



RF NEWS

October/November 2018

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Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

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| President | Robin Hudson, KK5RH |
| Vice President | Todd Huovinen, AB5TH |
| Secretary | Brett Hebert, KG5IQU |
| Treasurer | Tom Harrell, KE5LVQ |
| Directors | Brook Samuel, N5DGK Dave Thomas, K5CGX Ken Shutt, W5KQ Thornton Cofield, K5HLC 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 |

UPCOMING Events

Nov 18 (Sun) ARRL VE Exam Session

4:00 PM at Southern University Campus

Info on BRARC home page <http://brarc.org/>.

Nov 22



Nov 27 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 6:00 PM

Potluck Dinner & Club Auction

Main Library Goodwood Boulevard

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Dec 4 (Tues) BRARC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Bluebonnet Library

Dec 7 (Fri) Pearl Harbor Day

USS Kidd Station Event

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Dec 8 (Sat) BRARC Christmas Banquet

Mike Anderson's Seafood

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Dec 11 (Tues) SkyWarn Training 6:30 – 8:30 PM

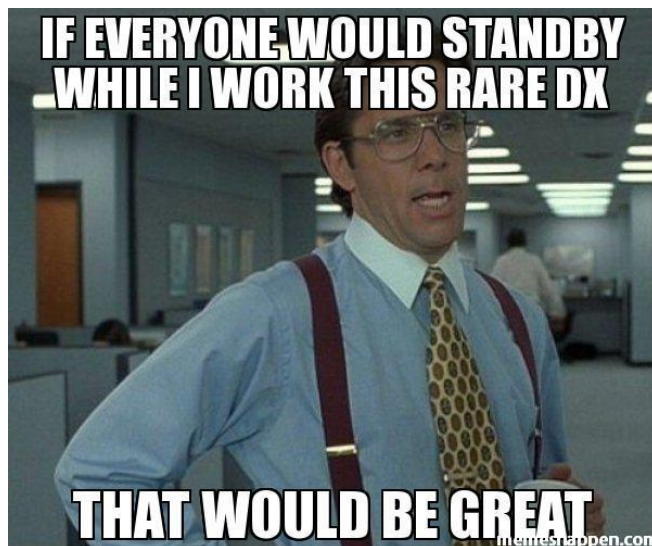
Mayor's Office HSEP - Harding Blvd

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Visit the **BRARC Website** at

www.brarc.org to keep up-to-date on all the club happenings including meetings, activities, and classes.



ARRL Contest Dates

November 17 - 19

Nov Sweepstakes – Phone

<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

November 24 – 25

EME – 50 to 1296 MHz

November 30 – December 2

160 Meter

December 8 – 9

10 Meter

December 16

Rookie Roundup - CW

Contest Corral Calendar

November 24 - 25

CQ World Wide DX – CW

<http://www.CQWW.com>



**Tues Nov 27
6:00 PM**

- ✓ **Pot Luck Dinner**
- ✓ **Club Auction**
- ✓ **Election of
2019 Board Officers**

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

Suffix

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



The annual BRARC Auction is part of the club meeting with Pot Luck dinner, and election of 2019 Board of Directors.

There are 2 ways to participate.

1. You can donate your items entirely to the club - OR
2. The club will auction your items for 10% of the proceeds.

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

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

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.



Meet for Breakfast Weekly

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM
The Warehouse Restaurant
12328 South Choctaw, Baton Rouge

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

Saturdays at 6:30 AM
James Grill & Cafe
205 Florida Ave, Denham Springs
and
The Warehouse Restaurant, Baton Rouge



Training on Tues, December 11 at 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Location: The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness MOHSEP on Harding Blvd – 1st 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

W5KID Operating Schedule USS Kidd



7 Dec Pearl Harbor Day

The USS Kidd was named for Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd who died aboard the USS Arizona on December 7, 1941.

An observance will be held aboard the USS Kidd on December 7 at 11:55 AM.

[USS Kidd Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day](#)

Operators and loggers are needed for the last W5KID operating event of 2018. This will be a good opportunity for new operators to gain experience working pileups on HF.

Operating times are generally 10 AM – 3:30 PM. Sign-up sheets will be available before the club meetings.

**To schedule your operating time
Contact Dave Thomas, K5CGX
225.572.7836**



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

The 2018 Christmas Banquet

Saturday, December 8
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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

Join BRARC for a Holiday meal, time for
fellowship, and prizes.

RSVP # Attendees by December 5
Todd Huovinen, AB5TH ab5th@arrl.net



2019 BRARC Board of Directors Election – Tues Nov 27, 2018

Printable Ballot

Nominee(s)

President – Bill Smith (KE5TA)

Vice-Pres - Todd Huovinen (AB5TH)

Treasurer - Tom Harrell (KE5LVQ)

Secretary - Brett Hebert (KG5IQU)

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES (3 to be elected)

Dan Lott (KF5TQN)

Brook Samuel (N5DGK)

Vernon Morris (AA5O)

Robin Hudson (KK5RH)

Submitted by Election Committee Chair,

Jerry Clouatre (AG5AY)

Radio Loan Program

SITUATION ROOM



"I HAVE EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL."

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 for assistance.

Baton Rouge Mini Maker Faire®



Thornton K5HLC and Paul WA4MXT represented BRARC at the Mini Maker Faire at the Baton Rouge Main Library on October 6.



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The BRARC Meeting on October 30, 2018 at the Baton Rouge Main Library included a Skype session with DX Engineering.



“Why ham radio maintains its essential appeal . . .”



Paige Leggett contributed a well-written article in the Duke Energy *Illumination*. She recognized the vital contributions of ham radio operators during an emergency response. Her article states, “The word ‘amateur’ doesn’t describe the people who operate amateur – or ham – radios. These people are skilled and relied on by emergency management pros . . . It’s pretty serious work for amateurs.” “They provide a very important function to back up the county,” said Pat Street, Duke Energy’s emergency preparedness manager for the Oconee station . . . counties and states rely on their services.”

Link to Article [Illumination-Duke Energy- Ham Radio](#)



December is Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) Month

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December is Youngsters on the Air Month (**YOTA Month**). Listen for stations on the air with YOTA as the call sign suffix.

“The idea for this is to show the Amateur Radio hobby to young people and to encourage youngsters to be active on the amateur bands,” said Tomi Varro, HA9T. “This is a great moment to show Amateur Radio to the world and to invite newcomers.”

YOTA is primarily an International Amateur Radio Union (**IARU**) Region 1 (Europe and Africa) activity, but youngsters from the US in Region 2 (the Americas) have attended YOTA summer camps, which are held in a different country each year.

Varro said both licensed and unlicensed youth will be making contacts. “Be helpful on the bands — maybe these young operators are just making their first ever contacts,” he advised.

YOTA stations are, in general, operated by individuals 25 or younger. The operating event takes place for the entire month of December UTC.

As part of YOTA month, Bob Johnson, W9XY, and Ken Claerbout, K4ZW, will travel to Ethiopia to team up with the club at the Addis Ababa University, Institute of Technology and club station ET3AA. For more updates, visit YOTA’s **Facebook page**.

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

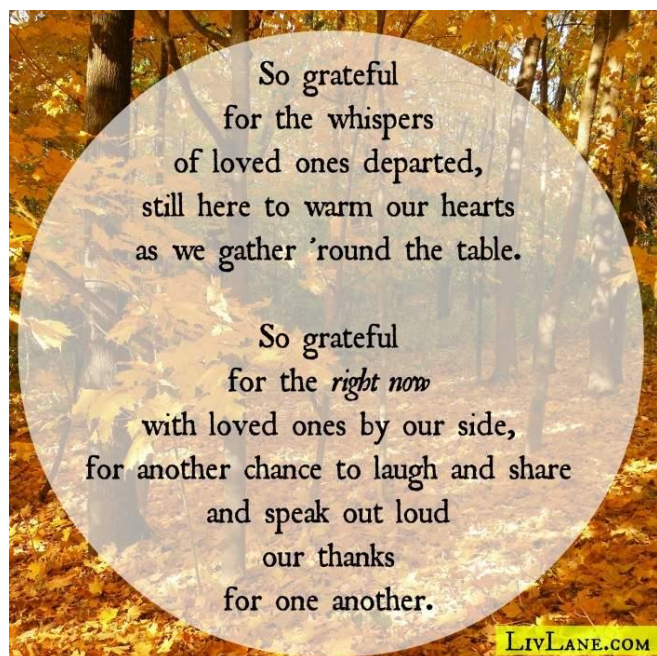


Ronald Matherne, KB5BB

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Ron Matherne, KB5BB on October 7, 2018. Ron was an avid ham radio operator, and member of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Matherne family.

Link to [Ronald Matherne Obituary](#)

73,
Todd Huovinen, AB5TH
BRARC Vice President



EDITOR'S NOTE

It's the most wonderful time of the year again that I hope everyone will take a little time out to enjoy. Thank you for waiting patiently for the October-November issue of RF News. I'm sure you noticed that it includes activities from October, and upcoming events in November and December.

Our next gathering will be the Club Meeting, Potluck Dinner and Auction on Tuesday, November 27th, and will begin at 6:00 PM. We will activate W5KID on Friday, December 7, and hope that everyone will join us on Saturday, December 8 for our Christmas Banquet at Mike Anderson's. I would like to include pictures of everyone at the banquet in the next newsletter.

Please submit any pictures, articles, and comments to me at rfnews@brarc.org by **December 10**. My target date for distributing the newsletter is **December 15**. With the December issue, I will be retiring as editor for now, but will continue to contribute, and maybe fill-in as needed. I need a break from the fun. So help me create an impressive December newsletter.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

73, Jen, K5NMT