



# RF NEWS

September 2018

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## Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Web: [www.brarc.org](http://www.brarc.org)

**President** Robin Hudson, KK5RH

**Vice President** Todd Huovinen, AB5TH

**Secretary** Brett Hebert, KG5IQU

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Jerry Clouatre, AG5AY  
Jennifer Bordelon, K5NMT  
Bill Smith, KE5TA

**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



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## Sept 25 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM

Main Library Goodwood Blvd

Topic: TBA

## Sept 27 (Thurs) Technician Class 6:00 PM

Main Library Goodwood Blvd

### Thurs Oct 4, 11 & 18

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## Oct 2 (Tues) BRARC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Bluebonnet Library

## Oct 6 (Sat) Mini Maker Faire 10 AM – 5 PM

Main Library Goodwood Blvd

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## Oct 9 (Tues) SkyWarn Training 6:30

Mayor's Office HSEP - Harding Blvd

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## Oct 25 (Thurs) VE Exam Session 5:45 PM

Main Library Goodwood Blvd

## Oct 30 (Tues) VE Exam Session 5:45 PM

Main Library Goodwood Blvd

<http://brarc.org/education/license-exams/>

## Oct 30 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM

Main Library Goodwood Boulevard

Skype Session with DX Engineering



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.

# Hamfest Calendar

## September 29

ARC of Shreveport

Tailgate/Swap Meet/Catfish Fry

Shreveport, LA

<http://n5shv.org/>

## October 13

Central Louisiana ARC Hamfest

Kees Park Community Center

Pineville, LA

<https://www.clarc.us/>

## November 10

Greater New Orleans Hamfest

Harahan Lions Club Building

Harahan, LA

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044282109131267/>

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## ARRL Contest Dates

### October 15 – 19

School Club Roundup

<http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

### October 27 – 28

EME – 50 to 1296 MHz

## Contest Corral Calendar

### October 27 – 28

CQ World Wide DX, SSB

<http://www.CQWW.com>

[October Contest Corral Link](#)



## Meet for Breakfast Weekly

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM  
The Warehouse Restaurant  
12328 South Choctaw, Baton Rouge  
Between Flannery and Sherwood Forrest

Fridays at 7:30 AM  
Frank's on Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge

Saturdays at 6:30 AM  
**Now Two Locations**

James Grill & Cafe  
205 Florida Ave, Denham Springs  
and  
The Warehouse Restaurant, Baton Rouge

### BRARC Elmers

**Buddy Brown, N5BUD**  
buddybrown@cox.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](mailto:brarc@brarc.org)

## W5KID Operating Schedule USS Kidd



Photo taken on Veterans Day 2017

11 Nov      Veterans 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 club meetings.

**Contact Dave Thomas, K5CGX**  
**225.572.7836**

- ✓ If you would like to schedule another date/time to operate the USS Kidd station, please contact the BRARC Board at [brarc@brarc.org](mailto:brarc@brarc.org)



## Technician Licensing Class

Amateur Radio Operator Technician Licensing Classes are continuing on Thursdays through October 18 at the East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library on Goodwood Boulevard.

The classes begin at 6 pm and will be held in the 2nd floor Technology Lab. The classes will conclude with a VE session on October 25, 2018. There is no fee for the course. 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 information on Amateur Radio visit [arrl.org](http://arrl.org) and [brarc.org](http://brarc.org). Follow this [Link to Class Syllabus](#).

73 de Brett  
KG5IQU



## Future VE Licensing Exam Dates

October 25  
October 30

Main Library – Goodwood Blvd

For more info on BRARC testing procedures go to <http://brarc.org/education/license-exams/>.

## Radio Loan Program



The BRARC Radio Loan Program is a great way for new hams to get on the air quickly, and also provides a try-before-you-buy opportunity. Your first set-up can be an entertaining process that usually involves some crawling, climbing, throwing, and taping. Wear appropriate PPE.

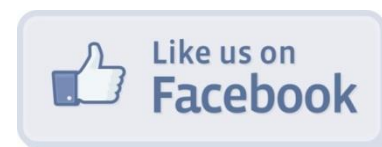
A variety of radios are available for loan to BRARC members for a 90-day period. Visit the club website to view equipment and complete the application. [Link: Radio Loan](#)

The **Icom IC-730** HF Transceiver package includes power supply, microphone, external antenna tuner, and G5RV antenna.

The **Icom IC-2100H** VHF FM Transceiver package includes power supply, microphone, and external magnetic mount 144 MHz mobile antenna.

Also available is a **Yaesu FT-50R** Dual-Band Hand-Held Transceiver with NC-60B charger.

Contact the club at [brarc@brarc.org](mailto:brarc@brarc.org) for assistance.



<https://www.facebook.com/Baton-Rouge-Amateur-Radio-Club-237428189631038/>



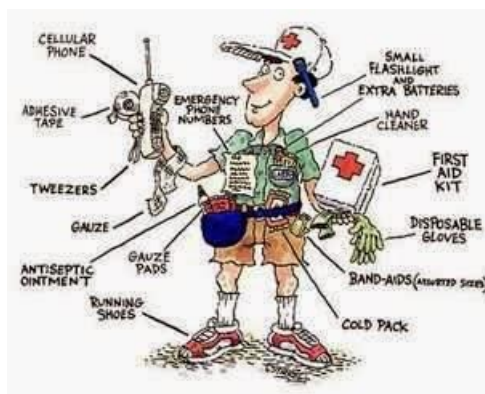
**SkyWarn training is scheduled on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 PM.**

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) is part of the SkyWarn system with our National Weather Service.

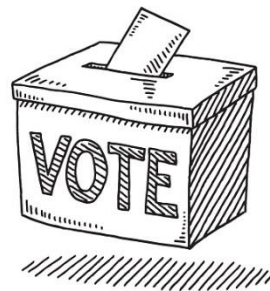
Location: The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness MOHSEP on Harding Blvd – 1<sup>st</sup> floor training room. It is near the Baton Rouge Airport. It will open to the public and help fulfill a Storm Ready requirement for the parish/city.

**We invite everyone to join the Region 2 ARES Net on Sundays at 8 PM CDT on 146.790 (PL tone 107.2).**

**– Michael Nolan, KD5MLD  
LA ARES Region 2, ADEC**



Before disaster strikes, follow the link to review the Louisiana Section Emergency Communications Plan: [Link to LA Section EM COMM Plan](#)



The BRARC Board of Directors is seeking club members to fill positions for 2019. **If you would like to serve, you may nominate yourself.** You do not need to be nominated by another club member. Please submit your nominations to Jerry Clouatre, AG5AY, or other Board Member before or at the Club Meeting on Tuesday, October 30. Contact: [brarc@brarc.org](mailto:brarc@brarc.org)

The nominees will be posted in the October/November issue of RF News. The election will take place at the Club Meeting on Tuesday, November 27. The newly elected officers will be sworn in at Christmas Banquet on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>.



**For Upcoming Details On**

**The Club Auction in November  
And  
Christmas Party in December  
At Mike Anderson's**

**FOR SALE  
FOR SALE**

Contact Jeff Tircuit, N5SOE  
225-687-0858

**ICOM X2A Dual Band HT \$100**  
440 MHz & 1.2 GHz – Rare!  
With fast charger

**Kenwood TH 315A \$50**  
222 MHz HT with fast charger

Each radio looks and works like new.

**TEN-TEC Jupiter \$300**  
Built in tuner and all bands work  
Contact Wayne Matherne, N5YFC  
667-4721

**Baton Rouge Mini  
Maker Faire®**

Saturday, October 6  
10 AM – 5 PM  
Main Library on Goodwood Blvd

BRARC will be participating. Visit the website to reserve your free ticket. Reservations are required to gauge the number of participants.  
<http://batonrouge.makerfaire.com/>

## August 25th Club Outing

A happy group of club members and their spouses met for dinner at Don Jose's Grill, and some participated in a fox hunt afterwards.



Starting at left and continuing around to right:  
Robin KK5RH and Kelly, Buddy N5BUD, Brook N5DGK, Elmer N5EKF and Karen, Michael N5MT, Mike N5UKZ, Jen K5NMT and Jimmy, Jessica KD5SXF and Todd AB5TH

**DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!**

Please submit articles, activities, fun facts, and photos by **October 20** to [rfnews@brarc.org](mailto:rfnews@brarc.org)

*73, Jen, K5NMT*