Pot Luck Chili Supper/Elections
November -- Annual elections first, then we eat then we vote.

Amateur Radio License Classes
Classes are given several times a year as activity suggests. Please, contact us if you are interested in attending.

Monthly License Testing
By certified Volunteer Examiners
Amateur radio FCC license tests are given at 10:30 PM on the Saturday before our General monthly meeting (after our Board of Director’s meeting).
Bayland Park Community Center
6400 Bissonnet St. Houston, TX.
Contact: K5MGJ @ yahoo.com
Testing is also at the Hamfest in March.

Youth Programs
Periodically monthly meetings are scheduled to have a “youth” theme, often with a live amateur radio station on site.

Club Elmers
“Elmers” are experienced Hams who volunteer to assist interested people in joining the amateur radio community. Check our newsletter for contact information.

Museum Ships Weekend
Held on the first weekend in June. Pelican Island, in Galveston, is the home of two WWII vessels – The USS Cavalla submarine, the USS Stewart Destroyer Escort and the SS Selma a WWI concrete ship. Hams from BVARC and other clubs put these special ships “on the air” and contact other Museum Ships and other Hams around the world.

Annual Food Get Togethers
Members and non-members are invited to join in the camaraderie every Saturday morning, 7:00 AM, at the IHOP, US 59 (12725 SW Freeway, Stafford, Tx), northbound access road, between US 90A and Kirkwood.
Or The Wednesday Lunch Bunch. Lubys cafeteria 11:00 to noon 10575 W Airport Blvd. Stafford TX

Weekly Radio “Nets”
Radio “nets” are a gathering of hams on a particular frequency to talk about casual or scheduled topics, club news, sell/swap or trade and other events.

Stir Crazy Net: Every Weekday Noon, 146.94(-) MHz, Tone 167.9
Monday night Net: Monday evening, 8PM, 146.94(-) MHz, Tone 167.9
Tuesday Questionnaire Net 7PM 146.94(-) MHz, Tone 167.9
Rag Chew HF Net: Every Wednesday, 7PM, 3910 +/-3 KHz. Anyone without HF privileges can check-in via telephone.

Annual Field Day
Field Day - a nationally sponsored ARRL event where multiple ham stations are set up at a field site and operate under emergency conditions (generators) for 24 hours. This takes place the fourth full weekend in June.

Greater Houston Hamfest
Annual event on a Saturday in March. Many hams & commercial vendors sell various equipment and amateur radio items. Activities and exhibits include nationally known speakers, live satellite QSO demos, emergency vehicles, raffle, Special Event station, vehicle, demo/how-to table, license testing, equipment test table and much more.
www.houstonhamfest.org

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Our monthly meetings have a featured speaker or a social function
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME!

Meeting is at 7:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month with presentations on various ham radio topics. Held at: Community Volunteer Fire Department Conference room 16005 Bellaire Blvd

Annual Awards Banquet
In January, instead of the regular meeting we celebrate the past year’s accomplishments. Great food and guest speaker and awards for the BVARC members who exhibited outstanding service.

Ice Cream Social
August-- with lots of camaraderie and ice cream in the heat of the summer

BVARC Website
Go to: www.bvarc.org
Public Service Events
BVARC was originally formed in 1978 as a public service organization. Today, BVARC is truly a general interest club with an impressive record of public service. This commitment to service has been recognized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) with the coveted status of Special Service Club.

- Bicycle Rides and Marathon Communications
  BVARC, along with other organizations, provides support to public fund raising events such as the MS-150 Houston-Austin Bicycle Ride, the Houston Marathon and many other similar events.

- Boy/Girl Scout Activities
  BVARC provides support and education through orientation and the opportunity to get various merit badges as well as participates in JOTA events.

- Emergency Services
  BVARC plays an active role in emergency service communications. This includes ARES, CERT, Ft. Bend County EMROG and RACES. This is an important way to provide community service during emergencies.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Monthly Newsletter
Our printed/mailed newsletter consists of articles, activities, announcements and news about ham radio. These are also uploaded to the website: www.bvarc.org

GENERAL SOCIALIZING AND CAMERADERIE
BVARC’s members come in all “shapes and sizes.” They have all levels of licenses or none at all. They are young, middle-aged and senior citizens. They have all levels of education and many diverse interests. Attend a meeting, check into a net, or participate in one of the activities. We welcome you as a visitor or member to the

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TO JOIN BVARC:
Whether you are a licensed ham or not, sign up at any of the functions or go to the website at: www.bvarc.org
There you can apply on-line or download an application. PayPal enabled.
Dues: $25 per year. Full time students - $10

Club Call Sign: KK5W
Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 2997, Sugar Land, TX 77487-2997

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Amateur Radio for Houston and Fort Bend County
We welcome you to share our hobby of amateur radio through the activities offered by the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

BVARC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

WELCOME!