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General Membership Meeting notice

7:30 PM, Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Community Volunteer Fire Department conference room;
16005 Bellaire Blvd.

The December General Membership Meeting will be our traditional "Homebrew Night." See Mike's article "Prez Says" for more details. The meeting will be both in-person and via Zoom.



NOVEMBER MEETING -- ANNUAL ELECTION AND CHILI SUPPER

by Rick, W5RH -- Election Committee Chair

Thursday, November 10th was our annual election night. 48 Club members, their spouses and friends made it easy to attain the required 10% membership quorum to make the election legal. We had a full slate of candidates for the six Board of Directors positions open for 2023/2024.

Results were as follows:

Vice-President -- Kori Rahman -- WX4KR

Treasurer -- Dave Ely -- N5EKW

Corresponding Secretary -- Jeff Greer -- W5JEF

Recording Secretary -- Mike Manciaz -- W5SPC (fills out remainder of vacant position thru 2023).

1 Year at Large -- Terry Leatherland -- K5PGF

2 Year at Large -- Drew Dasher -- N1ER

Congrats to all with a big thank you from the club. Lots of young and new Ham blood in the 2023 Board mix. Most ran unopposed, but Mike Shanks -- KI5NPM ran against Drew for the 2 Year position. Thank you to Mike for actually allowing us to have a meaningful vote.

Following the election, we had a wonderful chili dinner provided by our "Chef Extraordinaire in Residence" -- Daphne Rawlinson -- K5VQY, assisted by the Medbury's, Lou Ann and Scott -- KD5FBA. Thank you to the three of you for putting that together, yet again. (Maybe next year we can get back to having our legacy Chili Cook-off.)

So, if you were not there, you missed a great BVARC event. If you provided a proxy vote, it influenced the 2 Year at Large election -- thank you. If you did attend, thank you, and you should have gone home fed and happy that the club will continue doing what we do well -- Amateur Radio.

Prez Says

The end of the year is at our doorstep. With it brings cold weather, the Greater Houston HamFest around the corner and Museum Ships and Field Day in a few months. It also brings a new board of directors for the club. Several people have stepped up to be on the board this coming year to help manage the club and support amateur radio. I want to thank these new members of the BOD and I appreciate their willingness to go the extra mile for the hobby. The 2023 Board of Directors are:

Kori Rahman, WX5KR – Vice President

Jeff Greer, W5JEF – Corresponding Secretary

Anthony Morones, W5LIC - 1 Year at Large

Drew Dasher, N1ER – 2 Year at Large

Michael Manciaz, W5SPC – Recording Secretary

Dave Ely, N5EKW – Treasurer

Scott Medbury, KD5FBA – 1 Year at Large

Terry Leatherland, K5PGF – 1 Year at Large

I also want to thank the following members that have supported the club over the past years for their hard work and spending time supporting BVARC and promoting amateur radio.

Jimmy Vance, NA5D – Vice President

Mark McGrath, N5VCM – Recording Secretary

Sheree Horton, WM5N – 1 Year at Large

Again, my thanks to everyone for their hard work and willingness to help with the club and their continuing support for the amateur radio community.

Coming up December 8th will be Home Brew night. This is to bring the best of something that you have built or modified for show and tell. Whether it is a stealth antenna concealed in a broom stick or a 1000 watt hand-held radio that fits in a cigar box, bring it to show the club and tell us how you built it. There will be prizes for the best and second best of the home-built equipment so get the soldering iron out and start building. If you would like to bring your super-duper quad-conversion, ceramic housed extravaganza radio, please drop me an email and let me know. Entries can be the night of but it would be helpful to have a list of everyone that is bringing something.

Last but not least, the annual BVARC banquet. It will be held on Friday, January 20th, 2023. More information is in the newsletter. At this time, our guest speaker is still being drafted but hopefully it will be someone from the leadership of ARRL. Mark your calendar for the banquet!

Also don't forget the Greater Houston HamFest on March 3rd and 4th!

73

N5VCX



The Radio Hotel – Antenna Gurus

.....and a short Christmas Wish List

Over the many years of Amateur Radio's existence, there have been a plethora of antenna designs and, more importantly, a gaggle of antenna designers and implementers placing their ideas into the physical realm. Most can be considered Gurus – “an influential teacher or popular expert”. For us normal folk that love the antenna work that they have published over the years, it is easy to travel back to the beginning of ham radio time and look forward by using the rich content of the many great ham radio magazines: **QST, Ham Radio, CQ and 73**.

Starting way back, you have professors Yagi and Uda. Then came along George Grammer – W1DF, Doug DeMaw – W1CER / W1FB, Bill Orr – W6SAI, Lew McCoy – W1ICP, Les Moxon – G6XN, Tom Schiller – N6BT, Roy Lewallen – W7EL, Justin Johnson - G0KSC and Joel Hallas – W1ZR. Of course, there are others. In recent years, John Portune, W6NBC, has been a prolific antenna system writer in the pages of **QST** with 44 articles from 2005 to the present. Check'm out.

QST makes the search for any of these author's publications an easy task with their search tool. Hopefully you are an ARRL member: so log on and go to the QST search page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-periodicals-archive-search>

Just put in the author's name or call, leave the month and year fields blank, then search, and up comes reference to everything the author has written for the pages of **QST (NCJ and QEX** can be searched the same way). The other legacy magazines of **Ham Radio, CQ and 73** are available as DVD based collections inclusive of all of their issues. These DVDs can be purchased at various web sites on the web. Reading articles from the origins of our hobby in the 1920's thru the many decades to the present day enlightens you to the wonderful progression of antenna system development. Enjoy your new found knowledge.

To end this year of TRH columns, I will leave you with a “Christmas wish list” of a few antenna system oriented books that I find to be excellent. Yes, there is a lot of antenna information on-line, but having a hard copy of certain reference publications makes the information readily available right off of your library shelf.

Low Band DXing – John Devoldere(sk) – ON4UN.

Vertical Antennas and Cubical Quad Antennas – by Bill Orr(sk) - W6SAI

The Care and Feeding of Transmission Lines – Joel Hallas(sk) W1ZR

The ARRL Guide to Antenna Tuners – Joel Hallas(sk) W1ZR

Understanding Antenna Analyzers – Joel Hallas(sk) W1ZR

Reflections (any edition I, II or III) – Walt Maxwell(sk) – W2DU (CQ Press)

Antenna Physics: An Introduction – Robert Zavrel – W7SX

I hope Santa brings you a few of these books. You'll be glad he did.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year Enjoy your hobby....73...Rick W5RH

ps...The BVARC Tech Pages Radio Hotel column listing has been updated for 2022.

BVARC POTA and Winter Field Day

As you have no doubt heard, BVARC has done a few Parks on the Air (POTA) activations and turnout has been fantastic. Because of this success, moving forward Anthony (W5LIC) and I (WX5KR) will be hosting these BVARC POTA events **monthly**.

While Brazos Bend State Park has been our favored park, we plan to take this show on the road and move around to a few other parks in the Houston area. For our next event on Sunday December 11th we will be at Stephen F. Austin State Park from 10am till 5pm. We also plan to do BVARC POTA events at Galveston Island State Park, Huntsville State Park, and at least a few other POTA designated parks in 2023. However our plans are a little different for January.

Winter Field Day 2023 is January 28th and 29th and BVARC is officially participating! Since we have a lot on the BVARC calendar in January we are combining POTA and Winter Field Day. We have reserved space at Brazos Bend State Park for this January event, and we will be set up to operate all day and night there. We will do some POTA Saturday morning and then transition to Winter Field Day for the start of the contest at 1pm. We will operate WFD using the club call sign KK5W for 24 hours until Sunday at 12:59pm. We will have food and fun just like all of our events, so we hope you can come out. We will need a lot of operators to help make the BVARC WFD event a success! There are many more details to come, so keep an eye out on the BVARC website and email reflector.

BVARC POTA Event

December 11th, 2022

10am – 5pm

Stephen F. Austin State Park

Park Rd 38

San Felipe, TX 77473

BVARC Winter Field Day Event

January 28th – 29th, 2023

Contest Hours: Saturday 1pm – Sunday 12:59pm

Brazos Bend State Park

21901 Farm to Market Rd 762

Needville, TX 77461

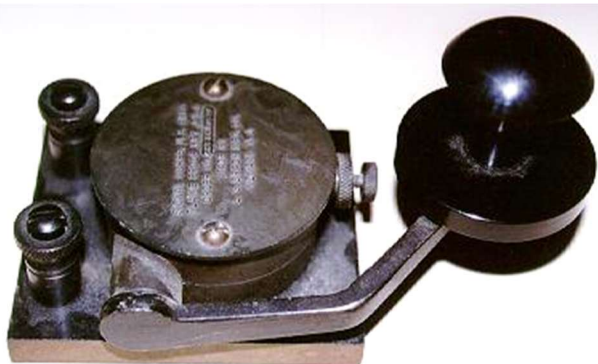
- Kori, WX5KR



The Flameproof J-5-A Key, made by J. S. Brach

This key was predominantly used during WW-II. Its main feature is that it has a flameproof housing in which the actual contacts are housed. Should the equipment and thus the operator be in an explosive gas environment, the key will not cause an explosion. The term “explosion proof” doesn’t

mean that there is no flame generated, but that the flame path will have cooled by the time the flame works its way to the open environment. This type of chamber is also included in many other key designs which can be operated in an explosive gas environment.



This key has a doorknob style knob which is essentially the same as a “navy knob.” This knob makes this a very comfortable key to use.

2023 BVARC Awards Banquet

The BVARC Awards banquet will be held on January 20th, 2023 at the Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston 77074 between 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm. The banquet will have a meet and greet time starting at 6:30 pm with dinner being served at 7:15pm.



Cost for the banquet for members and one guest will be \$35 per person. Non-members or a second guest will be \$50 per person. Tickets are available at the BVARC.org PayPal link. The menu is still being finalized and will be on the BVARC web site for selection when you purchase your tickets.

This banquet, besides having great food, is a time to honor club members that have excelled helping the club and supporting amateur radio. Besides awards of appreciation and presidential certificates, awards are also presented to those members that have excelled in their service over the past year (this time it will be two years since no banquet last year). The awards and an explanation of what they are for are:

The **LOOP AND ZEPP** – A club member excels on promoting HF operation

The **K1JT** – A club member excels on promoting VHF and UHF operation

The **DOCTOR BILL** – A club member excels in their service for amateur radio testing

The **ORDER OF THE KEY** – The clubs highest honor - A club member excels in supporting amateur radio and the club.

If you have someone that you would like to nominate for an award, please let someone on the board of directors know. All nominations must be received no later than January 6th. There can be multiple winners of all awards except for the Order of the Key. If you have any questions about the awards, please contact me or Rick Hiller, W5RH. Let's give those who promote various aspects of the hobby the recognition they deserve.

BVARC Rag Chew Net

Below is the BVARC Rag Chew Net check-in information:

09/21/22, K5LKJ (NCS), K5JPP, KD5AUU, W5TKZ, K5LJ, W5RH, KI5HOC, W5ALW, W5VOM, W1BG (Katy), W5SV, KI5TPC (Bellaire), KG5LGZ, NT5SM. (14 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 137, SN = 70, A = 8, K = 1 / Band Rpt: Good

09/28/22, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, KG5ICR, K5JPP, K5LJ, KI5HOC, KI5TPC (Bellaire), KG5SBA (Lake Charles, LA), KD5AUU, AA5OA (Percy, AR), W5SV, W5LIC (Bellaire), KI5UKI (Dequincy, LA), W5RH. (14 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 135, SN = 72, A = 24, K = 1 / Band Rpt: Good

10/05/22, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, K5LJ, W5VOM, KI5TPC (Bellaire), W5SV, WW5PA/5 (M) Beaumont, KI5HOC, W5RH, KG5ICR, KG5LJZ, KJ5Y (Pearland) KJ5Y (RCS)(W5FMH (CLUB))(Angleton), WD5L (T), K5HEC. (14 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 152, SN = 151, A = 16, K = 3/Band Rpt: Good

10/12/22, K5LKJ (NCS), K5JPP, W5TKZ, KG5ICR, KI5HOC, K5LJ, W5WES (Baytown), W5RH, KI5TPC (Bellaire), W5SV, AA5OA (Percy, AR), WX5KR, WW5PA/5 (M)(Pleasanton), W5LIC (Bellaire). (14 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 141, SN = 64, A = 6, K = 2 / Band Rpt: Fair

10/19/22, K5LKJ (NCS), W1BG (Katy), K5LJ, W5TKZ, W5VOM, AA5OA (Percy, AR), KI5HOC, W5SV, KJ5Y (Pearland) KJ5Y (RCS)(W5FMH (CLUB))(Angleton), W5LIC, K5TPC, WX5KR, W5WES (Baytown), KD5YOU, N5AV (Cypress). (15 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 114, SN = 50, A = 6, K = 0/Band Rpt: Good

10/26/22, K5LKJ (NCS), K5JPP, W5TKZ, W1BG (Katy), K5CNU (Maurice, LA), W5VOM, KF5ONT (Conroe), KD5AUU, KD5JAV, W5ALW, K5IZO/5 (Jasper), W5SV, KI5HOC, NO8N, W5LIC (Bellaire). (17 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 116, SN = 78, A = 4, K = 1/Band Rpt: Good

11/02/22, K5LKJ (NCS), JC5JAV (Abita Springs, LA), W5SV, NT5SM, KI5HOC, K5JPP, W5VOM, K5LJ, W5ALW, KF5ONT (Conroe), W5TKZ, WW5PA, NV5B, AA5OA (Percy, AR), K5TPC.

(15 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 128, SN = 60, A = 8, K = 3/Band Rpt: Good

11/09/22, K5LKJ (NCS), W5TKZ, W1BG (Katy), AA5OA (Percy, AR), K5LJ, W5VOM, W5SV, W5RH, K5TPC, KG5ICR, KI5HOC, AA0ST (Dickinson), KF5ONT. (13 Check-Ins)

Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 138, SN = 81, A = 9, K = 0/Band Rpt: Good

11/16/22, K5LKJ (NCS), K5JPP, K5LJ, AA5OA (Percy, AR), KG5ICR, K5TPC, W5TKZ, KI5HOC, KG5SBA (Lake Charles, LA), W2WF. (10 Check-Ins) Solar Cycle 25: SFI = 114, SN = 50, A = 6, K = 0/Band Rpt: Good

(M) = mobile (P) = Portable (R) = Relay (RCS) = remote controlled station (T) = telephone check-in

Net conditions have been fair to good this month. Fire up the rig and learn what others are doing and share your experiences. Come join in the conversation each Wednesday evening.

Regards.

John K5LKJ

Where in the World is. . .

Armenia (EK)

CQ Zone 21

After working an Armenian Special Event station, EK100GM, I was motivated to do some research on this DXCC entity. I had no idea exactly where it is or if it was even a country.

Armenia shares borders with Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan and claims it was the first nation to formally adopt Christianity (early 4th century).



The station was commemorating 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide which began in 1915, during World War I in the western portion of Armenia. The Ottoman Empire instituted a policy of forced resettlement coupled with other harsh practices that resulted in at least 1 million Armenian deaths.

Despite periods of autonomy, over the centuries Armenia came under the sway of various empires including the Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Persian, and Ottoman. Armenian leaders remain preoccupied by the long conflict with Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh, a primarily Armenian-populated region, assigned to Soviet Azerbaijan in the 1920s. The Armenian economy has suffered in its development as a result of the prolonged conflict with Azerbaijan.

Armenia and Azerbaijan began fighting over the area in 1988; the struggle escalated after both countries attained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. By May 1994, when a cease-fire took hold, ethnic Armenian forces held not only Nagorno-Karabakh but also seven surrounding regions, approximately 14 percent of Azerbaijan's territory.



The capital, Yerevan is the economic and cultural center of Armenia. It presently maintains good relations with almost every country in the world, with two major exceptions, its immediate neighbors Turkey and Azerbaijan. Tensions were running high between Armenians and Azerbaijanis during the final years of the Soviet Union. The Nagorno-Karabakh War dominated the region's politics throughout the 1990s. The border between the two rival countries remains closed up to this day, and a permanent solution for the conflict has not been reached.

The country has a temperate climate with hot summers and cold winters. It is a landlocked mountainous country. Approximately 60% of the land is agricultural. Mount Ararat, which was historically part of Armenia, is the highest mountain in the region. Now located in Turkey, but clearly visible in Armenia, it is regarded by the Armenians as a symbol of their land. Because of this, the mountain is present on the Armenian national emblem today.

There are approximately 200 licensed amateurs in Armenia, according to QRZ.com. Armenia ranks 179th on the DXCC Most wanted list at on Club Log.

Reporting from the Dark Side,
Ron, K5HM

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER VE - FCC TESTING SESSIONS RESULTS

For Saturday, October 8th, we had 6 candidates and conducted 12 tests.

New Licensees:

Fultz, K (Technician)
McCoy, K (Technician)

Upgrades:

KI5LEG (General)
KF5NFM (General)
KI5WIC (General)

VEs in attendance – K5GOL, K5LJ, N1ER, KF5BMZ, W5LIC, and WX5KR – **THANKS!**

For Saturday, November 5th, we had 3 candidates and conducted 7 tests.

New Licensees:

Brown, N (General)
Godinich, M (General)

Schafer, D (Extra) walked in without a license – walked out with an Extra (passed all three tests in one sitting)

VEs in attendance – K5GOL, N1ER, W5LIC, and WX5KR – **THANKS!**

Congratulations to all!

The next BVARC test session is **Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30.**

For new licensees the testing fee, paid at the session is \$15. An additional \$35 license fee (totaling \$50), will be collected by the FCC separately for new, renewal and vanity calls. License upgrades **do not** pay the added \$35 fee, just the \$15 session fee.

YOUTH LICENSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The ARRL has created a youth program (18 and under) to defray the licensing costs to a total of **\$5** (deducting the \$35 increase and \$10 off the \$15 VE session fee). See: <http://www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program>

Also, BVARC is implementing it's own program for **youth** licensing.

We'll provide a **new VHF/UHF transceiver (Baofeng, limited supply)** at the VE session, to youth that successfully pass their Technician test. This is the result of a very generous grant from a BVARC member

Bottom line, a young person for \$5, can walk into a test session and walk out with a new radio and a pending license.

Examination sessions are held each month, usually on the same day as the Saturday BVARC Board meeting (most times, the first Saturday of the month). These sessions are at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston TX 77074

Details for candidates are found at <https://bvarc.org/home/ham-radio-license-testing-houston/>

Pre-register to attend a test session at: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/arrl/77008/inperson>

For questions, Email Mark Janzer, K5MGJ at (k5mgj@yahoo.com).

BVARC 2023 BOD And Training Dates

The new dates are in for the BOD meetings for 2023 (in case you wonder how the dates are acquired, it involves standing in line starting at 4:30 AM at Bayland Community Center to turn in the reservation request).

Please mark your calendars. Remember the BOD meetings are from 9:00 AM to 10:30 and testing is from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

January 7th, 2023	February 4th, 2023	March 4th, 2023	April 1st, 2023
May 6th, 2023	June 10th, 2023	July 8th, 2023	August 5th, 2023
September 9th, 2023	October 7th, 2023	November 4th, 2023	December 9th, 2023

Also, for 2023, dates have been reserved for training or classes or whatever anyone wants to do. If you would like to reserve a classroom day, please contact the BOD and let them know. The classroom time is open for 4 hours. So, arrange a class or training and reserve a date!

January 21st, 2023	February 18th, 2023	March 18th, 2023	April 15th, 2023
May 20th, 2023	July 22nd, 2023	August 19th, 2023	September 23rd, 2023
October 21st, 2023	November 18th, 2023	December 16th, 2023	



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KBSOBB - Eddie Jr
KFSRKJ - BLake
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Creating and Turning In a Log for POTA

Hello Everybody,

Today I would like to go over the process of creating and uploading my log for POTA. We will start by creating the log. First, I look up the park designator (For example the designator for Brazos Bend is K-2992) by going to <https://pota.app/#/map> to get park info. When you get to the map section you will see **Find My Location** symbol at the bottom right of the map. If you want to find the park before going out, you should go to the search bar that says DX ENTITY. There you will use the drop down arrow to select the country, then you can look for the yellow dot that represents the park. Select the park you want to visit and that park number will be shown. Now that you have the park number we can look for a clear frequency.

If there is a waterfall at the park you can try to look for a frequency, but still ask for permission first. Waterfalls are a good place to start, but might not be able to show all the stations. I normally ask three times. If I don't hear anything. I then go back to the <https://pota.app/#/> page. There you can look for the menu button, it's what most people call a hamburger. When that drops down it shows the option that says "Add Spots". This is one of the times where self spotting is to be expected. (When putting the frequency, do not put the decimal.) Once you find your frequency, you can fill in the info: Your call (**Activator Callsign**), (**Spotter Callsign**), (**Frequency (kHz)**), (**Park Reference**), and a (**Comment**) if you would like. Last thing is to hit the Spot button.

Next, let's look at the logging software I use. The one that I use is HAMRS. Some people don't like to use the software, but it does the job for me. Let's get into it. First we open the HAMRS app, you can download it on your phone or computer. If you downloaded it to your phone then it will cost \$5. But, if you downloaded it to a small laptop it is free. The next thing to do is to open a new log by selecting (**+ New Logbook**). You will be presented with a box with a few things to put in such as; the Title, (**Your CallSign @ Park Number-Date**) and the Template. Use the drop down menu and look for (Parks on the Air template). After you have done that you can start calling CQ Parks on The Air (POTA).

The last thing is to upload the log when you are done. Most important for me is to make sure I have a copy of the log. I will send the ADI file to myself in an email so I don't lose anything. The web site is not set for smaller screens. If you are using your phone you will have to go back to the list of logs in HAMRS and use the little gear for the settings next to all the logs. There you will see options to **Edit**, **Duplicate**, **Export .ADI**, and **Delete**. Choose the **Export .ADI** option. Then send the ADI file to yourself. Make sure you emailed and downloaded the ADI file to your computer. Next, open the **pota.app** website. Click on your callsign and look for the option there that says **My Log Upload**. After that you click on the little paper clip, it will open up the download folder and then you choose your ADI file. Finally check both boxes and hit submit. The web site will then show that it is processing. You're done! You can go to the other options and look at the log online if you like. You also may see if you got any awards. I hope this helps everybody kind of understand how this goes. If there are any questions please ask me when you see me next or by email. Thanks for taking your time and reading. Until next time 73.

Anthony / W5LIC

2022 Officers:

President (2022-2023)
Michael Hardwick, N5VCX
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Vice President (2021-2022)
Jimmy Vance, NA5D

Recording Secretary (balance of 2022 – 2023)
Mike Manciaz -- W5SPC
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Corresponding Secretary (2021-2022)
Jeff Greer, W5JEF
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Treasurer (2021-2022)
David Ely, N5EKW
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2 Year At-Large Board Member A: (2022-2023)
Anthony Morones, W5LIC

2 Year At-Large Board Member B: (2021-2022)
Scott Medbury KD5FBA
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1 Year At Large (2022)
Sheree Horton, WM5N
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Regularly Scheduled Club Happenings:

General Meeting
Both in person and zoom
Second Thursday each month. 7:30PM
Check www.BVARC.org for more current info.

Board of Directors Meeting
The Saturday before the 2nd Thursday, 9:00 AM
Both in-person and Zoom
Bayland Park Community Center
Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston.
Check www.BVARC.org for more current info.

Volunteer Examiner Program
The monthly ham testing session takes place on the same day and location as the BOD Meeting, but at 10:30 AM. However, please check the BVARC website for any last minute changes or updates. The meeting location is open, however please check the www.BVARC.org for updates.

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

Public Service Net
Monday night on 146.94 (167.9) at 8:00 PM

Stir Crazy Net is held each weekday at noon. Check www.BVARC.org for current info.

Greater Houston Simplex Net 4th Thursday, propagation net, 7:00 PM, on 146.54 MHz simplex and an alternate frequency of 147.54.

QuestionAIR every Tuesday at 7:00 PM on 146.94, negative (-) shift, PL Tone of 167.9.

Advertising in the BVARC Newsletter

Rates are as follows: Business card sized ads are \$10 each or 6 monthly installments for \$50; Half (½) page - \$25 per month for \$125 for six months and \$250 for one year. The rates for a full page are as follows: \$50 per month, \$250 for six months and \$500 for the year.

BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

IHOP, 7:00a.m., SW Freeway inbound service road, near Kirkwood.

OTHER HAM GROUPS:

WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

This group meets weekly at Luby's Cafeteria, W. Airport & FM-1092 (Murphy Rd). 11AM.

WEDNESDAYS – AMSAT & QRP GROUP

This too is not available at press time. If anyone has information on this, please let the Editor know.

Hamfests

(typically within 200 miles of Houston)

03/03/2023 - 03/04/2023

Greater Houston HamFest - ARRL Texas State Convention

Location: Rosenberg, TX
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Brazos Valley ARC
Website: <http://houstonhamfest.org>

03/11/2023 - Acadiana DX Association Hamfest and Swapmeet

Location: Rayne, LA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Acadiana DX Association
Website: <https://www.kn5grk.com/ADXA%20Hamfest>

06/16-17/2023 - Radio Fiesta,

Location: Schertz, TX, suburban San Antonio.

The webpage says - "Further details will be available in the spring of 2023." Expect clarification on whether the tailgating, presentations, VE sessions and other activities will be held on what days.

Website: <https://w5sc.org/radio-fiesta/>

As of the date of publishing this December BEACON, we have heard nothing about Austin Summerfest, but assume it will be in August of 2023. Again, it's way too early to get final information.

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

This newsletter, the BVARC BEACON, is a monthly publication of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. For a full listing of officers and information about BVARC, please go to www.bvarc.org. Detailed information will be published in the BEACON every 3 or 4 months. Similarly, the "Eating Schedule" will be published every 3 or 4 months unless there is a change.

General membership dues are \$25.00 per year, with student dues \$10.00 per year, additional family members \$5.00 per member per year.

Club meetings are both in-person and via ZOOM on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you have signed up for the reflector, you will receive notice and the attendance password, etc. It will also be on the website (above) a few days beforehand.

BVARC amateur radio testing takes place typically on the Saturday before the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. Location: Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, 77074. BEFORE GOING, because of COVID and scheduling conflicts, please check the BVARC website for any changes. Masks and social distancing are required.

A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 tone) repeater.

A "Stir Crazy Net" is also held weekdays at 12 Noon on the same frequency as above.

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, see the BVARC website: www.bvarc.org

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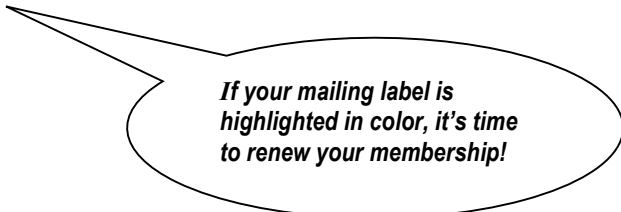
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