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December 15, 2020

Tidbits from Todd

As this rather difficult year of 2020 comes to an end, I wanted to take a moment and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. I hope that everyone is safe and that everything is well with all of you. I am extremely hopeful that with the promised arrival of two different vaccines for the CoVid 19 virus that we can hopefully begin getting things back to normal as far as our lives are concerned. I really miss seeing everyone in person at club meetings and I especially miss the social activities like ham fests and Field Day. We did have Field Day this year and it was still fun even if it was done from home. I hope to resume all of our activities in 2021. Zoom is a great service, and I am very thankful that we have the ability to at least be able to meet using that platform even if we are not able to meet in person, I will get in touch with the Baton Rouge Public Library this week and get the club on the list to have our monthly meetings at the Bluebonnet Library as soon as the meeting rooms become available for use again. As strange as 2020 has been for us, it really has not been a horrible year for the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. We have had some great programs via Zoom and I look forward to more meetings via Zoom for at least the start of 2021. I also look forward to resuming our quarterly VE test sessions in 2021 as well. Until we meet again on January 26th via Zoom, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Upcoming Events Calendar

- 1/5/2021-January Board of Directors Meeting
via Zoom 6:30 PM
- 1/26/2021-Monthly BRARC Club Meeting
via Zoom 7:00 PM
- Program Topic: Hurricane Zeta storm damage
video-Hank Ellis (K5HDE)

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Web: www.brarc.org email: brarc@brarc.org

President	Todd Huovinen-AB5TH
Vice President	Jennifer Bordelon-K5NMT
Secretary	Thornton Cofield-K5HLC
Treasurer	Jerry Clouatre-AG5AY
Directors	Jon Reise-WA9JBR Brook Samuel, N5DGK Jeremy Gerald-AD5XY Elmer Tatum-N5EKF 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 28.450MHz USB

PLEASE NOTE!!

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.
- Unfortunately, we are not able to accept credit card payments via PayPal at this time. We hope to have that issue resolved in early 2021.

Breakfast



We meet for breakfast 3 days each week:

Wednesday: Frank's Restaurant Grill & Bar
(17425 Airline Highway Prairieville, LA 70769)
6:30 AM.

Friday: Frank's Coffee House (8353 Airline
Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA 70815) 6:30 AM

Saturday-Yaeger's Down Home Cooking (240
Range 12 Ave, Suite 121 Denham Springs, LA
70726) **NEW LOCATION!!** 6:30 AM

Saturday-The Warehouse Restaurant (12328
S. Choctaw Drive Baton Rouge, LA. 70815)
6:45 AM.

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

Area Nets

Sunday-Post Office Net (3.905 MHz. 75m) 7:00-7:30 AM
Delta Net (3.905 MHz. 75m) 7:30-7:45 AM
QCWA (3.905 MHz. 75m) 8:00 AM
ARES Region 2 Net (146.790 PL 107.2) 8:00 PM
BRARC Public Service Net (146.790 PL 107.2) 8:30 PM

Monday-BRARC 10 meter net (28.450 MHz) 7:30-8:00 PM
Tuesday-LOHSEP 2 meter net (147.165 MHz PL 107.2 Hz)-Livingston 7:30 PM

Wednesday-MISSLOU 2 meter net (146.835 MHz PL 114.8 Hz)-Jackson, LA
8:00 PM. Echolink Node: KD5UZA-R
SELSA Net: 146.52 MHz Simplex-Wilson, LA 9:00 PM.

Thursday- LARS Net (146.730 PL 107.2 Hz) Walker, LA 7:00 PM
K5ARC Ascension Radio Club Net (147.225 MHz PL 107.2) 8:00 PM
EchoLink Node: K5ARC-R
Amateur Radio Newsline is also played during this net.

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 president/newsletter editor, Todd (AB5TH). Deadline is the 15th of each month.

BRARC Elmers

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BRARC Board Meeting Minutes
Dec. 01, 2020, 6:30 pm
Zoom Teleconference

Members Present:

President- Todd Huovinen (1), Vice-President-Jen Bordelon (1), Treasurer- Bill Smith (1), Secretary- Thornton Cofield (1),
Directors- Jerry Clouatre (2), Vernon Morris (1), Dan Lott (2), Brook Samuel (1)

Members Absent:

Robin Hudson (1), Jeremy Gerald (2), Ken Shutt (2),
() Number of years to serve on board in stated position.

Visitors: Elmer Tatum- N5EKF

Minutes approval from 11/02: Dan moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill.

Treasurer Report-Bill: Balance is \$8,590.32. Bill also noted that Marvin- N5HE has submitted the club's renewal papers to the IRS be recognized as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Thornton moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jerry.

Programs – see below

Committee Reports:

Education- No report

Equipment-Jerry- No report

PIO/Outreach /Mbr-Thornton- No report

EMCOM-No Report

Repeater-Brook- Everything seems to be working.

USS Kidd Club- Todd reported we are still on hold with the USS Kidd activities until the Covid restrictions are lifted.

Old Business

Remote VE Testing –Jerry- Jerry, Jon, and Todd have discussed remote VE testing but

have not made a commitment at present. Jerry did note that he has been in contact with HamStudy.org as to their requirements. Dan mentioned the use certain Google programs could effectively computerize much of our manual operations such as redundant entries and links to costs and easier adjustments. Dan noted that he would provide the Board with more information if interested.

Acceptance of a 1939 Amateur Radio Replica- The Board thought that it was gracious presentation to the club and some discussion ensued as to how to best store and use this piece of vintage Amateur Radio history. The gift was accepted by the Board.

Christmas Banquet has been cancelled- However a small group can meet on December 5 at Noon at Frank's in Prairieville for an informal celebration.

The **Plaque for Tom Harrell, KE5LVQ** was presented to Tom, virtually, at the general meeting held on November 24 by Todd. The Plaque read "Thank You for Your Service to BRARC" and will be presented to him when physically possible.

New Business

2021 Board of Directors Update-will swear in new board members at the January Board meeting on 1/5/2021.

Transfer of Treasury items from Bill (KE5TA) to Jerry (AG5AY)- Bill and Jerry agreed to meet with Todd and the bank to affect a transfer of authority to Jerry on treasury functions.

Comments? Questions or Concerns:

Tentative Programs:

January-Hank Ellis (K5HDE) Zoom Presentation: Hurricane Zeta Damage in Cozumel, Mexico.

A motion was made at the general meeting on November 24 by Chris Reine, KI5JSE, to accept the following slate to serve as BRARC Board members, seconded by Thornton Cofield, K5HLC, and unanimously approved.

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DIRECTORS:

Jeremy Gerald-AD5XY (1 Year)
Dan Lott-KF5TQN (1 Year)
Ken Shutt-W5KQ (1 Year)
Jon Reise (WA9JBR) (1 Year)-remainder of Jerry's (AG5AY) term.
Elmer Tatum (N5EKF) agreed to serve (2 Year)

Brook Samuel (N5DGK) agreed to serve (2 Years)
Robin Hudson (KK5RH) agreed to serve (2 Years)

The board meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.



USS KIDD News

Due to the CoVid19 outbreak we will not be able to operate in the USS KIDD Museum or ship radio room until further notice.

Please keep checking the club website at www.brarc.org for the latest updates on club functions. John Krupsky (WA5MLF) is regularly updating the club Calendar of Events

LWARN Linked Repeaters

Livingston- 444.350 + pl 136.5

West Feliciana- 443.625 + pl 156.7

Greensburg- 442.275 + pl 156.7

Washington Parish- 442.425 + pl 156.7

EBR (Central)- 442.400 + pl 156.7

St Tammany Parish- 443.425 + pl 156.7

These repeaters are part of the Livingston Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOSHEP). Amateur operators are welcome to use them.

D-WARN (System Fusion) Linked Repeaters

Baton Rouge: 145.490 (-) PL 107.2

Baton Rouge: 443.375 (+)

Bush, LA: 443.400 (+) PL 114.8

Bush, LA: 145.470 (-) PL 114.8

Jackson, LA: 443.850 (+)

Livingston: 145.230 (-) PL 107.2

Madisonville: 444.875 (+) PL 114.8

New Iberia: 442.025 (+) PL 103.5

New Orleans 444.225 (+) PL 114.8

Parks, LA 443.200 (+) PL 103.5

Shreveport 444.875 (+)

Slidell 442.125 (+) PL 114.8

St. Francisville 147.285 (+) PL 107.2

Sunshine Bridge:443.275 PL 107.2

West Monroe: 444.700 PL 127.3 Use PL Tones for Analog FM Operation



Parting Shot-

Since we had to cancel the annual BRARC Christmas luncheon at Mike Anderson's due to CoVid 19 concerns, a few of us got together and had lunch at Frank's Restaurant and Bar in Prairieville on December 5th. It was fun and the food was pretty good, and the company was even better. It was nice to see some familiar faces in person as most of us have not seen each other since the February 2020 club meeting. Everyone seemed to like the idea of planning a luncheon like this once a quarter so I will get with Frank's in Prairieville and plan another get together for early March. It's a Dutch Treat so everyone pays their own check.

I hope that each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. See you all in 2021.

73,

TODD-AB5TH

Your contribution to the RF News could appear here!!

Please e-mail any articles or contributions to me at ab5th@arrl.net