



Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club



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Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club Auction

November 18 - Club Meeting & Auction. 6:00pm
at Big Mike's Sports Bar & Grill,
123 Aspen Square, Denham Springs, LA.



Bring lots of \$\$\$ to bid on those great items that we all know you need! All proceeds go to the club unless prior arrangements are made.



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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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From the President

As we get closer to the end of one year and start of a new year, I want to just quickly say how grateful I am for everyone for being a part of the club. I can be all fancy and say that your Officers and Board do this only for you, but to be honest, I think we all like to do it. No one is holding a soldering gun (or any other type) to our heads, as no one is forcing anyone to be a member. Please take a moment during the holidays to think about what is important in your life and while I hope Amateur Radio isn't the only thing for you to be thankful, it's OK if it's in there somewhere. It is also OK if you want to join in with whatever time you can spare and share in the good feeling of adding to the sum total of enjoyment and knowledge of our members. You may have an idea that others have had, but didn't know how to execute it as a plan or activity. It feels good to give back and share with our fellow operators.



I have my current job because of ham radio. I am sure many of you have heard the story, but to be quick about it: ham radio → ARES → training online at ARRL and FEMA → advanced in-person training at GOHSEP → a calling to Emergency Management → getting more certifications and instructor accreditations → applying for a few jobs at GOHSEP → now I work for you in the Governor's Office of Homeland



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Security and Emergency Preparedness. I work in the Planning Branch, but activate with Interoperability (ESF2 - Communications) and spend 10% or more of my time coordinating with the ham radio operators and steering committee for the Louisiana Auxiliary Communications Program (LACP) as well as working with public safety radio and all the fun things we do for emergency incidents and planning events (January Terrorist attack, Super Bowl, Mardi Gras. Etc.)

So, as Thanksgiving approaches, I am thankful for my family, friends, my job, living in the USA, and Amateur Radio for all that I have received and all the great people to whom I have become friends.

With much gratitude for all of you!

7 3, Joe K5ROP



2025 Field Day Activity photos are now on our website,

<https://brarc.org/field-day-2025/>



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Upcoming Club Events

- November 18 Club Meeting and Auction
- December 2 BRARC Board Meeting
- December 6 License Exam Session
- December 13 Christmas Luncheon, Big Mike's in Denham Springs



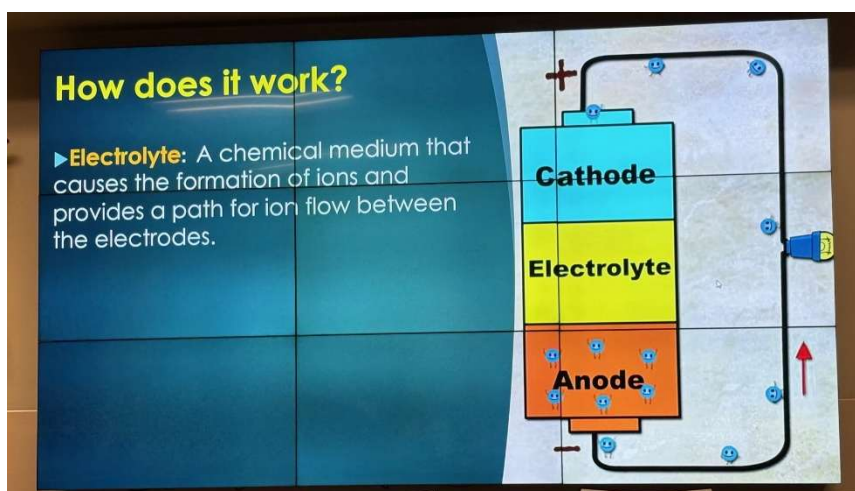
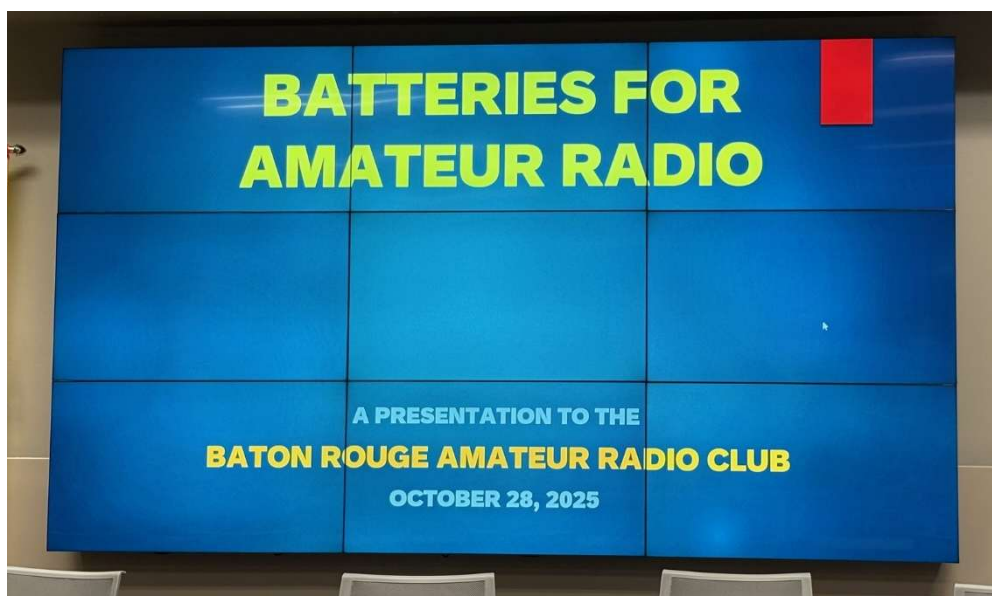


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October Club Meeting

Brook Samuel (N5DGK) gave a fine presentation on batteries used in amateur radio. He covered all commonly used batteries, such as alkaline, lead acid, NiCd, NiMH, Li-ion, and LiFePO4.





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Hands-on Tutoring for HF Radio

If you want to learn the basics of making HF radio contacts, this session is for you. We are offering personal sessions of hands-on learning covering the following:

- Introduction to our station equipment
- Basics of making contacts
- Logging software basics
- Using the PSK Reporter website for mapping CW or FT8 digital contacts



You will be instructed by an Extra class amateur radio operator at the Highland Road Park Observatory, operating W5GIX. After you learn the basics, you will make radio contacts with other hams around the country using our ICOM IC-7300 transceiver.

Sign up for a **personal** session on the web site. We'll focus on one or more modes of operation (voice, CW, FT8 digital) according to your interests.

Station Equipment:

The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station at the Highland Road Park Observatory. We run an ICOM IC-7300, 100 W transceiver, with an antenna tuner, to a tribander Yagi or wire antenna.





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We suggest that radio operators / members wear their callsign or club badges or apparel to help identify themselves to the BREC staff and visitors as representatives of our club and the amateur radio community.



Jon Reise, WA9JBR
John Krupsky, WA5MLF





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USS KIDD



The USS KIDD has been refloated and is in route to Baton Rouge!



For those interested in a piece of history, supporting the USS Kidd, and getting a really unique Christmas Gift take a look at this.

The [USS KIDD Veterans Museum](https://www.facebook.com/USSKIDD661) is offering "Rivets" taken from the USS Kidd during her renovation while she was drydocked between 2024-2025. As per the USS Kidd Veterans Museum, "each rivet comes with a certificate of authenticity signed by our Executive Director and Ship Superintendent to guarantee its origin".

Keep up to date with the restoration progress by following the Facebook site, USS KIDD Veterans Museum at <https://www.facebook.com/USSKIDD661> and the YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@usskidd661/videos>.



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DX, Special Event, Contesting



CQ World Wide DX Contest

CQ WW Contest Dates

SSB: October 25 - 26, 2025

CW: November 29 - 30, 2025

Starts: 0000 UTC Saturday

Ends: 2359 UTC Sunday

SSTV Series 30: ISS at 25 & Scouts

Beginning Wednesday, help celebrate 25 years of the ISS, ARISS, and Scouting!

ARISS SSTV Series 30 - ISS at 25 / Scouting

Images: **12 images** using PD120 encoding

Frequency: **145.800 MHz** worldwide

Certificate Available: **Yes** for submission to gallery at: ariss-usa.org/ARISS_SSTV/

Image Timing: 2 minutes on / 2 minutes off

Current event schedule:

Start: **Wed. 12-Nov. 17:30 UTC (12:30 PM ET)**

End: **Wed. 19-Nov. 14:50 UTC (9:50 AM ET)**

SSTV will pause for 2 educational contacts:

Azerbaijan: 16-November

14:30 UTC (9:50 ET) - 15:05 UTC (10:05 ET)

Russia TBD: 18-November

10:05 UTC (5:05 ET) - 10:30 UTC (5:30 ET)

SSTV
Series 30

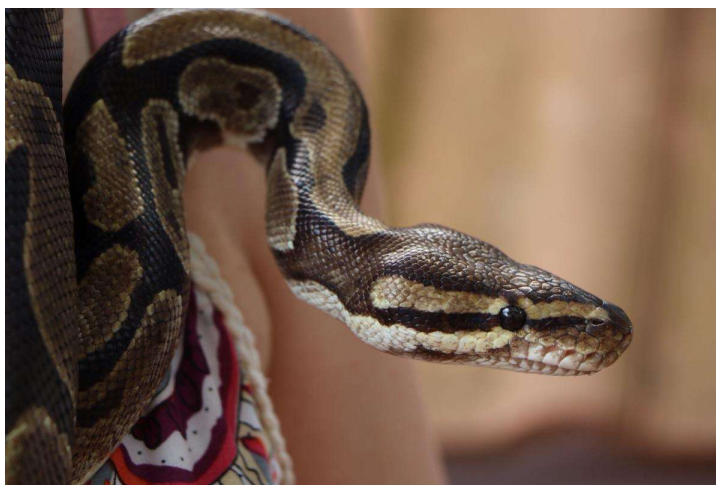




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TY0RU Team will be active again from **Benin**, starting 18 November 2025.
Team - members of the Russian DX Pediton Team.



VU7R Team will be active from **Agatti Island**, Lakshadweep Islands, IOTA AS - 011, 10 - 22 January 2026.
Team - VU2RS, VU24DX, VU3DXA, VU3GDS, VU29AR, EY8MM, DL6KVA, YT1AD, R7KW, DJ5IW, VU2DWA.





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DXCC Most wanted countries 2025 Club Log version. Updated May 2025



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| 1. P5 DPRK (NORTH KOREA) | 37. TI9 COCOS ISLAND | 74. FO/A AUSTRAL ISLANDS |
| 2. BS7H SCARBOROUGH REEF | 38. VK9W WILLIS ISLAND | 75. T30 WESTERN KIRIBATI |
| 3. CE0X SAN FELIX ISLANDS | 39. FT5Z AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS | 76. VP8H SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS |
| 4. BV9P PRATAS ISLAND | 40. VP8O SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS | 77. 1A0 SOV MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA |
| 5. KH7K KURE ISLAND | 41. XZ MYANMAR | 78. 5U NIGER |
| 6. KH3 JOHNSTON ISLAND | 42. ZK3 TOKELAU ISLANDS | 79. XX9 MACAO |
| 7. 3Y/P PETER 1 ISLAND | 43. 3C0 ANNOBON | 80. E4 PALESTINE |
| 8. FT5/X KERGUELEN ISLAND | 44. 1S SPRATLY ISLANDS | 81. V6 MICRONESIA |
| 9. YV0 AVES ISLAND | 45. KH5 PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS | 82. H4 SOLOMON ISLANDS |
| 10. 3Y/B BOUVET ISLAND | 46. T5 SOMALIA | 83. TN REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO |
| 11. ZS8 PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS | 47. R1F FRANZ JOSEF LAND | 84. ZL7 CHATHAM ISLAND |
| 12. KH4 MIDWAY ISLAND | 48. T31 CENTRAL KIRIBATI | 85. HV VATICAN CITY |
| 13. VK0M MACQUARIE ISLAND | 49. T33 BANABA ISLAND | 86. TT CHAD |
| 14. PY0S SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS | 50. H40 TEMOTU PROVINCE | 87. S2 BANGLADESH |
| 15. KP5 DESECHEO ISLAND | 51. KH8/S SWAINS ISLAND | 88. VK9C COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND |
| 16. VP0S SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS | 52. E3 ERITREA | 89. KH8 AMERICAN SAMOA |
| 17. ZL9 NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS | 53. FO/C CLIPPERTON ISLAND | 90. D6 COMOROS |
| 18. FK/C CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS | 54. ZD9 TRISTAN DA CUNHA & GOUGH ISLANDS | 91. 3XA GUINEA |
| 19. VK0H HEARD ISLAND | 55. VQ9 CHAGOS ISLANDS | 92. T2 TUVALU |
| 20. FT/T TROMELIN ISLAND | 56. JX JAN MAYEN | 93. 4U1UN UNITED NATIONS HQ |
| 21. EZ TURKMENISTAN | 57. VP6/D DUCIE ISLAND | 94. J5 GUINEA-BISSAU |
| 22. ZL8 KERMADEC ISLAND | 58. VU4 ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS | 95. TL CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC |
| 23. YK SYRIA | 59. 3D2/C CONWAY REEF | 96. 9L SIERRA LEONE |
| 24. VP0G SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND | 60. CY0 SABLE ISLAND | 97. 3D2/R ROTUMA |
| 25. XF4 REVILLAGIGEDO | 61. FO/M MARQUESAS ISLANDS | 98. KG4 GUANTANAMO BAY |
| 26. KH1 BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS | 62. 9U BURUNDI | 99. A5 BHUTAN |
| 27. SV/A MOUNT ATHOS | 63. VU7 LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS | 100. FW WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS |
| 28. KH9 WAKE ISLAND | 64. 3B7 AGALEGA & ST BRANDON ISLANDS | 101. TJ CAMEROON |
| 29. FT5/W CROZET ISLAND | 65. VK9L LORD HOWE ISLAND | 102. FJ SAINT BARTHELEMY |
| 30. VK9M MELLISH REEF | 66. 7O YEMEN | 103. E6 NIUE |
| 31. FT/J JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA | 67. VK9X CHRISTMAS ISLAND | 104. ET ETHIOPIA |
| 32. JD/M MINAMI TORISHIMA | 68. CE0Z JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLANDS | 105. 5N NIGERIA |
| 33. PY0T TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS | 69. E5/N NORTH COOK ISLANDS | 106. C21 NAURU |
| 34. HK0/M MALPELO ISLAND | 70. CY9 SAINT PAUL ISLAND | 107. FP SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON |
| 35. FT/G GLORIOSO ISLAND | 71. VP6 PITCAIRN ISLAND | 108. 9Q DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO |
| 36. KP1 NAVASSA ISLAND | 72. 5A LIBYA | 109. V7 MARSHALL ISLANDS |
| | 73. Z8 REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN | 110. A3 TONGA |
| | | 111. 4U1ITU ITU HQ |
| | | 112. C9 MOZAMBIQUE |



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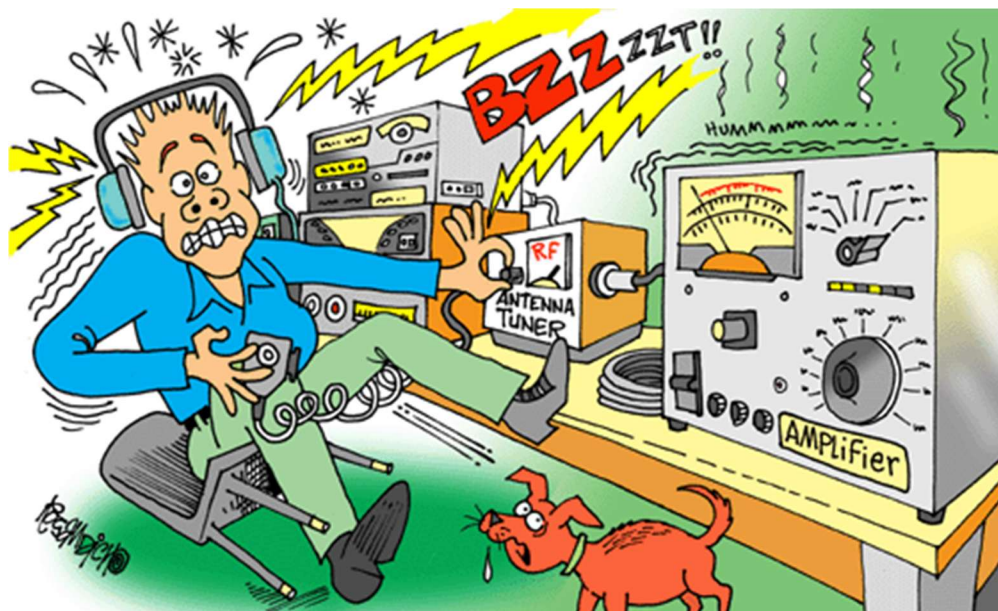
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| 113. J2 DJIBOUTI | 162. KH0 MARIANA ISLANDS | 211. OX GREENLAND |
| 114. VP2V BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS | 163. 9J ZAMBIA | 212. 3D2 FIJI ISLANDS |
| 115. FH MAYOTTE | 164. FO FRENCH POLYNESIA | 213. D4 CAPE VERDE |
| 116. 8R GUYANA | 165. 5R MADAGASCAR | 214. ZA ALBANIA |
| 117. ST SUDAN | 166. 5H TANZANIA | 215. ZB2 GIBRALTAR |
| 118. TU COTE D'IVOIRE | 167. PJ5 SABA & ST EUSTATIUS | 216. T7 SAN MARINO |
| 119. YJ VANUATU | 168. YN NICARAGUA | 217. C31 ANDORRA |
| 120. ZD8 ASCENSION ISLAND | 169. VP9 BERMUDA | 218. EX KYRGYZSTAN |
| 121. CE0Y EASTER ISLAND | 170. S7 SEYCHELLES ISLANDS | 219. FR REUNION ISLAND |
| 122. YI IRAQ | 171. 6W SENEGAL | 220. JT MONGOLIA |
| 123. P2 PAPUA NEW GUINEA | 172. FS SAINT MARTIN | 221. HB0 LIECHTENSTEIN |
| 124. 7P LESOTHO | 173. SU EGYPT | 222. 9M2 WEST MALAYSIA |
| 125. HK0S SAN ANDRES ISLAND | 174. YS EL SALVADOR | 223. UJ UZBEKISTAN |
| 126. T8 PALAU | 175. S0 WESTERN SAHARA | 224. 5Z KENYA |
| 127. 3C EQUATORIAL GUINEA | 176. 3A MONACO | 225. OA PERU |
| 128. 5V7 TOGO | 177. AP PAKISTAN | 226. V5 NAMIBIA |
| 129. 4W TIMOR-LESTE | 178. VP5 TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS | 227. ZF CAYMAN ISLANDS |
| 130. JD/O OGASAWARA | 179. HH HAITI | 228. PZ SURINAME |
| 131. YA AFGHANISTAN | 180. C6A BAHAMAS | 229. EK ARMENIA |
| 132. S9 SAO TOME & PRINCIPE | 181. J8 SAINT VINCENT | 230. 4J AZERBAIJAN |
| 133. T32 EASTERN KIRIBATI | 182. EY TAJIKISTAN | 231. PJ4 BONAIRE |
| 134. XT BURKINA FASO | 183. TR GABON | 232. J6 SAINT LUCIA |
| 135. TZ MALI | 184. 9G GHANA | 233. FK NEW CALEDONIA |
| 136. Z2 ZIMBABWE | 185. JW SVALBARD | 234. OH0 ALAND ISLANDS |
| 137. XU CAMBODIA | 186. 5W SAMOA | 235. ZP PARAGUAY |
| 138. HC8 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS | 187. 5T MAURITANIA | 236. FM MARTINIQUE |
| 139. 5X UGANDA | 188. CP BOLIVIA | 237. 7X ALGERIA |
| 140. ZC4 UK BASES ON CYPRUS | 189. V4 SAINT KITTS & NEVIS | 238. A7 QATAR |
| 141. XW LAOS | 190. V2 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA | 239. PJ2 CURACAO |
| 142. PJ7 SINT MAARTEN | 191. 4S SRI LANKA | 240. GU GUERNSEY |
| 143. V8 BRUNEI | 192. FY FRENCH GUIANA | 241. P4 ARUBA |
| 144. EP IRAN | 193. 9V SINGAPORE | 242. VR HONG KONG |
| 145. PY0F FERNANDO DE NORONHA | 194. VP2E ANGUILLA | 243. FG GUADELOUPE |
| 146. VP2M MONTSERRAT | 195. ZD7 SAINT HELENA | 244. DU PHILIPPINES |
| 147. TY BENIN | 196. KH2 GUAM | 245. BU TAIWAN |
| 148. OJ0 MARKET REEF | 197. HR HONDURAS | 246. 8P BARBADOS |
| 149. VK9N NORFOLK ISLAND | 198. 3B8 MAURITIUS ISLAND | 247. 4O MONTENEGRO |
| 150. A2 BOTSWANA | 199. TG GUATEMALA | 248. HP PANAMA |
| 151. 9N NEPAL | 200. 9M6 EAST MALAYSIA | 249. 9Y TRINIDAD & TOBAGO |
| 152. Z6 REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO | 201. 6Y JAMAICA | 250. GD ISLE OF MAN |
| 153. 8Q MALDIVES | 202. 3W VIET NAM | 251. GJ JERSEY |
| 154. 9X RWANDA | 203. CE9 ANTARCTICA | 252. V3 BELIZE |
| 155. EL LIBERIA | 204. OY FAROE ISLANDS | 253. 4L GEORGIA |
| 156. C5 THE GAMBIA | 205. VP8 FALKLAND ISLANDS | 254. TK CORSICA |
| 157. 3DA KINGDOM OF ESWATINI | 206. JY JORDAN | 255. SV5 DODECANESE |
| 158. E5/S SOUTH COOK ISLANDS | 207. J7 DOMINICA | 256. OD LEBANON |
| 159. J3 GRENADA | 208. 7Q MALAWI | 257. TI COSTA RICA |
| 160. 3V TUNISIA | 209. A9 BAHRAIN | 258. 9H MALTA |
| 161. 3B9 RODRIGUEZ ISLAND | 210. D2 ANGOLA | 259. HZ SAUDI ARABIA |



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| 260. CN MOROCCO | 288. CU AZORES | 316. SV GREECE |
| 261. KP2 US VIRGIN ISLANDS | 289. LX LUXEMBOURG | 317. YO ROMANIA |
| 262. VU INDIA | 290. CT3 MADEIRA ISLANDS | 318. HB SWITZERLAND |
| 263. A4 OMAN | 291. TA TURKEY | 319. JA JAPAN |
| 264. EA9 CEUTA & MELILLA | 292. EA6 BALEARIC ISLANDS | 320. LZ BULGARIA |
| 265. HC ECUADOR | 293. YB INDONESIA | 321. SM SWEDEN |
| 266. HS THAILAND | 294. ISO SARDINIA | 322. OE AUSTRIA |
| 267. KH6 HAWAII | 295. UN KAZAKHSTAN | 323. UA0 ASIATIC RUSSIA |
| 268. A6 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | 296. KP4 PUERTO RICO | 324. OH FINLAND |
| 269. 9K KUWAIT | 297. YL LATVIA | 325. 9A CROATIA |
| 270. HI DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | 298. GI NORTHERN IRELAND | 326. VE CANADA |
| 271. SV9 CRETE | 299. 4X ISRAEL | 327. OK CZECH REPUBLIC |
| 272. KL7 ALASKA | 300. LU ARGENTINA | 328. PA NETHERLANDS |
| 273. TF ICELAND | 301. GW WALES | 329. S5 SLOVENIA |
| 274. HL REPUBLIC OF KOREA | 302. VK AUSTRALIA | 330. ON BELGIUM |
| 275. XE MEXICO | 303. ES ESTONIA | 331. HA HUNGARY |
| 276. HK COLOMBIA | 304. EI IRELAND | 332. UR UKRAINE |
| 277. UA2 KALININGRAD | 305. E7 BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA | 333. G ENGLAND |
| 278. CX URUGUAY | 306. EU BELARUS | 334. SP POLAND |
| 279. Z3 NORTH MACEDONIA | 307. GM SCOTLAND | 335. EA SPAIN |
| 280. ER MOLDOVA | 308. EA8 CANARY ISLANDS | 336. F FRANCE |
| 281. CE CHILE | 309. LA NORWAY | 337. UA EUROPEAN RUSSIA |
| 282. BY CHINA | 310. CT PORTUGAL | 338. DL FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY |
| 283. YV VENEZUELA | 311. LY LITHUANIA | 339. I ITALY |
| 284. ZL NEW ZEALAND | 312. YT SERBIA | 340. K UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |
| 285. CO CUBA | 313. OZ DENMARK | |
| 286. 5B CYPRUS | 314. OM SLOVAK REPUBLIC | |
| 287. ZS REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA | 315. PY BRAZIL | |





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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!**





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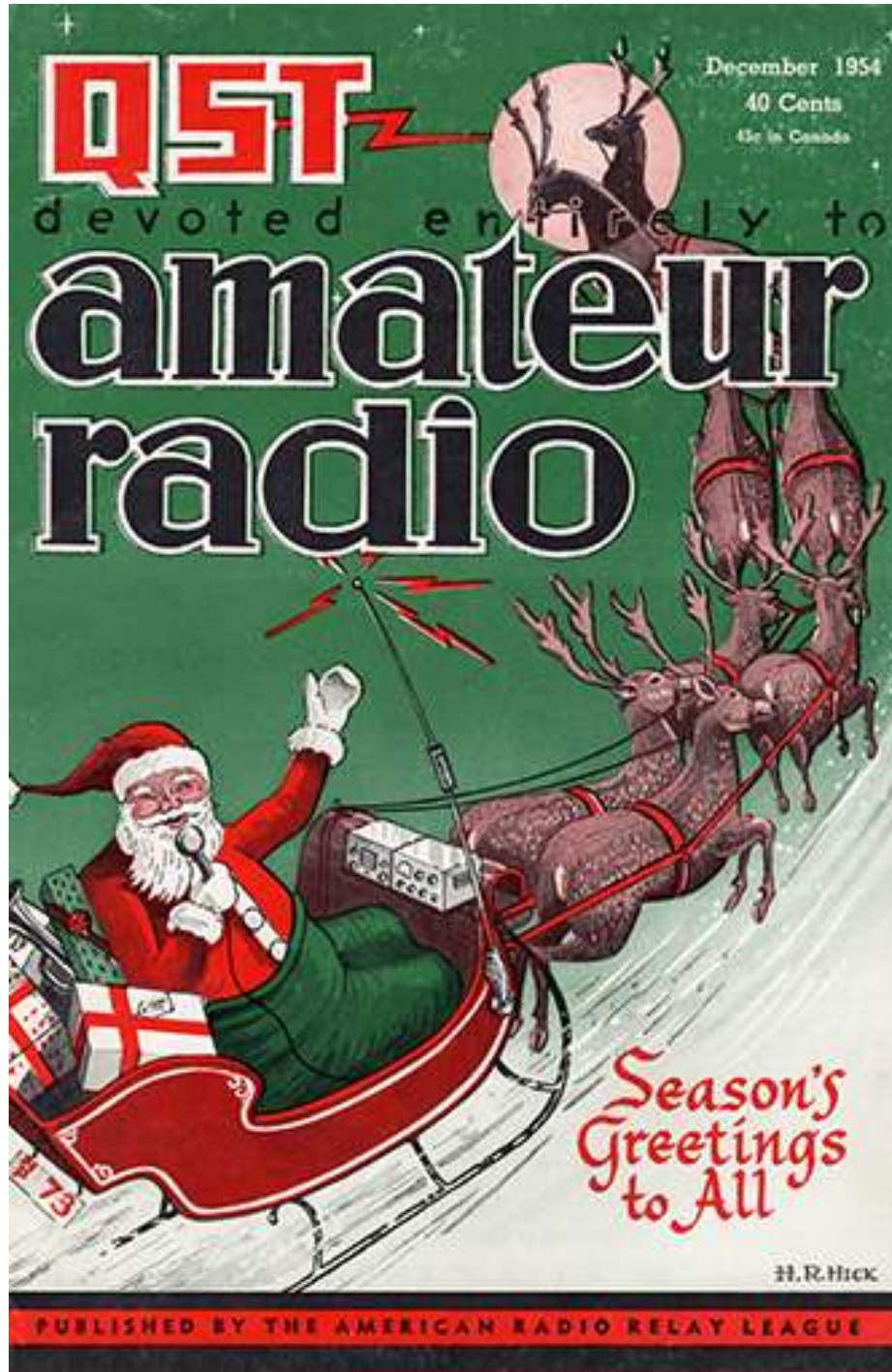
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