



RF NEWS

November 2017

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Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

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Repeaters:	146.790 - and 444.400 + (PL tone 107.2) Both Yaesu System Fusion
Nets:	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 September 2017

We all know, to have a successful club, it takes the hard work and dedication of many members during the year. As we gradually close out this year, I want to recognize some of these individuals, with more to come next month.

Let me again thank Dana Browne, AD5VC for another great Field Day, our largest operating event of the year. And Chris Kersey, KE5PQO, for his hospitality in lending us use of the observatory for several events. Steve Irving, WA5FKF was a lifesaver by allowing us to conduct our Board meetings at the American Red Cross. Dave Thomas, K5CGX has done another fantastic job of coordinating and promoting the operating events at the USS KIDD, while Buddy Brown, N5BUD took a break to recover from the flooding.

Brett Hebert, KG5IQU ran two Technician Classes. He launched a new format for the classes, which turned out to be very successful. Brett and Buddy conducted the VE Test sessions during the year, which brought several new members into the club.

As we all know, we need to grow our hobby and also our club. Attracting new members and holding on to our existing members has been the mission of Thornton Cofield, K5HLC. As chairman of the Public Information and Outreach Committee, Thornton has publicized our club in The Advocate and reached out to perspective members as well as trying to retain our existing members. The results have been significant.

Thanks to all of these members for their hard work and dedication during the year.

I again enjoyed operating on Veterans Day from W5KID on the USS KIDD. I worked an afternoon shift with Brook, N5DGK and Jen, K5NMT. Working the pileups is always fun and we had calls from as far away as Venezuela, Cuba, and Puerto Rico! We have one more event before year end, so please join us on December 7th for Pearl Harbor Day.

As you have heard, our **November meeting is on Tuesday, the 28th with a 6 pm start.** Please join your fellow members for a Pot Luck dinner followed by the election of our 2018 Board. Our annual club auction follows, benefiting the club. Look around the shack and garage for all those unused items that you want to get rid of. Club members can also auction off personal items that they want to sell.

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Our final club event for the year is our **Christmas and 80th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, December 9th**. Robin, KK5RH and his committee has put together an enjoyable program, with great prizes for all to enjoy. This is a family event, so get your RSVP in soon. Seats are filling up.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. If you are travelling, please travel safe. Enjoy the end of our regular LSU season, and good contesting or DXing to you. Hope to see you at our November meeting and December Banquet.

Until next month, take care.

73,
Jon, WA9JBR

[ARRL Contest Calendar](#)

December

1-3 160 Meter
9-10 10 Meter
17 Rookie Roundup - CW

[Non ARRL Contests Link](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Nov 28 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 6:00 PM
Goodwood Library
Auction, Election of 2018 Board Officers &
Pot Luck Dinner
***See Page 6**

Please bring the following food according to the suffix of your call sign.

Suffix	
A-I	Dessert or salad
J-R	Main Dish
No Call	Side Dish
S-Z	Side Dish

Dec 5 (Tues) BRARC Board Meeting
Red Cross Building 6:30 PM

Dec 9 (Sat) BRARC Holiday Banquet &
80th Anniversary Commemoration
Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant
***See Page 5**

Breakfast



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

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

ANNOUNCING RED STICK DX ASSOCIATION

If you enjoy a little help from your friends during a DX contest or want to notify everyone of a rare entity at any time, you definitely want to join the Red Stick DX Association Facebook Page managed by Robin Hudson, KK5RH.

Even though some operators will be quick to protest, spotting assistance is usually allowed during contests, but the operator is required to indicate the contacts as **“assisted” on the official log.** Read and follow the rules.

It's a lot of fun to help each other out. In the recent CQ WW DX contest, I was determined to make a JA (Japan) contact, and my fellow ham buddies directed me to the frequency. I submitted my log as assisted. If the other operators would only confirm, it would put me one entity closer to the DXCC award.

The main objective of the group is to “do radio together.” DX is icing on the cake. Hope to see you there!

Jen, K5NMT



Hamfest Calendar

December 16, 2017

Minden Amateur Radio Association
Annual Christmas Hamfest
Minden Civic Center 520 Broadway Street
Minden, LA 71055

[Christmas Hamfest Link](#)

January 20, 2018

SELARC 37th Annual Hamfest
Hammond, LA

[SELARC Hamfest](#)

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club
Cordially invites you and your family to

The 2017 Christmas
And 80th Anniversary Banquet

Saturday, December 9 at 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Mike Anderson's Seafood
1031 West Lee Drive Baton Rouge, Louisiana



The Program will include the following:

Recap 2017 Activities
Induction of 2018 Board and Officers
Club History and Testimonials
Awards and Prizes

RSVP # Attendees by December 5
Todd Huovinen, AB5TH





Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club *Auction*

Tuesday, November 28th, 6 – 9 pm

Main Library at 7711 Goodwood Blvd

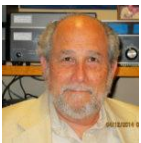
Part of the Club meeting, with Pot Luck dinner and election of 2018 Board.

This is our yearly Club fund raiser.

You can donate your items or have your items auctioned with you keeping the proceeds, minus 10% handling fee.

Bring your radios, HTs, antennas, accessories, and any electronic items for auction.

Don't forget your extra cash, for bargains galore!



David Assaf, W5XU returns from Mellish Reef DXpedition to be our auctioneer.

Submitted by Jon Reise, WA9JBR



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November 11, 2017
W5KID Event

The Veterans Day Event on the USS Kidd was well-attended by old and new club members as well as guests. Club members made more than 100 phone contacts. Louann, W5LDX and Joe Clark, N5HDX joined us from Texas for the 2nd year, and made several CW contacts. Brett Hebert, KG5IQU operated inside the museum and made numerous contacts using various digital modes. We made phone contacts in at least 3 DX entities including Puerto Rico that is still recovering from hurricane damage. Plan to join us to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th.



Cliff Oliver, Dave Thomas K5CGX,
Jon Reise WA9JBR



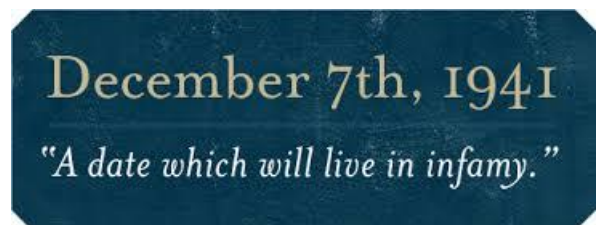
Brett Hebert, KG5IQU working in the lobby of the USS KIDD Museum.



Charlie Mercier KG5VTE,
Louann Clark W5LDX, Joe Clark N5HDX

The club thanks Dave Thomas, K5CGX for coordinating the operating events at the USS Kidd that are enjoyed by so many.

Sign up today to reserve your operating time on December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day. Contact Dave



Photos by Thornton Cofield, K5HLC

2018 BRARC Board of Directors Election – Tues Nov 28, 2017

Nominee(s)

President - Robin Hudson (KK5RH)

Vice-Pres - Todd Huovinen (AB5TH)

Treasurer - Tom Harrell (KE5LVQ)

Secretary - Brett Hebert (KG5IQU)

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES (4 to be elected)

Dan Lott (KF5TQN)

Bill Smith (KE5TA)

Jennifer Bordelon (K5NMT)

Ken Shutt (W5KQ)

Brook Samuel (N5DGK)

Dave Thomas (K5CGX)

Thornton Cofield (K5HLC)

Jerry Clouatre (AG5AY)

Gerard DuCote (W5TZX)

- Submitted by Election Committee Chair,
Steve Irving, WA5FKF

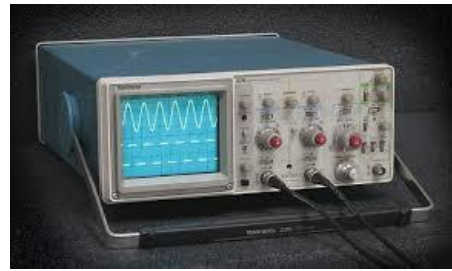
Donation of Test Equipment

Hank Ellis, K5HDE, one of our club members, has been kind enough to donate three pieces of test equipment to the club. With Hank's donation, we were able to replace our MFJ-269 antenna analyzer. We lost our club's last analyzer in the flood and we are glad to have a replacement. This is a great tool for checking out your antennas and keeping a log of SWR readings for comparison in the future.



MFJ-269

For those DYIers, we now have a Tektronix 2215 oscilloscope available for use. Whether you are fixing or building new, this instrument allows you to observe amplitude, frequency, distortion and others over time. It is complete with test probes and a manual.



Tektronix 2215

The last test instrument is a RF frequency counter. It is an Eldorado Electronics 1615K1Y2-14 frequency counter. A frequency counter usually measures the number of oscillations or pulses per second in a periodic electronic signal.



Eldorado Frequency Counter

BRARC club members can use any of these instruments for your personal use. Contact Jon Reise, WA9JBR for more information.

Thanks to Hank, K5HDE for his kind donation. If you want to make a tax exempt donation to the club for the benefit of the members, please contact us.

Submitted by Jon Reise, WA9JBR

December 2017 QST Announcement



The ARRL International Grid Chase Get ready to kick off 2018 with a new year-long operating event!

*Bart Jahnke, W9JJ
ARRL Contest Branch Manager*

You may not know this, but your station is in a *Maidenhead grid square*. The entire world is divided into thousands of these 1° latitude × 2° longitude squares, each one with a unique designation. They're all part of a geographic location system adopted in the 1980s at a meeting of the VHF Working Group in Maidenhead, England.

Unless you are a VHF enthusiast, this nugget of information may not mean much. But at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2018, the global Amateur Radio community will be very interested in grid squares.

Get in the Chase

The objective of the ARRL International Grid Chase is simple: Work stations in as many grid squares as possible and upload your log data to ARRL's Logbook of The World. If you are not currently registered with Logbook of The World, this is a good reason to get started. Go to <https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started/>. Registration and uploading are *free*.

Link to full article [Grid Chase](#)



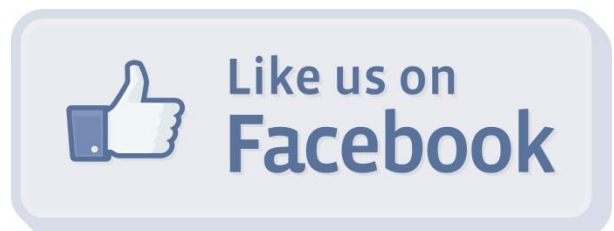
October Meeting



Pictured Robin Hudson, KK5RH
and John Mark Robertson, K5JMR

Winner Thornton Cofield, K5HLC

Photo by Thornton Cofield Jr., K5HLC



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, and click on the Radio Loan tab.

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.



Just like that! The Holiday Season has arrived, and we all soon will be busy with the festivities that I enjoy each year. I do put a Christmas tree in my radio room. It gives me even more pleasure because my former mentor would consider it an FCC violation. Well, almost.



Due to the Christmas Season, I ask that you submit RF News articles to me by December 10, and I will submit the newsletter for distribution by December 15.

Please email articles and information to me. It may be a shorter issue, but my decorating time, I meant, spending time with our families and enjoying this time of the year is most important. I look forward to seeing you at the club pot luck dinner and auction, and also at the Christmas Banquet.

73, Gen. K5VM7