



Paperless Exam Session Continues to be Successful

The BRARC VE team conducted their second paperless exam session using the ExamTools online software now being used by the ARRL VEC. The session was conducted on Saturday, June 6th at the EBR Main Library on Goodwood Blvd. Seven Candidates tested for new licenses or upgrades to their existing license. Six Candidates were successful. One of the Candidates said they will continue to study and hopefully return for the General test.

The successful Candidates and their new issued license were:

- Chris Abbott, KD5WCR Extra
- Blake Arceneaux Technician
- A K M Aurnob Technician
- Matthew Mapes Extra
- Travis Thibodeaux Technician
- Michael Tillman General

This session's VE Team was comprised of:

- Jon Reise, WA9JBR
- Hank Ellis, K5HDE
- Todd Huovinen, AB5TH
- Keith Graves, W5KG
- John Krupsky, WA5MLF
- David Cohen, N7TC

Thornton put together information packets for each Candidate. Todd and David Cohen acted as our PIO in Room B to handle the promotion of the hobby and our club. Todd handed out the packets and several 2026 BRARC complimentary memberships to the new hams that entered the hobby.

In 2025, the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) started moving to a completely digital program. Printed booklets and supply shipments are now optional. The ARRL VEC



Left to right: Blake Arceneaux,
A K M Aurnob, Travis Thibodeaux

is now using the ExamTools exam system for online or printed amateur radio exams. BRARC has decided to move to the electronic ExamTools system and is now conducting test sessions in person, online, and paperless. Candidates are required to pre-register on our club website. They then receive an email with instructions for testing and the requirement of registering on the ExamTools website to obtain a PIN. Each Candidate is instructed to come with a laptop or tablet to take the test.

This was the second on-line, paperless test session and went very well. The electronic testing was much quicker to administer with the Candidates getting their test results immediately upon completing the exam. The CSCE is electronically generated and emailed to the

Candidate immediately. Candidates receive their new license or upgrade within a week.

BRARC will be conducting the next test session at the library on Saturday, September 5th at 10 am. If you hold a Technician or General class license, think about upgrading at one of our test sessions. Pre-registration can be done on the BRARC website, www.brarc.org. If you are a VE and interested in joining the BRARC VE Team, contact Jon Reise, WA9JBR at jreise92@gmail.com



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