



# BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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## ANNUAL BANQUET

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Saltgrass Steakhouse Restaurant - 9110 Southwest Freeway  
U.S. 59 South, between Bissonnet and Gessner

6:30 – 7:30 - Cash bar and seating.

7:30 – 9:00 - Banquet and Awards

**NOTE: There is no general membership meeting in January.  
We hope to see you at the banquet.**

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The December BVARC general membership meeting was “Homebrew Night.”  
Just 2 of about 8 or 9 diverse projects are shown below.



**John Whiteman, K5LKJ**  
showing his 80M Shortened Dipole



**Two refurbished Vibroplex bugs**  
shown by John Chauvin, K5IZO

See other pictures inside

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**Remember the BVARC GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST**  
**March 3.**  
**This year hosting the ARRL South Texas Section Convention.**  
**See details inside.**

## President's Corner

Hello from 6Y land! The boat has just arrived and John just sent me an e-mail reminding me that the President's article is due. So I have a few minutes while they dock the ship and I take off for an adventure or two.

The end of the year is upon us and BVARC is changing. We are still growing, slowly but growing. When I joined the club in 1991 there were 297 paid members. If we can get back to that level, the income will allow the club to grow and to do many exciting new programs. Help the club to grow and you will help the hobby to grow as well.

I want to thank everyone for all their hard work in 2006. From Ross and his hard work as treasurer to John for his relentless effort as newsletter editor. I want to thank Sid for stepping up for the treasurer's position as well as the new board member, Bill. There are many people that help the club daily to keep functioning and I really appreciate their hard work.

In about 60 days the Greater Houston Hamfest will be held in Rosenberg . This year we have the distinction of being the ARRL South Texas Section convention. This is something that I hope will allow the hamfest to build on and will bring a large hamfest back to Houston . We are getting there and with everyone's help we will make it.

Don't forget the club's banquet on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Saltgrass restaurant. More information is in the newsletter on the banquet. Also in February is Discovering Amateur Radio night. Bring someone that you know that is interested in ham radio and would like to know more.

The ship is docked and I am ready to go out on the adventures. I wish everyone a happy New Year and I hope all your contacts are S9+.

73

N5VCX

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## Introducing BVARC Historical Vignettes – A Look at BVARC's History

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

I have been a member of BVARC for over twenty years, and I was president of the club in 1991. History has always fascinated me, and through the recent efforts of Larry Levy WD5DRB and Rick Hiller W5RH, I now have access to most of the newsletters of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. The newsletters located by Larry and scanned by Rick are not a complete collection; however, I kept most of the newsletters I received since joining BVARC in September 1985. The large collection of newsletters now available to me has made it possible to explore various aspects of BVARC's history. I have completed one pass through the newsletters looking at each one and identifying topics of interest. Our club has a rich and colorful history, and I plan to write a series of articles about some of the important and interesting events that have shaped BVARC as we know it today. I hope many of you will find BVARC Historical Vignettes to be an interesting addition to the club's newsletter.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of the timeliness of the annual banquet and the closing of the Viking Den, Allen is starting his series with two articles.**

**ALSO NOTE: The following article is historical. DO NOT CONFUSE it's contents with the current annual banquet. This year's banquet occurs on Friday, Jan. 12 at the Saltgrass Steakhouse**

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## BVARC Historical Vignettes – BVARC's Annual Banquet

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

Almost every BVARC member knows that January is the month that BVARC has its annual banquet, but very few members know when the first BVARC banquet was held. Our club was founded in 1977, but a BVARC banquet was not held until 1983.

In November 1982, B-VARC had 84 members and Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ was president. The newsletters from that period of time do not state how the idea of an annual banquet came up, but editor Stu Lamkin WB5IGG announced in the January 1983 B-VARC Bulletin that the club was having a banquet.

From page 1, January 1983 B-VARV Bulletin (Vol. 6, No. 1) Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, editor:

Beginning in 1983, the January regular membership meeting of the Club will be a seated banquet. The only items of business will be the installation of officers and the presentation of any awards that might be appropriate.

The 1983 event will be held at the Swinging Door Restaurant on FM 359 about 3 ½ miles west of US 90-A out from Richmond on Jan. 13. Tickets must be obtained prior to Jan. from Ray and Joanne Morpew. Call them at 664-1726 for information about tickets.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1.

According to an article in the February 1983 issue of the B-VARC Bulletin, the first B-VARC annual banquet appears to have been very much like the club's recent banquets.

From February 1983 B-VARC Bulletin (Vol. 6, No. 2) Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, editor:

### JANUARY BANQUET

If you were not one of the 45 who were at our first annual banquet on January 13, held this year at the Swinging Door Restaurant on FM359, you really missed a treat. The food was great, the fellowship even greater! Many of us were delighted to meet other's YFs (wives), and it seemed to be everyone's opinion that a banquet for our January meeting each year is a great idea and that they already were looking forward to the next one!

The only speeches came from immediate Past President Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ and 1983 President Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN.

Dick expressed his deep regret at his curtailed activity during part of his term, and gave his sincere thanks to those who made it possible for the Club to continue its steady growth in 1982. He was pleased to present to Ron Bolyard KA5GYG the Club's third Order of the Key award (more of that on page 7). And as a final act of his presidency, he turned over the office of president of the Club to Steve Gottlieb.

Steve thanked the membership for its vote of confidence in him, and introduced the new officers for 1983. He then made a few remarks about his hopes and general plans for the club in 1983. He promised to do his best to help B-VARC improve its standing as the best ham club around!

The newsletters of that time do not tell us who planned the banquet, or what the cost was per member. We can probably assume that the 45 people who attended included spouses and that approximately 25-30% of the club members attended the event. The announcement of the banquet in the newsletter did not state what time the banquet started or what was on the menu, but full information was probably provided by telephone when the members called for tickets. The January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for purchasing tickets allowed the club to give the restaurant an estimate of the number of people attending approximately two weeks before the banquet.

An interesting side note here is that the club's third Order of the Key award was presented at the 1983 banquet. The earlier newsletters in my possession do not mention anything about the first two Order of the Key awards. However, the November 1987 newsletter (Robert Rickets N5JKD editor) contained a list of recipients of the Order of the Key award, and the first two recipients listed were Bob Spradling W5UBD in 1980, and Stu Lamkin WB5IGG in 1981. Perhaps the BVARC awards will be the subject of a future historical vignette.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: Reiterating, do not confuse the contents above with the upcoming annual banquet. The upcoming banquet occurs on Friday, Jan. 12 at the Saltgrass Steakhouse.**

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## **BVARC Historical Vignettes – The Viking Den Closes**

**Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian**

The Viking Den on Highway 90A in Stafford closed at the end of December 2006 due to the widening of Highway 90A. The Viking Den had been the location for BVARC's popular Saturday morning breakfast since September 1999. The Saturday morning BVARC breakfast has been held at many different locations over the years, but the 7-year run at the Viking Den was probably the longest period of time the club's breakfast stayed at one location.

Prior to the Viking Den, the breakfast location had been at Miss Janie's at 9920 Highway 90A in Sugar Land in the same strip center where Vasso's BBQ is located. The BVARC Saturday morning breakfast met at Miss Janie's from March 1998 through mid-June 1999 when Miss Janie's closed. For a very brief period the club tried holding the breakfast at the Texas Brisket House on Highway 90A across from the Sugar Mill, but moved to the Viking Den in September 1999.

Parking was always a problem at the Viking Den, but the BVARC members just learned to live with it. The food was good and reasonably priced, and the club members liked Vicky, the waitress, and her sister Laura who was the cook.

Now that the Viking Den has closed, BVARC's Saturday morning breakfast will move to Otto's BBQ, 11122 Fountain Lake Drive in Stafford beginning in January. Otto's BBQ is located on the north side of the Fountains Shopping Center not far from the Loew's theater. The Fountains Shopping Center is on Highway 59 north of Highway 90A, and is across Highway 59 from the International House of Pancakes (IHOP).



## Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm**, 145.47 (PL -123.0) The order of check-ins start with mobile units first then fixed stations. If you have 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. Here are recent check-ins with control-ops:

7/10 - Doug, kc5vyz	9/4 - 19 - Cam, k5cam	10/30 - 24 - Doug, kc5vyz
7/17 - 18 - Sid, n5zkd	9/11 - 26 - Mike, k5vcx	11/6 - 31 - Cam, k5cam
7/24 - 15 - Pete, kd5qpx	9/18 - 16 - Bill, ke5cut	11/13 - 22 - Bill, ke5cut
7/31 - 18 - John, k5lkj	9/25 - 18 - Pete, kd5qpx	11/20 - 14 - Bill, ke5cut
8/7 - 29 - Cam, k5cam	10/2 - 22 - Cam, k5cam	11/27 - 19 - Cam, k5cam
8/14 - 20 - Bill, ke5cut	10/9 - 27 - Bill, ke5cut	12/4 - 22 - Cam, k5cam
8/21 - 22 - Bill, ke5cut	10/16 - 16 - Bill, ke5cut	12/11 - 35 - Bill, ws5h
8/28 - 21 - Pete, kd5qpx	10/23 - 21 - Pete, kd5qpx	12/18 - 22 - Sid, n5zkd

## ALLEN'S ANTENNA PARTY

**Allen Brier, N5XZ, had an antenna party at his home on December 9. The project was months in the making but came to a culmination when 5 or 6 members plus a crane operator showed up to actually hoist the tower and mount the antenna. Allen has a 72' electric crank-up tower with a 4 element StepIR beam. He achieves a 1:1 SWR no matter what band he operates on. Obviously Allen doesn't suffer from deed restrictions like most of us who live in suburbia.**



**Up with the tower**



**Up with the beam**



**Securing & adjusting the beam**



**TAH-DAAH**

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club  
**GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST**

Hosting the

**ARRL South Texas Section Convention**

Saturday, March 3, 2007 - 8 am - 2 pm

Set-up Friday 4 pm to 10 pm and Saturday 7 am to 8 am

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, Texas

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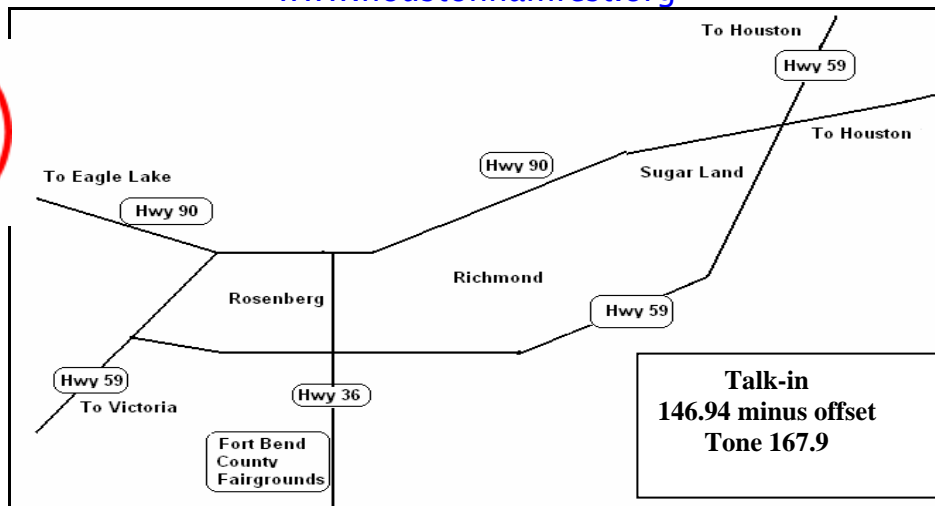
*Admission: \$5 per person - includes one raffle ticket*

*Children under 14 FREE!*

**Featured Speaker - Coy Day, N5OK, ARRL West Gulf Division Director**

- ★ **Tables:** Club members - 1 table free, \$5 each prepaid purchase / \$10 at the door - plus admission  
Non members - \$5 each prepaid purchase / \$10 at the door - admission extra  
Commercial - \$10 each prepaid purchase / \$15 at the door - includes one admission
- ★ **Tailgate:** \$5 per vehicle - includes one admission
- ★ **Programs:** Mini training seminars; APRS demonstrations and other featured speakers
- ★ **Raffles:** Tickets are one for \$1 and six for \$5  
Grand Prize & Boat Anchor - drawing at 1 pm - need not be present to win grand prize
- ★ **Testing:** 9 am & 11 am - Sign up 30 minutes before testing - Bring photo ID & copy of license
- ★ **Displays:**
  - Amateur and Public Safety Emergency Communications Vehicles
  - Food Concession
  - Club donation table
  - Club surplus sales table
  - ARRL information
  - ARES information
- ★ **Contact:** Mike, N5VCX at 713-826-6917 or n5vcx@arrl.net for information about the Hamfest

[www.houstonhamfest.org](http://www.houstonhamfest.org)



**KK5W**  
Club Call

RESULTS OF THE December 12th  
B-VARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION  
by: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

**MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:**

Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD  
Jeff Fussell, KD5VGE  
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ  
John Moore, KK5NU  
George Ontko, KM5VP

Six examination elements were administered during the evening to six applicants. Three new Technician licenses were attained; two upgrades to General; and one Extra class licensee, with the total number of elements passed being 6. The overall pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

Congratulations to the following who attained a license and/or passed an exam:

Donald K. Carman - KE5GLK - General  
Lawson L. Cook, Jr. - N5ATT - Extra  
William B. Harvey - {KE5LUQ} - Technician  
Hacon P. Sylvester - {KE5LUR} - Technician  
James M. Walsh - KE5KMT - General  
Douglas W. Workings - {KE5LUS} - Technician

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

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

**UPCOMING EXAM DATES**

Tuesday, January 9th, and February 13th are the dates for our next regular 'Brazos Valley (BVARC) ARC 'Second Tuesday' Exam Sessions.

Check in at 1830 CST; we try to start the exam session at 1900 CST.

Our current exam session site:

Houston Community College - Stafford Campus,  
Scarcella Technology Center  
10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX

Parking in the rear --

Inquire at the 'front desk' for our room assignment.

Contact John Moore, KK5NU at (713) 313-5320 or via eMail [jwm@hal-pc.org](mailto:jwm@hal-pc.org)

John Moore, KK5NU

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A Gentlemen's Band Apology, of Sorts

In my article, "'Tis the season...Antenna Season", in last months newsletter, I referenced, in error, Larry --W5LJ. The "other" Larry -- K5LJ, pointed out the typo. My apologies to "B-VARC's W1BB", Larry -- K5LJ, and to Dale -- W5LJ for any confusion that I might have caused.

For those that attended the Homebrew meeting, Larry's -- K5LJ, 160 meter antenna system project was seen as something to try and emulate, as he does very well with it barefoot. If you would like to know more about working the "Gentleman's Band" -- 160, you might contact Larry at his e-mail address and number in the roster.

Rick -- W5RH

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Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes of December, 2006 meeting; Board of Directors

A quorum was not available at the scheduled time for the December board meeting so no official meeting was held.

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**GENERAL CLASS LICENSE CLASSES - February**

Ross Lawler, W5HFF and John Chauvin, K5IZO will be teaching license classes again in 2007. The first will a General Class License Class. Due to some personal events, the first class will begin in mid-late February. To express your interest, contact John or Ross (contact info at rear of this newsletter). More details will appear in the February issue of the Newsletter.

## Public Service events

### Houston Chevron Marathon

6:45 am Sunday, January 14, 2007

<http://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com/site3.aspx>

For more information on these events, contact Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, at [n5vcx@worldnet.att.net](mailto:n5vcx@worldnet.att.net)

### MS150 Houston to Austin Bike Tour

April 21 & 22, 2007

<http://www.ms150.org/>

Needing 130 operators for the two day bike tour for communications.

Please contact me at 713-826-6917 for more information.

Thanks,

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX

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## THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

*By Joe Morgan, K5JWM*

October & November 2006 check-ins  
3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00PM  
Joe Morgan, K5JWM, Net Coordinator

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 B-VARC 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.

11/01/06\_K5JWM, N5CPA, KE5SR, K5CEK, KB5SIT, K5LJ, W5UHZ, N5CPA, K5LJ, K5HFY, W5LWR, WA5VRB, W5TEM, W5RH, KD7THJ.check\_ins (15)

11/08/06\_K5JWM, N5CPA, KE5SR, K5CEK, KB5SIT, K5LJ, KE5CUT, KD7THJ, W5RH, K5HFY, N5XZ, KJ5SS, W5LWR, check\_ins (13)

11/15/06\_K5JWM, N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, K5HFY, KE5CUT, K5LJ, KD7THJ, W5LWR, NM5K, KB5SIT. \_\_check\_ins (11)

11/22/06\_K5JWM, KJ5SS, K5LJ, KE5CUT, K7TW, W5TEM, N5CPA, check\_ins (15)

11/29/06\_K5JWM, KE5SR, K5CEK, WS5H, N5XES, KB5SIT, KD7THJ, KJ5SS, N5CPA, K5LJ, K5HFY, W5LWR, WA5VRB, N0JAA, W8QMD, K5GMO, K7YD.check\_ins (17)

10/04/06\_K5JWM, N8NOV, K5CEK, KE5SR, WA5VRB, KB5SIT, KJ5SS, KD7THJ, WO5O, W5LWR, K5LJ, KE5CUT, W5RH, N5CPA.check\_ins (14)

10/11/06\_K5JWM, KE5SR, K5CEK, W5RH, N5CPA, KE5CUT, K5LJ, KJ5SS, KB5SIT, KE5CED, KD5THJ, WB5SRN, K5KJS, W5LWR, WG9O, KA5MEI, W5UHZ, KA6QDE, WA5VRB, check\_ins (19)

10/18/06N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, KJ5SS, KB5SIT, W5LWR, W5RH, K5LJ, W5UHZ, KE5CUT, N8NOV. \_\_check\_ins (11)

10/25/06\_K5JWM, KE5SR, K5CEK, KB5SIT, N5CPA, K5LJ, KJ5SS, W5DTT, KE5CUT, WA5VRB, N8NOV, KD5THJ, K5HFY, W5LWR, KA6QDE. check\_ins (15)

## MORE PICS FROM HOMEBREW NIGHT



## 2006 Club Officers:

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[dragwtow@wt.net](mailto:dragwtow@wt.net)

Past President / At-large

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## Club Happenings:

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### 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,  
See the website.

### 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 text of this edition.

### Saturday morning breakfasts –

7:30 a.m. New York Coffee Shop  
9720 Hillcroft, Houston.

7:30 a.m. Otto's BBQ  
Fountain's Shopping Center

### Rag Chew Net

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

### Public Service Net

Monday night on 145.47 (PL 123.0) at 8:00 PM

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## UPCOMING FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

January – Annual Awards Banquet

February - Discovering Amateur Radio night

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## Upcoming Hamfests

Hamfest info for the next few months. More information at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

**13 Jan 2007**

### San Antonio Radio Club

San Antonio, TX

Little Joe's Country Gold [7405 Old Pearsall Road](http://www.w5sc.org/)

<http://www.w5sc.org/>

**Talk-In:** 146.94 - (PL 179.9) & 444.100 + (PL 179.9)

**Contact** J. C. Smith, N5RXX

PO Box 34263

San Antonio, TX 78265-4263

Email: [n5rxs@satx.rr.com](mailto:n5rxs@satx.rr.com)

**17 Feb 2007**

### Bastrop County ARC, Smithville, TX

Riverbend Park, [Highway 71 East](http://www.bastrophams.org)

<http://www.bastrophams.org>

**Talk-In:** 443.750 (PL 114.8); 145.35 (PL 114.8)

**24 February, 2007**

### Orange Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/>

**March 3, 2007**

### GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST

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**Speaker: Coy Day - ARRL West Gulf Division Director**

Mark your calendars now. BVARC has 3 times the indoor space  
than previous hamfests.

Go the [www.houstonhamfest.org](http://www.houstonhamfest.org) for details.

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## BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS:

NEW YORK COFFEE SHOP, 7:30a.m., 9720 Hillcroft, in Houston.

OTTO'S BBQ, 7:30a.m., North end of Fountain's Shopping Center,  
Southbound 59 feeder road before 90A..

THIRD FRIDAY DINNERS: -

TBD – Check in on the Monday night net or go to the BVARC web-site.



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**Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC)** was organized in 1978, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford when required. Since that time, **BVARC** has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active amateur radio club in the Southwest Houston and Fort Bend County area. BVARC is a Non-Profit Corporation classified by IRS as 501-(c)-(3).

Today **BVARC** is truly a general interest amateur radio club with an impressive record of public service. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the club's commitment of service with the coveted status of Special Services Club. We are proud of our members who represent some of the finest in amateur radio. Membership is not limited to licensed operators, but is open to anyone with an interest in amateur radio. Club meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlege Way. General membership dues are \$20.00 per year, with student dues \$10.00 per year, additional family members \$2.00 per member per year and life membership \$160.00.

**BVARC** also administers amateur radio license exams on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Houston Community College's Scarcella campus in Stafford. A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 145.47 (minus offset, PL 123 tone) repeater & a rag chew net is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. on 3910 KHz +/- 3 KHz.

To obtain information about joining **BVARC** or its activities, contact the club's "Elmer," Ross Lawler, W5HFF at 281-342-3340 or [w5hff@yahoo.com](mailto:w5hff@yahoo.com) or see the BVARC website: [www.bvarc.org](http://www.bvarc.org)

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**FIRST CLASS POSTAGE**

**Annual Banquet – Friday, January 12**

*If your mailing label is  
highlighted in color, it's time  
to renew your membership!*