



June 2022 VE Test Session – Seven New Hams Join the Hobby

The BRARC VE team conducted an exam session on Saturday, June 4th at the EBR Main Library on Goodwood. Seven Candidates either received new licenses or upgraded to General by passing the exams. The Candidates and their successful license exam were:

- Mary Champagne Technician
- Chris DeRouen Technician
- Bryon Carson Technician
- Robert Wolf III, KI5UBD General
- Ty Harvison Technician
- John Braswell Technician
- Matthew Tessier Technician

This session's VE Team was comprised of:

- Jon Reise, WA9JBR
- Joe Roppolo, K5ROP
- Bill Smith, KE5TA
- Jerry Clouatre, AG5AY
- Hank Ellis, K5HDE

Thornton Cofield, K5HLC, the BRARC Secretary, acted as the PIO by introducing the Candidates to the benefits of Amateur Radio. Each Candidate received a packet of information about ham radio and a complimentary 6-month membership in BRARC. Thornton occupied the "Holding Room" which was dedicated to the Candidates 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 was happy to discuss. The Candidates were invited to Field Day on Saturday, June 25th at the Highland Road Observatory.

The ARRL has announced that the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee (QPC) has released the 2022 – 2026 Technician Class FCC Element 2 NCVEC Question Pool Syllabus & Question Pool into the public domain. It's available as a Word document or PDF. The three graphics required for the new Technician question pool are available within the documents, or separately as PDF or JPG files.

The new pool incorporates some significant changes compared to the 2018 – 2022 pool. Its 257 questions were modified slightly to improve wording or to replace distractors; 51 new questions were generated, and 62 questions were eliminated. This resulted in a reduction of 11 questions, bringing the total number of questions in the pool from 423 to 412. The difficulty level of the questions is now more balanced, and the techniques and practices addressed have been updated.

The new 2022 – 2026 question pool is effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026 and must be used for Technician-class license exams administered on or after July 1, 2022.

BRARC will be conducting two more test sessions in 2022 at the library on the following dates at 10 am:

- Saturday, Sep 3
- Saturday, Dec 3

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