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MEETING

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will hold this month's meeting, at 7:30 PM Monday, July 25, 2011 at Wesley Methodist Church, 3810 N. Major Drive (at the end of Folsom Drive) in Beaumont. This month's meeting will feature a talk by Roger Ericson of NOAA in Lake Charles and should be very interesting. Also we can expect an update on the progress of a second balloon launch attempt.

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HURRICANE
SEASON UPDATE**



Roger Ericson of the NOAA Weather Station in Lake Charles, La. Will be our guest speaker at this months meeting. Roger will fill us in on the expected hurricane activity this season.



***Get Your Ham Radio License !!
(JCARC) (BARC) (OARC) (BTARC)***

LICENSE CLASS

***** 2 Day Ham Radio Theory Class *****

AUG. 06TH & 07TH 2011 (NO FEE FOR CLASS)

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY

LICENSE TEST WILL BE AT 3:00 PM SUNDAY

***LOCATION: JEFFERSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB HOUSE***

216 10TH STREET

NEDERLAND, TX. 77627

Items Needed:

- **Fee for License test is \$15.00**

- **Technician Book: Gordon West *Available from*
*www.hamradio.com***
- **Pen or Pencil & Scratch Paper**
- **Hand-Held Calculator**
- **Students must Register for class**

**For More Information and to
Register, call:**

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Surfin': Updating Surfin'

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU
Contributing Editor

This week, Surfin' revisits and updates recent installments of itself.

HamStack

I mentioned **HamStack** (<http://www.hamstack.com/hamstack.html>) twice recently. The **first time** was how much I was impressed with their kits at Hamvention, The **second time** was after I obtained their HamStack Starter Pack and 8A Relay Board and was trying to figure out how best to use them in a cool ham radio application.

I have been kicking around some ideas. I would find it very useful to build a system that alerts me when 144 MHz is open. Maybe monitor the APRS channel and when the system detects distant packets, it sounds some kind of alarm and displays the DX packets on an LCD.

I'm not sure it's do-able, even if I add the HamStack LCD to my collection of HamStack kits, but I am looking into the possibilities.

Still Fixing Our Writing -- Again

Following up on back-to-back columns (“**Fixing Our Writing**” and “**Still Fixing Our Writing**”), two readers -- John Stanley, N8GFO, and Jason Conklin, N2NLY -- corrected the assertion here that “entitle” only referred to rights and not naming something, for example, titling a book. Here is Webster and Merriam’s **take on the word**.

Jason also sent me a link to an article, “**50 Years of Stupid Grammar Advice**” (<http://chronicle.com/article/50-Years-of-Stupid-Grammar/25497/>) that takes Strunk and White’s *The Elements of Style* to task. It is a good read.

Golden Packet

A reminder that this Sunday, July 24 is “Golden Packet Sunday.” It is an opportunity to combine APRS and hill-topping. I wrote all about it **here** last week; the pertinent websites to visit for more information are the **East Coast** (<http://aprs.org/at-golden-packet.html>) and **West Coast** (<http://aprs.org/pct-golden-packet.html>) Golden Packet Web pages.

ARRL Social Media

Make sure you read **this week’s ARRL Letter** for news and updates on the ARRL social media front.

Until next time, keep on surfin'!

*Editor’s note: Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, still hopes to fill any gaps in his neck of the woods on Golden Packet Sunday. To contact Stan, send **e-mail** or add comments to the **WA1LOU blog**.*

Local Happenings

rlrh.hudgins@gmail.com, Christian Holidays, US Holidays

Aug 2010 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7:30am - STARC Meeting	4 8am - JCARC Net	5 8am - STARC Net @ 146.23 7am - BARC Net	6 Transfiguration	7
8	9	10 7:30am - Jcarc meeting @	11 8am - JCARC Net	12 8am - STARC Net @ 146.23 7am - BARC Net	13	14
15 Assumption Day	16	17 8:30am - Diner Social @ Isten	18 8am - JCARC Net	19 8am - STARC Net @ 146.23 7am - BARC Net 7:30am - ARES meeting @	20	21 8am - STARC Breakfast @ Home
22	23	24	25 8am - JCARC Net	26 8am - STARC Net @ 146.23 7am - BARC Net	27	28
29	30 7:30am - Beaumont Club	31	1 8am - JCARC Net	2 8am - STARC Net @ 146.23 7am - BARC Net	3	4

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

For Sale: Uniden HR 2510 10 Meter Transceiver with mic. and power cable\$100.00

Mosley 3 Element TriBand(10, 15 and 20 Meters) Beam. Good Condition.....\$100.00

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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 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\$ 75.00

Icom IC-V82 Meter with Desk charger\$ 85.00

MFJ 1278B Multimode TNC with manual\$ 50.00

Heil Handi Mic with Icom Modular Plug like new\$ 65.00

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Here is another installment of:

LB's Tips and Techniques.

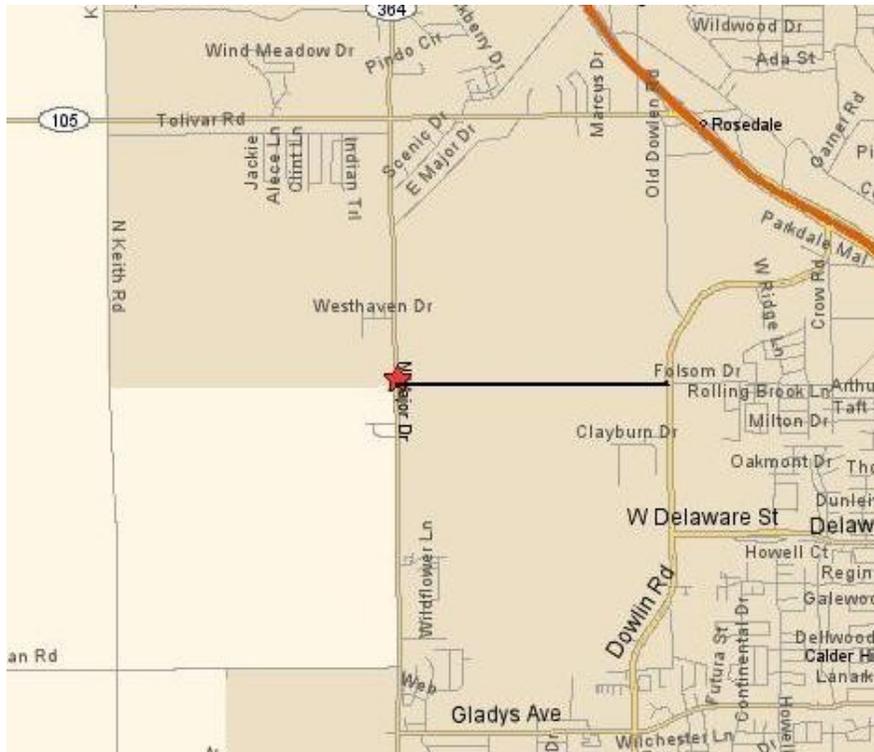
This is the inspection of the rubber cover that protects the drive axle joint. It's also known as the CV (constant velocity) boot, because the drive axle joint it covers is more commonly called the CV joint.

The rubber boots degrade over time and can crack or tear open, which will expose the joint itself. Inspecting the boots will let you know right away if you have a problem, so you can replace them before damage is done to the more expensive CV joint.

Thanks to LB Little, WB5YDA

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

NAME	CALL	LICENSE CLASS	ARRL (Y/N)	PHONE
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ADDRESS	CITY/STATE	ZIP CODE	E-MAIL	

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