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BVARC GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST

Saturday, March 6, 2010
Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds

When you receive this, the hamfest will be only days away. Mark it on your schedule and be there. There are still tables remaining as this goes to press.

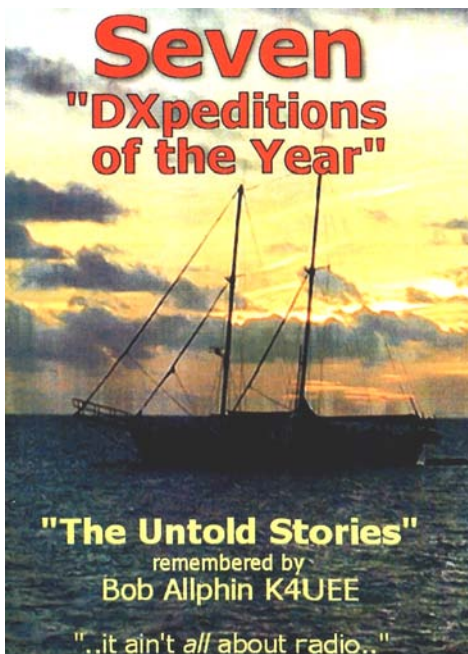
If you haven't volunteered yet, contact Rick Hiller, W5RH or John Chauvin, K5IZO (contact info on the last 2 pages).

Let's pray for good weather.

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. The website is www.houstonhamfest.org



Seven "DXpeditions of the Year" – March Meeting March 11th



Our March meeting will present seven short DXpedition videos which tell the "untold stories" of Bob Allphin K4UEE. Each of these adventures was named "DXpedition of the Year".

- AH1A Howland Island – 1993
- XR0Y Easter Island – 1995
- VK0IR Heard Island – 1997
- FO0AAA Clipperton Island – 2000
- A52A Bhuton – 2001
- 3Y0X Peter I Island – 2006
- VU7RG Lakshadweep Island – 2007

DXer Bob K4UEE tells his stories of fear, frustration, and great fun





President's Corner

by Rick Hiller – W5RH

BVARC – Things You Can Count On

As members of BVARC, we expect certain things. To start with, you pay your \$20 dues every year. For that, you expect a newsletter every month and for a club meeting to happen every month. Other things are expected too, like the weekly public service net, the Rag Chew HF net, the monthly VEC sessions, the once a month dinner and the weekly, Saturday breakfasts. Most of which don't even require membership to participate. In short, these are 8 things that you can expect. 8 things that you can count on by being a member of BVARC. 8 monthly events where you have the opportunity to network with the other members or other hams in the area. 8 things you can do to further your enjoyment with your hobby. Of course, there are many other things, on the BVARC calendar, that you can count on like Field Day, Museum Ships weekend, Home brew night, the Chili and Ice Cream meetings and the Annual Banquet.

So you, as a member, can we count on you? It all comes down to whatever you have time for or whatever you enjoy. Some members don't attend club meetings; some have never been to a BVARC breakfast or Field Day or the banquet. In fact, I bet you that there are even some folks who don't read the newsletter that they receive. All of us, who participate, are sure that they are missing out on all of the fun. However, they may not, at present, have the time to spend going to meetings and operating events. But, one day they'll show up. You can count on it.

Really, it all comes down to you. You, making BVARC what it is, to you. Our club doesn't have a requirement for members making X number of meetings per year. We just try to provide the things that make the hobby fun and let the members choose what they wish to do. However you look at it, you can count on BVARC to do certain things every week and every month like clockwork. These things WILL happen, whether you come or not, or whether you turn on your radios or not. You can count on it.

One last thing that you can count on is the members themselves. In order to further your enjoyment of BVARC, I encourage you to network with the members at meetings, at eating events and at operating events. Get to know the other members. Remember that everyone is a stranger until you speak to them. We all have one thing in common (hint – Ham Radio), so there is a starting point to every conversation. I go, bi-annually, to the Dayton Hamvention in Ohio, in May. Dayton -- the Mecca of USA Ham Radio, the Woodstock of the Radio Amateur. 28,000 hams all in one place. I can walk up to anyone and start talking with them. I usually pick the VK's or LZ's, as I used to live in those countries. You never know what you are going to learn or who you will meet. You can do this too, at BVARC events. Get interested in the other guy or gal. What do they do? What antennas do they use for HF? Why? What modes do they like? Why? What are they working, building, designing, etc.?

So, start networking. Get to know the other hams, who do what you like to do. They might teach you a thing or two. In fact, you might teach them a thing or two. Everybody has something to give. We are all in this hobby to have fun and to learn. No one knows everything and I have not run into a ham that would not answer your antenna question or that wouldn't talk about their new rig. We are all inquisitive. You never know when you are going to hear about that new area of the hobby that is going to re-spark your interest or take you off in, yet another, Ham Radio interest direction.

The biggest BVARC networking event of the year is coming up on March 6th. An event which you can count on to be fun -- The Greater Houston Ham Fest. All Hams and non-Hams are invited to attend and enjoy the many activities. The activity list is long: the free tail gate area, the flea market, the VEC testing, the HF special event station, the technical talks, the RF Weezil's Hands-on demos, the satellite demos, the D-STAR demos, the fox hunt, food at the DX Kid's Café, the commercial vendors, the clubs and special interest group tables, the emergency vehicles on display, the ARRL tables and the all day raffle for prizes every 15 minutes and the semi-grand and the grand prize. All this for a \$5 entrance fee.

So, come on out; stay an hour, stay the whole day, volunteer some time. We've got you covered for food, drink and entertainment. It is "THE PLACE" to be, along the Gulf Coast on Saturday March 6th, if you are, or want to be, a Radio Amateur. Talk-in is 146.94 or set your GPS to the Fort Bend County Fair Grounds in Rosenberg. It will be a real pleasure to see you there, enjoying your hobby. You can count on it. 73, Rick – W5RH



Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm** on 146.94 (167.9). 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:

11/16 - 15 - Rick, w5rh	12/21 - 13 - Cam, k5cam	1/25 - 26 - Pete, kd5qpx
11/23 - 17 - Pete, kd5qpx	12/28 - 39 - Dwayne, kb5yta	2/1 - 27 - Cam, k5cam
11/30 - 21 - Pete, kd5qpx	1/4 - 32 - Dwayne, kb5yta	2/8 - 37 - Bill, ws5h
12/7 - 31 - Cam, k5cam	1/11 - 43 - ws5h & kb5yta	2/15 - 21 -Dwayne, kb5yta
12/14 - 31 - Bill, ws5h	1/18 - 23 - Dwayne, kb5yta	2/22 - 20 - Pete, kd5qpx



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Meeting Notebook – Upcoming BVARC Meetings

March – Seven "DXpeditions of the Year" – Bob Allphin K4UEE

April -- "The Pleasures and Pitfalls of Owning a Linear Amplifier"-- Dave, K5NDB, Ross, W5HFF, and Rick, W5RH

May – "HSMM-MESH™ -- High Speed Multimedia Mesh...What is it??" -- Kirk, KK2Z, Andy, W5ACM

Meeting Locations

The current list of meeting locations is summarized below and is subject to change. In addition, the start/end time includes set-up and tear-down, not actual club meeting times. They meeting times typically remain at 7:30.

Mar 11 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM
Apr 8 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM
May 13 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM
June 10 2010	TBD (Eldridge Branch, Fort Bend County Library) 7:00PM 9:00PM
July 8 2010	Matledge Way Community Center(South Room) 6:00PM 10:00PM



February Meeting Report

The February meeting treated a "packed house" at the Eldridge Park Conference Center to a showing of the "2009 Year in Review" slideshow by Rick W5RH. Rick continued with his main presentation of "An Analysis of the Currently Popular 43 Foot Vertical". After many questions about the standard 43 Footer, Tom W5TOM showed how to turn that ubiquitous flagpole, light pole, or even Ford Explorer into an antenna with his Arch Tuner.



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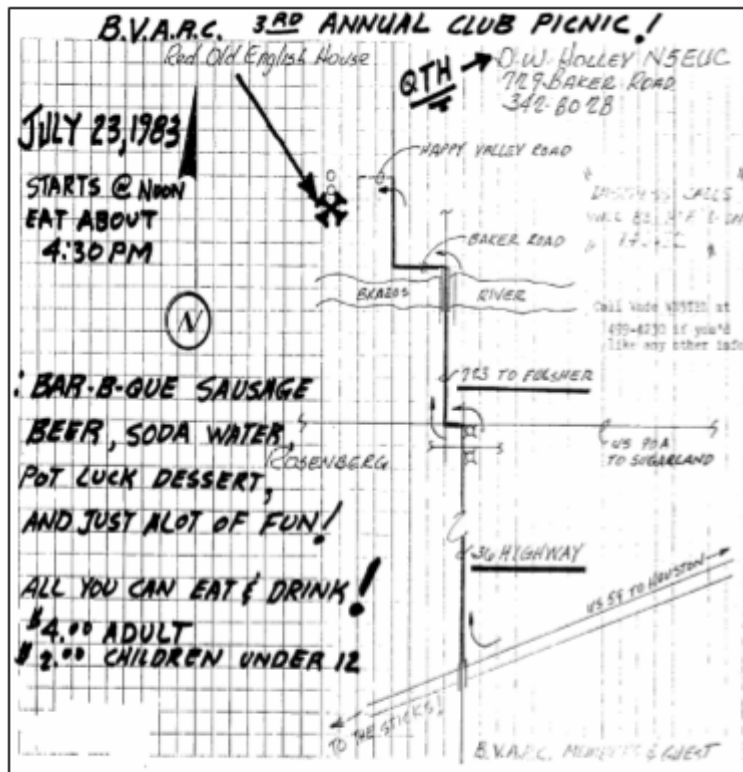
BVARC Historical Vignettes – The Annual BVARC Picnic

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

An annual club picnic was an important part of BVARC's past, especially in the 1980's and early 1990's. The club was founded in 1977 and according to the May 1979 club newsletter, the first club picnic was held May 12, 1979 beginning at 10:30 in the morning at Bayland Park near the intersection of Bissonet and Hillcroft. Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN, organized the picnic.

Club newsletters from 1980 indicate that the club leadership planned to have a club picnic in 1980; however, the picnic was cancelled and never held. The following year a club picnic was held on July 11, 1981 at 1070 Corporate Drive. The picnic was informally called a "Wurst Fest" and on July 10, 1982 the club newsletter announced the "2nd Annual Wurst Fest" beginning at 3 PM also at 1070 Corporate Drive. Somewhere along the way the club leadership had lost track of the first club picnic in Bayland Park.

In 1983 the club announced that its 3rd Annual Club Picnic (actually the 4th club picnic) would be held with a change of venue at Doug Holley's home along the Brazos River in Rosenberg. A hand-drawn somewhat elaborate map to the picnic appeared in the club newsletter.



Map to 3rd Annual Club Picnic
B-VARC Bulletin, Vol 6, No 7, July, 1983

The club picnic was held at Doug's home for the next four years. In 1988 Doug Holley was working in Louisiana and was not able to host the club picnic. The BVARC Board of Directors decided to combine the club picnic with ARRL Field Day. BVARC's Field Day operation that year was held at Mike Eason's Ranch in Bellville. It was a long drive from Houston, to Bellville, and some club members brought their spouses and children with them. BVARC vice president Suzanne King, KB5BAY, organized a picnic so that everyone could eat together and socialize. In 1989 the club picnic was again held at Doug Holley's home, and it continued to be held there through 1994. In 1994 the picnic was held jointly with the Stephen F Austin Radio Club. For eleven of the twelve years between 1983 through 1994 the annual BVARC picnic was held at Doug Holley's home. Club newsletters do not mention a club picnic being held again until 1997 when it was held at George Bush (Cullen-Barker) Park.

The next mention of a club picnic in the club newsletter was in the July 2005 newsletter when it was announced that Pump Fawcett, WA5CYI, was “in charge of resurrecting the annual club camp out / picnic.” Previous club newsletters never mention an annual club camp out / picnic and it is likely that the BVARC Board of Directors was recalling picnics held by the Amateur Radio Campers group that a number of BVARC members used to attend. At any rate, the club leadership understood the importance of BVARC having a social gathering such as a picnic. In both 2005 and 2006 a picnic and campout was held at the Coushatta Recreation Ranch located between Sealy and Bellville.

An annual club picnic was an important part of BVARC’s early heritage. In more recent years the Saturday evening meal at Field Day has to some extent replaced the annual club picnic.



Equipment Donations being accepted for sale at the Hamfest

BVARC has a table at the hamfest for sale of items by the club. If you have any radio, electronic or related items that you would like to donate to a good cause, make it BVARC. Remember that BVARC is an IRS 501 (c) 3 corporation and accordingly any donations are tax deductible.

You can either bring it to the BVARC table at the hamfest or call “Pump Handle” (WA5CYI) and he might be able to make arrangements to pick it up. The BVARC table will be across from the stage. You can call Pump at 281-265-3378.



RESULTS OF THE February 9th BVARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION By: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2009 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

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

Six examination elements were administered during the evening to five applicants. Four new Technician class license, and one upgrade to General class were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 5. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 83.33%.

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

Paul A. Glosch	- KF5ENT	- General
Howard R. Hargrove	- {KF5EYX}	- Technician
William R. Pearson, Jr.	- {KF5EYW}	- Technician
Phillip J. Schneiderhan	- {KF5EYV}	- Technician
William K. Zickler	- {KF5EYU}	- 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 Science & Technology Building for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

REMINDER: The March testing sessions will take place at the Greater Houston Hamfest on March 6. They will NOT take place at the normally scheduled time and place.

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9th Annual

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club GREATER HOUSTON HAMFEST



Hosting the

ARRL South Texas Section Convention
Saturday, March 6, 2010 - 8 am – 1:30 pm
Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, Texas

Streamlined General Admission Registration
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On-Line Registration Info with Table Pre-selection
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Featured Speaker – Dan Henderson, N1ND
ARRL Regulatory Information Manager

• Over 18,000 sq. feet of indoor exhibit space! • Plenty of Free Parking! • Friday evening set-up.

Programs:

- Training seminars
- Information lectures
- APRS & Satellite operation demonstrations
- DXCC checking

Camping and Lodging:

Overnight camping sites; full hook-ups

On-Site Food Available

Breakfast: 7:00 until 10:30
Lunch: 11:00 until 1:00
On-going snacks, coffee, soft drinks

Raffle:

GRAND PRIZE:
Yaesu FT-450-AT



HF-8M w/ DSP and Automatic Antenna Tuner

SECOND PRIZE:
AMSAT Satellite Rig



Kenwood TH-F8A Tri-Band HT w/ Arrow duplexer & antenna

Other prizes awarded every 10 – 15 minutes!

Displays & Info.:

- Emergency Vehicles
- ARRL • ARES • AMSAT
- Live HF Station
- Fox hunt

Ham License Testing:

Testing registration starts at 8 AM; Testing at 9 and 10:30 AM.

Directions & Talk-In:

No Houston Traffic. Approx. 33 mi SW of downtown Houston. From Houston, take US 59 south to Rosenberg (approximately 17 miles past Beltway 8) to Hwy 36. Go South approx. 1 mi to Fairgrounds (on your right).
Talk-in - 146.940 minus offset, 167.9 tone or 145.470 minus offset, 123.0 tone – Club Call KK5W

Miscellaneous:

Admission: \$5 per person - Includes 1 raffle ticket!
Children Under 14 Free!
Tables: All tables - \$10 pre-registration (choose tables on-line in advance)
Electricity available to pre-registrants (no charge). On-site registrant elec. as available.
Set-up available: Friday 4-8 PM, Saturday 6-8 AM
Tailgate: Free – special area in main venue area. Attendees will have early access to the tailgate area.
Raffle: Tickets - one for \$1 or six for \$5

Hamfest Location – 4200 Highway 36, Rosenberg, TX 77471 - Lat 29 31 07 Long 95 48 49

Contact: Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z, kk2z@arrl.net, 281-639-5088

Public Service Events Coming Up

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX

EVENT NAME - EVENT LOCATION	DATE	START TIME	OPERATORS NEEDED	EVENT DAY MEETING LOCATION	EVENT DAY MEETING ADDRESS	MEETING TIME	TALK-IN / OFFSET	ZONE	AMATEUR CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Gator Ride	3-6-2010	8:00 AM								
Brookwood Benefit Ride Brookshire	3-13-2010	8:00 AM	15 operators	Denny's	Interstate 10/Fry Road	5:00 am	444.075 +	103.5	Mike Hardwick	713-826-6917
B-geO Magnolia Miles Bike Ride Magnolia	3-20-2010	8:00 AM	15 operators	Denny's	Tomball/FM2920	5:00 am	146.720 -	123.0	George Obrien	202-552-1760
Bluebonnet Express Hempstead	3-28-2010	8:00 AM	15 operators	Denny's	FM1960/Hwy 290	4:45 am	444.075 +	103.5	Mike Hardwick	713-826-6917
Gateway to the Bay Triathlon Festival Kemah Boardwalk, Kemah	4-9,10,11-2010	7:00 AM	25 operators	TBD	TBD	5:00 am	TBD	TBD	Sid Sherwood	713-304-0149
Belton Ham Expo Belton	4-17-2010	7:00 AM								254-773-3590
BP MS150 Bike Tour Houston to Austin	4-17/18-2010	7:00 AM	160 Operators	Metro Park-n-Ride	Hwy 6/Interstate 10	4:00 am	444.600 +	71.9	Mike Hardwick	713-826-6917

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Minutes of February 5th, 2010 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Rick Hiller called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:05 PM on February 5th, 2010 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: David Barber, K5NDB (At-Large Dir.); Charles Frost, K5LBU (Past Pres.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (Pres.); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (VP); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); John Chauvin, K5IZO; Mike Hardwick, N5VCX; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Eddie Runner, NU5K; Randy Pugh, AA5OA.

- 1) Minutes for the January 2010 meeting were approved as they appear in the January 2010 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Greater Houston Hamfest: Chauvin reported event preparation to be in good shape.
 - b) June GMM: Location is currently not secured. Sugar Land Eldridge Conference Center will be considered pending success of the February meeting.
 - c) 2010 Banquette: Hiller summarized responses he received to his request for comments.
 - d) HARC DBA: Hardwick reported that no progress has been made.
 - e) Asset List: Sauermilch reported no progress has been made.
 - f) Methodist Hospital, SL: Sauermilch reported that two club members and a KARS member set up a VHF/UHF station at hospital and identified several issues that hospital must have their contractor fix.
- 4) New business:
 - a) Monday Net: Discussion of the link between the 94 repeater and SaltGrass system during the net, link will probably continue when available.
 - b) Pugh: Requested the club help in raising an antenna. Board decided to make request at the February General Membership Meeting.
 - c) Hiller: ARRL has a contest for clubs to raise membership for the ARRL.
 - d) Hiller: Sugar Land Cable TV advertised free announcements for Sugar Land non-profits. Sauermilch will follow up.
 - e) Hiller: The Dallas Hamfest wanted \$25 to advertise other hamfests. Board decided not to advertise through Dallas.
 - f) Hiller: Ralph Phillips (BSA) announced a Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) for the Sugar Land/Fort Bend on March 16th and 17th. There will also be a BSA "Shack-fest" at the Texas Speedway (Biran-College Station Area) October 10th and 11th.
- 5) Schedule:
 - a) February: 43ft Vertical Antenna
 - b) March: DXpedition
 - c) April: Amplifiers
 - d) May: Mesh Nets, lynksys router
- 6) Other Business:
 - a) Barber: Found source for coax cable jumpers for antenna filter kits. Board decided to authorize the purchase to determine quality.
 - b) Knoche: Signature changes need to take place for the club checking account. Board voted to drop Hardwick and Frost, add Hiller and Kendrick, and keep Knoche as account signaturers.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 19:45 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX





THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

February check-ins

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00pm, John Whiteman, K5LKJ, Net Coordinator

01/27/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, N4SWI (Port Charlott, FL), N5CPA, WS5H, K5IZO/5 (Jasper), KC5FSY (Eagle Lake), WA5CYI, WA5FMK, N5CPA, AA5OA, KCRJAR, K5LJ, WB5PNL (Beach City), K5NDB, N5TGM (Dickson, TN), K4KW (Delan, FL), AF5T, WB4KTF. (18 Check-Ins)

02/03/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, K4GBH (Lake Placid, FL), N5CPA, WA5CYI, W5RJA (Schulenburg), K5NDB, WA5FMK, KC5JAR, WB5PNL (Beach City), KB5VTB, WS5H, KD5PXB (Corpus Christi), N5QF, KC5ETX, N5BXP, KA5CDS, W5RH, KD7THJ. (20 Check-Ins)

02/10/10, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, KE5WFA (Monroe), KC5JAR, WA9YNJ, N5CPA, W5TOM, K5NDB, K5LJ, WA5CYI, AA5OA, N5BXP, WB5PNL (Beach City), W5RH, WB4KTF, AB5AB, WA5FMK, NU5K, N5QF, WB5VWB, AE5PA, AF5T, K5LBU, N5TGM (Dickson, TN), KE5DJS (Leesville, LA, KB5TAN.
(26 Check-Ins)

02/16/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, N5CPA, K0NM, WA5CYI, AF5T, WS5H, AA5OA, KA5MEI (Hockley), K5LJ, W5RH, K5NDB, WA5FMK, AB5AB, N5TGL, N5ZKD, WB5VWB, KC5JAR, KC5ETX, KB5VTB. (20 Check-Ins)

02/24/10, K5LKJ (NCS), KC5JAR, AF5T, W5RJA (Schulenburg), W5TOM, WA5CYI, K5LJ, WS5H, AA5OA, WA5FMK, KD7THJ, K5NDB, K5JWM, W5RH, N5TGL, N5QF, KB5VCB, K0MN, KE5QXK (Bush, LA). (20 Check-Ins)

(M) = mobile (P) = Portable (R) = Relay (T) = telephone check-in

Thanks.

Regards. _--

John C. Whiteman



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Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month, 7:30 PM

Sugar Land Community Center,

226 Matlage Way

Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM

Fuddruckers, just South of the Fountains

Shopping Center on US 59 outbound..

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

jwm@hal-pc.org

Eating Schedule

Saturday morning breakfasts

Third Thursday dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Location announced in text of this edition.

Rag Chew Net

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays

at 7:00 p.m.

Public Service Net

Monday night on 146.94 (PL 167.9) at

8:00 PM

BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

59 DINER, 7:30a.m., SW Freeway outbound service road, near Kirkwood.

NEW YORK COFFEE & BAGEL SHOP, 7:30A.M., 9720 Hillcroft.

THIRD FRIDAY DINNER: March 19, 2010, 7:00p.m.

CASA OLE' MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 10421 S. Post Oak Rd., on east side 1 block S. of W. Bellfort.

OTHER HAM GROUPS:

WEDNESDAYS – WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

LUBY'S CAFETERIA, 10:30a.m. to 12:00Noon +, 9797 South Post Oak Road, just south of the I-610 Loop in Meyer Park Shopping Center.

WEDNESDAYS – AMSAT & QRP GROUP

PAPPAS BARBECUE. 11:30a.m., SW corner Westheimer & Gessner.



Hamfests

(within 200 miles of Houston)

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

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

Orange ARC & Jefferson County ARC, 27 Feb 2010

VFW Post 2775, [5303 16th Street, \(Hwy 87 North\)](#), Orange, TX

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

Talk-In: 147.180 (no tone)

Greater Houston Hamfest, 6 March, 2010

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

ARRL South Texas Section Convention

Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds, [4310 Highway 36 South](#), Rosenberg, TX

www.houstonhnamfest.org

Talk-In: 146.940 minus offset (PL 167.9)

ARRL Louisiana State Convention (50th Acadiana Hamfest), 12-13 Mar 2010

Acadiana Amaterur Radio Association, Inc.

[300 Frog Festival Drive](#), Rayne Civic Center, Rayne, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/index.htm>

Talk-In: 146.82 (no PL tone)

HamEXPO, 17 Apr 2010

Temple Amateur Radio Club

Bell County Expo Center

[301 West Loop 121](#), Belton, TX

<http://www.beltonhamexpo.org>

Talk-In: 146.820 (PL 123.0)





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Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) was organized in 1977, 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 7:00 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 or see the BVARC website: www.bvarc.org

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