

# The Radio Hotel – A Complete Index

by Rick Hiller – W5RH

Thank you for reading this column each month. I started writing The Radio Hotel column in April of 2014. It has appeared monthly in the Brazos Valley Beacon Newsletter since then, skipping a few now and then. Currently there are a total of 85 columns: all about antennas, feedlines, RF theory on impedance and SWR, commercial antenna offerings, practical antenna implementations, etc. All subjects near and dear to my heart.

I have compiled an index of these 85 columns, their titles and subject. Eddie has placed it on the BVARC Tech Pages at <http://bvarc.org/home/tech-pages/> Simply note the month and year of the article you wish to read. Then go to the newsletter pages at <http://www.bvarc.org/newsletters.php> and select that issue.

I do hope that The Radio Hotel has provided you with technical guidance, insight and maybe a bit of humor that you can use in your pursuit of fun and satisfaction within Ham Radio. Below is a sample of the first year's listing.

## 2014

April – Four Whys of our Antenna Systems

May – The Standing Wave- Part 1

June – The Standing Wave Ratio-Part 2

July – Measuring SWR-Part 3

August – *NP (not published)*

September – Antenna Bandwidth and SWR-Part 4

October – Matching within the Antenna System-Part 5

November – Reflected Reflections-Part 6

December – SWR/Matching and Learning-Part 7

The complete index 2014 thru 2021 is at <http://bvarc.org/home/tech-pages/>

## The Radio Hotel Mission Statement

The Radio Hotel's mission is to provide high level information and guidance on antenna system theory and practical knowledge.

I realize that there are a gaggle of authors of antenna articles, pamphlets and books (many of which I have in my library). But it is also realized that not every author holds the verbal key to an individual reader's ability to understand. For example: some folks like James Michner and others like Bill Bryson.

The Radio Hotel tries to look at the antenna system from a slightly different perspective in the hopes of being the key to your personal "reader mind". I try to provide a clear explanation of the technology and practical aspects on whatever is the subject for that month. A higher level of mission is to have you enjoy the hobby as much as I do, whether it is the technology, the on-air fun, the camaraderie and fellowship or simply the journey along a path of learning, building and operating to arrive at the Ham Radio destination of your choosing.

The Radio Hotel will continue in the January 2022 issue of the world renowned BVARC Beacon.

Wishing you the merriest of holidays and a very Happy New Year.....73....Rick – W5RH

# Elections, Chili and Great Hospitality

The BVARC “in-person and Zoom” November meeting was the first physical meeting after a long period of Covid isolation. Duhacsek Park in Sugar Land was the venue and a familiar one at that. 31 folks braved the cooler Fall weather and the threat of the CV-19 virus along with 9 on-line Zoom attendees to elect four members to the 2022 Board of Directors. 1 Year-At-Large was Sheree Horton, WM5N; 2 Year-At-Large was Anthony Morones, W5LIC; returning Treasurer was Dave Ely, N5EKW; and Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, was re-elected to the top seat – President. Only one race was a challenge when Terry Leatherland, K5PGF, faced off against floor nominated Anthony, W5LIC, who won by a very narrow margin, for the 2 Year-At-Large. Many thanks to all who stepped forward to ensure BVARC had a full Board of Directors for 2022.

Following elections, chili was served, as prepared by the hard working chief cooks and bottle washers (seen at right): Daphne Rawlinson, K5VQY, and Lou Ann Medbury, wife of Scott, KD5FBA. Thank you, ladies -- for the chili, sides, chocolate cake and the great a la carte menu options. Your volunteer efforts are very much appreciated, not only for this time, but for the many other times y’all have stepped forward to provide libations and victuals for a famished BVARC membership.



by Rick W5RH – 2021 Election Committee Chairman

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