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BVARC August Meeting *Ice Cream Social*

Bring your spouse and children to this year's Ice Cream Social. This is the BVARC August meeting.

It takes place, on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at 7:30 P.M at the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, Sugarland, TX

Members are encouraged to bring ice cream of any flavor and amount. How 'bout homemade – mmmmm?

A live HF station will be set up for demonstration and for any member to have the opportunity to make QSOs.

Members are encouraged to attend the General Meetings to learn about the latest in amateur radio technology along with the camaraderie of your fellow hams. Non-members are always welcome to visit and learn more about the club.

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Lanny, KB5VTB, Dwayne, KB5YTA & Ross Lawler, W5HFF rigging antenna @ Field Day

Editor's Comments

BVARC is looking for a newsletter editor. For several reasons beyond the scope of this newsletter, and beyond his control, the recent editor has had to step down. Many thanks for his efforts.

The Board Of Director's has implemented a mechanism whereby the BVARC newsletter will be regularly delivered to the membership on time presuming that someone "steps up to the plate" to be editor. Like this issue, the mailed issue will be black and white unless we can find a company to volunteer color copying services. However, the color newsletter will be available on-line as soon as the camera ready copy goes to press, so the "e" version will be available before you receive your copy in the mail.

The editor of this issue has volunteered his services this time but will not be able to assume the post on a monthly basis. Because he had only about 2 days to get the copy ready and get it printed for assembly, there might be some omissions and errors. We ask your indulgence. But at least you will get your newsletter before the meeting.

FIELD DAY - 2004 - JUNE 26 & 27

Field Day 2004 is History! All-in-all, it turned out very well. It was at least a 9 out of 10. Bravo!

The gloom-and-doom weather forecasts did not materialize. The site was well drained with only a few low spots. There was one 10 minute rain squall during the morning setup and one hard rain squall, Saturday afternoon, for about 10 minutes. Except for a 15 or 20 minute drizzle later in the day, that was the only rain. In fact, though humid, it was fairly cool.

The set up went well. The travel trailer didn't show up so we set up two stations in the 3 story building. All the antennas went up with minimal hitches. We had three tri-band beams, a 6M beam, a 2M beam, a 40M loop, an 80M dipole and a 40M dipole with tuner (to operate higher bands) set off at a distance for PSK.

We operated 4A. One station was ready at kickoff at 1PM and the others within an hour or so. During the peak operating period of Saturday afternoon, all stations were busy. However into the evening, at night and Sunday morning, there were several stations "wanting" for operators.

We have to tally the scores this week, but considering the lack of operators, we did quite well. The 20M station had more than 600 QSOs, the 40/15/10M had about 240, the 15M SSB /VHF station had almost 150, the PSK 150-200, the 40M about 75, and probably 40 or so for the 80M.

The food was really good! Breakfast was brought in for the set-up crew. Special thanks go to the chef, Robert, KK5UO. He had the Bar-B-Que ready as promised at 5PM on Saturday, and a sandwich tray was made available for the night crew. Snacks, drinks and bottled water were provided throughout and there was enough food to have a second Bar-B-Que at 1PM on Sunday.

A few additional people showed up just prior to tear down so that also went well. We're missing an aluminum pole, about 4-5' long, about 2" in diameter that belongs to KK5UO.

If anyone has an item that made it into their vehicle that belongs to someone else, please bring it to the BVARC general membership meeting on the 12th.

Many thanks go to all that helped in any way. This includes planning, setup, operating, food, equipment, tear down and making arrangements (just to mention a few). Special thanks go to the Richmond/Rosenberg Firemen for making their facility available and the Sugarland Firemen for offering their training center as a back-up.

Good Work!!!! Now on to the Ice Cream Social.



The lone PSKer
Larry, K5LJ



Part of the scene
Pete, Mike, Dennis & Claude



Dwayne, KB5YTA & Dennis, KD5QDN
Hauling up a tri-bander



Antenna farm on building



Weatherproof and low noise generators



Overview of Field Day location

Many thanks to the Richmond/Rosenberg Firemen for allowing us the use of their training facilities for the BVARC Field Day site!

NEW REPEATOR USED BY BVARC

The general membership and the board virtually unanimously agreed to use the 146.88 repeater for it's 2M nets and for other general use. The offset is -600 KHz and the tone is PL 103.5.

THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

Joe Morgan, K5JWM, Net Coordinator

7PM, Wednesdays. 3910 +/- 3 KHz.

Just WHAT IS the Rag Chew Net? Well it's a chance for you to get on the low bands and hang out with other BVARC members, as well as hams from around the south central US! WHAT?? Don't have voice privileges? Got a short-wave receiver? Dial in and listen, then check in using the telephone number announced at the beginning of each net.

Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm** instead of 9. 146.88 Mhz, PL 103.5. The order of check-ins start with mobile units first then fixed stations. If you 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.

BVARC Calendar - August 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 3KHz	5 BOD Meeting 7:30 pm	6	7
8	9 Net 8:00 pm 145.47 – K5CAM	10	11 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 3KHz	12 Club Meeting 7:30 pm Ice Cream Social	13	14
15	16 Net 8:00 pm 145.470 – KD5O	17 VE Session 6:30 pm	18 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 3KHz	19	20 7:30 pm 3 rd Friday dinner	21
22	23 Net 8:00 pm 145.470 – K5JWM	24	25 HF Net 7:00 pm 3910 3KHz	26	27	28
29	30 Net 8:00 pm 145.470 – KC5VYZ	31				

**Remember: Saturday morning breakfasts - See details under Club Happenings.
Third Friday Dinner August 20, 7:30p.m. (sharp). Check into one of the nets for the location.**

BVARC License Testing

BVARC sponsors and administers the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session on the second Tuesday of each month at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus in Stafford. Various members volunteer to be the VE examiners.

Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month.

All of us at BVARC again thank everyone at HCC Scarcella Technology Center for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

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Public Service Events

Several Events Still Needing Volunteers!

Here are several upcoming Public Service and other amateur radio related events needing amateur radio operators for communications or participation. Operators of web sites and remail list, post this information on your web site. Please show your support for amateur radio by coming out to help or by attending the events.

Bike to the Lake Tour

7:00 a.m. September 18 & 19, 2004

<http://www.texaslung.org/specialevents/biketothelake/houstonbiketothelake.htm>

Needing 30 operators to work this 2 day event at break points, start/finish areas, SAGS and medical vehicles on the courses. If you are interested in working this event, please give me a call at 713-771-4625.

Wings Over Houston Air Show

October 16 & 17, 2004

<http://www.wingsoverhouston.com/>

Sixty operators needed to provide communications for the 2 days.

Next info-mail will have contact information. Mark the date on your calendar if you would like to help.

Moonlight Ramble

2:00 a.m. October 31, 2004

<http://www.bikehouston.org/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&bid=16&btile=Stuff&mid=8&ceid=3>

Bicycle ride starting and finishing in downtown Houston. 15 operators needed

Novemberfest Bike Ride

9:00 a.m. Saturday - November 13, 2004

<http://www.novemberfestmetricentury.org/>

Bicycle ride starting and finishing in San Felipe, Texas. 20 operators needed.

Contact Robert Temple if interested in working the event.

rtemple@csc.com

BP MS150 Houston to Austin

Bike Tour 2005

7:00 a.m. April 16 & 17, 2005

Premier 2 day cycling event needing 120 amateur radio operators to provide communications for support.

Communications will be on HF, VHF, UHF, and APRS. Bike Ride has multiple courses between Houston and Austin and amateur radio covers all areas, medical, break points/water stops, start and finish areas, SAGS, supply trucks, and event staff.

If you are interested in helping, please give Mike Hardwick, N5VCX a call at 713-771-4625.

Thanks, Mike,

n5vcx@arrl.net

Editor's Comment:

Rick Hiller, W5RH, submitted the third of a series of articles on Antennas. This article will be included in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Hamfests

Here is hamfest info for the next several months. Or you can check out <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

Humble TEAC ARC Swapmeet

Third Saturday in March, June, September, December in Humble. Sponsored by TEAC - Hugh W5FM@arri.net
145.43(minus offset)

KCOMM, INC.

August 28, 2004

10815 Gulfdale
San Antonio, Texas 78216
<http://home.satx.rr.com/kcomm/>

Parking Lot Swapfest !
(210) 344-3311

A reminder to everyone in the San Antonio area.

We have renewed our monthly tailgater... Parking lot swapfest.

It's in our parking lot, the last Saturday each month.

Gulfdale is close to the San Antonio International Airport.

Hey!!! Free coffee & doughnuts.

C'mon out and set a spell.

Tomball Repeater Club

September 4, 2004 8 am to noon

Step by Step Christian School

South Cherry Street in Tomball

\$1 entrance fee

bring your own chairs and tables

Call for info Nora Stoval, KB5FYJ 281-351-0026 or

Jerry Green, K5IHK, 713-857-6614

Katy ARC

September 11, 2004

VFW Hall, Katy, TX.

More details will be published in next month's newsletter.

Ham Expo

October 2, 2004

Bell County Expo Center in Belton, Texas

From I-35 take Exit 292 to the Dome

<http://www.tarc.org/hamradio/hamexpo/oct2002early.html>

Talk-in Freqs: 146.82- (PL 123.0)

444.7 (PL 123.0)

Brazos Valley ARC

Mix-N-Match Swap Meet

March 5, 2005

<http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc/> or n5vcx@arri.net

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Indoor tables and outdoor

Spaces available at Sugar Land Community Center

Needing volunteers to help with the swap meet!

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06/04

Job Opening – BVARC Newsletter Editor.

Will your company provide free or subsidized newsletter reproduction services (color or B&W OK) for BVARC, a non-profit organization?

2004 Club Officers:

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Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month,
Sugar Land Community Center,
226 Matlage Way

Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month,
Sugar Land Community Center,
226 Matlage Way

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

Eating Schedule

Third Friday Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Location announced in the calendar.

Saturday morning breakfasts –

7:00 a.m. New York Coffee Shop
9720 Hillcroft, Houston
7:30 a.m. Viking Den
2939 S. Main, Stafford

Rag Chew Net

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m.

Public Service Net

Monday night on 146.88 (103.5 PL)
at 8:00 PM

Minutes of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting

June 3,2004

Attendees: Vice President Allen-N5XZ, 2 -Year Director/Club Elmer Ross
Lawler-W5HFF
Past Secretary of Treasurer Camron-K5CAM
Past President Kevin foto KD5O Sid-1-Year Director
Recording Secretary, Joe W Morgan - K5JWM.
John Chauvin-K5IZO, John Whiteman-K5LKJ

Meeting called to order at 7:42 PM by Vice President Allen Brier-N5XZ.

Comments: That maybe we should look for a repeater
for the net as they are having problem with the 145.47.

Emergency Business: Position for President-replacement

Old Business: Program, event planning schedule.
New web site has been updated with May newsletter.
Bank changes-change CD to higher percentage rate.
Move account to different bank. Ross will help Mike with
By-Law changes update. We have someone looking into
the 501-3C. August meeting will be annual Ice Cream Social.

New Business: Joe has minutes for approval. Allen made motion to
Pass, all said I. Minutes approved. No treasurer reports at this time.
July program presentation on satellite. We have a cook for field day
Robert KK5NU, and thanks for helping.

Announcements:

Field day backup will be at Sugar Land community center.
Backup repeater Frequency for the net is 145.45

Membership count: 102

Adjourn: 9:52 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary Joe W Morgan-K5JWM

Editor's Note: The July & August Board of Director's minutes will
be published next month.

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BVARC Meeting Dates for 2004

Time to mark your calendar for the remaining 2004 meeting dates. With the early morning efforts of Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM, and the dates for the last of 2004 were finalized in July. Cameron shows up before the roosters even think about getting up and signs the club up for the rooms at the Community Center, so mark your calendar with the dates for the Board of Directors and general meeting for the rest of the year.

Board Meetings: August 2 (done)	General Membership Meetings: August 12, SLCC
September 2, SLCC	September 9, SLCC
October 7, SLCC	October 14, , SLCC
November 4, SL Lib.	November 11, SLCC
December 2, SL Lib	December 9, SL Lib.
SL Lib – Eldridge Road Library	SLCC – Sugar Land Comm. Ctr.

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FIRST CLASS POSTAGE

Monday Night Public Service Net at 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Rag Chew New at 7:00 P.M.
Next General Meeting on August 12 at 7:30 P.M.

Hurricane Season is on us.
Are you prepared?