



# RF News

January 15, 2020

## Tidbits from Todd

Hello Everyone, it has been a good while since the club has put out an edition of the RF News. We lost our newsletter editor last summer when she moved to Houston. It's a pretty big job editing the RF News and making it look pretty. I'll take a stab at it and see what I can do. It may not look as pretty as what Jen (K5NMT) or Synomen (KG5IRS) did in the past but I feel that I at least owe it to the membership each month. I will set the deadline for article submission as the 15th of each month. I hope all of you had a happy and safe new year and a very Merry Christmas. The Huovinen household was blessed beyond belief this year and I am looking forward to a great 2020. Don't forget that your club dues are now due. The membership is still \$25 per year and can be paid via credit card or PayPal on the club website for your convenience. The club will be having our quarterly VE test session prior to the start of the January club meeting. I hope to see some many of you at the Capital City Hamfest in Jackson, Mississippi on 1/25.

73, Todd- (AB5TH)-President

## Upcoming Events Calendar

### 1/28/2020 January Club Meeting

6:00 PM Quarterly VE Test Session  
Please arrive by 5:45 PM if you plan to test with us

7:00 PM  
Bluebonnet Library  
9200 Bluebonnet Blvd  
Program: SKYPE presentation Heil Sound-Bob Heil (K9EID)

## Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 Web: [www.brarc.org](http://www.brarc.org)  
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<b>President</b>	Todd Huovinen-AB5TH
<b>Vice President</b>	Jennifer Bordelon-K5NMT
<b>Secretary</b>	Thornton Cofield-K5HLC
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bill Smith-KE5TA
<b>Directors</b>	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  
28.450 MHz USB

## Calendar of Events

Jan 19 Section 2 ARES net 146.790 8:00 PM

BRARC weekly net 146.790 8:30 PM

Jan 20 Mon. 10 meter net 28450 Khz 7:30 PM

Jan 26 Section 2 ARES net 146.790 8:00 PM

BRARC weekly net 146.790 8:30 PM

Jan 28 Quarterly VE Session 6:00 PM

Monthly BRARC club meeting 7:00 PM

More details on page 1.

Feb 4 BRARC monthly board of directors meeting

Fairwood Library 12910 Old Hammond

Hwy, Baton Rouge, La. 70816 6:30 PM

Feb 18 \*\*\*\*\***DATE CHANGE**\*\*\*\*\*

Monthly BRARC club meeting

More details on page 2

## CLUB MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to our normal February club meeting date falling on Fat Tuesday this year, it became necessary to move the club meeting date for February up one week to Wednesday February 18th. 2020. All branches of the Baton Rouge Public Library system will be closed on Tuesday February 25th.

**February meeting date change:**

**Due to Fat Tuesday**

**New Meeting Date**

**2/18/2020**

**Same meeting location and time.**

## 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 12/3/2019

## BRARC Board Meeting Minutes

Tue, 3 Dec 2019, 6:30 pm

Old Hammond Library

### Board members:

**Present:** Todd Huovinen., Tom Harrell, Thornton Cofield, Vernon Morris, Brook Samuel, Jerry Clouatre, Ken Shutt Buddy Brown

**Absent:** Jen Bordelon, Brett Hebert, Robin Hudson

One Board position is presently vacant

**Minutes:** Jerry Clouatre moved that the November Board minutes be approved and seconded by Vernon Morris.

**Treasurer Report:** Tom Harrell reported that the club made \$166.35 from the November auction and we have \$9,226.95 in the bank.

### Membership Report (2) new membership applications to be voted on:

Amateur Radio operators are accepted into the club by paying their club dues. They do not have to be voted into the club.

New members are: Jim Titus KD1WR and Jason Fabre WB5BB

**Programs:** There was no discussion of forthcoming programs except to note that the Christmas Banquet serves as our December monthly meeting.

### Committee Reports:

Education: One person took the test and passed the General certification level.

Equipment: No report.

PIO/Outreach/Mbr: Thornton reported that an article on the November meeting featuring CW Keys of club members appeared in the November 26, 2019 edition of "The Advocate".

EMCOM: No report

Repeater: No report

USS Kidd Club: Buddy reported the antenna is fixed, the radio is working, and the logging software has been updated. Buddy also noted the ICOM 7300 is in the filing cabinet on the USS KIDD but is not sure about the location of the power supply.

## **Old Business**

2020 BRARC Officers/upcoming election: The officers and Board will be introduced and Oath administered at the Christmas Banquet on December 14, 2019.

Last minute additions to Christmas banquet (appetizers paid for by club)/Menu Choices: Todd went over the 4 menu choice prices which ranged from \$22.00 to over \$34.00. Each menu choice had 4 menu selections within that price range. After the board discussion the second menu choice was selected with a base cost of \$26.00 + \$2.60 tax. Gratuity was not included. There will be no organized program which will allow more time for informal socializing.

Tax Exempt status: Marvin Owen (N5HE) paid the \$35 fee to the Secretary of State's office and Tom Harrell stated that he already sent Marvin a \$35.00 check. Todd will talk to Steve Irving about filing the club's tax status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Prizes/table centerpieces for Christmas banquet: Todd said that he would meet with Robin later to discuss awards and table decorations.

RF News Editor: No discussion.

Equipment Insurance Renewal: according to Tom the club equipment insurance policy was never renewed and has lapsed:

## **New Business**

Tom Harrell (KE5LVQ) has submitted his resignation as club treasurer. We are in need of a treasurer for 2020.

## **Comments?Questions/Concerns**

## **Tentative Program Suggestions**

**January:**

**February:**

**March:**

**April:**

**May:** Eat & Meet, Field Day Plans – Dana Browne, AD5VC

**June:**

**July:**

**August:**

**Backup options:** Show and Tell

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Acting Secretary: Thornton Cofield

## **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.

## **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 secretary, Todd (AB5TH).

### **BRARC Elmers**

Buddy Brown, N5BUD

`buddybrown5bud@att.net`

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

## **39th Annual Hammond Hamfest**

Saturday, January 18, 2016

### **PENNINGTON STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER**

1350 North General Pershing Street

**ON CAMPUS OF SOUTHEASTERN LA UNIVERSITY AT INTERSECTION OF UNIVERSITY  
AVENUE & NORTH GENERAL PERSHING STREET**

**(Take Exit 32 from I-55, Go East 1.5 Miles on University Avenue to North General  
Pershing Street)**

**Admission: \$5**

**Talk-In 147.000 (-)**

**PL tone 107.2hz**

For Information please visit: <https://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm>

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## **NEW BRARC BOARD MEMBER**

Please join me in welcoming Dan Lott (KF5TQN) to the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors.

Dan fills a vacancy on the board as a result of Tom Harrell (KE5LVQ) resigning from the board and Bill Smith moving from a director position up to Club Treasurer.

## **Orange Hamfest 2020**

**Hosted by:**

**Orange ARC, Jefferson County ARC and Beaumont ARC**

The Orange Hamfest is an ARRL sanctioned event.

**WHEN: Saturday, February 22nd, 2020**

**WHERE: Orange County Convention & Expo Center @ 11475 FM 1442  
Orange, Texas 77632**

**(Coordinates: 30 07.28N & 093 52.92W or 30.1244, -93.8922)**

**Hamfest TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



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P.O. Box 51174, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505

*AARA is dedicated to serving the Acadiana Region of  
Southwest Louisiana*

## **AARA Hamfest Information**

### **2020 HAMFEST**

**March 13 - 14, 2020**

**Rayne Civic Center, Rayne LA**

Each year the AARA hosts it's annual Hamfest to support club activities as well as the purchase and maintenance of club equipment. The upcoming 2020 Hamfest will be held March 13 - 14, 2020 at the Rayne Civic Center in Rayne, LA. The event will be open to the public from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday. It will reopen to the public from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Saturday.

Plenty of good food will be available on site.

Boiled crawfish will be served at 6:00 PM on Friday but pre-registration is required.

Pre-registration forms are available at [Pre-Registration Form](#).



## Capital City Hamfest 2020

Friday, January 24th, 2020 - 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday, January 25th, 2020 - 8:00am to 3:30pm

Admission: \$10/person. Good for both days. Children under 12 admitted free

**ALL Table Ordering will be available through Friday, January 17th, 2020**

**Unloading Times:  
Dealers: 11am Friday \* Flea Market: 1pm Friday  
7am Saturday both dealers and flea markets.**

[ARRL Guest Speaker - Dan Henderson N1ND](#)



### Upcoming Meeting Programs

Jan 28 Skype Presentation-Bob Heil K9EID from Heil Sound

Feb 18 TBA due to changed meeting date due to Fat Tuesday

March 31 Skype Presentation-Tim Duffy K3LR from DX Engineering

May 26 Annual "Eating Meeting"/Field Day Prep Talk-Dana Browne-AD5VC. BREC Highland Road Observatory

## 2019 BRARC CHRISTMAS BANQUET



**Robin Hudson (KK5RH) presents Mike Davidson (N5MT) with the Grand Prize of a Rig Experts Antenna Analyzer. Also in the picture is Aubrey Nolan who is the Granddaughter of Michael Nolan (KD5MLD)**



Pictured in Photo:



John Krupsky WA5MLF, Mary Ann Krupsky KA5BZL, Marge Gill, Charles Gill KA5YKK, Aubrey Nolan, Anne Nolan, Mike Nolan KD5MLD, and Todd Huovinen AB5TH

Pictured in Photo :

Charles Mercier, Alisa Mercier, Madeline Alpandinar, Ken Shutt, and Dan Lott





In Photo: Todd Huovinen AB5TH, Dayna Bowman, Lee Bowman W5ZDW, Audry Brown, and Buddy Brown N5BUD



In Photo: Jerry Hunt W5AJD, Glenda Hunt, Jane Morris, Vernon Morris AA5O, Carolyn Crawford, and Pat Crawford K5AHE



In Photo: Paula Smith, Bill Smith KE5TA, Margie Davidson, and Mike Davidson N5MT



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