



Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club



RF News





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Club Meeting August 26



The presentation for the next meeting will be by **Paul Catrou, WA4MXT**. Paul will be talking about the exciting world of QRP, which he has been doing exclusively for the last 30 months with over 900 QSOs.





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*BRARC Member Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
at the St. George Fire Prevention District at 14100 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA.
We hope to see you there where there will be snacks and comradery.*

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ARRL AFFILIATE CLUB

ARRL

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

ARRL was founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim and Clarence D. Tuska as a noncommercial organization focused on the development of amateur radio as a response to the lack of available relay stations to pass messages via amateur radio. ARRL is now tasked with representing the interest of amateur radio operators before federal regulatory agencies. ARRL today represents the interest of over 137,000 members and over 7,000 members located in other countries. However, as of August 15, 2025 there were 774,358 licensed Amateur Radio operators according FCC files with 367,430 operators holding only Technician level licenses. Note that the 137,000 Amateur Radio operators who are members of ARRL represent only a 17.7% membership base in ARRL. ARRL stipulates at least a 51% membership rate in ARRL to become an ARRL Affiliated Club.





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Classified as an inventor and author Hiram Maxim was deeply involved in other creative interests and held federal patents in such areas as firearm silencers, automobile mufflers, and electric car components. Hiram also founded in 1926 the Amateur Cinema League in New York whose primary purpose was to nurture a fledging non-commercial and amateur film making interest among the general public. His Father, Sir Hiram Maxim, was the inventor of the first recoil-operated machine gun in the world and forever changed infantry warfare. Hiram Maxim's uncle, Hudson Maxim with R. C. Schupphaus, were credited with developing smokeless gunpowder in the United States.

In two issues of RF News, we are going to highlight our club's association with ARRL- American Radio Relay League. Our first connection was an invitation to formally associate with ARRL. Although informal records may show our recognition as an affiliate club as early as 1937 we weren't officially recognized by ARRL until March 5, 1938.

Our club submitted the following forms sometime in 1937 and by 1938 we received our Charter of Affiliation which is attached.

Resolution of Affiliation:

We agreed to actively affiliate with ARRL and that at least 51% of our club members would be members of ARRL. We agreed to recognize ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) as an ARRL program.

Initial Club Detail Report:

We agreed to provide detailed information on membership, officers, club specialties, and services offered by our club.

Membership Roster:

To be affiliated with ARRL at least 51% of our membership must also hold ARRL member membership.



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Club Constitution and Bylaws:

We must have a constitution that meets the requirements of ARRL and abides by local state laws.

Once our club was affiliated, we remained affiliated. To stay actively affiliated, however, our club must complete and submit an Annual Report at least once a year.

In the next Edition of the RF News, we will highlight the five steps that the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club took on its way to becoming designated as a Special Service Club affiliated with the ARRL.



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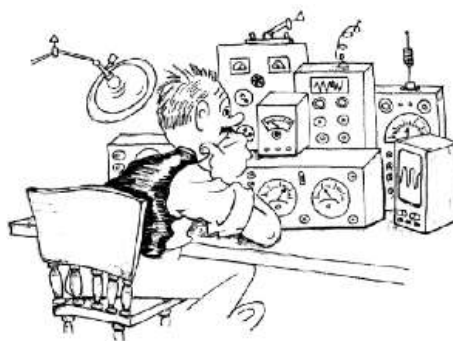


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Upcoming Club Events

- August 26 BRARC Monthly Meeting: "QRP Operating" Paul Catrou WA4MXT
- September 2 BRARC Board Meeting
- September 3 Ascension Amateur Radio Club
- September 30 BRARC Monthly Meeting: "WSPR Presentation" John Krupsky WA5MLF /Jon Reise WA9JBR
- October 7 BRARC Board Meeting
- October 8 Ascension Amateur Radio Club
- October 28 BRARC Monthly Meeting: "Batteries" Brook Samuel N5DGK
- November 4 BRARC Board Meeting
- November 18 Auction - 6:00-8:30pm – Big Mike's, Denham Springs
- December 2 BRARC Board Meeting
- December 13 Christmas Luncheon – 11:30-2:00pm - Big Mike's





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Do you ever listen to Podcasts?

Here's some of my favorites:

- Solder Smoke
- Ham Radio Workbench
- QSO Today

SolderSmoke
podcast



Ham Radio
Workbench

Let us know your favorites so we can
share with everyone!



Start gathering all your junk – I mean vintage equipment to be sold at the BRARC November Auction at Big Mike's. Last year we had some really quality equipment available to bid on, and I'm sure this year will be no different. The items should somehow be ham related,

although that's a grey area. Remember, all proceeds will be donated to the club, unless arrangements are made before the auction begins. This is our biggest fundraiser and it's a lot of fun every year. Who knows – you might find that perfect piece of gear! So be there:

November 18 at Big Mike's from 6:00 to 8:30



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From the Treasurer

BRARC Financial Snapshot: July & Year-to-Date Highlights!

Hey BRARC Members,

We wanted to give you a quick update on our club's finances! Your treasurer has been hard at work keeping everything in order, and we're happy to report that our bank records match up perfectly with our internal accounting, even with a few payments still making their way through the system. This means we have a clear picture of our funds, with our current balance sitting at \$7,558.28 as of August 1st.

Looking at July, we brought in \$176.74 from things like our 50-50 drawing, a kind donation, and your membership dues. On the spending side, our total outflows for the month were \$1,701.48, with our storage rental being the largest item. Of this, \$990 was to reimburse a member who has inadvertently paid this on their personal CC. This led to a net outflow of \$1,524.74 for July, which is expected when we have significant operational costs like our storage unit and Field Day expenses.

For the year so far, from January 1st through August 1st, our total spending is \$3,149.85. Our biggest expense continues to be storage, accounting for nearly half of our budget. Other key areas of spending include refreshments for meetings and training, communication costs, and various Field Day expenses. This breakdown helps us understand where our club's resources are being used to support all the great activities and services we provide.

Thanks for being a vital part of BRARC!



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The issue with the Post Office box has been corrected and we can now receive your dues through the mail.

Dues are payable annually on 1/1

Regular Membership is \$25 / year

Student Membership is \$5 / year

Mail Dues To:

BRARC

PO BOX 4004

Baton Rouge, LA

70821



Hey, guys! It's August!! Dues were due in January!

**KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY
YOUR DUES**

Dues can also be paid in person at any club meeting,



Online Payment:
scan the QR code
Apple Pay Google Pay
or **Credit Card**



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VE Testing and News



A license exam session is scheduled for **Saturday, September 6, 2025, 10:00 am – 12 noon** at the East Baton Rouge Main Library, 7711 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA

Future Exam Dates

- **Saturday, December 6, 10 am**

70806, in the **Technology Lab on the 2nd floor** (Rooms 2A, 2B, Tech Lab). If you want to take an exam for a new license or to upgrade an existing license, please register at [this page](#).

If **upgrading**, bring a copy of your current license. It will be submitted with your application by the Volunteer Examiner Team. If you are taking your first test, you must register with the FCC and get your FRN number (FCC Registration Number). This will be used on the forms instead of using your Social Security number. You can register for the FRN at [this page](#).

To take the test in person, candidates need to bring the following:

- Photo ID
- Copy of your current FCC license or CSCE (for those upgrading)
- \$15 cash or check made out to ARRL VEC
- Two #2 pencils with erasers and a black ink pen.
- Calculator – Optional. If used, you must demonstrate the memories are blank.



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USS KIDD





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Hamfests

- Ozone Hamfest Slidell – September 12-13



Huntsville Hamfest 2025





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Dinner with the Louisiana folks – Les K2ZP, Jerry AG5AY, David K5DFD, Jason KI5ZAZ, Ryan K5STAR, Meric KI5IFS, Jason KI5KIG, Elmer N5EFE

Meric, KI5IFS checking if the deals are as good as they say they are.



Jason KI5ZAZ is going through every table looking for that certain thing he needs.



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DX, Special Event, Contesting

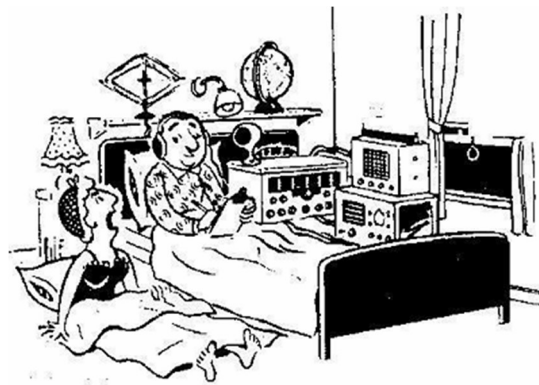
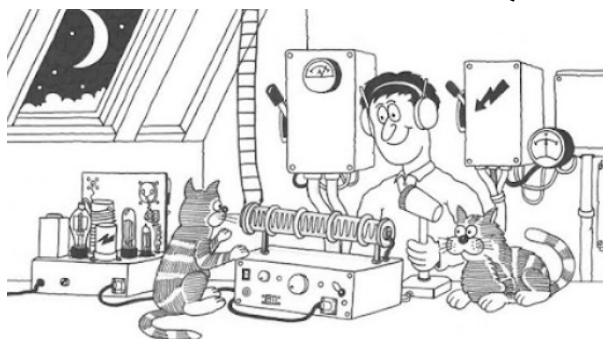
August

- 23-25 Hawaii QSO Party
- 23-24 Ohio QSO Party
- 30-31 U.S. Islands QSO Party
- 30-31 Colorado QSO Party
- 30-31 Kansas QSO Party



September

- 6 Ohio State Parks on the Air
- 7-8 Tennessee QSO Party
- 20-21 New Jersey QSO Party
- 20-21 Texas QSO Party
- 20-21 Iowa QSO Party
- 20-21 New Hampshire QSO Party
- 20 Wisconsin Parks on the Air
- 21 North American Sprint, RTTY
- 27-28 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY
- 27-28 Maine QSO Party





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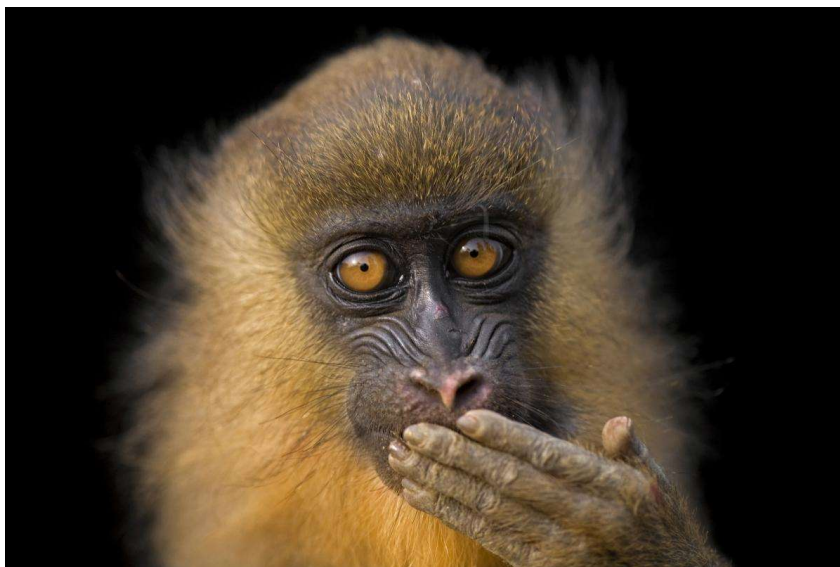


NN3RP will be active again as YN2RP from Nicaragua, 12 July - 4 August 2025. He will be active on 40 - 10m CW, SSB, Digital modes and also on Satellites.

Nicaragua is the largest country in Central America. The country has access to the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.



3C2MD Team will be active from Bioko Island, IOTA AF - 010, Equatorial Guinea, 29 October - 10 November 2025. They will operate on 160 - 6m and also EME and QO - 100 satellite.



Bioko Island is located in the waters of the Gulf of Biafra, part of the Atlantic Ocean's Gulf of Guinea. The island is owned by Equatorial Guinea, a state in mainland Africa





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E440M Team planning to be active from Bethlehem, Palestine in September 2025. Team - OM2DX, OM2IB, OM2ZZ, OM3RG and others.

The city of Bethlehem is one of the oldest on earth. It was founded around the 17th century BC.





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Swap Shop and Club Items

Name Badges, Mugs and Clothing with Club Logo available on the BRARC.org website.

Do you have something to sell? This is where you can advertise it. Just send a note to jerry.clouatre@gmail.com and I'll put it in the next issue of **RF News!**



Ten Tec Orion II 566 AT (\$500)

- 100 W HF
- Auto antenna tuner built in
- 160-10m
- Second receiver built in

MFJ 993B Auto Tuner (\$100)

- 300 Watts
- 1.8 – 30 Mhz



Contact Paul WA4MXT at 225-444-5307 and leave message



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Operating Tech and Tips

Is it time for a change?

I've been publishing this newsletter since January, and I am evaluating what changes need to be made to content and frequency.

Your feedback would be very helpful. Tell me what you like and what you would rather not see. It takes several days to put this together, and I want to make sure you are getting what you want and need, so therefore you will read it.

I'm thinking the newsletter may need to be shorter and not monthly, maybe quarterly or less. Please, let me know what you think.

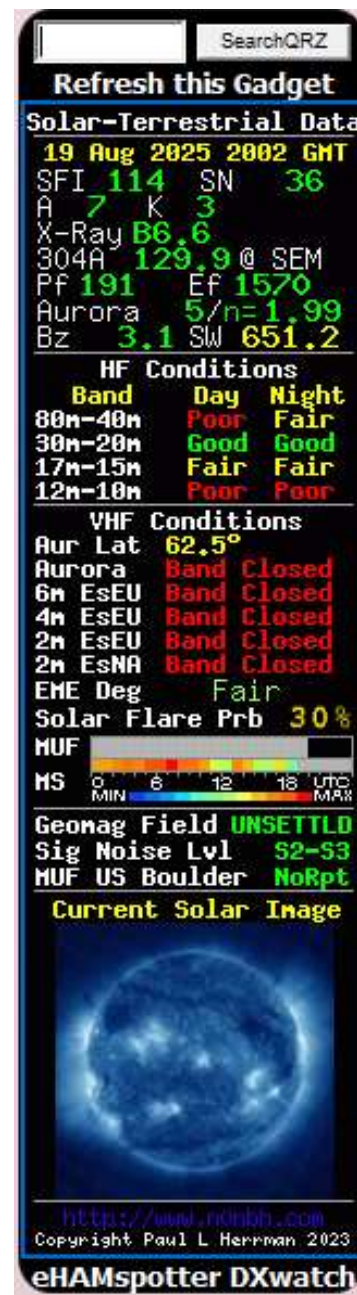
One feature that appeared last month was this little symbol, . The purpose was to see if you were reading the newsletter and to give a prize. Kinda like "Where's Waldo?" The first one to email me wins a prize! So far, no one has claimed the prize for July. Check out 'Other Stuff' at the end of the newsletter for details.

(By the way, if you'd like to add this nifty little gadget on the right to your computer screen, just let me know and I'll send you the link. It's free.)

73

Jerry

AG5AY





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ARISS "Casual" Crew Contacts

"I'd like to talk to a crew member on the ISS. When is a good time to listen?"



During ARRL Field Day in 2022, crew member Kjell Lindgren, KO5MOS, operated as NA1SS from the ISS Columbus Module. A very special occasion! NASA Photo.

Just like you, some crew members make ham radio contacts in their spare time. Their "spare" time is **evenings (1830-1930 UTC) and weekends**. These are unscheduled contacts.

Use the repeater frequencies
437.800 MHz down
145.990 MHz up CTCSS 67 Hz

Don't call for the crew, just listen if they are calling. If they are, and you can make it in, you will probably be greeted with "Welcome to the ISS!"



Do you want to talk to an astronaut on the International Space Station? Now might be the best time to listen for them calling CQ.

Hungry?

For good food and friendship? You are invited for breakfast, and guests are always welcome.

Wednesdays @ 06:30

James Grill, 205 Florida Avenue SE
in Denham Springs

Fridays @ 08:00

Franks @ Old Cortana Mall on Airline

Saturdays @ 06:15

Yeager's Down-Home Restaurant
on Bass Pro Blvd. Denham Springs





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Frequency	Net
146.79- MHz PL tone 107.2	Region 2 ARES Net Sunday 8:00 PM
146.79- MHz PL tone 107.2	BRARC Public Service Net Sunday 8:30 PM
146.46 MHz 147.47 MHz	Baton Rouge Simplex Net Monday 7:00 pm
28.450 MHz USB	Ten Meter Net Monday 7:30 PM
7.043 MHz CW	Slow CW Net 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 pm
442.2+ MHz PL tone 107.2	MissLou Net Wednesday 7:00 pm
146.835- MHz PL tone 114.8	MissLou Net Wednesday 8:00 pm
146.79- MHz PL tone 107.2	Friendship Net Thursday 7:00 PM
444.400+ MHz PL tone 107.2	W5GIX Fusion Repeater

Repeaters & Nets



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USS KIDD	WA5MLF	John Krupsky






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Other Stuff

- Be sure to check out BRARC.org for the latest news.
- Don't forget to check in on our Facebook page – show us pictures of your shack!
- What would you like to see in this newsletter?
- How about writing an article! Tell us about your latest DX contact, contest results, new equipment....
- Something totally new – this symbol, which you've seen before,  will appear occasionally in the newsletter. The first one to email (jerry.clouatre@gmail.com) the page that they spotted it on will receive a valuable prize at the next meeting. It could be an Icom IC-7610 or something of much less value, like a half-a-roll of electrical tape. In fact, I can guarantee it will be of much, much less value.*

* Value is a relative thing. If you really need a piece of electrical tape, it has great value!

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club-BRARC

Public group · 70 members



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