



R F News

March 15, 2020

Tidbits from Todd

Hello Everyone,

Our February 2020 club meeting was held a week earlier than the usual last Tuesday of the month date because the library was closed on February 25th due to Mardi Gras. We had a great turnout and a FANTASTIC Skype presentation from Dr. Bob Heil (K9EID) from Heil Sound in Illinois. The topic of discussion was on audio clarity and it was very informative. To top it off, Bob provided us with a surprise presentation on his theatre style organ. He also took questions from the audience. I really enjoyed the presentation and Bob offered to do another one for the club for a later date.

There is also late breaking news regarding the unfortunate cancellation of the 2020 Xenia, Ohio Hamvention over concerns of the CoVid19 virus outbreak. I will continue to advise the membership of any further updates as I receive them.

73, Todd- (AB5TH)-President

Upcoming Events Calendar

3/31/2020 **March 2020 Club Meeting**

7:00 PM

Bluebonnet Library

9200 Bluebonnet Blvd

Program: SKYPE presentation DX

Engineering-Tim Duffy (K3LR)

*Tentative depending on recent events
regarding the CoVid19 virus- Todd-AB5TH*

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

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President	Todd Huovinen-AB5TH
Vice President	Jennifer Bordelon-K5NMT
Secretary	Thornton Cofield-K5HLC
Treasurer	Bill Smith-KE5TA
Directors	Vernon Morris, AA5O Brook Samuel, N5DGK Buddy Brown-N5BUD Jerry Clouatre-AG5AY Robin Hudson-KK5RH Ken Shutt-W5KQ Dan Lott (KF5TQN)

Repeaters: 146.790 - and 444.400 + (PL tone 107.2) System Fusion

Nets: BRARC Club Net - Sunday 8:30 PM
146.790 (PL tone 107.2) System Fusion
Ten Meter Net - Monday 7:30 PM
28.450MHz USB

PLEASE NOTE!!

Club Dues
Payable January 1

- Dues are payable annually January 1.
- Regular membership is \$25 per year.
- Student membership is \$5 per year.
- Send dues to PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or deliver in person at a club meeting.

For your convenience club dues can now be paid on line via a link on the club website.

Major credit cards are accepted as well as PayPal. NOTE: Credit card payments for dues

CANNOT be accepted at club meetings at this time.

Breakfast



We meet for breakfast 3 days each week:

Wednesdays: The Warehouse Restaurant
(12328 S Choctaw Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70815) 6:30 AM

Fridays: Frank's Coffee House (8353 Airline Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA 70815) 6:30 AM

Saturdays: James' Restaurant (205 Florida Ave. SE. Denham Springs) 6:30 AM

The Warehouse Restaurant (12328 S Choctaw Dr) 6:30 AM

BRARC Facebook Page

If you haven't done so, please visit and "like" our BRARC Facebook page. You will find a link at the club's website: <http://brarc.org/>

We're using Facebook to keep the membership better informed in a timely manner about what's going on in your radio club. This page is also a good way for BRARC members to keep in contact with each other.

73,
Robin, KK5RH

BRARC Board of Directors Meeting

BRARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 02/4/2020

Members Present:

President- Todd Huovinen (1), Vice-President-Jen Bordelon (1), Treasurer- Bill Smith (1), Secretary- Thornton Cofield (1), Directors- Ken Shutt (2), Vernon Morris (1), Buddy Brown (2), Robin Hudson (1), Jerry Clouatre (2), Dan Lott (2)

Members Absent:

Brook Samuel (1)

() Number of years to serve on board in stated position.

Visitors: Chris Kersey, KE5PQO

Minutes: Buddy moved that we accept the January Board minutes and seconded by Dan.

Treasurer's Report-Bill reported that the club had a check balance of \$8,640.47. Thornton moved to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Dan.

Membership Report-Bill reported we have 22 paid members.

Programs – see below

Committee Reports:

Education- Buddy: No report.

Equipment-Jerry reported that Jon Reise did an inventory of BRARC equipment located at Red Cross. Buddy noted that a Jupiter power supply is missing. There was talk about relocating the equipment somewhere where the club has better access.

PIO/Outreach /Mbr-Thornton reported that he is still waiting for the February Issue of InRegister to be released.

EMCOM: Todd asked for a committee to be formed to find out what was entailed with EMCOM. Dan volunteered to be on the committee once he learned more. Todd said that he would talk with Mike Noland concerning his understanding of EMCOM.

Repeater-Brook: No report.

USS Kidd Club-Buddy reported that all the equipment is working. He purchased a new Interface cable for the tuner connection to the Yaesu 450D.

Old Business

Club Insurance Renewal-Ken reported that there are 2 kinds of insurance available. Ken said he did not look into liability insurance for the board members. Ken reported that since the club was interested he would look into the cost and coverage of liability insurance. Equipment insurance from HRIA based on several factors such as the repeater antenna is not covered. Cost is basically 1.5% of the cost of the equipment with a \$50 deductible. Cost of insurance should be approximately \$75 a year. **A motion to purchase the equipment insurance was made by Vernon, seconded by Robin, and unanimously approved.**

Tax Exempt Status-Ken did not get a chance to look into the filing of BRARC's tax return.

New Business

Ken noted that the club needs a list of the committees and their chairman and Todd volunteered to work on the list.

Club Equipment Inventory/Club loaner equipment: A motion that the Jupiter transceiver presently on the USS KIDD be moved to the loan program was made by Robin, seconded by Vernon, and unanimously approved.

Chris Kersey, KE5PQO, brought up his concern that the beam antenna located on the tower at the Highland Road Park Observatory does not work. Robert Parks is in charge of overseeing the LSU operation at the Observatory and is currently looking over the different aspects of Observatory's operation. Chris would like to have all equipment, etc. functioning properly and as he understands it the beam antenna's rotational function has not be working for several years. The key issue is who owns what involving the antenna, rotor, cables, etc. It is thought that David Assaf donated the tri-beam antenna to BRARC. LSU is also involved in who owns what involving the repair of why the tri-beam does not rotate. Robin volunteered to find out what is needed to resolve the issue of either determining the cost of repairing the non-rotating tri-beam or

abandoning our responsibility of the tri-beam at the Highland Road Park Observatory.
The **Highland Road Park Observatory (is)** brought to the public by BREC, LSU's Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society.

Comments? Questions/Concerns

Program Suggestions:

March: Skype Presentation-DX Engineering-Tim Duffy (K3LR)-Tallmedge, Ohio

April: Skype Presentation-MFJ-Martin Jue (K5FLU)-Starkville, MS.

May: Eat & Meet, Field Day Plans Dana, AD5VC

June: ARRL Field Day Review Dana (AD5VC)

July: Shortwave Listening Tips-Todd Huovinen (AB5TH)

August: Skype Presentation-Rob Sherwood (NC0B)

September: TBA

October: Elmer Tatum (N5EKF) Ascension Amateur Radio Club

November: Auction and Election

December: Christmas Banquet

Backup options: Show and Tell

Buddy moved for adjournment at 7:31pm.

Secretary
Thornton Cofield
K5HLC

Note:

Updated program information was added by Newsletter Editor-Todd (AB5TH)

Area Nets

Sunday-Post Office Net (3.905 Mhz. 75m) 7:00-7:30 AM
Delta Net (3.905 Mhz. 75m) 7:30-7:45 AM
QCWA (3.905 Mhz. 75m) 8:00 AM
ARES Region 2 Net (146.790 PL 107.2) 8:00 PM
BRARC Public Service Net (146.790 PL 107.2) 8:30 PM

Monday-BRARC 10 meter net (28.450 Mhz) 7:30-8:00 PM
Tuesday-LOHSEP 2 meter net (147.165 Mhz PL 107.2 hz)-Livingston 7:30 PM

Wednesday-MISSLOU 2 meter net (146.835 Mhz PL 114.8 hz)-Jackson, LA 8:00 PM. Echolink Node: KD5UZA-R
SELSA Net: 146.52 Mhz Simplex-Wilson, LA 9:00 PM.

Thursday- LARS Net (146.730 PL 107.2 hz) Walker, LA 7:00 PM
K5ARC Ascension Radio Club Net (147.225 Mhz PL 107.2) 8:00 PM
EchoLink Node: K5ARC-R

[Do You Have Topics or Suggestions for the RF News?](#)

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

Contact the club president/newsletter editor, Todd (AB5TH).

BRARC Elmers

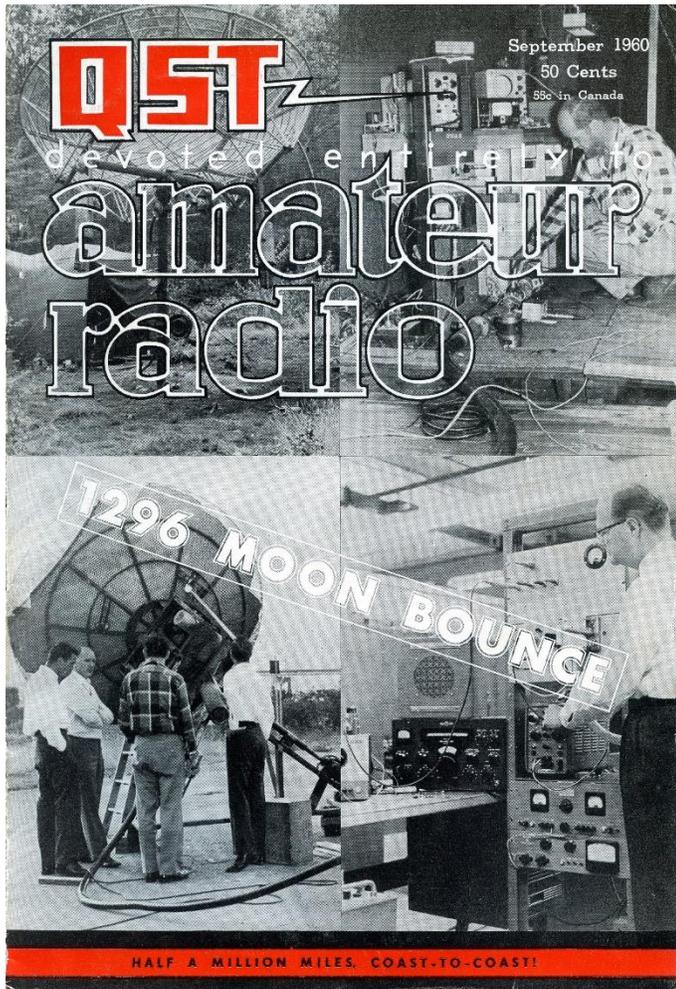
Buddy Brown, N5BUD

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

Cleaning out my attic I came across another QST that may interest some of the “Old Timers” who can remember Amateur Radio when-

The first two-way amateur communication via the moon was accomplished July 17, 1960 just 60 years ago.



QST September 1960

Our Cover

The four photos on our cover this month give some idea of what was involved at each end of the lunar QSO. The top pair of photos show the dish and the gear at W1BU, with W1FZJ looking at what hath been wrought. The pair of pictures at the bottom show the W6HB dish at the left and at the right is W6SAI tuning up some of the gear. ...

[QST September 1960, page 11](#)

The receiver in the 2 quadrant appears to be a Collins 75A series receiver.

VE Exam Session-

Prior to the start of the March BRARC Board meeting an exam session was held at the Central Branch of the Baton Rouge Public Library on March 2nd at 5:15 PM.

This session was held at the request of Thornton Cofield (K5HLC) for a friend and former co-worker of his. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Dawson Andrews (KI5IMY) on becoming part of the growing amateur radio family.

Dawson has already placed an order for a new Icom IC-7300 so he will definitely be studying for his General license upgrade. I cannot think of a better incentive to upgrade than to have a shiny new HF rig sitting in front of you just waiting to be used. –Todd-AB5TH

LATE UPDATES!!

I'm sure that by now all of you are aware that this year's annual Acadiana Hamfest was cancelled on Friday afternoon March 13th at 5:00PM by the City of Rayne due to Governor John Bel Edwards directive to temporarily eliminate gatherings of over 250 people over concerns of the CoVid19 virus outbreak. I have not been notified by the city or parish of any library closings so as of right now our club meeting is still on schedule for March 31st at the Bluebonnet Library at 7:00 PM. I will send out any updates that I receive via E-mail between now and the March club meeting. Until then, stay safe.

2020 (Dayton) Hamvention Cancelled

I have received the following information from the ARRL:

The Hamvention Executive Committee has been monitoring the COVID19 pandemic. We have worked very closely with our local and state health Departments.

It is with a very heavy heart the Hamvention Executive Committee has decided to cancel Hamvention for this year.

This decision is extremely difficult for us but with around two months until the Great Gathering we felt this action necessary.

More specific details regarding the closure will soon be posted on our website www.hamvention.org.

Thank you for your understanding in this time of International Crisis.

Jack Gerbs
General Chairman HV2020

If you have anything that you would like to contribute to the RF News please e-mail them to me by the 15th of each month. My e-mail address is: ab5th@arrl.net

73-Todd-AB5TH

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