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RF News



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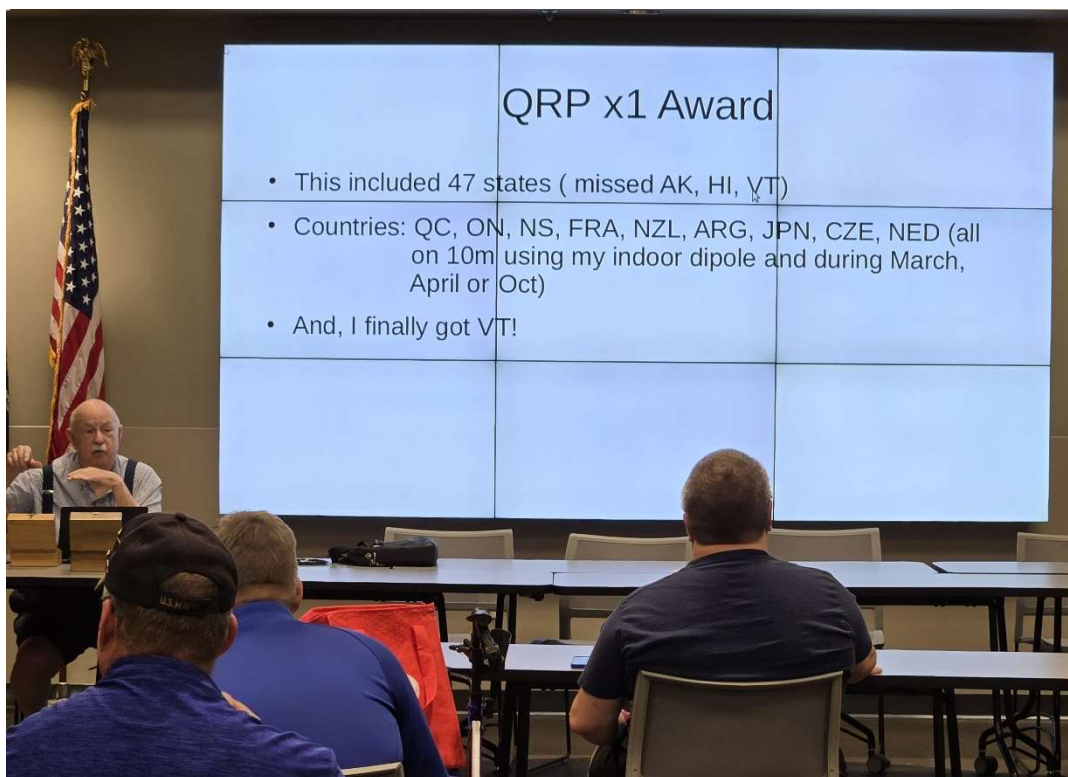




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Paul Catrou, WA4MXT talking about the exciting world of QRP



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From the President

Here we go, Team!

We all started together in January and now we find ourselves starting the 4th quarter of the year. Like a good sports team or quiz bowl team, we need to keep our 4th quarter momentum going! The year isn't over, and we still have lots of exciting presentations, events, and even have presentations on our calendar for 2026 thanks to our Presentation Committee. So, let's stay in the game!

We have added some new members under 18 who just tested with us, but I don't want to steal any thunder from our VEC. You'll hear more about them, I'm sure. We are doing more training and trying to keep people engaged in our hobby and always learning.

Our auction is coming up in November and is always a fun time as we get together at Big Mike's in Denham Springs and conduct our auction in a private room as we "eat, bid, and be merry!" This is the perfect opportunity to give a good home to that item you didn't realize you no longer needed and maybe even buy something you didn't know you needed (or even existed)! This is a combination fundraiser and social event, so if you want to donate your items to the club to auction, the proceeds will be used for





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events, etc., thank you as it is very generous. You can also auction off your items and the club will get a commission to carry on our good works, and that is also much appreciated.

I also encourage everyone in or wanting to be part of Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) to take part in the ARRL Nationwide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on October 4, 2025. If you are not ready to handle emergency traffic in the SET, please listen and you will learn so much. Of course, this is where we practice for the emergencies, so there are no wrong answers, just learning experiences. More details to follow.

How are we doing? I asked for your input at the beginning of the year and now we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through and your Officers and Board want to know how we are doing as a club. Are we meeting your expectations?

We had a SNAFU at the beginning of the year with electronic dues collections and it has been fixed for months now, so if you had a transaction that got sidetracked because of the PayPal issues or the PO Box issues and was returned to you, please continue to support the club by following through with the transaction for this year to pay 2025 dues (and if it is more convenient, why not pay ahead for 2026 at the same time?) We can accept dues electronically at the meetings (cash and checks also accepted).

I look forward to the rest of the year and our future years (we're almost 90), sharing at Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club!

Let's all stay in the game! See you or hear you soon! 7 3!

Joe K5ROP

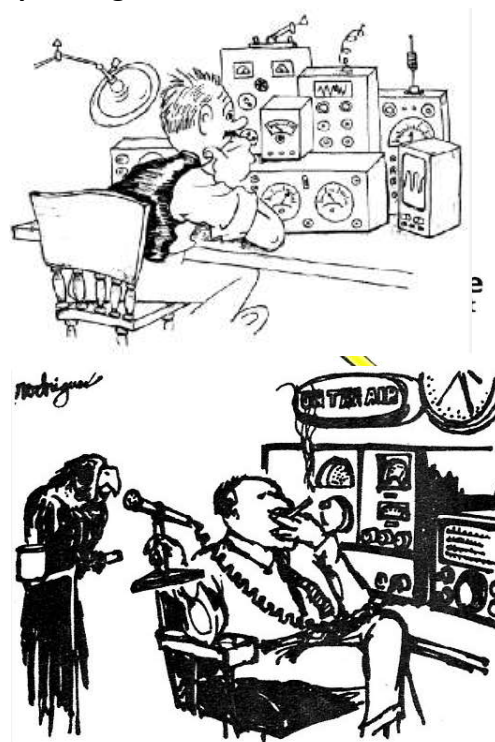


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Upcoming Club Events

- September 30 BRARC Monthly Meeting: "WSPR Presentation" John Krupsky WA5MLF /Jon Reise WA9JBR
- October 1 Ascension Amateur Radio Club
- October 4 ARRL Nationwide Simulated Emergency Test
- October 7 BRARC Board Meeting
- 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 Christmas Luncheon – 11:30-2:00pm - Big Mike's





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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 real quality equipment available to bid on and I'm sure this year will be no different. In fact, I've

been hearing rumors that some very nice equipment will be offered. 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 pm.





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Amateur Radio Emergency Services



The Louisiana Section Fall Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM CST unless a late season tropical disturbance requires an actual activation.

146.79- MHz
PL tone 107.2

Region 2 ARES Net
Sunday 8:00 PM

This simulated emergency exercise plan is based on the premise that periodic emergency drills enhance the ability of emergency communicators to perform in actual emergencies and that improves and promotes problem solving.

The complete SET plan can be found at, <https://www.wpcde-911.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/SET-2025-Fall.pdf>.

The following scenario will be utilized:

"A squall line of intense thunderstorms is occurring parallel to and ahead of a fast-moving, well-defined cold front. The squall line extends 100 to 300 km (60 to 80 mi.) ahead of the front with huge supercell storms causing severe weather over much its length. Wall clouds, an area of rotating clouds that extend beneath a supercell thunderstorm, are being noted all along the cold front as the front moves across Louisiana. Funnel clouds are being reported. NWS radars are showing hook echoes, indicating the presence of severe thunderstorms and the presence of mesocyclones."

This squall line will enter Region 7 and 8 at 9:00 AM.

This squall line will enter Region 6 at 9:15 AM.

This squall line will enter Region 2,4,5 and 9 at 9:30 AM.

This squall line will enter Region 1 and 3 at 9:45 AM.

While the 2025 Fall exercise plan for "Cold Front With Tornado Activity" sets overall weather conditions for this state, the DECs and ECs should develop local scenarios and operational challenges that are appropriate for their Parish and/or Region.



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From the Treasurer

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



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



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



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VE Testing and News

Eleven Candidates Test for Licenses

The BRARC VE team conducted one of the largest test sessions to date on Saturday, September 6 at the EBR Main Library on Goodwood. Ten Candidates pre-registered and we had one walk-in candidate. This was an unusual session since we had a mother and son get licensed as Technicians and a father and daughter get licensed. Jennifer Curry and son Daniel Czar both passed their Technician class test. Matthew Mapes passed his General class test and daughter Laura passed her Technician class test. Both young people qualified for the ARRL Youth Licensing Program which allowed them to only pay \$5 for the test fee. In addition, the ARRL program will reimburse them the \$35 FCC licensing fee.



Future Exam Dates

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

Three rooms were used at the library. One room was for administration; a second room was used for a pretest and post-test meeting area. Thornton Cofield, K5HLC and John Krupsky, WA5MLF introduced the Candidates to Amateur Radio and gave out one-year complimentary memberships to BRARC. The testing took place in the Technology Lab on the 2nd floor of the library.

The successful Candidates and their new issued licenses were:

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| • Timothy Thornton, W5TRT | General |
| • Alan Knight, KI5QJQ | General |
| • Ralph Mills Jr | General |
| • Clayton Smith | General |
| • Matthew Mapes | General |
| • Laura Mapes | Technician |



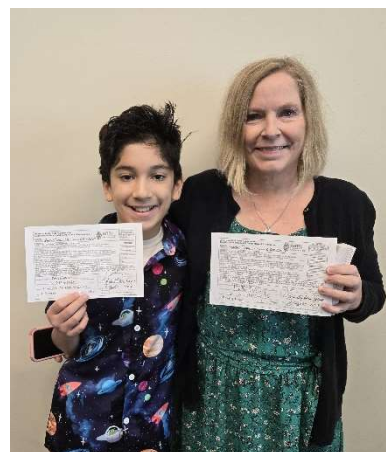
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| • Kerry Perron | Technician |
| • Jennifer Curry | Technician |
| • Daniel Czar | Technician |
| • Wesley Aucoin | Technician |
| • Willie Brown Jr | Technician |

This session's VE Team was comprised of:

- Jon Reise, WA9JBR
- Michael Nolan, KD5MLD
- David Cohen, N7TC
- Thornton Cofield, K5HLC
- Joe Roppolo, K5ROP
- John Krupsky, WA5MLF



Daniel Czar & Jennifer Curry

BRARC will be conducting the next test session at the library on Saturday, December 6 at 10 am:

If you hold a Technician or General class license, think about upgrading at one of our test sessions. 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.



Willie Brown Jr



Matthew & Laura Mapes



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USS KIDD

KIDD's 40mm mounts are being refurbished! Mount 41 is now about 70-80% complete. USS KIDD (DD-661) is now in ThomaSea shipyard in Houma, LA, undergoing repairs in drydock. She will likely leave drydock by November.





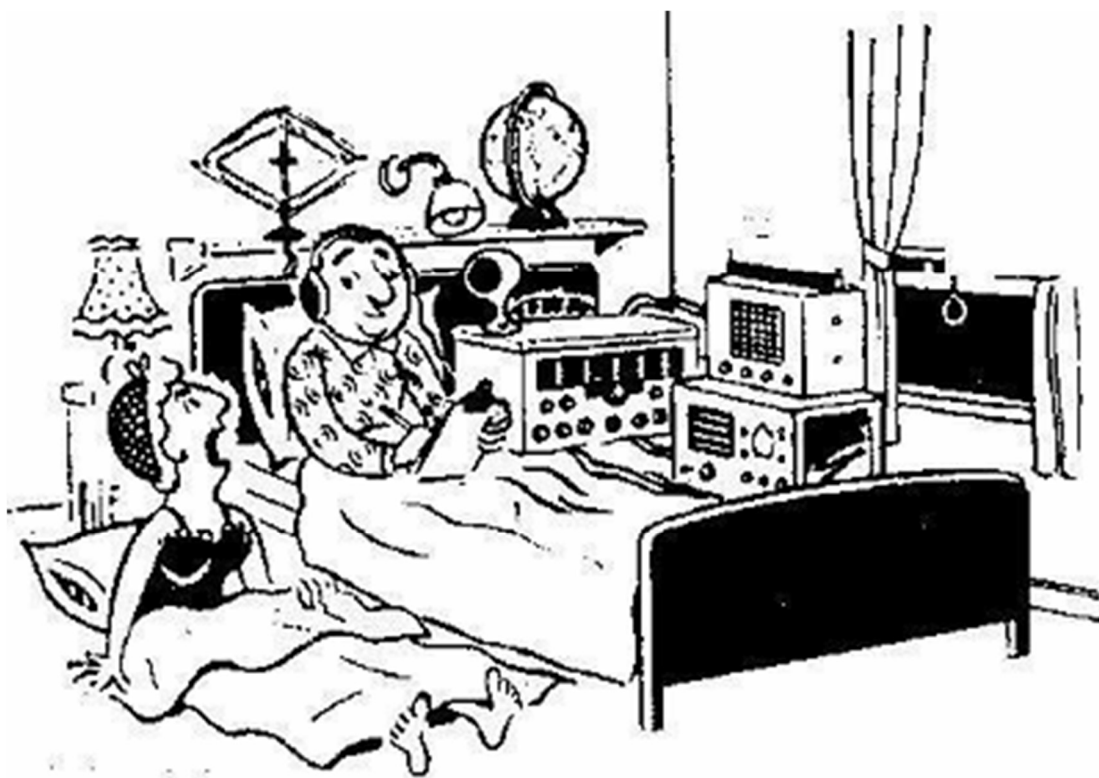
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DX, Special Event, Contesting

October

- 4-5 California QSO Party
- 11-12 Nevada QSO Party
- 11-12 Arizona QSO Party
- 11-12 Pennsylvania QSO Party
- 11-12 South Dakota QSO Party
- 18-19 New York QSO Party
- 19-20 Illinois QSO Party
- 20-24 ARRL School Club Roundup
- 25-26 CQ Worldwide DX SSB Contest



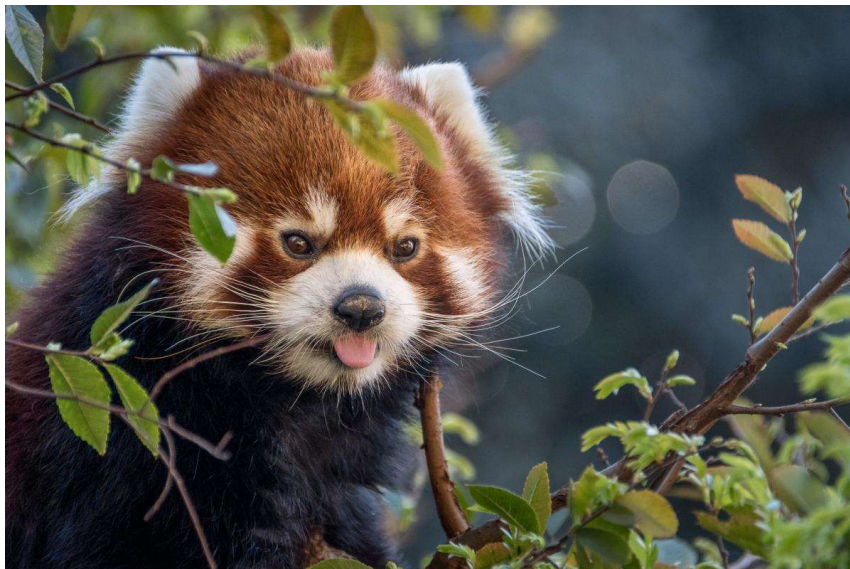


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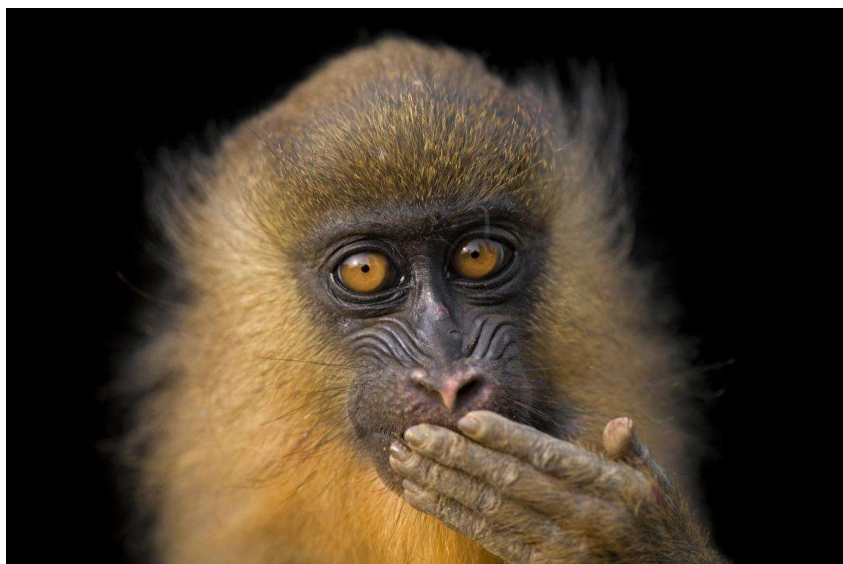


**PG5M will be active as A52G from Bhutan, 1 - 8 October 2025.
He will operate on 40 - 6m, CW, FT8.**

The Kingdom of Bhutan is one of the most mysterious and least studied countries in the world. The state is located in the middle of the Himalayas between India and China in a cozy corner of Southeast Asia. Local authorities strictly limit the entry of tourists in an attempt to protect the unique culture from the invasion of globalization. Ancient traditions have been preserved here in their authentic form — everything around seems to “breathe” the past, from clothing to religious customs. Isolation from the



outside world has been achieved thanks to its geographical location — Bhutan is safely hidden away from modern civilization. The country's landscapes are strikingly diverse — it is surrounded by rocky mountains and dense forests, and crossed by the tributaries of the Brahmaputra, Asia's largest river.



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 Biafara, part of the Atlantic Ocean's Gulf of Guinea. The



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island is owned by Equatorial Guinea, a state in mainland Africa. In this case, there is an interesting exception, because the capital of this state, the city of Malabo, is located on the island of Bioko, which has an area of 2017 km², which is only 7% of the total area of the country, but the 260-thousand population of the island is more than a third of all its inhabitants. The island part of the country is separated from the coast of the continent by about 160 kilometers. The equatorial position of Bioko determines another local natural peculiarity - sunrise and sunset fall at almost the same time, and all year round.


F4FKT will be active as FT4YM from Antarctica November 2025 - February 2026. 





Operating Tech and Tips

*Beginning 2026, I'll publish the newsletter every other month.

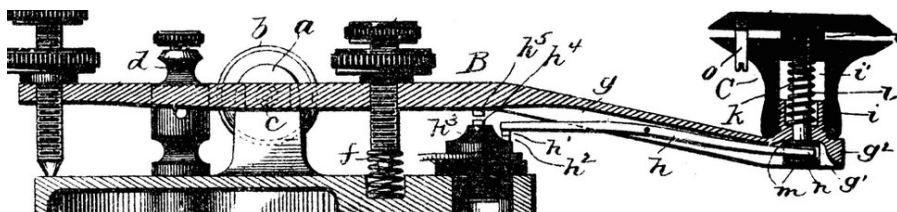
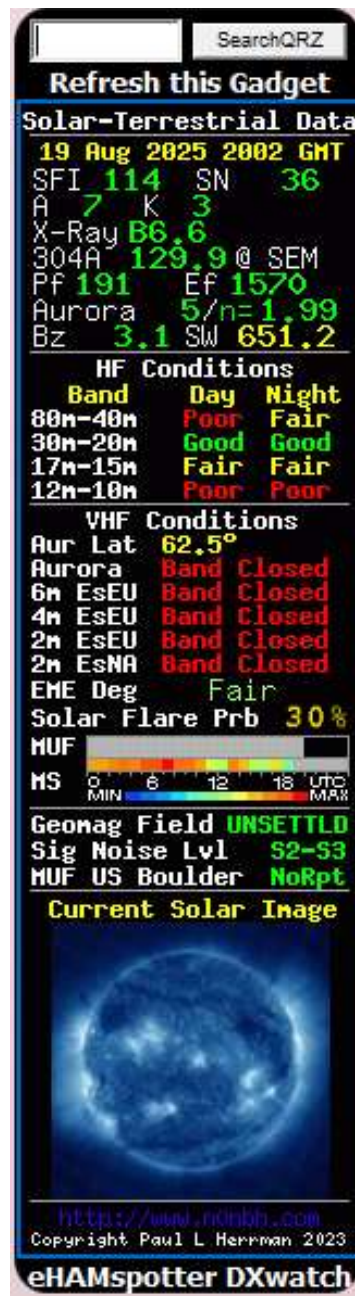
Don't forget about this little symbol, . The **first** one to email me wins a prize! Check out 'Other Stuff' on the last page for details. We had a winner last month, so let me know!

By the way, if you'd like to add this nifty little gadget 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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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



Do you ever listen to Podcasts?

Here's some of my favorites:

- Solder Smoke
- Ham Radio Workbench
- QSO Today

Ham Radio
Workbench

SolderSmoke
podcast



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





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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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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....
- This symbol, which you've seen before,  will appear occasionally in the newsletter. The first one to email me that they spotted it will receive a valuable prize at the next meeting. It could be an Icom IC-7610 or something of much less value, like 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!

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Public group · 70 members



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