you would like to be NET control, let me know so we can put you in the driver's seat. There are many different time slots to choose from so throw your name in the hat to help now.

So set some time aside to help the club and support amateur radio. You can contact me at n5vcx@att.net or call me at 713-826-6917. 73, N5VCX

The Prez Sez



The end of the year is near, and everyone should know what time it is – club elections, BVARC chili supper, cooler weather, Walk for the Bacon CW contest (I will let you figure that one out on your own), and the ARRL SSB Sweepstakes contest. There is a lot coming up over the next month to stay busy in amateur radio.

The club elections on November 14th are the time when you, as a club member, can step up and help with decisions and directions for the club. If you would like to serve on the Board, contact Chuck Hale, KF5UXP, and let him know you would like to run for a position on the BOD. The positions that are open are:

Vice President Corresponding Secretary Treasurer
 Two-year At Large Director One-Year At Large Director

Please contact Chuck if you would like to serve on the BOD. Your service on the BOD ensures the club's future and promotes the amateur radio hobby. There is more information on the elections elsewhere in the newsletter.

Last month we had a great program on DMR radio. I want to thank Rick Broussard, N5KJN, for his time to come out and talk about DMR radios and the ins and outs of that part of the hobby.



Come December 12th, we will have "home brew" night. This is where club members bring in their best home-built equipment to show off and explain what they built and how it works. We may even have prizes to the member with the best and most unique device! So, get your soldering irons warmed up and build that kilowatt amp in a Coke can!

Also coming up next year, is the Greater Houston HamFest March 7th and 8th, 2025.

See you at the chili supper and elections on the 14th. 73, N5VCX

November 2024 – Amateur Radio Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
P: Pub Svc Net 8 PM Mondays S: Stir Crazy Net Noon Monday-Friday		R: Rag Chew, 3910 kHz, 7 PM Wednesdays T: 10-10 Int'l Local SHOT Net, 8 PM Tuesdays			1 S	2
3 BVARC Board Mtg 5 PM Zoom	4 P S	5 Q S T	6 R S	7 S	8 S	9 VE Testing 10:30 AM Bayland Park Community Ctr
10	11 P S	12 Q S T Brews w/ BVARC 6:30 - 10 PM	13 R S	14 S BVARC Mtg 7:30 PM, Chili Supper	15 S	16 HoustonPOTA Brazos Bend 10 AM – 5 PM
17	18 P S	19 Q S T	20 R S	21 S	22 S	23
24	25 P S	26 Q S T	27 R S	28 S	29 S	30 S

Brews w/ BVARC will be Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at Walking Stick Brewing Company, 957 Wakefield Dr, Houston TX 77018 from 6:30 – 10 PM. Contact Kori Rahman WX5KR, Kori113@gmail.com, for information.

A **Houston POTA** (Parks on the Air) activation is planned for Saturday November 16th, 2024 at Brazos Bend State Park, 21901 Farm to Market Rd 762, Needville TX 77461 from 10 AM – 5 PM. For more information, contact Anthony Morones W5LIC, w5lictx@gmail.com, or Kori Rahman WX5KR, Kori113@gmail.com.

Chevron Houston Marathon is January 18-19, 2025, in downtown Houston. It's a great way to volunteer with your radio.

Winter Field Day is January 25-26, 2025, at Duhacsek Park in Sugar Land.

Greater Houston HamFest is March 7-8, 2025, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds.

The Radio Hotel – Referencing Antenna Articles

By Rick W5RH

Two things: a tremendous amount of antenna information is available on-line; and 2, the ARRL has stopped hardcopy QST (unless you pay the extra fee). With these two situations I have taken on a new methodology of tracking antenna articles in QST, plus QEX and NCJ the other digital publications. QST articles have been available back to 1915 and, now, QEX and NCJ are available back to their initial publication dates of 1981 and 1973, respectively, under your membership to ARRL. All 3 are excellent sources of ham radio related antenna system articles of all types. So keeping track on a monthly basis is a step in compiling a treasure trove of skyhook information. I also include adverts for commercially available antennas that I find interesting... The effort takes minimal time and makes it super easy to refer to them by subject when I need one in the future. A beautiful thing for an antenna junkie like me.

So instead of 3-hole binding the ripped-out Contents page and the applicable articles, I have started a bibliography log in Word format of the articles in these 3 mags as they appear published. I place them in this log, sectioned off, based on the topic discussed. Section topics such as: General Info, Dipoles, Multi-band Wires, Loops 1WL and Short, Yagi's and Gain Antennas, Transmission Lines, Tuners, Matching, etc. I list them as such, for example:

Yagi's and Gain Antennas

The Shorter Sturba – K9UC QST January 2024 Pg. 35

High-Performance Stacked Array with Tribanders – W2VP QST May 2024 Pg. 35

Verticals

Ad -- Cushcraft HV-4E Vertical 40-20-15-10 QST May 2024 Pg. 6 A new HF vertical.

Transmission Lines

A Remote Antenna Switch – WA9FVP QST May 2024 Pg. 30

The log builds monthly, but I also go back and list articles on specific topics that have appeared in years past. Even a listing for the annual article/subject listings that use to appear in the December issues are listed when I find one. I put notes in each reference too, if so needed. And I don't limit this to ARRL publications. Any on-line or locally digitally available articles are easily referenced and accessed. An excellent example of non-ARRL articles are the various BVARC Tech Page articles. <http://www.bvarc.org/home/tech-downloads>

Hope this helps you to improve your antenna information referencing and storage by simply listing these great articles by subject. Note that the ARRL magazine display app allows you to print or make a PDF copy of any article and save it locally, if you find having a hard copy makes it easier to work on the project in your workshop. A reference to another method of producing PDF's is in BVARC newsletter **The Radio Hotel** column June 2017 “**Tools for the Antenna Information Junkie.**”

Enjoy your hobby 73...W5RH

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes

October 6th, 2024 @ 5:00pm via Video Conference

Board Members

President – Mike Hardwick – N5VCK	Vice President – Kori Rahman – WX5KR
Recording Sec. – Sean Linkenheimer – N5LNK	Corresponding Sec. – Jeff Greer – W5JEF
Treasurer – Dave Ely – N5EKW	2 Year At Large – Drew Dasher – N1ER
2 Year At-Large – Terry Leatherland – K5PGF	1 Year At Large – Daphne Rawlinson – K5VQY

Board of Directors Meeting

- ❖ Establish Quorum - Established
- ❖ Call Meeting to Order – 5:03
- ❖ Opening Statement(s) – Thanks for coming!
- ❖ Emergency Business - none
- ❖ Agenda Review - approved
- ❖ Treasurer’s Report – deferred pending corrections
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary’s Report - presented
- ❖ Old Business
 - Banquet
 - Dinners – weekly or monthly?
 - Next Houston POTA – Sat, Nov. 16; email going out soon. Last event a success.
- ❖ Programs
 - October – DMR by Rick Broussard
 - November – Elections and Chili Supper; Chuck Hale, Scott Medbury, and Daphne Rawlinson (?) to manage elections. 5 BoD positions on ballot.
 - December – Homebrew Night
- ❖ Committees
 - Historical Archives
 - By-Laws
 - Finance
 - Events and Membership
 - Food Team
 - Club Website
 - Newsletter
 - Parks on the Air
 - Elmer/ SME
 - Museum Ships Wknd
 - Field Day
 - Greater Houston HamFest
 - GHF Website
 - Banquet
- ❖ New Business
 - Elections
 - Greater Houston HamFest - \$10K spend approved; \$8-12K further funding to be requested at a later date. ABR, HRO, Mastrant confirmed. Good progress on prizes per Chris Medlin.
- ❖ Next Meetings - Pursuant Article V Section G #1 of the Club By-Laws
 - October 10th (General Meeting)
 - Brews with BVARC – Tuesday, Oct 8th at Talyard Brewing Company.
 - November 3rd, 2024 Board Meeting @ 5:00 pm via Zoom
- ❖ Closing Statement(s) – Thanks for coming; pls email comments to Mike.
- ❖ Meeting Adjournment – 6:01 pm

Ham Radio Emergency Communications Guide

By Ham Radio Prep

Last month we started looking at Emergency Communications, from <https://hamradioprep.com/ham-radio-in-emergencies/>. Let's continue:

Amateur Radio Emergency Organizations

There are many amateur radio groups that provide public service and emergency communications, each with a slightly different focus. You can join one or more, receive training, and be available for emergencies and other public service events.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

ARES is an emergency-communications organization operated by the ARRL and consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Typically, ARES operates on the county and state level, but can also play a role in national or international emergencies. ARES members are noted for having responded to the 9/11 attacks, Hurricane Katrina, and Hurricane Michael.

For more information, go to <https://www.arrl.org/ares>.



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)

RACES (pronounced RAY-seez) is an emergency-communications service that operates under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Many government agencies across the country train their Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) volunteers using the RACES protocol. RACES volunteers serve their respective jurisdictions pursuant to guidelines and mandates established by local emergency management officials.



RACES volunteers are:

- Licensed radio amateurs.
- Certified by a civil defense agency.
- Able to communicate on Amateur Radio frequencies during drills, exercises and emergencies.
- Activated by local, county and state jurisdictions and are the only Amateur Radio operators authorized to transmit during declared emergencies when the President of the United States specifically invokes the War Powers Act.

For more information, go to <http://www.usraces.org/>.

SKYWARN

SKYWARN is a volunteer program with between 350,000 and 400,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service. In some areas, Skywarn uses amateur radio networks and repeaters to relay essential weather observations directly to local emergency management personnel and to NWS meteorologists.



For more information, go to <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

CERT members are a part of their local emergency management teams. CERT volunteers are trained to respond to emergency situations and also can support their communities during non-emergency events. CERT members are able to take advantage of training through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While there are more than 2,700 CERT programs in the United States and more than 600,000 CERT members across the nation, not all CERT groups utilize radio communications for operations. Those that do may simply use Family Radio Service handheld radios, while others, such as the teams assisting the Los Angeles Fire Department, have organized amateur radio operators and networks to



assist operations. Check your local CERT team for more information.
For more information, go to <https://www.ready.gov/cert>.

American Red Cross (ARC)

Amateur radio has long supported the American Red Cross. The ARRL and the ARC have long had a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that spells out how the two organizations work together. Many local ARC chapters have teams of amateurs ready to assist them in disaster and emergency response, and some chapters may even have amateur radio stations maintained by local clubs. The Red Cross has its own nationally licensed VHF public safety frequency, but using amateur radio gives them a lot more flexibility and range. As noted above, In 2017, amateurs from the mainland United States were deployed to Puerto Rico to help set up communications networks after the island sustained heavy damage from Hurricane Maria.



For more information on how you can become a Red Cross volunteer, to go <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html>.

The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN)

SATERN is an all-volunteer organization consisting of licensed amateur radio operators who are skilled in emergency communications and message handling. They volunteer their time and talents to support Salvation Army operations in local, regional and international disaster situations. SATERN has local organizations in all 50 states and Canada, as well as many other parts of the world.



For more information about SATERN, go to <http://eds-satern.sawmni.org>.

Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM)

AUXCOMM is a relatively new initiative by state emergency management entities whose goal is to train as many amateur radio operators as possible to work and train with public safety personnel. Members are highly trained in emergency management operations such as the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS). A few states have implemented this program.



For more information about AUXCOMM, go to <https://www.cisa.gov/safecom/blog/2016/07/11/auxiliary-emergency-communications>.

Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams (REACT)

Originally formed in 1962 to have teams monitoring citizens band Channel 9 for emergency and motorist assistance calls, today's REACT teams have broadened their communications cache to include not only CB and other personal radio services, but amateur radio, too. Most teams employ amateur radio in one way or another.



For more information, go to <https://reactintl.org>.

Local Amateur Radio Clubs

Don't forget that local and regional amateur radio clubs also provide public service and emergency communications outside of the groups listed above. Some clubs function to assist ARES and RACES operations in their areas, while others provide communications for public events, such as parades, bike tours, and marathons. The New York and Boston Marathons, for example, use an army of amateur radio operators to ensure that their events operate smoothly. Amateurs often are behind the front lines at large-scale events, and that amateur radio operator helping out could be you!

You can find local clubs by going to <http://arrl.org/find-a-club>.

Ham Exam Question

How many dangerous levels of carbon monoxide from an emergency generator be detected?

- A. By the odor
- B. Only with a carbon monoxide detector
- C. Any ordinary smoke detector can be used
- D. By the yellowish appearance of the gas

BVARC Rag Chew Net

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

09/25/24, K5LKJ (NCS), K5LJ, K5JPP, K5LIC (Channelview), K5LJ, KG5ICR, W2WF (Katy), KI5RLZ (Channelview), K5RBC (Lake Jackson), K5DBL (Manvel), N5VCX. (10 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 172, SN = 160, A = 17, K = 4 / Band Rpt: FAIR

10/02/24, K5LKJ (NCS), K5DBL (Manvel), K5LJ, K5RBC (Lake Jackson), KI5FWJ (Lake Charles, LA), KI5JDC (Livingston, TX), N5BAA, N5VCX, WB5ZPK (Dickinson), W2WF (Katy). (10 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 245, SN = 207, A = 6, K = 2 / Band Rpt: FAIR

10/09/24, K5LKJ (NCS), K5JPP, KI5HOC, K5LJ, K5RBC (Lake Jackson), N5VCX, K5LIC (Channelview), K5DBL (Manvel), W5WES (Baytown, N5TZV (Louise). (10 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 225, SN = 107, A = 58, K = 2 / Band Rpt: FAIR

10/16/24, K5LJ (NCS), K5TPC (Tomball), K5RBC (Lake Jackson), N5VCX, KI5WXW. (7 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 25: SFI = NO DATA / Band Rpt: FAIR

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

Net conditions have been FAIR 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

Repeater Cautions

I usually monitor the 94 machine when I am working outside / in the garage workshop. Over time I get to listen to many different people talking about varying subjects. An excellent watering hole of nets, socializing and good information on many topics. All good so far. However, there are times when the stations, usually a new ham, gives information of a personal nature that in my book is not a good thing to be expounding upon. I know you can get a ham's address in the FCC data base but beyond that, personal information needs to remain generic. No kid's names, no kids school, no information of your spouse and where they are going / shopping locations, dogs names and number of them, guns in the house, etc. Even the fact that you are going on vacation – when and where. Little tidbits of info, that over time, can build quite a profile of you and your family. Instead, generic terms like XYL or my son or my daughter, etc. should be used. Look, I am not trying to scare you off of talking on the repeater, far from it. That is a good use of a ham radio resource, but just be careful of what you say. Realize that the repeater is a public / open forum and medium. Anyone with a scanner or cheap Baofeng can listen in and, hopefully not, start to track or stalk with ill intentions. Last meeting had a presentation on “squirrels”. That is intentional interference and who knows what a person that thinks this is OK is bound to do with more detailed information of a ham that the squirrel may not like. I hope nothing ever happens in any of these mentioned situations, but as that one cop TV show said in the beginning, “Be careful out there”. W5RH

Regularly Scheduled Club Happenings

General Meeting Second Thursday each month, 7:30 PM, in-person and Zoom, 16005 Bellaire Blvd

Board of Directors Meeting The weekend before the 2nd Thursday, in-person and/or via Zoom. **Check the website** as this might change. (Next meeting is via Zoom, Sunday, November 3 at 5 PM)
Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston.

Volunteer Examiner Program Monthly ham testing session 10:30 AM usually on the Saturday before the General Meeting, at Bayland Park Community Center. Please check the BVARC website for any last-minute changes or updates.

Rag Chew Net 3910 KHz ± 3KHz Wednesdays at 7 PM

Public Service Net Monday night on 146.94- (167.9) at 8 PM

Stir Crazy Net Monday-Friday on 146.94- (167.9) at 12 PM
Check www.bvarc.org for current info.

Greater Houston Simplex Net 4th Thursday, propagation net, at 7 PM, on 146.54 MHz simplex and an alternate frequency of 147.54.
See <https://parksontheair.com/> for information about Houston area POTA activations.

BVARC EATS

Saturday Breakfast 6:30 AM, IHOP Stafford 12725 Southwest Fwy, Stafford, TX 77477

Wednesday Lunch Bunch 11 AM to Noon, Luby's Cafeteria 10575 W Airport Blvd, Stafford, TX 77477

Brews w/ BVARC Tue Nov 12, 2024, 6:30 – 10 PM, Walking Stick Brewing Company, 957 Wakefield Dr, Houston, TX 77018

OCTOBER VE - FCC TESTING SESSIONS RESULTS

For the October 5th test session at Bayland Park - we had 7 candidates and conducted 12 tests

New Licensees:

Free, J (Technician) KJ5IFY
Harrelson, J (Technician) KJ5IGP
Mars, D (Technician) KJ5IGQ
Pault, D (Technician) KJ5IVF
Roth, S (Technician) KJ5IGS

Upgrades

Murphey, A (Extra) AI5TG
Vaught, J (General) KJ5EPN

VEs in attendance – K5GOL, K4USN, K5LJ, WM5N and KG4NDS – **THANKS!**

Congratulations to All!

The next BVARC test session will be **Saturday, November 9th** 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 donation (Dec. '23) from a BVARC member, THANKS!

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, most times the first weekend of the month and usually on the same weekend as the Sunday BVARC Board meeting. These testing 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).

Advertising in the BVARC BEACON

Business card sized ads are \$10 per month or six months for \$50.

Half page ads are \$25 per month, \$125 for six months, or \$250 per year.

Full page ads are \$50 per month, \$250 for six months, or \$500 for a year.

Hamfests Near Houston

3/7/2025 - 3/8/2025

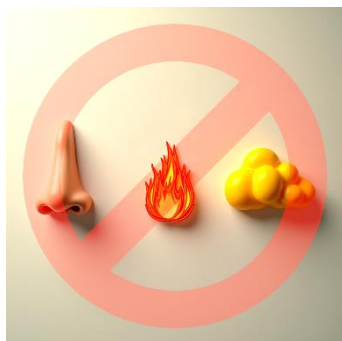
Greater Houston HamFest

Location: Rosenberg, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

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



Ham Exam Answer:
B. Carbon monoxide
can only be detected
with a carbon
monoxide detector.

ROCS

River Oaks Car Stereo

Since 1990

4129 Richmond Ave

Houston TX 77027

713-626-7627 -

help@riveroakscarstereo.com

riveroakscarstereo.com

NUSK - Eddie
KB5YTA - Dwayne
KB5OBB - Eddie Jr
KF5RKJ - BLake
WSLIC - Anthony

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.

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

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