



# RF NEWS

**August 2017**

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## Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

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<b>Nets:</b>	Region 2 ARES Net Sundays 8:00 PM 146.790 (PL tone 107.2)  BRARC Club Net Sundays 8:30 PM 146.790 (PL tone 107.2)  10 Meter Net Mondays 7:30 PM 28.450 MHz USB



## From The President August 2017

I always know summer is coming to end when my grandchildren start school again and I see all those yellow school buses on the road. We are all aware of the driving rules around school buses, but motorists must remember not to be holding their cell phones in school zones during the restricted hours. I was in one of those car pool lines last year picking up my grandchildren from school and thought it was best also to not operate mobile while driving through those zones. So remember, put the mic down and keep an eye out for those children!

I was thinking back over the past year in Baton Rouge, and certainly our city has seen its days of difficult times. We are hearing a lot about the one- year anniversary of the August 2016 Flood. Several of our members were affected and went through the long process of rebuilding or assisting by sheltering people during the ordeal. After seeing the outpouring of help to the flood victims, it made me glad we retired here and could call ourselves Louisianans.

As an American Red Cross volunteer and an Amateur Radio Operator (ARO), I saw firsthand how our hobby can assist during disasters. I had the opportunity to be on Steve Irving's, WA5FKF, communication team at the American Red Cross station KE5QJQ. Numerous BRARC members, non-members from Louisiana and out-of-state AROs travelled to the Red Cross to assist in the communications operation. Trained ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) hams came in from as far as Alabama with their own equipment, ready to be deployed to shelters.

One thing that stood out to me, during the operation, was the importance of have trained operators. The trained operators had the right equipment, understood how to deploy to a shelter, how to communicate during an emergency, and how to work with a Served Agency. The Red Cross was the Served Agency in this case and needed trained AROs to be deployed to shelters or to assist in the Communications Room. Having an organized, trained pool of local AROs is essential for a Served Agency.

**If you are interested in assisting a Served Agency**, such as Red Cross, GOHSEP, or your Parish EOC, then training is essential. Our Region 2 ARES offers this training periodically, during the year. **The next training is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm at the West Baton Rouge Parish EOC at the Port of Baton Rouge.**

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FEMA courses IC- 100 and IC-200 will be offered. See this newsletter for the details. FEMA also offers these courses online, if you can't make the class.

If Public Service or Emergency Communications is one of the reasons you got into Amateur Radio, then joining the Region 2 ARES group is your first step. One thing I learned about Louisianans - they come to the aid of their fellow neighbors. As an Amateur Radio Operator, you can put your talents and equipment to good use, either in your home, at a Served Agency, or deployed at a shelter.

In closing, let me mention that Brett Hebert, KG5IQU is offering a **Technician License class beginning on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at the Main Library on Goodwood.** The class will take place in the Technology Lab on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The class will be using Stu Turner's text, *Technicians & General License Course*, which is available at HamRadioSchool.com.

73,  
Jon, WA9JBR



Visit the **BRARC Website** at [www.brarc.org](http://www.brarc.org) to keep up-to-date on all the club happenings including meetings, activities, and classes.



**29 Aug (Tue)** BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM  
Goodwood Library  
*Program Topic: Winlink, Global Radio*  
*Email - By Daniel Webb, K5DMW*

**5 Sept (Tue)** BRARC Board Meeting  
Red Cross Building 6:30 PM

**7 Sept (Thurs)** Technician Class 6:00 PM  
Goodwood Library Technology Lab

**12 Sept (Tues)** ARES Training 6:30-8:30 PM  
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**14 Sept (Thurs)** Technician Class 6:00 PM  
Goodwood Library Technology Lab

**15 Sept (Fri)** Deadline for RF News Articles



**21 Sept (Thurs)** Technician Class 6:00 PM  
Goodwood Library Technology Lab

**23 Sept (Sat)** Central Louisiana ARC  
Hamfest, Alexandria, LA

**26 Sept (Tues)** BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM  
Goodwood Library  
*Program Topic: CHiRP Programming Software*

## Breakfast



Fridays at Frank's in  
Baton Rouge at 7:30 AM

Saturdays at James Grill in  
Denham Springs at 6:30 AM

## Hamfest Calendar

### **22 – 23 September**

Central Louisiana ARC Hamfest  
Alexandria, LA

[CLARC Hamfest Link](#)

### **30 September**

ARC of Shreveport  
Tailgate/Swap Meet/Catfish Fry  
Shreveport, LA

[ARCOS Link](#)

### **11 November**

Greater New Orleans Hamfest  
Crescent City Amateur Radio Group  
Harahan, LA

[GNO Hamfest Link](#)

## Hamfest

### **16 December**

MARA Annual Christmas Hamfest  
Minden, LA

[Christmas Hamfest Link](#)



An Amateur Radio Operator Technician Licensing Class is scheduled to start on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library on Goodwood Boulevard.

The classes begin at 6 pm and will be held on Thursdays in the Technology Lab.

The recommended text for the classes is Stu Turner's HamRadioSchool.com Technician & General License Course.

Anyone interested in learning about Amateur Radio is welcome to attend. For further information send email to [brarc @ brarc.org](mailto:brarc@brarc.org)

✓ **Next VE Testing Date is October 31 at 6 PM at the Goodwood Library.**

# Louisiana ARES Region 2 Emergency Net Update



The Region 2 ARES Planning & Education Committee met Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 08:00, Another Broken Egg @CitiPlace. Agenda items discussed included the following points:

- Increasing membership roles in Region 2 to register with the Section (ARES). Presently 42% of the 69 emergency amateur radio operators are listed in the Section's database. In the event that Region 2 is in need of EAROs, the Section's database will be able to assist our Region with outside help as we may be of assistance to other Regions in the Section (State). Membership is encouraged to go the Section web page and register. There is no cost or obligation.
- The Region 2 Education Programs will be offering FEMA courses that are required by several of our served agencies in the event of a declared disaster. **On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**, IC 100 & 200 will be offered at the West Baton Rouge Parish EOC at the Port of Baton Rouge. If you are interested in taking the courses and receiving credit, you will need to register with FEMA and get a SID assigned. It is easy to do by going to Emergency Management Institute's website, <https://training.fema.gov/is/>. IC700 & 800 will be offered in the following quarters. If plan on attending the program, please see information and directions below:

*Westbound from U.S. Interstate 10 Mississippi River Bridge, remain in the middle lane on the bridge and take the Plaquemine exit (Exit 153). Immediately exiting the ramp, remain in the right lane and proceed straight to the port entrance. A security guard will check your driver's license and vehicle license number. The MSOC/EOC/9-1-1 Building is a silver building located on the river levee on your right. The meeting will be held in the Classroom on the first floor of the building.*

*Eastbound from U.S. Interstate 10, take Exit 153 just before crossing the U.S. Interstate 10 Mississippi River Bridge. Immediately exiting the ramp, remain in the right lane and proceed straight to the port entrance. A security guard will check your driver's license and vehicle license number. The MSOC/EOC/9-1-1 Building is a silver building located on the river levee on your right. The meeting will be held in the Classroom on the first floor of the building.*

*If anyone has issues finding the building they can call the office that night at [225-346-1577](tel:225-346-1577).*



- The following information is regarding discussion of our served agencies, Red Cross, GOHSEP, and our respective Parish EOCs. Specifically, Red Cross is requesting assistance with communication courses on September 23rd and September 30, 2017, at the Red Cross Capital West Area Headquarters on Sherwood Commons. EAROs are encouraged to contact Steve Irving, WA5FKF. If any EARO is working or interested in working with their Parish EOC in emergency communication, please contact Robert Hobbs, N5ULA. Gerard DuCote, W5TZX, indicated that ARES training as related to required FEMA Region 6 protocols is in the final stages. Gerard indicated that once the final product package is complete, it will be distributed to our Section Regions.
- Robert Hobbs, N5ULA, our Region 2 DEC, announced he is requesting EAROs who are interested in becoming their Parish or served agency's Emergency Coordinator to contact him.
- LA ARES Region 2 Emergency Net was discussed as there is a need to recruit & train additional Net Control Stations (NCS). **In addition, due to numerous nets on Sunday evening, there was discussion of moving the net to Thursday's nights** that would allow EAROs to participate in the Section ARES HF net as well as the Section's Digital and club nets. The Thursday night nets would replace Sunday's net and would begin on the 1st Thursday in September at 8:00pm CDT. **Please forward your thoughts and comments to Michael J. Nolan, regarding whether the net should or should not be moved. A decision will be made prior to or no later than August 31, 2017. Region 2 ARES members will be notified.**



LA ARES Region 2 Planning & Education Committee share information about amateur radio emergency services with Congressman Garret Graves. Pictured from left to right is Representative Graves, Jon Reise, WA9JBR; Michael J. Nolan, KD5MLD; Robin Hudson, KK5RH; and Gerard DuCote W5TZX.

## W5KID 2016-2017 Operating Summary



The Independence Day activation of W5KID marked the end of another successful season of operating onboard the USS KIDD Museum Ship. The USS KIDD DD-661 is a Fletcher-class destroyer museum ship located on the banks of the Mississippi River. The Baton Rouge icon was celebrating the 35th anniversary of its arrival in Baton Rouge this year. The celebration inspired Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club members to organize 9 operating events held in the KIDD's radar jamming room utilizing the call sign W5KID.

### W5KID 2016-2017 Logged Contacts

Month	Event	Contacts
Nov	Veterans Day	108
Dec	Pearl Harbor Day	212
Feb	Lundi Gras	38
Mar	Louisiana QSO Party	65
Mar	Vietnam Veterans Day	39
May	Armed Forces Day	78
May	Memorial Day	118
June	Museum Ships on the Air	370
July	Independence Day	110
<b>Total</b>		<b>1138</b>

It was another season of firsts for W5KID operators. Joe Clark (N5HDX), a radioman on the Fletcher-class destroyer USS EATON DD-510, and his daughter Lou Ann (W5LDX), a Marine Corps Veteran, visited the USS KIDD for the first time and operated CW for the Veterans Day event. Buddy (N5BUD) missed his first events in years as he dried out from the August flood. Dave (K5CGX) piloted the W5KID station through a series of successful events.

Jen (K5NMT), a W5KID rookie no longer, stepped onto the ship with her own newly minted general class license, soon shed her old call sign and participated in 7 out of the 9 events. Forty BRARC members and guests signed up to be operators and loggers over the course of the season. Many experienced the other side of the pile-up for the first time.

Some variety emerged on the bands and modes. W5KID transmitted for the first time in the digital mode JT65. CW was transmitted during three of the events. SSB phone carried the mail. It was responsible for 93% of all contacts logged. The 6 meter antenna returned to action for the first time in recent memory. The 6 meter opening produced contacts made from Virginia to California. 20 meters and its long skip zone remained the band of choice. W5KID's long wire was tuned to 20 meters for 87% of the contacts.

The W5KID 2016-2017 season netted 1138 logged contacts. It began with 320 contacts logged for the Veterans and Pearl Harbor Day events. Vietnam Veterans Day, Lundi Gras and the Louisiana QSO party would add 140. The May events of Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day produced 196 contacts. Those braving the warmer temperatures of June's Museum Ships on the Air were rewarded with 370 contacts. Independence Day closed out the season adding 110 to the log.

Contacts were made across the US. Only Hawaii evaded W5KID's reach and a Worked All States victory this season. Kappy (WA4WTG) a Navy Veteran and friend of the station worked W5KID 5 times this season. Locally, the Hebert family managed 5 contacts with W5KID this season. W5KID also worked a bit of DX. Contacts were made with 13 countries and 6 Canadian Provinces.

Operators and Loggers that appeared in the W5KID 2016-2017 Logbook: K5AHE, AG5AY, K5CGX, N5EKF, N5HDX, K5HLC, KC5HMI, N5IB, KG5IQU, KG5IRS, WA9JBR, W5KQ, KG5KRV, WB5LBR, W5LDX, KG5LLM, KD5MLD, WA5MLF, K5NMT, KD5RFI, KK5RH, KG5SJQ, KE5TA, KF5TQN, KG5UIA, KG5UIB, KF5UUQ, AD5VC, NS5W, KB5YHI, W5ZDW.

Thanks to all the USS KIDD Veterans Museum staff, BRARC members and guests that make W5KID operations enjoyable and successful operating events.

More information on the USS KIDD Veterans Museum is available at [www.usskidd.com](http://www.usskidd.com)  
Also check [brarc.org](http://brarc.org) for updates on upcoming W5KID activations.

- Brett Hebert, KG5IQU

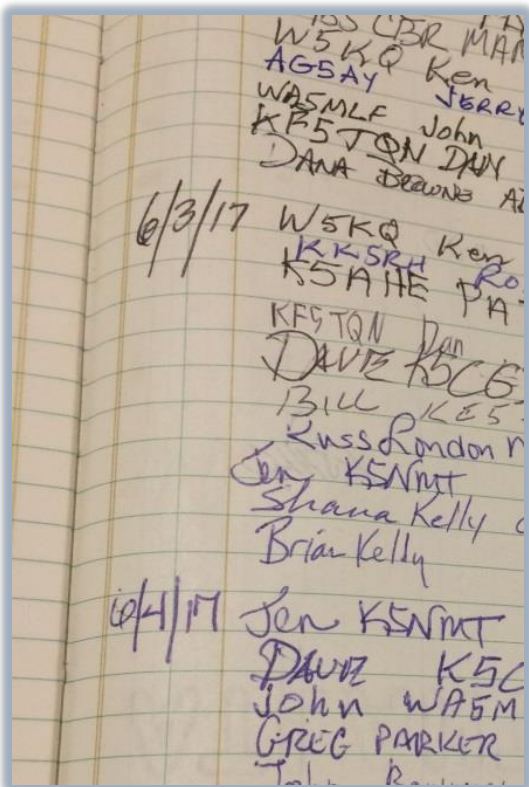
John, WA5MLF



Joe Clark, N5HDX



Jen, K5NMT



Synomen, KG5IRS and Logan, KG5LLM





## **Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club July Meeting Topic Emergency Preparedness**

At the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club meeting on July 25, 2017, Gerard DuCote, W5TZX, and Steve Irving, WA5FKF, co-hosted the presentation on Emergency Preparedness and the role amateur radio operators play in serving the community in disasters such as what Louisiana experienced in the August 2016 flood.

Gerard began the presentation by presenting the organization structure that brings all the volunteer resources under the umbrella coordinative efforts of the State of Louisiana. Gerard reiterated that all communication personnel are ICS and NIMS certified as well as licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to operate at specific radio frequencies.

Steve Irving, Disaster Services Technology Lead for the Louisiana Region, noted that preparation under Red Cross begins 150 hours before the event is expected to affect Louisiana. Radios, computers, and other communication equipment have to be ordered and radio operator volunteers have to be notified and placed on standby.

Both Gerard and Steve stressed that all volunteers undergo a training program before they are assigned work with an agency involved in an emergency situation.

For further information on how you as a licensed amateur radio operation can serve your community please read the article in this RF News Edition by Michael Nolan, KD5MLD, on pages 5-6 titled "Louisiana ARES Region 2 Emergency Net Update".



Photo from left to right taken in the Communication's Room Red Cross: John Stevens, K5JS; Steve Irving, WA5FKF; Dan Lott, KF5TQN; Jonah Vice, KG5UJW; Keith Tubbs, KG5SXS; and Cory Rogers, KG5QCU.

*- Thornton Cofield, K5HLC*



**Vernon, AA5O is proud recipient of the July 25<sup>th</sup> general meeting's door prize from Robin, KK5RH.**

## **Board of Directors Approves Update to Bylaws of Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

The club's updated bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors at the August Board meeting. Approval and adoption of the bylaws will be presented to the membership for a vote at the September 2017 club meeting.

The updates clarified the club's membership categories, terms of office and added Public Information and Outreach as well as Finance to the standing committees.

The update of the bylaws continues to reflect the club's core values and is recorded in the bylaws as follows:

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club is a nonprofit Corporation organized to facilitate the exchange of radio knowledge and information among its members; to promote operating skills; to conduct its programs and activities to be of service to the general public and to educate members and the public concerning Amateur Radio in the areas of public service, emergency communications, and communications technology; to advance the interest and welfare of Amateur Radio.

Thanks to all those that contributed to this update that reinforces the club's vision and provides guidance for the future.

Members are encouraged to review the bylaws and cast a vote at the September club meeting.

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## **BRARC Club Scouting Report August 2017**



The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have updated the requirements for the Radio Merit Badge for 2017. A new option for the Radio Merit Badge is Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF). ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, said he's "really excited" about the move, and he credited Jamboree on the Air Coordinator (JOTA) and K2BSA trustee Jim Wilson, K5ND, with being the "spark plug" behind the ARDF addition.

Reporting on the activities from the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, Michael J. Nolan, KD5MLD, found that the new option for the Radio Merit Badge is very popular with not only the youth, but also, adults.

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## Scouting Report Continued –

Scouts and Scouters had fun tracking hidden transmitters to complete the optional requirement for the Radio Merit Badge. The ARDF antenna equipment is easy to construct using WB2HOL Tape Measure Beam Optimized for Radio

Direction Finding that was published in a QST article. The flexibility of the radials allowed for easy storage as well as for "forgiveness" if the antenna was accidentally dropped.

As band conditions continued to be difficult to make voice contacts, Echolink and D-Star provided the Scouts & Scouters the opportunity to make that one-on-one 10 minute QSO. Ballooning was also fun as there was a giant TV screen to track the balloon travels across the eastern US and the Atlantic toward Europe as well as the ISS.

There were two balloon launches over the 10 days at the Jamboree. Morse Code continued to be of interest and the "Code" tent was busy with coders learning techniques.

All in all there were approximately 400 visits per 12 hour days to K2BSA. If you are interested in becoming a member of K2BSA, please go to K2BSA Amateur Radio Association's website and register. This is a great program for our youths and for adults to interact with amateur radio services.

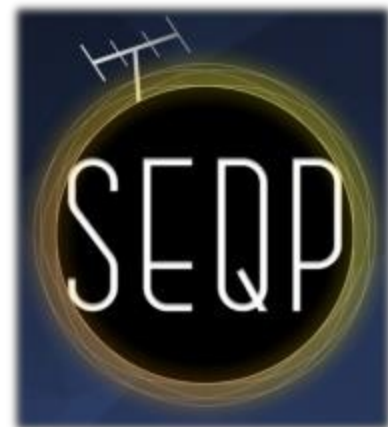
- Michael Nolan, KD5MLD



The Highland Road Park  
Observatory  
is hosting a viewing event  
11 AM - 3 PM



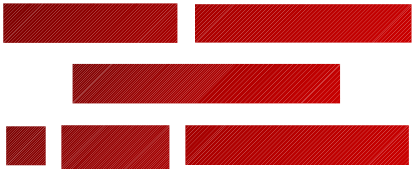
[ARRL Article Link](#)



HamSCI Solar Eclipse QSO Party  
1400-2200 UTC - August 21

[HamSCI SEQP Rules Link](#)

\*\*See more info on the Eclipse on  
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For the eclipse, LSU's scientific ballooning team will be launching two balloon payloads from Carbondale, IL. One balloon (ACES-57) will be streaming live video of the moon's shadow. The other balloon has some experimental payloads (ACES-58) to measure sound speed, ultraviolet, and solar brightness during the eclipse.

Link for live video: [eclipse.stream.live](http://eclipse.stream.live) or [nasa.gov/eclipselive](http://nasa.gov/eclipselive)

Flight info:

<http://laspace.lsu.edu/aces/flightinfo/flightinfo.php>

Habhub.org is a balloon tracking website that compiles APRS traffic that is gated from 144.39 to the internet. Enter the call sign of our primary beacon during the eclipse and you can get a map of the flights.

If anyone needs information on eclipse viewing and the like, we have a website [laspace.lsu.edu/teacheclipse](http://laspace.lsu.edu/teacheclipse). There is material there for teachers, but parents could do the activities with their children if they are not in school. NASA's website at [eclipse2017.nasa.gov](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov) is also excellent.

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Dana Browne, AD5VC



## Snippets from your Secretary

I am heading up the election committee for the club this year. Gerard DuCote (W5TZX), Robin Hudson (KK5RH) and I will be seeking club members to fill all positions for next year. **We will be returning to paper ballots for the election.**

I will send an electronic copy of the ballot to Jennifer to publish in the October edition of the RF News. You can print and cut the ballot out of the RF News and bring them with you so the Election Committee can tally the votes during the program of the November club meeting which will be the annual club auction. I will also have a few paper ballots with me at the November meeting for those who do not have access to a printer.

I will be contacting the current officers and board members to see if they are still planning on serving on the board of directors for next year. I will publish the open positions in the September and October editions of the RF News. We will reveal the slate of new officers at the October club meeting.

The newly elected officers will be sworn in at the BRARC 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in serving on next year's Board of Directors please contact me. My phone # is 225-788-2668. You can also contact either Robin or Gerard as well.

73,  
Todd-AB5TH





## ***BRARC History*** ***Continued from June 2017*** ***Issue of RF News***

**In honor of the Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, this concludes the 50 year history as documented on the BRARC website.**

### **1980**

The club meeting and the annual hamfest were moved to Catholic High School.

### **1982**

BRARC club members were on-hand as the USS Kidd was moved to Baton Rouge. The Central States VHF Society Conference held their annual meeting from July 29 to August 1 at the Hilton Hotel. The event featured lecturers, forums and demonstrations. Jack Coffe – WD5ELJ began working on a VHF RTTY net.

### **1984**

In September, an autopatch was installed on the 145.45 repeater. The annual dues for the club was set at \$10.00

### **1985**

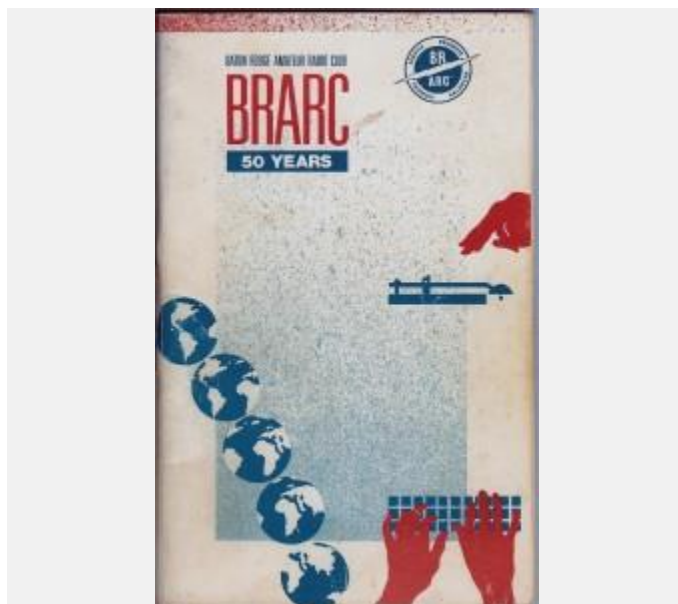
BRARC was approved as an ARRL Special Service Club.

### **1986**

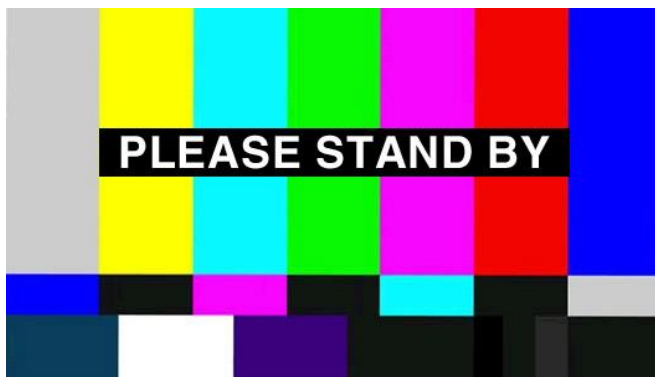
BRARC obtained a surplus travel trailer for emergency operations. The clubs HF and VHF equipment was installed and W5URR worked very hard to make the trailer operational. The trailer was used at several field days and other events.

### **1987**

BRARC celebrated its 50th anniversary. A detailed report of the club history was drafted by Al Heine (W5OVV), club member since 1947, and it was published in the annual membership directory.



BRARC 50 Year Club Directory



## For Further Information

### 21 October

Baton Rouge Mini Maker Faire  
Goodwood Library  
[Mini Maker Faire Link](#)

**\*\*Contact Dan Lott, KF5TQN for further information or to coordinate your participation.**

### 28 November

BRARC Meeting  
Pot Luck, Annual Club Auction,  
and Election of Officers

### 9 December

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet  
at Mike Anderson's  
New Officers' Induction

## BRARC Elmers

Buddy Brown, N5BUD

Keith Davis, KE5LVT

If you need assistance, please contact one of the above. If you would like to be an Elmer, please contact the club secretary, Todd, AB5TH.



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**Facebook**

## BRARC Facebook Page

Please visit and "like" our BRARC Facebook page. You will find a link at the club's website: <http://www.brarc.org>.

## Radio Loan Program



Radios are available for loan to BRARC members for a 90-day period. The procedure is to complete the application available on our website, and pay the rental fee of \$20 for the HF radio, \$15 for the VHF base radio, and \$5 for the 2m/440 HT.

**If you are newly licensed**, we will assist you in determining the best antenna for your location and assist you in the construction and installation of your antenna. The cost of the antenna will be the responsibility of the borrower.

### For Details, Pictures, and Loan Application:

Go to [www.brarc.org](http://www.brarc.org), and click on the Radio Loan tab.

## Portable Op in Georgia



A good friend who has been a ham for 40 years offered me this advice: (1) any wire can be an antenna, and (2) it doesn't matter what it looks like as long as it works. In that case, I achieved a definite success!

On a recent trip to Georgia, I brought along my Kenwood HF and this 40 meter antenna made by Dana that was resonant in the middle of the band at about 5 feet. Since I did not have access to a ladder, I recruited my cousin to put a sturdy wood screw in this piece of plywood. Since it was a solo mission, it took a few attempts to keep it upright while securing the ends to a couple of trees. The weather cooperated beautifully with a high temperature of 82 and breezy in July. I experienced a few expected challenges to reach the coax to the radio. Window screens are overrated anyway. The main objective of my portable op was to spend quality time with my recently-retired uncle whose career involved receiving and copying code. He enjoyed reminiscing, and was amused by hams' interest in the weather. We made a good phone contact in New Jersey, and attempted to contact 2 DX stations that we could clearly hear, but could not get a good copy. Close! I was unable to talk much because of a persistent cough. I have the satisfaction of knowing that I can do an unassisted portable set-up, and my uncle was impressed that I did it in less than 1 hour. Apparently, that gives one bragging rights in a certain career field.

73, Jen K5NMT

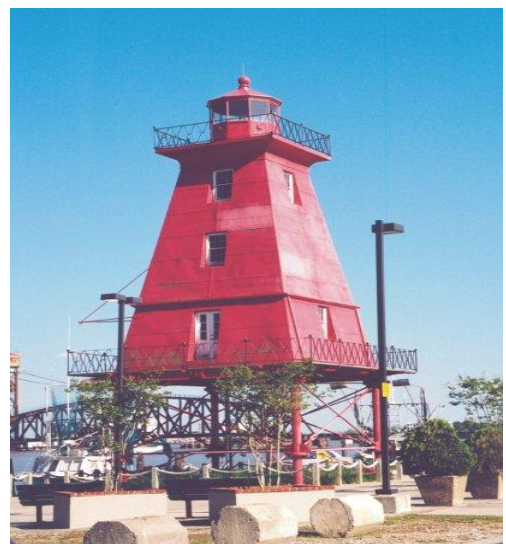
This Weekend  
August 19 & 20

International  
Lighthouse-Lightship  
Weekend

The BEARS Morgan City Club will be working a special event station Aug 19 & 20 as part of the International Lighthouse- Lightship Weekend. They will operate the club call sign W5BMC.

The lighthouse is the Southwest Reef Light House that was moved to Berwick in the '90s, and is the feature piece of Berwick's Lighthouse Park. They will be operating from the Berwick river front. Besides the ham radio SES, there will plenty of food, music, and arts & crafts.

[Click on Link for Details](#)



-Submitted by Elmer Tatum, N5EKF

## 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Name Badges and Mugs



**Yaesu-FT 950**  
(purchased new in 2011)  
and desk mic that is similar to a  
Yaesu MD-100. \$900.

**Please Contact:**  
**Chris Houghton-W5SLU**  
**(225) 218-5445**



Available for Purchase from  
Rick Pourciau, NV5A  
The SignMan of Baton Rouge

Follow the link to place your order.

[The SignMan Badges and Mugs](#)

Contest Corral

[ARRL Contest Calendar](#)

[Non ARRL Contests Link](#)

**North American QSO SSB**  
**1800 UTC 19 Aug –**  
**0600 UTC 20 Aug**

## A Friendly Reminder

- ✓ Please contact Michael Nolan, KD5MLD, regarding moving the Region 2 ARES Net to Thursdays at 8 PM.
- ✓ Review changes to the Bylaws.
- ✓ Consider nominating someone or serving on the Board of Directors in 2018.





In memory and honor of



**Al Saizan, KB5WGA**

It is with much regret that I inform you of a former Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club member who is now a silent key. Al Saizan (KB5WGA) passed away early Saturday morning August 12.

Al used to cook "Drunk Chickens" at Field Day several years back.

Please keep Al's family in your thought and prayers.

Thank you to Wayne Matherne (N5YFC) for passing this information to me.

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