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BVARC JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, June 9, 2011

226 Matlage Way Community Center, Sugar Land, Texas

Operating HF Digital “on the cheap”

Join us for the fifth of this year’s meetings focusing on the theme of “Get on the Air”. Kirk KK2Z (our VP) will guide us through how to make a PSK31 and RTTY contact using a “sound card” interface and a “free” computer program to do the work.

Kirk KK2Z will share his experiences using his homebrew interface with a QRP rig to operate Maritime Mobile from a cruise ship.

In addition, June is Field Day time!! The BVARC Field Day coordinators (Ross W5HFF and Kirk KK2Z) will be discussing the Field Day plans –looking for “volunteers” to help bring equipment and setup, and, most importantly, operate. Contact Kirk or Ross if you are interested in helping!!



May Meeting Report

Operating the Original Digital Mode – CW

John K5IZO and Ross W5HFF walked us through a slide presentation showing all the steps you need to follow to operate CW. Many of John’s and Ross’ students from prior CW classes shared their experiences with their first CW contacts. BVARC may offer another class in the near future if we have enough students to make a class. Contact John or Ross if you are interested.



Museum Ship’s Weekend – June 4th and 5th

See detailed article inside.



Field Day – June 25 & 26.

Details pending. Reference the website and listen on the nets.



Presidents Corner

By Rick Hiller – W5RH

You Can't Get There From Here!

I started my radio adventure when I was 11, in 1963, with a Knight Kit Ocean Hopper -- a regenerative receiver with changeable coils for moving shortwave frequency bands. 3 knobs – Tuning, AF Volume and Regenerative control. You can't get much simpler than that. Next, I moved to a Hammarlund HQ-180 Super Heterodyne based receiver...with AF and RF controls, filter control, VFO tuning and fine tuning, BFO control. A step up, but still pretty simple with all of the knobs on the front panel and a "one to one ratio". A knob for each section of the radio – RF amplifier, mixer, detector, BFO, audio amplifier. The next few radios were a Heathkit HW-100 XCVR, Kenwood TS-120, Icom 740, Kenwood TS-930. All superhets and all knob based radios. So far, I could correlate the function with a result. It was a one to one ratio – turn a knob and something happened. I could see it and I could hear it or see the result on a meter (i.e. power output). So, I had 35+ years of experience before I bought my first menu based radio -- an ICOM 746. Going to a menu based radio from where I had been was fairly straight forward. I know what the functions did, I just had to figure out 'HOW' to get them to change. Access a menu, select the desired setting and hit ENTER....very computer like. Just a small learning curve and I was home free.

Now...with that said, just think if you are a new Ham (or wannabe Ham) and you know nothing about radio...nothing except maybe AM and FM broadcast.....nothing about the theory of radios or how to read a block diagram and understand what each block does. You come into the hobby with, basically, a blank slate. You don't know how a radio functions or what the controls do, you don't know menus, you don't know what those settings listed on the menu mean. Couple that with knowing nothing about antennas (that is a completely different and very large book). Put yourself in the place of one of our neophyte members thinking that "they can't get there from here". I am sure that there are some BVARC members that either felt this way or do feel this way today. Where do you start, where do you find out about things, who can you turn to? As far as the technology implementation on radios, I sincerely sympathize with you. (If I hadn't had 35 years of knob based radio familiarity, I'd be in the same boat.)

Fear not! What you, as a novice, should realize is that there are a number of Hams within BVARC that came up a similar path, but they had help. Help called, within the hobby, an "Elmer". Someone to take you by the hand and guide you along the narrow, technically difficult, pitfall invested trail. Elmers who will, judiciously, show you where the rocks are when you are trying (it seems) to walk across water. BVARC is full of them. All you have to do is ask. I'll reiterate, YOU HAVE TO ASK. Ask on the nets, at the meetings, at the eating events and even, better yet, on the BVARC e-mail reflector.

I have written in the past that BVARC can be considered a brotherhood of young and old, women and men with a common interest – Ham Radio. Ham Radio interests that cover a plethora of specific areas in which one can immerse one's self – HF CW, SSB, DX'ing, Contesting, Digital modes, Antenna system design and building, QRP operating and building, VHF/ UHF repeaters and weak signal work. You'll also find the AMSAT folks. Their satellite operations open up a cabinet full of experimental and operational opportunity. One common thread, no matter what area of interest you jump into, is that there are Elmers wherever you look in Ham Radio.

There are many opportunities to get to know your BVARC Elmers, but I encourage you to start with maybe working a band shift at the Museum Ships Weekend special event June 4th, or by attending the June 9th General membership meeting at the Sugar Land Community Center or by helping to set-up, operate or tear-down BVARC Field Day operations, June 25th weekend.

To all BVARC neophytes: when you are at the beginning and someone tells you that "you can't get there from here" or the radio manual does not make sense and you can't receive squat on that new fangled menu driven radio..... just remember that there is hope, there is light at the end of the tunnel, there is help available, simply for the asking. Our BVARC Ham Radio Elmers, with a love of the hobby, have the desire to instill in you the knowledge and practical experience that will allow you to succeed as a Ham. Then, hopefully, you will develop that same love for the hobby that they have. Elmer'ing is just one of many things that makes BVARC a great club and Ham Radio a fine hobby. Hams helping hams. BVARC'ers helping BVARC'ers.

To the many BVARC Elmers: let yourself be known, assist a neophyte Ham today and let them know that "you can get there from here".

Enjoy your hobby. See you on the radio. 73, Rick – W5RH (dit dit)



**THE BVARC Rag Chew Net
May check-ins**

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

04/27/11, K5LKJ (NCS), N5CPA, WA5FMK, AA5OA, K5LJ, WS5H, K5NDB, KC5JAR, K0NM, K5CEK, K5LBU, K5IZO, W5RJA (T) (Round Rock), W5TKZ, W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City), N5DTT, K5HTB, AF5T. (19 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 109, SN = 57, A = 3, K = 0

05/04/11, K5LKJ (NCS), WS5H, W5TKZ, K5NDB, AA5OA, N5CPA, N5DTT, K5LJ, K5IZO, AF5T, K0NM, WB5PNL (Beach City), N5TGL (Fulshear), K5LBU, KD5QPX, KC5JAR.
(16 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 107, SN = 77, A = 6, K = 1

05/11/11, W5TKZ (NCS), N5CPA, W5RJA (T) (Round Rock), K5CEK, K5NDB, KC5JAR, WS5H, AA5OA, K5IZO/5 (P)(Jasper), KE5OBY, W5TOM, KF5EYX, AF5T, N5AF (Cleveland), WB5PNL (Beach City), WB5KTF. (16 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 91, SN = 80, A = 5, K = 1

05/18/11, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, K5IZO/5 (P) (Jasper), K0NM, K5NDB, AA5OA, KE5OBY, KE5HSW (Lake Charles, LA), N5CPA, AF5T, W5RH, WB5PNL (Beach City). (12 Check-Ins)
Solar Cycle 24: SFI = 91, SN = 57, A = 5, K = 1

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

Thanks. , Regards._John C. Whiteman



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HAM RADIO IS BACK IN HOUSTON AGAIN!



BVARC “Under 15” CW Net
Tuesday 7PM
3.550 MHz

Join us for a fun filled 30 to 45 minutes of working the CW mode. We welcome the new folks with open arms, so join us.

Net is transmitted at 11/15 WPM Farnsworth spacing, so it is easy to copy. The net structure is just like the Rag Chew Net on Wednesday nights.

Pre-amble, then the call for check-ins “QNI?”.... and then each station is called “QTT” to invite them to transmit a short greeting or message.

Net Control Station (NCS) is Rick, W5RH.

Frequency is on **3.550 MHz**. Listen to a sample pre-amble (mp3) on the CW Net web page at <http://bvarc.org/index.php?page=cwnet>

Just have a listen or join in, but do get on the air and have some fun with some slow speed CW.



RESULTS OF THE MAY 10th BVARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION
BVARC Amateur License Examination Session
By: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2010 at HCC's Scarcella Science & Technology Building here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

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

Four examination elements were administered during the evening to three applicants. One new Technician class license was attained; with the total number of elements passed being 1. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 25%.

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

Andrew C. Duenner. - {KF5LBF} - 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.

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Q Signals

Ron Litt, AE5NO

In today's amateur world, VHF/UHF repeater communications are commonplace but the use of Q signals in repeater communications is sadly diminished.

The use of "Q" signals is an amateur radio practice that goes back as early as 1915. When Morse code was the exclusive means of communicating, Q signals were a handy way of shortening common sentences into three letter groups.

Q signals have changed with time but are still widely used in voice communications as a kind of shorthand, especially on the HF bands. QSX originally meant, "Shall I change my spark frequency?" Now we use QSY.

In the world of repeaters, we don't QRM people; we "double". We don't use QSB or QSA. Instead we say you have full quieting or white noise or bacon frying (ugh!). We rarely are at a QTH where we can QRT or QRV. We are usually at home, work or some other place. We no longer QRX, QSY or QRZ.

Q codes are an important aspect of amateur communications. I use them liberally when there are non-hams visiting. It helps to create curiosity about ham radio. Usually, something like, "What the heck did you say?"

Since the QSO's on repeaters tend to have a lot more local and personal content, what is clearly needed is a set of Q codes more appropriate for this mode of communication.

Q Signals for Repeater Use:

QWK	Going to work. Are you going to work?
QHO	Are you headed for home? I'm headed for home.
QTF	Is traffic is bad? Traffic is terrible!
QBQ	Know a good BBQ place? I know a good BBQ place
QCF	I am going for coffee. Are you going for coffee?
QGA	I am stopping for gas. Are you stopping for gas?
QHG	Do you have gas? Phew!
QBR	I need a beer. Me too!
QHD	Going to Home Depot (Lowes, Ace Hardware, Radio Shack)?
QLT	Are you late? I am way late!
QTO	Are you on the way to breakfast? QSL.
QDT	Done that. Been there (Interchangeable with QBT)
QBT	Been there. Done that (Another way to QDT).
QDW	That Doesn't Work. Yes it will.
QWW	That Won't Work! (QDW with emphasis).
QHF	Going to the hamfest? I am/am not going.
QIX	XYL is in the car. Don't mention what I bought at the hamfest. QSL?



Dayton Hamvention 2011

By

Rick Hiller – W5RH

The pilgrimage to Dayton was, again, undertaken this year. Kirk, KK2Z, joined me and we met up with my usual group of my eastern PA high school friends. The WX was beautiful – no rain and cool mornings followed by warm days of mucho sunshine. (This was opposed to the horrendously bad weather Dayton of the past was, infamously, noted for.) The Friday and Saturday flea market was about 50 percent occupancy...each parking space is counted as a space and half of them were filled. The usual vendors were there, like Far Circuits, Mendelson's, The "Sold by the Pound" crew from Texas, etc., plus the individual tailgaters who show up on Saturday morning. What I noticed in the flea market was that there was LOTS of Heathkit gear of all vintages. Lots of Motorola Commercial gear too. Old broadcast radios, parts, parts and more parts were there for the pickings. My guess is that you could pick a device to build, get the circuit board at Far Circuits and then proceed to get all of the other parts you need in the remaining flea market, by the end of the day. The flea market was also filled with the rented, electric scooters, who's riders, most times, not only jammed up pedestrian traffic, but also put a huge strain on the marginal scooter suspension.

I made my usual rounds of the flea market and thru the 500 + inside vendors. I talked to Harold Kramer of ARRL (he was the speaker at our Hamfest in March) and David Birdsley the BVARC clothing supplier, talked to the NJ2BB Museum Ships folks, Greg Jurens of Flex Radio Systems (who supplied our Grand Prize for the BVARC Greater Houston Hamfest this year), talked to Frosty in the SPE Amplifier booth, said Hi to Donna and Rick – The Sign Man, plus I saw club member Paul Easter, WW5PA and fellow HQRPer, AG5RS, Ron Sparks. I saw a few other Houston'ites and even said Hey to Nobel Prize winning physicist, Joe Taylor, W1JT, who spoke at the QRP and Dayton events.

My personal quest was to complete my collection of ARRL Antenna Handbooks and Antenna Compendiums. Post Dayton, I need one more Antenna Handbook (1955) to have them all. (You got an extra one?) I noticed that used books were cheap this year. My biggest purchase this year was the upgrade to EZNEC Version 5.0. So my wallet remainder fairly robust.

Kirk and I attended the QRP FDIM (Four Days in May) Vendor nights on Thursday and Friday. These were in the Holiday Inn just a short walk across the parking lot from where we stayed in Fairborn, OH. Elecraft, Hendricks, Michigan QRP Club, Kanga Kits and many others were selling their wares or showing off their recent kit builds, etc. Fun stuff.

Other than semi-sore feet at the end of the day Saturday, my body faired fairly well. The Sunday morning 0630 flight back to Houston was mostly spent sleeping, well deserved, of course.

My "Cool things that I saw at Dayton" list:

The Elecraft KX3 – take a K3 front panel and fit everything into a 1.5" deep box behind it to get a 10 watt 160 thru 6 meter portable TFC -- Trail Friendly Configuration transceiver. (See picture)

March Paddles – Mike March was in the flea market selling his magnetic paddles. Very nice, light and positive feel to the paddles. (See picture)

Tripod fixture – all of those fiberglass and aluminum military tent support poles can now be put to better use. (See picture)

Wheel mast base mount – a home brew (with stuff from Home Depot) under wheel, mast support. I will draw this up and post it to the web site.

If you attend the July 14th General Membership meeting, I will show a short Power Point presentation of pictures from Dayton. So, see you there!



CW Classes.

Ross (W5HFF) and John (K5IZO) announced at the May meeting that CW classes are being formed for this Summer. These would typically be 4 or 5 classes, 2 to 2 1/2 hours each. Dates and days negotiable. If interested, e-mail Ross (w5hff@yahoo.dom) or John (k5izo@yahoo.com).



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:

2/14 - 32 - Clint, kd5hdf
2/21 - 34 - Bill, ws5h
2/28 - 38 - Pete, kd5qpx
3/7 - 31 - Pete, kd5qpx
3/14 - 30 - Clint, kd5hdf

3/21 - 37 - Dewayne, kb5yta
3/28 - 32 - Pete, kd5qpx
4/4 - 25 - Cam, k5cam
4/11 - 22 - Sid, n5zkd
4/18 - 33 - Cam, k5cam

4/25 - 30 - Pete, kd5qpx
5/2 - 28 - Cam, k5cam
5/9 - 26 - Clint, kd5hdf
5/16 - 23 - Dwayne, kb5yta
5/23 - 31 - Pete, kd5qpx

MUSEUM SHIP WEEKEND EVENT

USS CAVALLA & USS STEWART ON THE AIR AT SEAWOLF PARK

JUNE 4th & 5th PELICAN ISLAND, GALVESTON TEXAS

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (KK5W) will, for the 4th year in a row, put the USS Cavalla SS 244 and the SS Stewart DE 238 on the air as a “2 for 1” ship contact during Museum Ships Weekend (MSWE). At the time of this newsletter submission, we are 10 days from the event and, so far, 70 ships, worldwide, have registered for this event sponsored by the Battleship USS New Jersey. The ships listed show that two other members of our Texas Museum Ship Navy -- the USS Battleship Texas and the USS Carrier Lexington -- are set to be on the air. For more info, including the growing list of ships, event rules, QSL info, suggested frequencies, etc. , please, Google “NJ2BB” or go to <http://www.nj2bb.org/museum/> .

Our two ships will be operating on the HF bands from their radio rooms using their original longwire antennas. A park based station will also be in operation for those who are not able to board the ships. A VHF net will operate on 146.940 for local contacts. (Note: This VHF net time is not set, as of this posting, so monitor the 94 repeater). We are keeping our fingers crossed for some “ship to ship” contacts, via the AmSat satellites, on Saturday as well. So, with the possibility of 4 total operating stations, it is expected that the BVARC operation will achieve 800+ contacts, with many of the other 70 plus museum ships around the USA and the world in our logbook.

We hope you can come out to the event and support our club operation and the Cavalla Historical Foundation at Galveston's Seawolf Park. Saturday, from mid-morning to mid-afternoon seems to be the prime time for the event. Note, that during MSWE, it is one of the few times that the Cavalla and Stewart radio rooms are open, manned and operational for public viewing. If you can't make the event in person and are a Ham Operator, please fire up your HF or VHF rig and make as many museum ship contacts around the world that you can.

Our thanks, again, to the Chief Of Boat /Park Curator--Mr. John McMichael, Master Chief Petty Officer USN ret. , The Cavalla Historical Foundation and the Galveston Park Board for permission to come aboard.

Should you have any questions, please contact me, Bill, WS5H, by e-mail at dragntow@wt.net

Hope to CU all at Seawolf Park.

Bill Stone -- WS5H
BVARC Board member / MSWE Chairman
Cavalla Historical Foundation Volunteer
President Cavalla Amateur Radio Society





BVARC Historical Vignettes – Food at BVARC’s ARRL Field Day

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

It is hard to believe, but as of June 2011, BVARC has participated in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day for 33 consecutive years, an accomplishment that all members of BVARC should be proud of. One aspect of Field Day that is very popular with club members is the food that is served to participants. Food was not always such an integral part of BVARC’s Field Day.

In the early days of BVARC each Field Day participant was responsible for providing his or her own food and drink. The June 1979 BVARC newsletter discussed the upcoming Field Day which was held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds and stated “Each participant, at this printing, will be responsible for his or her own food/drink and other personal needs. The picnic site has bar-b-q grills, a covered shelter, and concrete picnic tables.” There was no organized serving of food. The Field Day emphasis was clearly on practicing for emergency radio operations, one of the major reasons BVCARC was founded.

However, BVARC did not ignore the benefits of having a club gathering to enjoy food and fellowship, but this function was reserved for the annual club picnic. For example, in the September 1980 club newsletter vice president Dale Williams, WD5AJC, stated “We’re tentatively planning to have a club picnic some time in November after it cools off some! I would like to have your suggestions as to where we might have this club activity.”

The first time club newsletters mention an organized meal at BVARC’s Field Day was in 1988 when Field Day was held at Mike Eason’s (N5KRU) Ranch at Bellville. The BVARC Board of Directors decided to combine the club picnic with ARRL Field Day. 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 I was involved in the Field Day planning and we decided to hold Field Day at Bear Creek Park. At one of the Field Day Committee meetings I brought up the subject of food and was immediately told that the purpose of Field Day was to practice for emergency radio communications and that an organized meal or picnic would be out of place. I reminded them of the successful picnic at Bellville the year before, and also told the committee that when I lived in Tulsa I belonged to a number of amateur radio clubs and all of them served some kind of meal during their Field Day activities. The meal provided an opportunity for spouses and children to come by the Field Day site and see first hand what the club was doing. It did not take long for the committee to agree to try combining a picnic with Field Day, and the large shelter BVARC had reserved for Field Day provided a perfect location. The picnic was a great success, and ever since that time an organized meal has been part of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club ARRL Field Day.





Minutes of May 5th, 2011 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 7:00 PM on May 5th, 2011 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX. Attending were: Rick Hiller, W5RH (Pres.); Kirk Kendrick, KK2Z (V.P.); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (Treas.); Bob Tomlinson, N5JSL (Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Dwane Jones, KB5YTA (2yr At-Large Dir.); Bill Stone, WS5H (1yr At-Large Dir.); Ross Lawler, W5HFF (2yr At-Large Dir.); Eddie Runner, NU5K (Webmaster); Suzanne Runner, KF5GWZ; Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Sharon Tomlinson, KF5HUF; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; John Chauvin, K5IZO (Newsletter Editor); David Barber, K5NDB; Travis Burgess, K5HTB; Michael Monsour, AC0TX; Ron Litt, AE5NO; Gary Geer, N5NZ.

- 1) Minutes for the April 2011 meeting were approved as previously distributed by email and appears in the May 2011 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was presented to and approved by the Board.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Museum Ships Weekend: Funding to cover miscellaneous expenses had not yet been requested by the Museum Ships Weekend Committee. (Editor's Notes: Not part of the minutes – the funds were disbursed during the meeting to WS5H).
 - b) Museum Ships Weekend: Stone presented a summary of his event plan.
 - c) Museum Ships Weekend: Stone questioned how BVARC could provide proof of insurance to park authorities. Knoche will mail certificate copies to Stone who will present them to appropriate persons.
 - d) Field Day: Kendrick informed the board that not suitable location had yet been identified for the event. The main issues were over night operations or generator noise. He has one potential location that has yet to qualify.
 - e) Asset List: A B&W90 is being donated to the list.
 - f) Clothing: The existing order has arrived. After this order, any club member can call vendor and get the 20% club discount. Discount available on telephone orders only.
 - g) Kendrick: Possible conflict exists between club Ice Cream Social in August and the presenter of the eQSL program. Board decided that Ice Cream Social would be the August program and eQSL must be another month.
- 4) New business:
 - a) \$100 was approved to pay for PO Box renewal.
 - b) Kendrick: CW and Digital Operations will be the May program.
 - c) Kendrick: Informed board that once eQSL confirms a date, he will request funding to cover expenses.
 - d) Sauermilch: Proposed that the board donate funds to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. In the discussion that followed it was decided that such a donation would violate the club non-profit status. The proposal was withdrawn. A committee was formed with the task of making a master plan of how club would appropriately donate resources. Hiller, Chauvin, and Tomlinson volunteered to serve on that committee.
 - e) Hiller: An issue has arisen about cost of the lifetime membership. Current practice appears to be in conflict with by-laws. Board tabled discussion for one month to consider the measure.
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX



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(One year – vs Past President):

Bill Stone, WS5H

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
Fuddrucker's, 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
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Eating Schedule

See in adjacent column.

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.

THURSDAYS BEFORE CLUB MEETINGS--6.15p.m.

VASOS BAR-B-Q, 9920 Hwy. 90-A, #D-120 on the SW corner of
US Hwy. 90-A and Dairy Ashford.

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 BAR-B-Q, 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>

HamCom & ARRL National Convention, Plano, TX. June 10.

Plano Convention Centre
2000 East Spring Creek Parkway
Plano, TX 75023

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

Talk-In: 147.180 MHz (PL 107.2)

TARS Hamfest, Texas City, TX – July 9

Doyle Convention Center
2010 5th Avenue North
Texas City, TX 77590

Website: <http://www.tidelands.org>

Talk-In: 147.140+ (PL 167.9)

Austin Summerfest & Texas State Convention

August 5

Austin Airport Marriott South
4415 South IH-35, Austin, TX

Sponsor: Austin ARC & Texas VHF-FM Society

Website: <http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.34/.94 (PL 107.2)





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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 Scarella campus in Stafford. A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 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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BVARC General Membership Meeting – June 9, Sugar Land Community Center
Field Day – June 25 & 26, Details pending.

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