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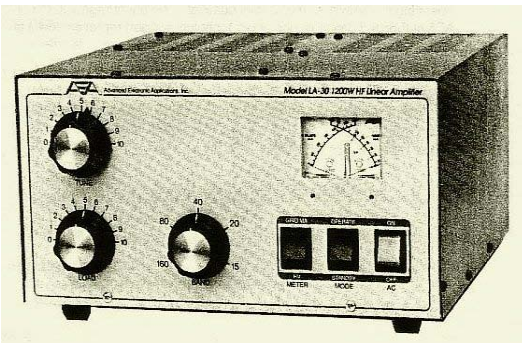
AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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April 8th General Membership Meeting

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



Join us at the April General Membership meeting to learn about "The Pleasures and Pitfalls of Owning a Linear Amplifier" presented by Dave K5NDB, Ross W5HFF, and Rick W5RH. They will be covering all aspects of amplifiers from building your own to those that make your coffee in the morning. (Hi Hi). If you remember "show & tell" from school, you'll truly appreciate the collection of amplifiers that will be used during this talk.

A lot of good information will be disseminated about the care and feeding of an amp. If you have ever thought about, but not taken the plunge to buy one, this is the presentation to attend. There will be a display of 4 or 5 different types of amplifiers for you to have a "look inside". A slide show of pictures from our Hamfest will also be shown, along with a short review of the final facts, figures and events at the Hamfest. A few Hamfest videos have popped up on the web, so, we'll try to get those to play also. All in all, it sounds like a meeting you don't want to miss.



March Meeting Report

The March meeting at the Sugarland Community Center featured seven short DXpedition videos by Bob Allphin K4UEE.

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



Pics from April meeting



Greater Houston Hamfest Grand Prize Winners

One lucky club member walked away with the Grand Prize at the 2010 Greater Houston Hamfest. John Szczepanik, WB5KIC, was the lucky winner of the Yaesu FT-450AT HF/6M transceiver with a built-in antenna tuner. John commented that he would have to put up an antenna in order to enjoy the rig. Excellent, another Ham on the HF bands – Welcome, John.

D.S. “Scott” Wells, KE5ZQD, a Technician class ham from Sweeny, Texas was the lucky winner of the Kenwood TH-F6A tri-band HT and Arrow antenna and duplexer. A perfect match for a “Tech”. We hope he has fun working the “birds”. Scott said that this is the first thing that he has ever won. He’ll be back next year, for sure.



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	STONE	AMATEUR CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
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



President's Corner

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

Being President

As a newbie in this job, I am finding out that there are pleasures to be had and grunt work to be done. All, at this point, being enjoyed by me, with a smile on my face. I hope it continues. One thing that is really cool about being president is that I get to hear it all and see it all. All that BVARC does as a club and all that the members do as hams and the interaction between the two. One interaction is the process of new members signing up and current members renewing. As these applications are processed by Cam, K5CAM, our Web watchdog, and Arnold, K5ADA, our treasurer, I get copied on the e-mails and web submissions (our cool web site widgets are compliments of Eddie, NU5K). This allows me the opportunity of seeing that we are attracting new members and re-attracting the old ones. Welcome to Mark, KE5PNK, Trevor, KF5CPC, and Tom, W5TOM as our newest members. Pete, KD5ELH, has upped for a Life Membership (TU Pete) and Lawson, N5ATT, Charlie, K5ENG, Michael, AC0TX, Dave, W5FZ, and Andy, AB5AB, have all renewed, so a large thank you to all of these returning, loyal members. I do hope that we, as a club, can keep dazzling all our members with a vibrant list of activities.

One other job that is kind of fun for me is that of trying to attract new members. John, KK5NU, issues a listing, which he publishes on the BVARC e-mail reflector, that has the names and license class of new and upgrading hams that pass through his crew's monthly VEC sessions. From this list I try and contact all of these folks that are not members and invite them to become "Be-Varkers". The latest test session at the Greater Houston Hamfest had 20 folks that upgraded or entered into the ranks of being a licensed Amateur Radio operator. Congratulations to all. I will be in touch soon.

A goal of any president of BVARC is to continue to grow the club. However, my endeavor is to not just increase the membership numbers, but to, first, increase the 'quality of life' for all current members. Outsiders will then see and hear what we are doing and they will want to join because it looks fun, not just because it is the only game in town. If you want to see what outsiders have been missing, just look at the newsletters over the past few years and read about all of the activities and meeting technical presentation topics, etc. that BVARC has offered. What you will find is quite an 'a la carte' listing of cool stuff to do and great ways to increase your Ham Radio knowledge.

One way that I am able to make it better for us all is to rely on the core group of dedicated, BVARC hams that always show up on the nets, at eating events, at operating events, at meetings and at any other time you ask them to. These folks significantly ease my burden. Some are BVARC Board members, most are not. Why do they do it? They do it because they love Ham Radio, because they like BVARC and the camaraderie that it offers. They see that BVARC activities are a chance to interface with other Hams and listen to what they are doing in the hobby. It is a chance to learn, a chance to ask questions and a chance to provide answers, if you know them.

Interfacing with other Hams is enjoyable. We should also look outside of BVARC to expand our horizons. There are SIG's (Special Interest Groups) that meet and do specific things like balloon launches, HSMM-MESH networking (Google it), QRP, etc. Look at other clubs also. Some have special interest like TDXS – DX and contesting, ECHO – emergency disaster communications, etc. At the Hamfest, I spoke to Robert, KK5TC, a long time Ham Radio acquaintance of mine. Robert is president of the SETAC club. We both agreed that there is room for lots of different clubs and SIG's in the Houston area, BUT, they should work together in some way for the good of Ham Radio in Houston, Harris County and the Texas coastal region. Steve, W9DX, president of TDXS, says similar. I will be looking for ways that we can do just that in my remaining time as president. Just remember, no matter where you look, you always can hang your hat at BVARC.

In the mean time, get out there and work that juicy DX, build that new antenna before it gets too hot, go to the Pearland Tail gate sale in April, visit Belton Hamfest for the first time (or 7th time), whichever turns you on. Just enjoy our hobby.

See you on the radio. 73, Rick – W5RH



Cavalla Volunteers

The Cavalla Historical Foundation is always looking for volunteers to restore and maintain both the USS Cavalla and the USS Stewart.

Cavalla volunteers are in need of many different skill sets for restoration and maintenance work. The skill sets include:

- Tour Guides
- Restoration work
 - Scrapping and painting
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
 - Machinist
 - Welders
 - Carpenters
 - Technicians to repair and restore equipment such as radios, Torpedo Data Computer, and other vintage equipment

The second weekend of each month is reserved as a work weekend. If you would like to lend us a hand in our efforts, please come on down to the park. If you have any question please contact John McMichael at 409-744-7854.

MSWE UPDATE: We await the approval to come aboard for the Museum Ship Weekend Event 2010 first weekend in June. This is pending a big inspection of both the Cavalla and the Stewart.

We need to make a show up on the 10th and 11th April work weekend to hopefully repair the following :

- Find short and repair on Cavalla longwire primary antenna
- Make all 3 original antennas operational on the Cavalla
- Install the new AC window unit we donated in the Sewart Radio Room
- Operate HF in the Stewart Radio Room to check ships longwire antenna for any damage from IKE (make a few Q's)

Our CW operators would like to make the Cavalla Radio Room Ring out with Continuios Wave again in MSWE 2010

We need your support in this vollenteer effort. Donations are welcome and need communication specialists to spruce up and make operational the cold war radio gear on the Cavalla and WW2 gear on the Stewart.

REMEMBER IF WE COME ABOARD WE ARE 2 FOR 1 CONTACTS FOR SHIPS AND CREATE A PILE UP OF CONTACTS -21 SHIPS AND 600+ CONTACTS IN 2009. ALSO WE ARE IOTA NA-143

Contact: Bill Stone WS5H if you can be part of the BVARC crew dragntow@wt.net 713-776-1030





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:

12/14 - 31 - Bill, ws5h	1/18 - 23 - Dwayne, kb5yta	2/22 - 20 - Pete, kd5qpx
12/21 - 13 - Cam, k5cam	1/25 - 26 - Pete, kd5qpx	3/1 - 32 - Cam, k5cam
12/28 - 39 - Dwayne, kb5yta	2/1 - 27 - Cam, k5cam	3/8 - 29 - Bill & Norma
1/4 - 32 - Dwayne, kb5yta	2/8 - 37 - Bill, ws5h	3/15 - 24 - John, k5lkj
1/11 - 43 - ws5h & kb5yta	2/15 - 21 - Dwayne, kb5yta	3/22 - 37 - Pete, kd5qpx



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Meeting Notebook – Upcoming BVARC Meetings

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

June – “Museum Ships” – Bill WS5H, “Field Day Plans” – Rick W5RH, Kirk KK2Z, Jim N5DTT, and “Trivial Pursuit” – Rick W5RH





Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Because of the Hamfest set-up the day after the scheduled date of the board meeting, the meeting in March was cancelled.



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Editor's Note: Because of the early dates of the BVARC meetings this month, and because of extraneous personal commitments, the editor could not do as thorough job of editing as he prefers. Please have some understanding if there are any errors. You may submit any corrections and an "errata" note will be put in next month's newsletter.





BVARC Historical Vignettes – Luchenbach, Texas and BVARC

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

The year 1979 was an important one for the newly formed Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. The club was in its third year, and BVARC would participate as a club for the first time in the ARRL Field Day. The field day site was the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg, where BVARC's Greater Houston Hamfest is now held. In 1979 the club also held its first club picnic at Bayland Park located near the intersection of Bissonnet and Hillcroft in southwest Houston. Both of these events were announced in the May 1979 issue of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club newsletter.

In his Roving Reporter column in the May 1979, BVARC Newsletter editor Larry Levy, WD5DRB, wrote "DXDXDX--W5TEX will venture into the wild and wooly past of the 1870's to the site of a LUCHENBACH DXpedition the weekend of May 12 & 13." W5TEX is club call sign for the South Texas Amateur Radio Society in San Antonio. Since the BVARC picnic was also scheduled for May 12th, the Roving Reporter column continued "If anyone has a portable set-up for HF freq. bring it to the picnic and we can practice up for FIELD DAY next month. All confirmed QSO will be entitled to a DXpedition QSL." Another article in the May 1979 BVARC newsletter announced the picnic and also stated "There will be a DXpedition to Luchenbach, Tx. that day so....portable rig could be put into use that day too". A number of club members were clearly excited about these events and the picnic would provide an opportunity to prepare for field day.

Luchenbach, Texas was well known in 1979. Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson had memorialized Luchenbach two years earlier in 1977 with the song "Luchenbach, Texas." According to Wikipedia, Luchenbach's oldest building is a combination general store and saloon reputedly opened in 1849 by Minna Engel; however, state records suggest that 1886 might be a more likely date. The community was established as Grape Creek, but was later renamed by Minna Engel after her fiance Albert Luchenbach.

The later BVARC newsletters do not state whether or not the club was able to work the Luchenbach DXpedition from the picnic. Perhaps someone in the club may know what took place at picnic and could contact me with further information.



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RESULTS OF THE March 6th BVARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION

By: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Greater Houston Hamfest held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg, TX. We were joined by the Houston ECHO/K3FL exam team for the morning.

MEMBERS OF THE ACTIVE VE TEAM:

Dennis Dietrich, W5DDD
Franz Laugermann, K3FL

Jeff Fussell, KD5VGE
John Moore, KK5NU

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
Mike Nault, W5OFT

NON-VE Helper: Marie Schaer, KD5UJT

We also had a good number of the attending VE's on our stand-by list to call upon if needed.

Twenty four examination elements were administered during the evening to twenty three applicants. Nine new Technician class license, six upgrades to General class, and five upgrades to Amateur Extra were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 20. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 83.33%.

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

John A. Armour	- KC5YZY	- Amateur Extra
Clinton N. Babcock	- KE5GMC	- General
Grady P. Blount	- KB5MP	- Amateur Extra
Larry D. Burrow	- {KF5FLT}	- Technician
Forrest L. Carpenter, III	- {KF5FLU}	- Technician
Marilyn K. Flack	- {KF5FLV}	- Technician
Jay B. Flemming	- KF5DCJ	- General
Adrian C. Hack	- {KF5FLW}	- Technician
Cody W. Huber	- {KF5FLX}	- Technician
Julie A. Janzer	- {KF5FLZ}	- Technician
Jean C. Lega	- KC5SR	- Amateur Extra
Diane Locklin	- {KF5FMA}	- Technician
James S. Locklin	- {KF5FLS}	- Technician
Lawrence A. Nix	- KC5BQT	- General
Michael J. Robinson	- KC4YNI	- General
Val E. Rose	- N8EXV	- Amateur Extra
Thomas E. Tankersley	- K5EZT	- Amateur Extra
Terry L. Thompson	- W0TLT	- General
Brian P. Woodbury	- KB5CEJ	- General
John P. Yates	- {KF5FMB}	- Technician

Many thanks to all the Team Members, including the Houston Echo/ K3FL VE's, our stand-by VE's, and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month.

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Ham Radio Operating Practice*

Who among us has obtained his or hers driving license by merely taking a theoretical exam? Nobody has.

In the USA there has never been any form of education on how to make a QSO. After the theoretical exam the new born licensees are unleashed on the ham bands. The resulting operating was not always nice to listen to. In the analogy of taking a driver's exam, imagine you only take a theoretical exam, get your driver's license, then you can hit the roads and drive a vehicle which you have never steered before. Well this is exactly what is happening with hams.

One must never underestimate the importance of good operating practices. In the end, all our transmissions can be intercepted by anybody, be it hams, listeners, official observers, etc. The technical aspect of our hobby is one matter. If we use our equipment and make on the air contacts, we enter the second matter, i.e. we represent our nation on the airways; we are very visible.

To make successful transmissions on any frequency and in any mode some simple rules must be observed. Would you please follow me in the quest for good "Operating Practice"

HAM LANGUAGE

Know the "Ham Language". Get acquainted with the correct Amateur Radio Language. Don't say "Radio Four", but "readability four". Master the phonetic alphabet, CW abbreviations, the Q code and the number code (73/88) as if they were a second mother language before getting on the air. Always use the phonetic alphabet in a correct manner: A is Alpha, and not Alabama.

LISTEN

As a new Ham you'd like to start transmitting as soon as possible, of course. Take it easy, take your time, stay away from that microphone, morsekey or keyboard. First get comfortable with ALL the functions of your transmitters/receivers before attempting any transmissions. The transmit part needs special attention, as it is here one can make his or her first "on the air" mistakes. Initially learn to LISTEN. Whoever listens at first, will be much more successful in making good and enjoyable contacts.

CORRECT USE OF YOUR CALLSIGN

Use your call sign in a correct way. You have to take a serious exam in order to enjoy this hobby. Be proud of your call sign, it is unique. Only if you use it in a correct way are you making legal transmissions. Ever hear the call sign 4ZZZ on VHF? As far as I'm aware of, we are dealing with a transmission from Israel and not from here. K4ZZZ is the correct call sign. A call sign comprises of a prefix AND a suffix. Even on the HF bands this reprehensible practice can be heard. For analogy, if your car has been stolen, will you report half of the alphanumeric of the license plate to the police, or the complete lot?

*from ON4WW in 2006

Submitted by Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU





THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

February check-ins

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

03/03/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, WA5FMK, KC5FSY, WRSU (Dallas), K5NDB, K5LJ, WSTH, AF5T, N5CPA, WA5CYI, W5RJA (Schulenburg), K5LBU, W5RH, K5HFY, KC5ETX, KD5YVQ, KD5QPX, W5TKZ, W5DWI (Alpine). (17 Check-Ins)

03/10/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, WB5TAN, WS5H, AF5T, N5CPA, W5RJA (Schulenburg), K5IZO/5 (Jasper), K5LJ, KC5ETX, K5NDB, W5TOM, W5TKZ, WA5FMK, WB5VWB, WA5CYI, KC5JAR, W5DWI, AA5OA, K0NM, KC5QPX, KC5FSY (Eagle Lake). (22 Check-Ins)

03/17/10, K5LKJ (NCS), K0NM, K5CEK, WA5CYI, W5TKZ, KD5CDM(R), WA5JMC, N5CPA, K5LJ, W5RJA (Schulenburg), WB5PNL, K5NDB, N5VXU, WS5H, K5IZO, KD5YVQ, KC5FSY (Eagle Lake), KE5MBX (Arlington), W5RH, W5TCJ, KA5MEI (Hockley) (21 Check-Ins)

03/24/10, K5LKJ (NCS), KC5JAR, WB5FOG (West Monroe, LA), N5CPA, K5CEK (T), AF5T, W5RJA (Schulenburg), WA5CYI, K5NDB, KC5FSY (Eagle Lake) WA5FMK, W5TKZ, WB5SOT (West Monroe, LA), K5AVL, W5RJ, WB5PNL, W5HFF (M), KA5MEI (Hockley) WB5EXI, K0NM, (20 Check-Ins)

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

Thanks.

Regards._
John C. Whiteman



Pearland Bi-monthly Tailgate Sale

The Pearland Amateur Radio Club will be holding another Tailgate Sale on Saturday, April 10 at 4717 Bailey Rd, Pearland, TX 77581. It is held at a new location in the parking lot of Old Dawson School located just west of Veterans Rd. on Bailey Rd. Google the address for directions. 7:00AM until about 9:30



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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 THURSDAY/FRIDAY DINNER:

These dinners are CANCELLED until further notice.

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>

HamEXPO, 17 Apr 2010

Temple Amateur Radio Club

Bell County Expo Center

[301 West Loop 121](http://www.beltonhamexpo.org), Belton, TX

<http://www.beltonhamexpo.org>

Talk-In: 146.820 (PL 123.0)

8 May 2010, Bastrop County Amateur Radio Club

Vernon Richards Riverbend Park, Smithville, TX

<http://www.bcarc-hams.org/>

Talk-In: 145.35 & 443.75 (both PL 114.8)

Ham-Com, 11-12 Jun 2010

West Gulf Division Convention (Ham-Com 2010), Inc.

Plano Convention Centre

[2000 East Spring Creek Parkway](http://www.hamcom.org/), Plano, TX

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

Talk-In: 147.180 MHz (PL 107.2)

10 Jul 2010+ Tidelands Amateur Radio Society

Doyle Convention Center

[2010 5th Avenue North](http://www.tidelands.org/), Texas City, TX

http://www.tidelands.org

Talk-In: 147.140+ (PL 167.9) & 442.025 (PL 103.5)





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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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