

Radio Loan Program

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club



Are you a newly licensed Technician, who would like to operate VHF before investing in a radio? Maybe you've upgraded to General and want to experience the HF bands before you decide on a transceiver to purchase. Members may want to operate portable, but don't have the equipment. If that's the case, this program is for you.

Radios are loaned to BRARC members for a 90-day period – just like checking a book out from the library. All that is required is that you are a current member, completion of the application, and payment of the \$20 rental 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.

The available radio packages are:

- **Icom IC-730 HF Transceiver** with power supply, microphone, external antenna tuner, and G5RV antenna.
 - 5 bands, 100 W, SSB, CW, AM
 - Receive only on 30, 17, and 12 meter bands
 - Pass Band Shift Control, Noise Blanker, VOX, SWR meter



- **Icom IC-2100H VHF FM Transceiver** with power supply, microphone, and external magnetic mount 144 MHz mobile antenna.
2 meters, 55 W (4 power levels), 200 memories with scanning, WX alert, aviation frequencies (118 – 136 MHz).



- **Yaesu FT-50R Dual-Band Hand-Held Transceiver** with NC-60B charger.
2 meters / 70 cm TX & RX
76-200, 300-400, 400-540, 590-999 MHz RX
5 W (4 power levels) output



To participate in the Program, download the [application](#), fill it out and send it to the club's email address. One of the club's mentors will contact you to discuss the antenna options for your station and to arrange the next steps. If there is more than one request for a radio, preference will be given to those who have the least experience with HF or VHF operating.