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THE BARN

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will hold this month's meeting, at 7:30 PM Monday, November 26, 2012 at North End Baptist Church, 5115 Eastex Freeway in Beaumont. The program for this month will be by Tom Thompson, KF5FIE, on his bicycle trip through Iowa.

UPCOMING NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS DUES ARE DUE



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BARC WEBSITE

<http://www.qsl.net/w5rin/>

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New Meeting Place

NORTH END BAPTIST CHURCH

Amateur Radio Christmas Dinner, December 11, H2O Seafood

"HAM HAPPENINGS"

PLEASURE ISLAND HALF-MARATHON

Nov. 4, 2012



Richard KA5IQX

It was a dark and stormy night....Well, actually it was morning, and it was a dark and really, really bad looking cloud that was moving quickly towards us from the north. Since I had just washed my "Communications and Command" vehicle... (My little Tacoma truck)...I was not very happy about the possibility of it being zapped by lightning, or perhaps getting mud on it. I was also slightly concerned about the marathon runners, but hey.....that's a minor issue.

Anyway....as it turned out....when the fierce looking cloud finally hit our location...the wind howled at nearly 6 miles per hour...and as I sought shelter in my truck, the intensity of the rain was such that I had to turn on the windshield wipers at least 4 times to see the runners as they went by. It would have been even worse had the truck been moving. In other words....the storm was a fizzle, and we only got a drizzle. And that's a good thing. The runners got wet, but no lightning, so we were quite fortunate. Other stations along the route claim to have gotten 14 inches of rain in 10 minutes...but I'm a bit suspicious of that.

For this event, Rich (N5ALE) and I, were assigned to Water Station 4, which was located approximately 63 miles from any known civilization. According to Tootie (KC5HVT) legend has it that a killer panther has roamed this area for the last 60 years. Personally, I thought to myself, if that panther was still around, at his age he wouldn't be moving very fast, and was probably more interested in a nap than he was in attacking a couple of handsome "ham" operators. But to be on the safe side, I hid under the bed of my pickup for the first couple of hours. Once I realized that neither Rich nor any of the runners had been eaten yet, I decided to come out and calm my nerves with an apple fritter. Never saw the first panther....although we did have a flock of very angry great-tailed grackles that were a bit ticked off that we had taken over their favorite spot for a while.

There were some physical injuries during the event. Some pulled muscles and a sprained ankle. Both of those took place when I bent over and was stretching to reach a bag in the back seat of the truck which contained my second breakfast sandwich and a coffee roll. Don't worry though. I'm fine. When you're in the communications game... injuries like that are to be expected. If you're not tough enough to take it, you'll never be at the front lines like Rich and me. Actually, the only physical issue that I know of, was a woman who had a muscle cramp, but was basically ok. So....no real injuries.....and that's another good thing.

Once again, everyone did a great job under some less than great conditions. In all of the events that our local "hams" provide communications for, the main concern is not only to help the event go as smoothly as possible, but also to make sure that the safety of the participants is always first and foremost. It's nice to know that we are appreciated, and even better to know that we can make a difference.

Some people don't realize how much money "hams" spend on equipment, often purchased specifically to be used in helping out during these events....or during any kind of emergency that might affect the area. So....it's not only our time that we donate....it's much more. And, it's because we want to. It is our public service to the community.... and thanks go out to all of you.

Till the next time....."Ham It Up".

Richard KA5IQX

CLUB NEWS:

OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMING

Next Beaumont Club Meeting is Monday, November 26 @ 7:30pm

About Time for 2013 Dues

UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

December 11	Christmas Dinner Party
March 09	Gusher Marathon-Beaumont
March 16	Big Thicket Bike Hike
April 20	March for Babies
May 5,6	Tour de Rouge
May 18	Don Allen Sports Day, Wildwood
June 01	Spindletop Spin Bike - A - Thon
June 22,23	ARRL Field Day
October 18, 19, 20	BSA Jamboree on the Air

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 3	TAILGATE SALE JCARC
JANUARY 12	AMATEUR RADIO FIESTA, SAN ANTONIO
JANUARY 18	COWTOWN HAMFEST
JANUARY 19	HAMMOND HAMFEST
FEBRUARY 22-23	ORANGE HAMFEST
MARCH 16	WILLIAMSON CO ARC HAMFEST
MARCH 23	SOUTH TEXAS SECTION CONVENTION

Attention Beaumont Amateur Radio Club

**Area Wide HAM Christmas Dinner will be December 11, 2013 at 7:00pm
H2O Seafood Restaurant, 7675 Hwy 69 at Jimmy Johnson, Port Arthur, TX**

***REMINDER: New Meeting Place
North End Baptist Church
5115 Eastex Freeway***

***PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP ON SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 7:30
TILL ? at DAIRY QUEEN
ON PHELAN BLVD & 23rd, BEAUMONT***

From the Big Thicket Club

The Big Thicket Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting December 4th at the Kountze Fire Station on E. Deer & S. Beach St. in Kountze at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

The new webpage is up and running. Visit us at: <http://www.qsl.net/btarc/> .

EchoLink is back up and running.

Upcoming Program: Dec. meeting will be JOTA pictures.... Had 29 scouts and parents at the event at Wildwood... January meeting up the air as of yet for presentation...

Please plan to attend.

From the Orange Club

The Orange Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting December 7th at the Red Cross Chapter House in Orange. ARES meeting starts at 6:30 pm and the Club meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Please join us.

Remember "CQ at the DQ" our Ham Breakfast meeting at the Dairy Queen on Strickland Dr. in Orange the third Saturday of the month at 8:30AM. Hope to see you there!!

Check out our Web sites at: www.qsl.net/w5nd

From the Jefferson County Club

The Jefferson County Club will have their next meeting December 11th at H2O Seafood at 7675 Hwy 69 in Port Arthur at 7:00 pm. ALL ARE INVITED!!! The next ARES meeting will be December 20, at the JCARC Clubhouse at 216 10th Street in Nederland at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

The New 145.470 repeater is "On the Air" at it's new home on the Chevron-Phillips Chemical Co. tower at 300 feet with Emergency Power. Thanks to Jeff Kimble, KF5FZL and others & Co for making this happen. USE it and let's find out it's Range! The TAILGATE SALE and VE Testing on November 3rd turned out to be a great day. Three new Hams were licensed and several upgrades. New calls are KF5SRF, KF5FRG & KF5FRH. Greet them when you hear them on the air.

Carey Jolly, WB5VFG, has been holding a class on Basic Electronics Course . The last Class was on November 10th. He hopes to start again after the new year.

The Mid and South county HAM Operators are meeting for breakfast on Saturday at the Holiday Inn on Jimmy Johnson around 7-9am. Please join us.

Check out our Web sites at: www.w5ssv.com and www.qsl.net/w5ssv

From the Lakes Area Club

The Lakes Area Club will have A SPECIAL HOLIDAY meeting Thursday, November 29th at the Cedar Tree Restaurant on Hwy 96 in Jasper at 7:00 pm. PLEASE RSVP to David Keller at the address below. Please join us.

Hunting season is Here. Please have fun, obey the rules and be very, very careful and pay attention to your surroundings. Stay hydrated when on the lake or in the woods. The weather is transitioning so: Be Prepared !!

Please check our web page : www.w5jas.orgfor the latest info. We are now on our new permanent home for our web page. If you have any questions or ideas please let me know at dakeller@cmaaccess.com.

From the QCWA

We meet the third Saturday each month at noon at Baytown Seafood on Hwy 347 just north of Hwy 73 in Groves.

Meetings are very informal and usually involve a "show and tell" about some kind of old radio equipment the members have in their collections. You don't have to be licensed 25 years to attend the local meetings, as is required for National QCWA membership.

From the LC-M SCHOOL RADIO CLUB

We will be having a meeting next Thursday. The club sponsor Cory Parsons and I have decided to wait until next week which is the week we get back from our holiday break to start our business for the club because a majority of the people wanting to join are all in football and marching band and Parsons is a football coach. Football season ended last week so we will now be getting it kicked off. I will have more info by next Friday. Parsons' email address is coparsons@lcmcisd.org. If you have any more qts just let me know. Happy Thanksgiving, John Nichols, KF5LPY

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

FIRST OF ALL, I HOPE ALL ARE HAVING A GREAT THANKGIVING HOLIDAY, and in saying that, I want to say that I am THANKFUL for ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR WHILE DOING THE BARN. THIS HAS NOT BEEN AS EASY TASK AND MOST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK EARL, BECAUSE I FEEL HIM SITTING ON MY SHOULDER AND TELLING ME "NO, NO, NO DUMMY, REMEMBER....." I also want to Thank Roger Erickson, NWS and Tim Ocnasheck, Beaumont Emergency Manager for their contributions to the BARN, their support for what we do, and the promise to be there for us in the future. To their sleepless, non-ending job to keep us alerted and safe, I say THANK YOU! And to all those other folks, too endless to mention, that keep us safe and cozy in this land, by constantly watching, responding, protecting, both locally and abroad, without us even thinking about it, THANK YOU!! And Thanks to GOD for Giving Them All to us as well as everything else.

Another month has rolled around and a couple of more events are in the bucket. The GUSHER PLEASURE ISLAND Half Marathon went off, not without a Glitch, but with very few glitches as compared to the 1st Beaumont Gusher. Mike O'Keefe, Safety Director, said much of the success is the ability to communicate and get problems handled quickly or even before they happen. He said the radio operators have an eye for foreseeing problems and getting them handled. I spent my day as his shadow and we were in high gear all day long and no great incidents occurred, thanks to you and your ability to keep things moving SAFELY!!!

New HAMS keep popping up locally, and this month has been no stranger to new Operators. Welcome them and give them all the info you can. Hope everyone noticed the NEW CLUB on the Club's Page. The LC-M High school is sponsoring a Radio Club and hopefully we will see some more hams come from that venue. Hope this will encourage other schools to do the same, as past school clubs have created quite a few of our younger HAMS. The Secretary of the BTARC is the product of a school club.

It is BARC Officer Nomination and Election Time, also the word DUES will be a Buzz Word heard for a while. I could not say it better than my mentor/Elmer, Earl, but this year it is our President, that has served us well for a long time now. Thanks Walt and thanks JoAnn for letting us borrow him so.....

The following is an excerpt from the 2011 November BARN written by SK, Earl, K5UJC and was always his most serious concern of the Club. He wrote similar letters in most every November's BARN. My hope is that he looks down smiling on the club, as we struggle to maintain one of his "Pride & Joy"s.

At this month's meeting, we will attempt to set a slate of officers nominated to be elected at the December meeting. As in years passed, I expect there to be some degree of difficulty in getting members of this club to step forward and agree to take a hand in guiding its membership in a direction which will allow the Beaumont Amateur Radio Club to carry on as a viable organization which can and will perform its duties and obligations as civic/community organization. And make no mistake, Amateur Radio operators do have these duties and obligations at the core of our existence. We don't enjoy the freedom of the radio spectrum we have been "blessed" with simply to chat on the radio as we travel about the country side, on the way to and from work, or on the way to the local grocery store, or even to make arrangements to meeting with friend over a cup of coffee and an apple fritter. We are given these numerous band of frequencies to allow us to contest and make contacts worldwide to populate a log book with contacts or to paper a wall in the radio room with placards from the stations around the world and beyond. While all these activities are allowed and actually encouraged they are all meant to sharpen our skills as radio operators so that we may provide communications when natural or manmade disasters strike and limit or preclude normal communication channels. To continue to provide these emergency services when called upon, we must have groups which meet regularly to socialize and train as necessary to be ready, when called. A part of this socialization is regular club meetings, which must be orderly, entertaining and certainly on occasion educational. To this end a club must have a organization to organize and preside over the gatherings. Over the past several years the Beaumont Amateur Radio Club has been guided in its direction and operation by a small number of members who have been willing to step forward and take the reigns of the club to move it along. This number is slowly dwindling to the point of maybe in the near future there will no longer be enough people to handle the normal operations of this club. It can be assumed when that day comes the Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will cease to exist. A long history of community service, social organization and activities will come to an end. Now, I have made the comments and predictions several times before in the November BARNs with not much effect, but each time they have become more dire. This year maybe more so as our current Secretary/Treasurer has said she needs to step down and will be unable to serve next year. This is a most important position which really must be handled by someone who wants to have the club run efficiently.

How about coming to the meeting tomorrow evening and stepping up to help the club carry on!! (Editor, Earl Oster, K5UJC)

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The December meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 27 in which we will elect and install our Club Officers for 2013 and have a little Eatin' Meetin' with sandwiches, cookies, etc. The Club will furnish the Sandwich Trays and we are looking for folks to bring soft drinks, desserts, goodies and stuff. I always have a desire to put together a club cook book after this event, as it always turns up some really tasty treats.

If ya'll haven't figured it out yet... Area Amateur Radio is getting a GREAT reputation in the community, thanks to all your hard work!!
by: Randy Leftwich, KE5YLY, BARN Editor
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From ARRL:

ARRL in Action: What Have We Been Up to Lately?

11/02/2012

Compiled by S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, ARRL News Editor, k1sfa@arrl.org

This feature -- including convenient Web links to useful information -- is a concise monthly update of some of the things ARRL is doing on behalf of its members. This installment covers the month of October.

As [Hurricane Sandy](#) pounded the East Coast, the Emergency Response Team at ARRL Headquarters supported the affected Sections.

The ARRL held its 2012 National Convention at Pacificon in Santa Clara, California on [Friday](#), [Saturday](#) and [Sunday](#), October 12-14.

Acting on various *Petitions for Rulemaking*, the [FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) that seeks to change the Amateur Radio licensing rules, especially as they concern former licensees. It also looks to amend the Amateur Service rules to allow amateur stations to transmit additional emission types in order to permit Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) in the Amateur Service.

Cub Scouts from Den 8 of Pack 15 in Middlebury Connecticut participated in the 55th annual Jamboree on the Air from W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station.

ARRL International Affairs Vice President Jay Bellows, K0QB, and IARU Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD, [attended](#) the meeting of the IARU Region 2 Executive Committee.

The ARRL released [five new books](#): the hardcover and softcover editions of *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications* (90th edition), *The ARRL Operating Manual* (10th edition), *The Amateur Radio Public Service Handbook*, *The Care and Feeding of Transmission Lines* by *QST* Technical Editor Joel Hallas, W1ZR, and *Antenna Modeling for Beginners* by H. Ward Silver, N0AX. The 2013 ARRL Calendar, featuring historic highlights from the pages of *QST*, was also released.

The ARRL [held](#) its Seventh Annual ARRL On-Line Auction.

W1AW [received](#) its semi-annual antenna inspection and got a new 160 meter dipole.

For the 28th consecutive year, the ARRL [hosted](#) the United States Telecommunications Training Institute's Amateur Radio Administration Course.

The ARRL [invites nominations](#) for the 2012 ARRL International Humanitarian Award.

After more than eight years of professional service to the League, ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, [retired](#).

The ARRL's [Maxim Society](#) -- comprised of radio amateurs who have made financial commitments to the ARRL exceeding \$10,000 in lifetime contributions -- now has 113 members.

The ARRL [presented](#) MFJ's Martin F. Jue, K5FLU with the ARRL Special Achievement Award.

DXCC News: The DXCC Desk [approved](#) the 2010 J5IFD DXpedition to Guinea-Bissau for DXCC credit.

The [winner](#) of the October *QST* Cover Plaque award is James Klitzing, W6PQL, for his article "Solid State 1 kW Linear Amplifier for 2 Meters."

The December print issue of *QST* was released to the printer and the digital edition was released to the digital publisher. The November digital edition of *QST* was [made available to ARRL members](#).

Official Observer Desk: ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, handled complaints concerning CW identification, antenna restrictions, operating overseas, making distress calls, spurious signals on 160 meters, unidentified signals on 29.000 MHz.

Member Contact: ARRL RFI Engineer Mike Gruber, W1MG, attended NearFEST in Deerfield, New Hampshire; ARRL Field Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, attended the Florida State Convention in Melbourne, Florida; ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, attended the ANSI EMC Committee Meeting in Santa Clara, California, the IEEE EMC Society Chapter Meeting in Detroit, Michigan and the IEEE EMC Society Standards Development Committee Meeting in Denver, Colorado; ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, attended MFJ's 40th Anniversary Celebration in Starkville, Mississippi; ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, attended the IARU Administrative Council Meeting and Region 3 Conference in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

From the Internet

Surfin': An Extremely Long Delayed Echo

11/16/2012

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, Contributing Editor

*In honor of the holiday, Surfin' offers a ham radio horn of plenty.
Maybe I need to get out more.*

Back in grade school, I remember images of cornucopia gracing the bulletin boards around the premises this time of year and I am sure that during art period, we drew a cornucopia with our crayons, but in my six decades on this planet, I have never seen a cornucopia in the flesh.

In anticipation of the holiday, I present you with a Surfin' cornucopia that includes a load of good wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

***QST* On-The-Go**

I received an early Christmas gift: The new *QST* app that allows me to download the digital editions of *QST* (June 2012 to the current issue) to my iPod Touch. Now I can read my favorite magazine "devoted entirely to Amateur Radio" on the go or not (like yesterday when I was sitting in my car waiting to give my boss a lift after she returned her car rental to Hertz).

QST is an iOS app, so it works with iPhones and iPads, too. It is free and you can [download it from the iTunes App Store](#), but you must be an ARRL member to access the *QST* library.

BBC at 90

Norman Wald, W9VQ, came through again with a [story](#) about the BBC celebrating 90 years on the radio by broadcasting simultaneously 2LO Calling -- a "snapshot of the airwaves" featuring "iconic sound from radio over the past 90 years."

Composed by [Blur](#) frontman Damon Albarn, 2LO Calling was "the first scheduled simultaneous broadcast since 1922," when the BBC was established. If you missed it, there is a link in the story that allows you to replay it.

The BBC is also marking its 90th birthday with a variety of interesting historically related items on its [History of the BBC webpage](#).

Generator Education

After I wrote about [power generators](#) two weeks ago, I received an education by way of the two dozen e-mails you readers sent me.

Going in, I thought all power generators were gasoline-powered. Now I know that there are other flavors, including propane-powered generators, which is perfect because I heat my home with propane and I have a 500 gallon tank in the yard to store it.

Until next time, keep on surfen'!

Editor's note: Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, seeks the unusual in radio. To contact Stan, send [e-mail](#) or add comments to the [WA1LOU blog](#).

South Texas ARES

Several of the South Texas Section District Emergency Coordinators met last Saturday in San Antonio for a one day leadership retreat. There were a lot of good information presented on the great work being done by each of the districts and counties. We had some good discussions about strategy moving forward into 2013.

At the meeting Tom Whiteside, N5TW announced he will be stepping down as SEC effective January 1st and announced that Jim Russell, NQ5L will be assuming the SEC role at that time. Much thanks to both of you!

The Annual SET will be held on Saturday October 27th. Once again this is to be a joint exercise with MARS and RACES. Check with your EC or DEC on what your County is going to be doing for the drill.

Attn: Beaumont ARC Club Members c/o Randy KE5LYL...

Please visit: www.FactorReady.com

For: Emergency Tips & Resources for Hams

See: Crank-A-Watt generators for DIY Power!

PS: see "Getting Started in Ham Radio" page under Downloads for your new ham prospects

Thanks: Joe Ke5nys in Jasper, Texas

Local Happenings

DECEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8am BARC Breakfast
2	3	4 7:00pm BTARC Mtg 8pm LAARC Net	5 8pm JCARC Net	6 7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net	7 7:30PM OARC Mtg	8 8am BARC Breakfast
9	10	11 7pm JCARC Mtg H2O Seafood 8pm LAARC Net	12 8pm JCARC Net	13 7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net	14	15 8am BARC Breakfast
16	17	18	19 8pm JCARC Net	20 7pm JCARC ARES Mtg 7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net	21	22 8am BARC Breakfast
23	24	25 Christmas	26 8pm JCARC Net	27 7pm LAARC Mtg 7:30pm BARC Mtg 7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net	28	29 8am BARC Breakfast
30	31					

Local Frequencies, Access Codes and Nets

52.525 6 Meter FM National Calling Frequency
 53.150/52.150 Groves Repeater (pl 100.0) **NEW**
 144.390 APRS
 145.010 BPT (W5SSV) Packet
 145.010 W5SSV-10 RMS Packet
 145.050 KC5YSM-10 RMS Packet
 145.210 S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)*
 145.230 B.T.A.R.C. (N5BTC, pl 103.5)*#
 145.330 Anahuac (KK5XQ, pl 123.0)
 145.470 J.C.A.R.C. (W5SSV, pl 103.5*)
 145.350 Sulphur A.R.C. (KC5PNH, pl 103.5)*
 145.560 Simplex-Jeff Co ARES Secondary
 146.450 Mid County Simplex
 146.520 National Simplex
 146.580 Simplex Jeff Co ARES Prim & Special Event
 146.700 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2)*#
 146.730 S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 173.8)#
 146.760 B.A.R.C. (SW Lynx Link) pl 107.2

* Denotes transmitted PL tone. # Denotes echo link.

146.860 Port Arthur (WD5GJP) pl 103.5
 146.980 H.A.M.S. (Devers, N5FJX, pl 103.5)*#
 147.000 Jasper (W5JAS, pl 118.8)*#
 147.060 DuPont (AA5P, pl 103.5)
 147.180 Orange A.R.C. (W5ND, pl 103.5)*
 147.200 Port Arthur (KC5YSM) (pl 118.8)*#
 147.300 Mobil Oil (W5XOM) (pl 103.5)* **OFF LINE**
 147.420 Simplex-Orange ARES Primary
 147.460 Simplex-Orange ARES Secondary
 147.570 Simplex-Hardin Co ARES Primary
 223.800 Beaumont (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0)
 224.920 Devers (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0)

442.575 Devers (KA5QDG, pl 103.5)
 444.500 Beaumont-(WB5ITT, pl 100.0) **OUT OF SV**
 444.700 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, Salt-Grass, pl 107.2)
 444.900 Mobil Oil (W5XOM, pl 103.5) **OFF LINE**

NETS

BARC Net Thurs Night 8:00pm 146.700
 JCARC Net Wed Night 8:00pm 145.470
 BTARC Net Thurs Night 7:00pm 145.230
 Org ARC Net Nightly 6:30pm 147.180
 LAARC (Jasper) Tues Night 8:00pm 147.000
 2M SSB Net Tues Night 8:30pm 144.270
 2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160
 10M CW Net Fri Night 7:45pm 28.970
 10M LAARC Ph Net Wed 8:45pm 28.325 USB

Daytime Texas Traffic Net Daily 8:30am 7.285
 7290 Traffic Net M-Sat 10am-12N, 1-2pm 7.290
 Texas Traffic Net Daily 6:30pm 3.873
 Gulf Coast SSB Net Daily 6:30pm 3.925
 Delta SSB Net M-Sat 7:00pm 3.905
 Ctn Gulf Cst Hurricane Net Daily 8:00pm 3.935
 Southwest Traffic Net Daily 9:30pm 3.935
 Central Tx Emerg Net Sunday 8:00am 3.910
 Louisiana ARES HF Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.873
 Texas ARES HF Net Monday 7:30pm 3.873

BARN YARD:

For Sale:

From: Doug Thomas, N5BST (n5bst@arri.net), Secretary-Treasurer, W5SSV

I am adding a new page to our website. I have had a couple of members asking me to list some items that they have for sale.

So, just "click" on the sign at www.w5ssv.com and it will take you to the listing.

If any of you have items that you might want to list, just drop me an e-mail and let me know.

From: Larry Perkins, W5LDP (papaperk@gt.rr.com) 409-860-1925

Beam: Mosley TA34 XL WARC 5 Element Tri-band plus 17M WARC

Rotor: Hygain Ham IV

I will sell both with the mast for \$1000. I am not interested in selling them separately. The antenna is assembled and on my tower at about 10 ft. elevation.

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club has some equipment for sale that was donated by Richard Medlin, W5RBP

EQUIPMENT LIST

Manufacturer	Model Number	New Price	Description	Asking Price
MFJ	MFJ-931	\$109.95	Artificial Ground	Asking Price is Half of New Price
Radio Wavz	FTD-45	\$275.00	Folded Terminated Dipole	Asking Price is Half of New Price
Polyphaser	IS-PLDO	\$199.95	AC/DC Power Protection	Asking Price is Half of New Price

Estate sale of HAM Radio Equipment

CDE Transmit/Receive Direction Control, Cobra 140 GTL CB Radio, Kenwood HF Transmitter TS-870, Micronta Power Supply, Mobile Amplifier, Palomar 300A amp, Pyramid Gold Series Power Supply, Radio Shack SWR/Power Meter, Uniden Bearcat BC-760XLT Scanner, Yaesu FL-2100B, Yaesu FT-101ZD, Yaesu G-500A, Yaesu SWR/Power Meter YS-60, Radio books and manuals, Misc. antennae rotors, wires, connectors, etc.

I was asking 3500 for the complete package. I would consider dividing up the package knowing that the parts would all move so I wouldn't have anything around. Dad was a smoker. I did open up all the equipment and blow the dust out and cleaned the exterior of the pieces. I believe the equipment has set up for about 3 yrs. There is no tower or antenna since they were destroyed by wind from the hurricanes. Condition (IMO) is from good to excellent on the pieces. I can coordinate with anyone who would like to come and look at the equipment. I live in High Island and do shift work.

David N. Kane Cell: 409-651-4138

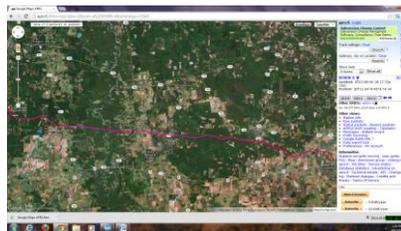
Email: kanedn@hotmail.com

Please send anything you want to buy, sell or trade to me so I can post it. Randy, KE5VLY, rleftwich@aol.com or 409-466-5828

W5RIN BALLOON NEWS

BALLOON GROUP NEWS

The Balloon Group had a very successful launch on, August 4, 2012. The W5RIN-8 Balloon departed the Beaumont Municipal Airport after the National Weather Service made their positive prediction for launch. W5RIN-8 lifted off at 09:53am CDT. The balloon reached a maximum altitude of 93,772 ft at 11:27am and burst a few seconds later starting its descent. The TV camera performed great sending many GBs of video. Approximately 20 radio operators participated in the flight in some way or another. The W5RIN-8 Balloon descended gently into a 67,000 acre hunting lease in Plum Grove, Liberty County, Texas and landed at 12:12pm CDT.



Recovery was attempted by Bennie, KE5RTI; Joey, KE5JPS with Holly and Richard, KA5IQX. After encountering persons that advised the property was posted and access was not possible at this point, the crew headed home and Plan B was initiated. The next day the Liberty County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to recover without much success, but was able to come up with a contact. Mr Lloyd Wells (pictured above right) and his buddy, Joe Chapman located the Balloon about 30 ft up in a pine tree. They managed to shoot enough tree limbs to allow it to fall to the ground and recovered the payload. Richard, KA5IQX, made the trek to take the payload into custody and turn it over to Rich, N5ALE, who has it ready to go again already. Thanks to All that helped out and especially to Mr Wells and Mr Chapman for their Bravery and Perseverance in taking good care of our package. Also thanks goes out to Liberty County SO, EMS & Tarkington Fire Department.

As I Understand, new antennas are built, X Band repeater is being fine tuned and readied.....Stand By.....Here We Go Again>>>>>>>>>>>>Q

John, W5EME has passed the Balloon Group leadership baton to L.B., WB5YDA. Thank You John for your wonderful leadership.

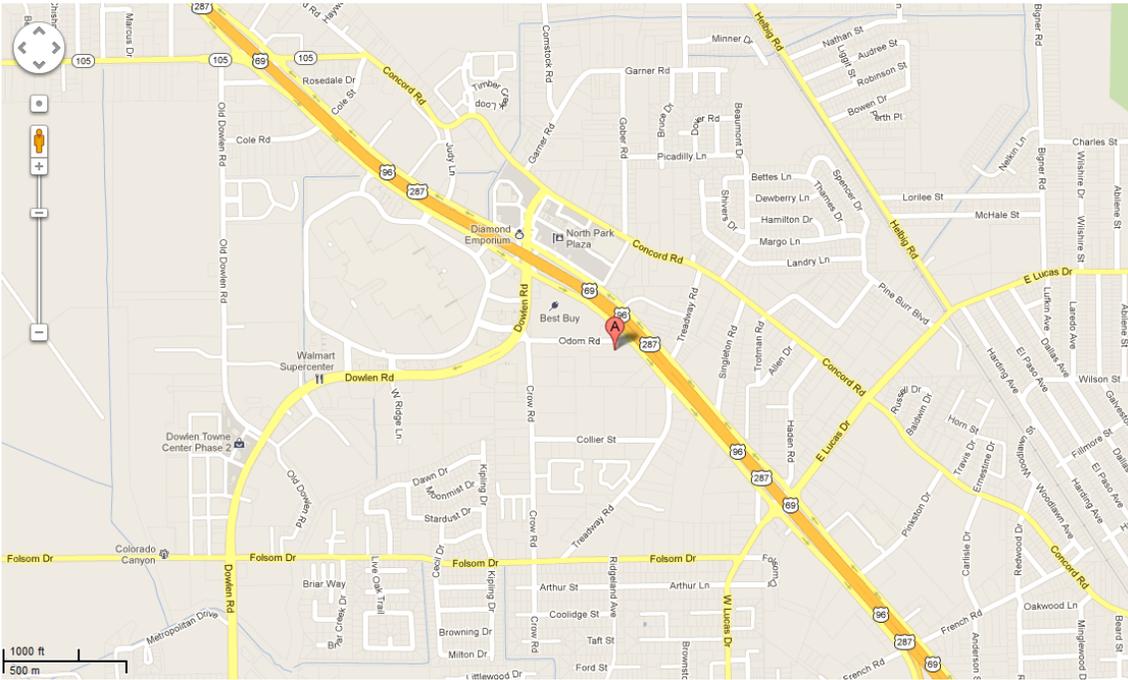
The group is asking each member for a \$20.00 donation and looking for corporate sponsors.

LB's Tips and Techniques.

The cooling system should be completely flushed and refilled about every 24 months. The level, condition, and concentration of coolant should be checked. (A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is usually recommended.) Never remove the radiator cap until the engine has thoroughly cooled. The tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a pro.

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BARN SUBSCRIPTION ONLY.....7.50

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