



RF NEWS

November/December 2019

2019 Auction and Potluck Dinner

**EBRP Library
Central Branch
11260 Joor Road
Baton Rouge, LA**

**Tuesday Nov 26
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

- ✓ Pot Luck Dinner
- ✓ Club Auction
- ✓ Presentation of
2020 Board Officers

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

Suffix	
A-I	Main Dish
J-R	Side Dish
No Call	Dessert
S-Z	Dessert

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	Brett Hebert, KG51QU
Treasurer	Tom Harrell, KE5LVQ

Directors	Buddy Brown, N5BUD
	Jerry Clouatre, AG5AY
	Thornton Cofield, K5HLC
	Robin Hudson, KK5RH
	Vernon Morris, AA5O
	Brook Samuel, N5DGK
	Ken Shutt, W5KQ

Repeaters:	146.790 - and 444.400 + (PL tone 107.2) Both Yaesu System Fusion
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Nets:	Region 2 ARES Net Sundays 8:00 PM 146.790 (PL tone 107.2)
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	BRARC Club Net Sundays 8:30 PM 146.790 (PL tone 107.2)
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	10 Meter Net Mondays 7:30 PM 28.450 MHz USB
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TIDBITS FROM TODD

Hello Everyone, it's been a good while since I've written an article for the RF News and since the Holidays are upon us I figured I'd better get busy and write one.

There have been quite a few changes in the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club this year. You may have noticed that we have not had an edition of the RF News in a while. Due to circumstances beyond her control, Synomen Hebert (KG5IRS) is no longer able to be our newsletter editor.

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club is in need of a newsletter editor. If you are interested in being the newsletter editor for the club please see me or any of the members of the board of directors. I would also like to thank Synomen and the entire Hebert family for their contributions to the RF News over the past few years as well as their service to the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club.

It is time for our annual Thanksgiving "Eating Meeting." This year, we will be meeting at the Central Branch of the Baton Rouge Public Library on Joor Road just North of Hooper Road. The reason for this location change is concern over the size of the meeting room at our normal meeting location at the Bluebonnet Public Library. We will be meeting at the Central branch for the month of November only. The address of the Central Branch Library is 11260 Joor Road 70818. The start time is one hour earlier than usual at 6:00 pm due to the closing time of the library being at 8:00 PM instead of the usual 9:00 PM at Bluebonnet. We will also be having the annual club auction during the November club meeting as well.

We will also be presenting the 2020 Board of Directors for the club. There will not actually be an election this year because none of the candidates are running opposed. The date for the November meeting is Tuesday November 26th which is two days before Thanksgiving. Please see the food list elsewhere in this issue of the RF News.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Mike Anderson's Seafood on Lee Drive on December 14th for the Annual BRARC Christmas Party. We are planning on having a few door prizes, and the food and fellowship is always great. The date for the Christmas party is Saturday December 14th. The time is 11:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

Don't forget about the next operating activity aboard the USS Kidd on Pearl Harbor Day which is on Saturday December 7th from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

I also would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. I will be sending out reminders for all of the club activities via E-mail each month.

73,
Todd-AB5TH



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

2020 BRARC Board of Directors

President – Todd Huovinen (AB5TH)

Vice-President –
Jennifer Bordelon (K5NMT)

Treasurer - Tom Harrell (KE5LVQ)

Secretary – Thornton Cofield (K5HLC)

New Directors 2020 - 2022

Buddy Brown (N5BUD)

Jerry Clouatre (AG5AY)

Ken Shutt (W5KQ)

Bill Smith (KE5TA)

2nd Year Directors 2019 – 2021

Robin Hudson (KK5RH)

Vernon Morris (AA5O)

Brook Samuel (N5DGK)

Submitted by The 2019 Baton Rouge
Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors



The annual BRARC Auction is part of the club meeting with Pot Luck dinner, and presentation of the 2020 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!

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

UPCOMING Events

ARRL VE EXAM Session

November 25 (Mon) 5:45 PM

Main Library Goodwood Branch

<http://brarc.org/education/license-exams/>

Club Meetings

November 26 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 6:00 PM

Potluck Dinner & Club Auction

EBRP Library Central Branch

11260 Joor Road, Baton Rouge, LA

December 3 (Tues) BRARC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

EBRP Library Fairwood Branch

12910 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

December 14 (Sat) BRARC Christmas Party 11:30 AM

Mike Anderson's Seafood

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

January 7 (Tues) BRARC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

EBRP Library Fairwood Branch

12910 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

January 28 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM

EBRP Library Bluebonnet Branch

USS Kidd Special Event

Dec 7 (Sat) Pearl Harbor Day 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

USS Kidd W5KID Special Event Station

****Sign up at <http://brarc.org/photos/uss-kidd/>**



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

The 2019 Christmas Banquet

Saturday, December 14

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Mike Anderson's Seafood

1031 West Lee Drive Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Join BRARC for a Holiday meal, time for fellowship, and prizes.
The Club will provide appetizers.

RSVP # Attendees by December 9
Todd Huovinen, AB5TH ab5th@arrl.net



Veterans Day USS Kidd W5KID Special Event

Our station operation included 9 operators / loggers during the day: Jen (K5NMT), Don (KF5OHZ), Cory (KG5QCU), Thornton (K5HLC), Jon (WA9JBR), Charlie (KG5VTE), Justin (KE5BUD), Robin (KK5RH), John (WA5MLF). We made a total of 15 contacts -- 12 phone, 3 CW.

When Jen arrived at 10 am we checked for activity on 40 m and 20 m phone. Although we could hear stations on both bands, we found that on 40 m it was not possible to tune better than 6:1 SWR. Jen used 20 m where we could get 2:1 or 1.5:1 SWR, depending on frequency. She called CQ many times and did not get a response. Later, while Don (was operating, we continued on 20 m, still having a hard time being heard.

Our first contact (at 1104 CST) was with NJ2BB (Battleship New Jersey), in response to their CQ. Later, when Jon arrived and posted our operating frequency on a DX Spot site, we got a bunch of responses to our CQs. A little later Jon and Charlie switched to CW (still on 20 m). They made several contacts, but could not stay much past 2 pm. Back on 20 m SSB we made scattered contacts, getting a few more responses. Around 3 pm only Robin and I were left and I put out a bunch of CQs. I made 3 contacts, including Michigan, Puerto Rico and Alabama. I was calling CQ and the strong Michigan station tuned up in our audio passband and then started calling CQ 1 kHz above our frequency! I moved up there and answered his CQ, making the contact. We closed up at 3:20 pm.

Submitted by John Krupsky, WA5MLF



That explains the lack of response! Our antenna was broken. Thank you to Robin (KK5RH) and Dana (AD5VC) for repairing and testing the wire. We are ready for our Pearl Harbor Day Activation.

Please sign up online to reserve your operating time for Saturday December 7. Follow the link <http://brarc.org/photos/uss-kidd/> or contact John Krupsky, WA5MLF.