



RF NEWS

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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



Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club 2018 Board of Directors



Seated from left to right: President Robin Hudson KK5RH, Vice-President Todd Huovinen AB5TH, and Board Member Jennifer Bordelon K5NMT

Standing from left to right: Board Member Thornton Cofield K5HLC, Board Member Bill Smith KE5TA, Board Member Jerry Clouatre AG5AY, Board Member Dave Thomas K5CGX, Treasurer Tom Harrell KE5LVQ, Board Member Ken Shutt W5KQ, Secretary Brett Hebert KG5IQU, and Board Member Brook Samuel N5DKG

2018

Upcoming Events

Jan 30 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM
Goodwood Library

*Program Topic: Introduction to APRS
by Mike Blazek, N5UKZ*

Jan 30 (Tue) VE Testing 6:00 PM
Goodwood Library

Feb 6 (Tues) BRARC Board Meeting
6:30 PM
New Location: Bluebonnet Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard

Feb 20 (Tue) 1st Quarter ARES Training
Contact Michael Nolan, KD5MLD

Feb 27 (Tue) BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM
New Location: Bluebonnet Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard
*Program Topic: Repeater Operating
Procedures by Brook Samuel, N5DGK*



Weekly 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

January 26-27, 2018

Capital City Hamfest
Jackson, MS

[Website](#)

March 9

Louisiana State ARRL Convention
58th Acadiana Hamfest
Rayne, LA

[Website](#)

[Link](#) to ARRL Hamfests

Contest Dates January 2018

27-28 **Winter Field Day**



[Winter Field Day Rules](#)

February 2018

12-16 **School Club Roundup**
17-18 **International DX – CW**

[ARRL Contest Link](#)

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club's 80th Anniversary and Christmas Party

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club held its 2017 annual Christmas Party on December 9 at Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant. The room was festively decorated with two Christmas trees and Poinsettias on each table and a cash bar. It was a nice social setting for forty-two club members and their spouses.

President Jon Reise, WA9JBR, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then walked through the year's 2017 highlights via an overhead screen. A short history of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club from 1937 to the present was presented by Gerald DuCote, W5TZX. Formed in early 1937 in Baton Rouge with only 10 members the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club rapidly expanded holding a statewide American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Convention later that year with Baton Rouge Mayor Wade Bynum delivering the opening remarks. By the mid-60s, club membership had climbed to approximately 400 with such influential members as past LSU President John Hunter playing an integral role in club activities. Vernon Morris, AA5O, added to Gerald's presentation by noting how informal amateur radio was in those days. He remembered that back in the 1960s cell phones were nonexistent and long distance phone calls were very expensive. While attending Louisiana Tech he would contact a fellow ham by the name of John for a phone patch to his parents. The fellow ham was very nice and always accommodating. It wasn't until later that Vernon learned that the President of LSU was handling his phone patches. Today our club has just over 100 members, and is pursuing new approaches to amateur radio communication that was not available just 30 years ago.

President Jon Reise, WA9JBR, presented service awards to John Krupsky, WA5MLF, for his work on developing and maintaining the club's website; Jennifer Bordelon, K5NMT, for her work on the club's newsletter *RF News*; and Buddy Brown, N5BUD, for his service over the years in providing education and training for club members and his dedication toward the USS KIDD station W5KID. Jon then presided over the installation of the new Board for 2018.

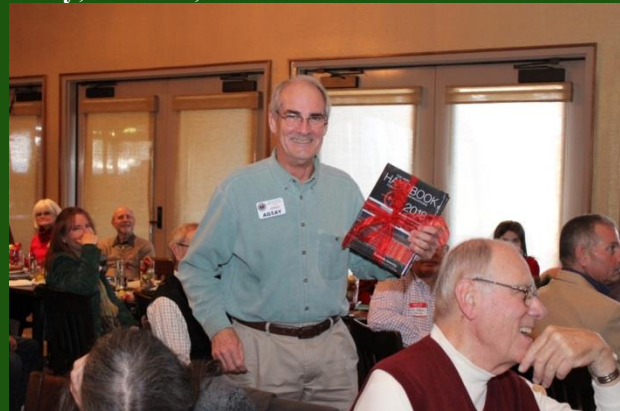
Our last order of business and perhaps the one event that generated the most excitement was orchestrated and developed by Robin Hudson, KK5RH. It was the pulling of several door prizes, and rather than noting them here let's let the photos show the winners' delight.

For further information about the history of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club and club activities please visit www.brarc.org.

Daniel, NK5HM, won a Yaesu FT-60R



Jerry, AG5AY, won the ARRL 2018 Handbook



Article and Photos by Thornton Cofield, K5HLC



Walker, WB5MPV, won a Baofeng HT



Synomen, KG5IRS, won the Fonville Winans Cookbook - Brynn, KG5KRV, and Logan, KG5LLM



John, WA5MLF, won the ARRL Grounding and Bonding Book



Pat, K5AHE, won a Baofeng HT



Steve, WA5FKF, won a Baofeng HT

2017 Service Awards



Buddy Brown, N5BUD

Award for Club Education and Training and Coordinating the USS Kidd station W5KID

Presenter John Reise, WA9JBR
2017 President

Jennifer Bordelon, K5NMT

Award for Editing and Publishing the Club Newsletter *RF News*



John Krupsky, WA5MLF

Award for Serving as Club Webmaster

Photos by Thornton Cofield, K5HLC



Exam Scheduled on January 30

Location: Main Library on Goodwood Blvd
Arrive by 5:45 PM.

To take a test, candidates need to bring the following:

- Pencil(s)
- Exam fee is \$15
- Photo ID
- Copy of your current FCC license or CSCE (for those upgrading)
- Calculator – This is optional and you must be able to demonstrate that the memories are blank.

If you are taking your first test, we recommend that you register with the FCC and get your FRN number. This can be used on the forms instead of using your Social Security number. You can register [here](#).

Future Exam Dates

April 19

April 24

July 31

October 30

Technician Licensing Classes Begin in March 2018

Amateur Radio Technician license classes will begin March 1, 2018. The classes will be held on Thursdays at 6 PM. The classes will conclude on April 19, 2018 with a VE License Exam Session. The classes and the exam will be located in the 2nd floor Technology Lab of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library's Main Branch at 7711 Goodwood Boulevard.

The recommended text for this year is Stu Turner's hamradioschool.com Technician and General Class License Course Books. The ARRL Ham Radio License Manuals are also recommended as supplemental references. All are available for purchase online.

Newly licensed Amateur Radio Operators and anyone interested in learning about Amateur Radio are welcome to attend.

More information may be found on the Club's website brarc.org or by emailing the Club brarc@brarc.org

-By Brett Hebert, KG5IQU

REMEMBER: WITH GREAT
POWER COMES GREAT
CURRENT SQUARED
TIMES RESISTANCE.



OHM NEVER FORGOT HIS
DYING UNCLE'S ADVICE.

W5KID Operating Schedule



29 March	Vietnam Veteran's Day
19 May	Armed Forces Day
28 May	Memorial Day
2 – 3 June	Museum Ships Weekend
4 July	Independence Day
11 Nov	Veteran's Day
7 Dec	Pearl Harbor Day

Times and dates may vary, and will be included in RF News. Operating times on the weekend are usually 10 AM – 3:30 PM. Sign-up sheets will be available before the events.

You can arrange a date and time to operate with a club member who has at least a general class license.

13TH ANNUAL EAGLE EXPO

**February 22-24, 2018
Morgan City, Louisiana**



The BEARS of Morgan City will be hosting a Special Event station Saturday February 24, 2018 to publicize the 13th Eagle Expo. Please refer to Cajun Coast Visitor Center to review all of the information on the various educational events that will take place. [Link to Website](#)

On Saturday the 24th, the club will go on the air at 10am until 4pm hoping to make contacts throughout the country. The station will be set up at the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium where many of the educational seminars will take place.

The club will be working 20m and 40m and is listed in the Special Event list of the ARRL.

We hope friends from the Baton Rouge area will try to contact us, and if anyone attends the event, please come by the station and visit.

Club call is W5BMC and Echo Link contacts are also welcome on W5BMC-R, 507010.

For more information contact Jackie, KA5LMZ at jelprice@att.net.



Venture Scouts (a branch of Boy Scouts of America) will gather in Gatlinburg, TN February 9-11 for their annual Winterfest. Radio Scouting will have amateur radio stations set up for scouts to work. All modes will be available such as phone, CW, D-Star, DMR, and even satellites. Not sure what call sign they will use (it's not K2BSA) but look for them on Scout frequencies 3.920-3.940 on 80m, 7.180-7.200 or 7.270-7.290 40m, 14.270-14.290 or 14.320-14.340 20m SSB. PSK-31 on usual frequencies. D-Star REF033A. EchoLink *JOTA-365 (node 480809) or *JAMBO* (node 832996). If not there on EchoLink then try W4KEV (node 459455) in Gatlinburg.

Submitted by Elmer Tatum, N5EKF

Club Build Project



Buddy, N5BUD, has selected a kit from the Four State QRP club called the CRICKET 80a for a club build project.

The cost will be approximately \$30. Contact Buddy – N5BUD, at n5bud@arrl.net or (225) 573-2111 so that he can determine how many kits to order. Further details are in the December issue of *RF News*.

RED STICK DX ASSOCIATION

We invite you to join the Red Stick DX Association Facebook Page managed by Robin Hudson, KK5RH. Contest season is gearing up!

It provides a great way to help each other work a rare DX entity or meet our DX goals. It's also a good meeting place during any contest. It even adds a little humor to the events. Put March 3-4 on your calendars for the next great DX event.

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

73,
Jen, K5NMT

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

- **2018 Club Dues** are now being received by Treasurer Tom Harrell, KE5LVQ.
- **Regular Membership** - \$25
- **Student and Unlicensed Memberships** - \$10
- **You can pay the by credit card, check, or cash at the club meeting on Jan 30, 2018.**
- **For new members, the application is available on our Website Home and Contact page.**



BRARC Club December, 2017

ARES, Region 2, BRARC Report

Membership

- # of Region 2 ARES registered locally is 79, an increase of 1 member since last reported;
- # of Region 2 LA ARES Section registered is 33; an increase of 1;;
- # of Region 2 BRARC Club members registered is 33; 42%;

Region 2 Net

- 3 nets held since the last report with an average of 10 check ins; due to the holidays the nets for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve were suspended.

- **Training/Drill or Exercises**

The 4th quarter exercise was held on December 8, 2018 as Region 2 was activated for severe winter weather (snow/ice). There were nine AROs that checked into the net. The AROs were asked to submit weather information concerning precipitation accumulation, temperature, and road closures. A critique was submitted to the Region 2 members and is available upon request. The emergency net was held on the LOHSEP repeater, 147.165, PL 107.2.



Scouting, K5ASR

The Radio merit badge was offered at Camp Istrouma, Avondale Scout Reservation, Clinton, Louisiana, during Winter Camp. The cold adventure was held from Wednesday, December 27, 2017 to Saturday, December 30, 2017. Thirteen (13) Scouts participated with 12 passing the requirements.

Scouts were challenged to take the Tech license as the requirements are similar to the information needed to complete the FCC exam. Michael J. Nolan, KD5MLD, would like to thank all AROs that participated as a contact for K5ASR, especially George Smiley, KC5HMI, and Hank Forrester, KG5GVV.

Amateur radio operators interested in becoming a Radio, Electronics, and/or a Computer Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts of America are encouraged to contact Michael Nolan, kd5mld@arrl.net, for information and training.

- Michael Nolan, KD5MLD



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](#)

Radio Loan Program



Radios are available for loan to BRARC members for a 90-day period. Visit our website to view equipment and complete the application.

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.

Go to www.brarc.org, and click on the Radio Loan tab.

BRARC Elmers

Buddy Brown, N5BUD
n5bud@arrl.net

Keith Davis, KE5LVT
ke5lvt@gmail.com

If you need assistance, please contact one of the above. If you would like to be an Elmer, please contact a Board Member or email the Club at brarc@brarc.org



THE BRARC BOARD has a new meeting location:

**Bluebonnet Library
9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard**

It is located across Perkins near Highland

This will be the location for the Board Meetings until further notice.

Due to a scheduling conflict at the Main Library on Goodwood, our **February 27th Club Meeting** will also be held at the Bluebonnet Library.

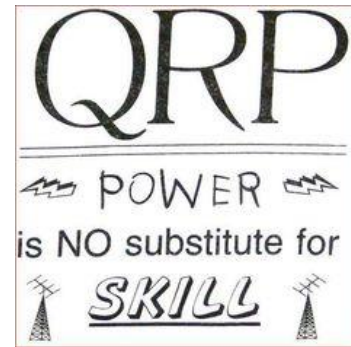
Check your latest issue of *RF News* for upcoming meeting locations.

Newsletter

Do you have pictures, articles, links or other ham radio related items for inclusion in the *RF News*?

Contact Jennifer Bordelon, K5NMT, newsletter editor at

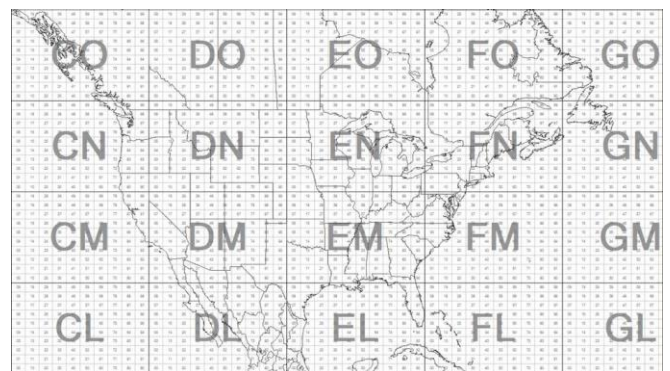
Jenk5nmt@cox.net



Do you have an interesting topic for a presentation at one of our meetings? If you would like to present a topic, please contact a Board Member or email the Club at [brarc @ brarc.org](mailto:brarc@brarc.org)

Does anyone here have or know someone that does have a 24'-35' boat suitable to carry a small group of Hams with equipment down to the mouth of the Mississippi River South West Pass? I am thinking about the possibility of activating EL58 Grid Square for a couple of days during 2018.

Contact Robin Hudson, KK5RH



*Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Bordelon, K5NMT*

Christmas Banquet December 9, 2017



Left to Right: Dan Lott (KF5TQN), Vernon Morris (AA5O), Walker (WB5MFV) and Melinda (KD5PRB) Winans, Michael Nolan (KD5MLD), Gerard (W5TZX) and Mary DuCote



Synomen (KG5IRS),
Brynn (KG5KRV), and
Tom Harrell (KE5LVQ)

Ann and Jerry
Clouatre (AG5AY)



Michael Nolan's granddaughter
and Robin Hudson (KK5RH)

Photos by Thornton Cofield, K5HLC