



First Paperless Exam Session is Successful

The BRARC VE team conducted their first paperless, exam session using the ExamTools online software now required by the ARRL VEC. The session was conducted on **Saturday,**

March 7th at the EBR Main Library on Goodwood Blvd. Seven Candidates tested for new licenses or upgrades to their existing license. Four Candidates were successful. Three Candidates said they will continue to study and hopefully return for the Technician test. Two of these Candidates were 12 and 13 years old. Their grandfather, of one of the boys, encouraged them to get involved in the hobby. He said he will continue to encourage them and will help them study for the next test.

The successful Candidates and their new issued license were:

- Willie Brown Jr, KJ5MUG General
- Christopher Carroll Technician
- Eileen Eichenauer Technician
- Weston Turner Technician

This session's VE Team was comprised of:

- Jon Reise, WA9JBR
- Hank Ellis, K5HDE
- Dana Browne, AD5VC
- Bill Smith, KE5TA
- Thornton Cofield, K5HLC
- Dan Lott, KF5TQN
- Joe Roppolo, K5ROP
- John Krupsky, WA5MLF

Thornton put together information packets for each Candidate. Thornton and John Krupsky acted as our PIO in Room A to handle the promotion of the hobby and our club. Thornton handed out the packets and several 2026 BRARC



Left to Right: Willie Brown Jr, Eileen J. Eichenauer, Weston Turner, Christopher W Carroll

complimentary memberships to the new hams that entered the hobby. John went over the RF Safety requirements mandated by the FCC. Dan Lott managed the Tech Lab where he assisted one of the hams with the programming of his new HT.

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



Left to Right: Josiah D Smith, Ken D Harris



Aaron H Faulk

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.

The first on-line, paperless test session 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, June 6th** 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