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# The BARN

## DECEMBER MEETING

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will hold this month's meeting, at 7:30 PM Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at Wesley Methodist Church, 3810 N. Major Drive (at the end of Folsom Drive) in Beaumont. This month's meeting will feature plans for elections of club officers for 2012 as well as presentation of the Ham Of The Year award for 2011.

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## **ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2012 AND PRESENTATION OF HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2011**

We will vote on a slate of Officers for 2012 to run the club for the New Year and lead the club forward.

A presentation will also be made to honor the BARC Ham of the Year.

## Meeting News: 2012 Club Officers

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 meet with friend over a cup of coffee and an apple fritter. We are given these numerous bands of frequencies to allow us to contest and make contact world wide 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 an 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 reins 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 a 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)*

## From the Internet: Surfin': Where's Sebastian?

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU  
Contributing Editor 12/16/2011

*This week, Surfin' asks "Where's D08SEM?" and finds him -- along with some cool Mac OS X SDR applications.*

Michael Beaveridge, VE6UE/VE6AQS, asked me what happened to the website of Sebastian Mrozek, D08SEM, the author of DSP Radio for the Mac OS X using **SoftRock-like hardware**, (<http://www.softrockradio.org/>) which I described **here** (<http://www.arrl.org/news/surfin-software-defined-radioing-with-a-mac>) nearly three years ago.

Sebastian's website, mentioned in that 2009 installment of Surfin', had disappeared off the face of the Earth. It took a little doing (or should I say "a little Googling"), but I finally tracked Sebastian down. He has a new cool call sign (DL2SDR) and a **cool new website**, (<http://dl2sdr.homepage.t-online.de/>) so check it out.

While looking for Sebastian, I moseyed on over **Mac Ham Radio** (<http://machamradio.com/>) and although I did not find Sebastian there, I did find another SDR (**software defined radio**) ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software-defined\\_radio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software-defined_radio)) Mac application, **Cute SDR** (<http://machamradio.com/2011/06/cutesdr/>) from Moe Wheatley, AE4JY, which is an open-source application for the **RFSPACE radios**. (<http://www.rfspace.com/RFSPACE/Home.html>)

I also moseyed on over to NH6Z's website; I noticed that Jeremy has changed the name of MacHPSDR to **Heterodyne**, ([http://www.nh6z.net/Amatuer\\_Radio\\_Station\\_NH6Z/My\\_Software.html](http://www.nh6z.net/Amatuer_Radio_Station_NH6Z/My_Software.html)) which is SDR program for the **OpenHPSDR hardware system**. (<http://openhpsdr.org/>) In addition to Heterodyne, Jeremy offers Flynn, a firmware update tool for the OpenHPSDR system, and Mac packages of **other people's software**, ([http://www.nh6z.net/Amatuer\\_Radio\\_Station\\_NH6Z/Other\\_Peoples\\_Software.html](http://www.nh6z.net/Amatuer_Radio_Station_NH6Z/Other_Peoples_Software.html)) including Xastir, an Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) client for UNIX-based systems, and WSPR (Weak Signal Propagation Reporter), a protocol for probing potential propagation paths with low-power transmissions.

Until next time, keep on surfin'!

*Editor's note: Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, watched the **John Wayne** version of **True Grit** the other night and now he can't stop moseying. To contact Stan, send **e-mail** ([w1lou@arrl.org](mailto:w1lou@arrl.org)) or add comments to the **WA1LOU blog**. (<http://horzepa.blogspot.com/>)*

# Local Happenings

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Jan 2012 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3 7:30am - BTARC	4 8am - JCARC Net	5 Elohanv Eve 6am - BTARC Net @ 8am - BARC Net	6 Elohanv	7 8am - BARC
8	9	10 7:30am - Jcars	11 8am - JCARC Net	12 6am - BTARC Net @ 8am - BARC Net	13	14 8am - BARC
15	16 Martin Luther King.	17 6:30am - Dinner	18 8am - JCARC Net	19 6am - BTARC Net @ 7:30am - ARES 8am - BARC Net	20	21 8am - BARC 8am - BTARC
22	23	24	25 8am - JCARC Net	26 6am - BTARC Net @ 8am - BARC Net	27	28 8am - BARC
29 7:30am - BARC	30	31	1 8am - JCARC Net	2 Groundhog Day 6am - BTARC Net @ 8am - BARC Net	3	4 8am - BARC

## Local Repeater Frequencies and Access Codes...

52.525 6 Meter FM National Calling Frequency  
 145.010 BPT (W5SSV) Packet  
 145.050 Packet  
 145.070 Packet  
 145.210 S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)\*  
 145.230 B.T.A.R.C. (N5BTC, pl 103.5)\*  
 145.470 J.C.A.R.C. pl 103.5\*  
 145.350 Sulphur A.R.C. (KC5PNH, pl 103.5)\*  
 146.450 Mid County Simplex  
 146.520 National Simplex  
 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  
 146.860 Port Arthur (WD5GJP) pl 103.5

146.980 H.A.M.S. (Devers, N5FJX, pl 103.5)\*#  
 147.060 DuPont (AA5P, pl 103.5)  
 147.180 Orange A.R.C. (W5ND, pl 103.5)\*  
 147.300 Mobil Oil (W5XOM) (pl 103.5)\*  
 147.420 Simplex  
 224.920 Devers (KA5QDG) Down  
 442.575 Devers (KA5QDG, pl 103.5) Down  
 444.500 Beaumont-(WB5ITT, pl 100.0) Down  
 444.700 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, (Salt Grass) pl 107.2) on low power  
 444.900 Mobil Oil (W5XOM, pl 103.5) Down

\* Denotes transmitted PL tone. # Denotes echo link.

# BARN YARD

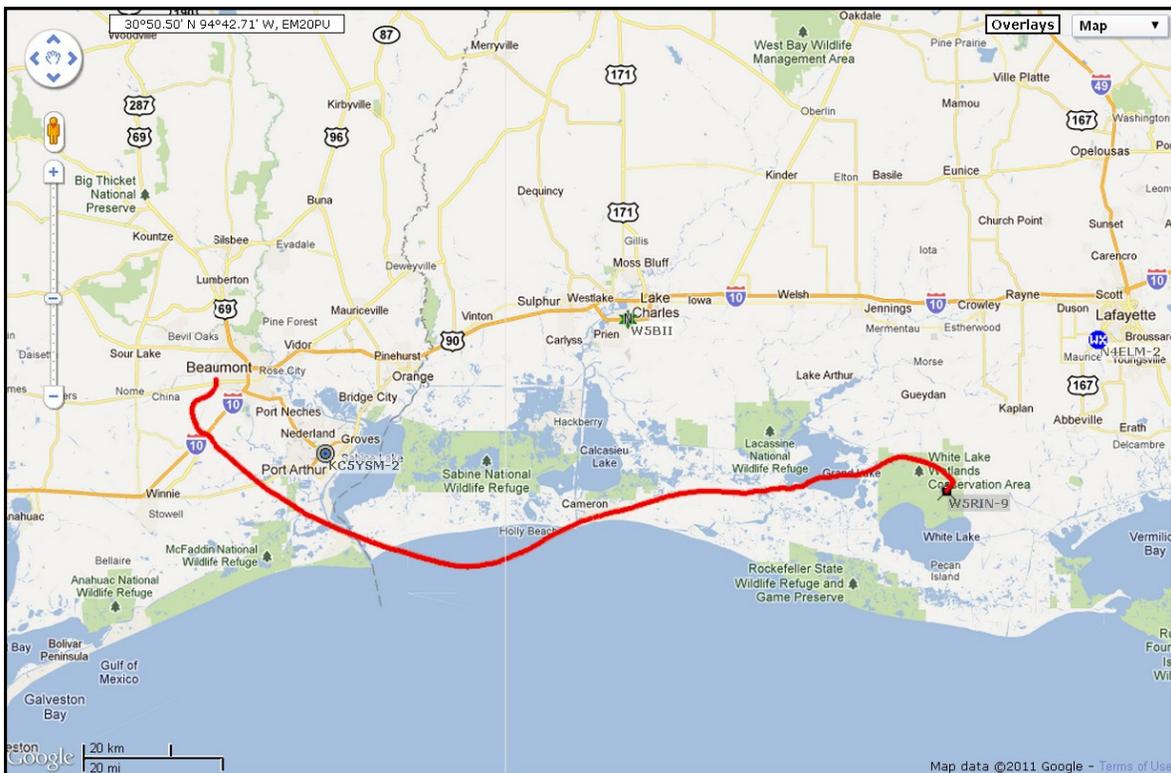
From: Doug Thomas, [N5BST](mailto:n5bst@arrl.net) (n5bst@arrl.net)  
Secretary-Treasurer, [W5SSV](http://www.w5ssv.com)

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](http://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.

- Mosley CL3 Three element Triband (20m/15m/10m) beam antenna. Good condition....\$125.00
- Pyramid 12V 20Amp Power Supply. Excellent condition.....\$ 65.00
- Radio Shack Pro 2038 Mobile/Base Scanner Good condition .....\$ 40.00
- Icom IC-T2H 2 Meter with AA Battery Case .....reduced...\$ 65.00
- Icom IC-V82 Meter with Desk charger .....reduced.\$ 75.00
- Heil Handi Mic with Icom Modular Plug like new .....\$ 65.00
- Contact Earl, K5UJC at 833-4449

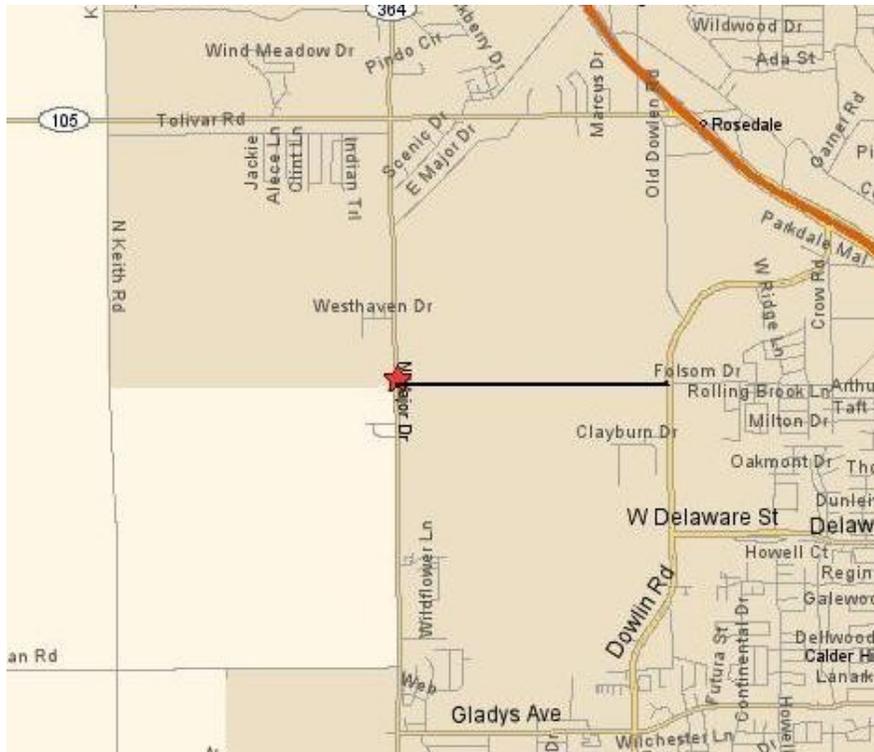


## ***LB's Tips and Techniques.***

Leather cars seats are durable and don't require a lot of maintenance. After a few years, however, the seats can become soiled. Use a leather cleaner to remove dirt and stains. Then apply a leather protectant formulated for pigmented or top-coated grain leather (the leather used for most leather car upholstery). Protectants will resist stains and make the upholstery easier to clean in the future. Choose a protectant that includes conditioners to keep your leather supple.

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## Club Directory...

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- FULL MEMBERSHIP..... \$20.00
  - ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER.... 5.00
  - BARN SUBSCRIPTION ONLY..... 7.50
- (ANNUAL RATES)

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