



## December VE Test Session – Nine New Hams Join the Hobby

The BRARC VE team conducted an exam session on Saturday, December 3rd at the EBR Main Library on Goodwood. Ten Candidates either received new licenses or upgraded to General by passing the exams. The Candidates and their successful license exam were:

- Brandon Paulk                      Technician
- Lisa Champagne                    Technician
- Corey Badeaux                     Technician
- Eric Evans                            Technician
- Mike Gebhart                        Technician
- William Clenney                    Technician
- Audrey Charmant                  Technician
- Charles Badeaux                    General
- Thomas Thompson                Technician
- Robert West                         Technician

This session's VE Team was comprised of:

- Jon Reise, WA9JBR
- Joe Roppolo, K5ROP
- Michael Nolan, KD5MLD
- Todd Huovinen, AB5TH
- Russ London, NS5W
- David Cohen, N7TC

- Thornton Cofield, K5HLC

Thornton Cofield, K5HLC, the BRARC Secretary, and Todd Huovinen, AB5TH acted as the PIOs by introducing the Candidates to the benefits of Amateur Radio. Each Candidate received a packet of information about ham radio and a complimentary 12-month membership in BRARC. Thornton and Todd occupied the “Holding Room” which was dedicated to the Candidates before and after they completed their test and were waiting for the results. Thornton talked about basic HF backyard antennas and operating modes. The Candidates had many questions, which Thornton and Todd were happy to discuss. Congratulations to Thornton for recently receiving his VE credentials from the ARRL.

BRARC will be conducting test sessions in 2023 at the library on the following dates at 10 am:

- Saturday, Mar 4
- Saturday, Jun 10
- Saturday, Sep 2
- Saturday, Dec 2

If you hold a Technician or General class license, think about upgrading at one of the upcoming test sessions. Registration can be done on the BRARC website. If you are a VE and interested in joining the BRARC VE Team, contact Jon Reise, WA9JBR at [jreise92@gmail.com](mailto:jreise92@gmail.com).



Names from left to right: Mike Gebhart- Technician; Todd Huovinen- VE;  
Charles Badeaux- General; Corey Badeaux- Technician; Eric Evans- Technician;  
Robert West- Technician; Bill Clenney- Technician; Audrey Charmant- Technician;  
Lisa Champagne- Technician; Thomas Thompson- Technician.

Not pictured is Brandon Paulk- Technician

*Photo by Thornton Cofield*