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## FEBRUARY MEETING

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will hold this month's meeting, at 7:30 PM Monday, February 25, 2013 at North End Baptist Church, 5115 Eastex Freeway in Beaumont. The program for this month will be: BBC: Code Breakers Bletchley Parks lost Heroes by L.B. Little

## DUES ARE DUE



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#### http://www.gsl.net/w5rin/

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# **New Meeting Place** NORTH END BAPTIST CHURCH

INVITE A YOUNGSTER INTO AMATEUR RADIO

#### "HAM HAPPENINGS"

# SPECIAL EDITION ..... LONG-LOST BALLOON PAYLOAD LOCATED

#### Richard ..... KA5IQX

Jan. 28, 2013 In an amazing twist of fate, the payload package from the balloon that was launched from our area on Oct. 29, 2011....was finally located....and has been returned. Most of us involved in the launch had long given up on ever seeing the payload again. Thanks to Jeremy (K1LFK ) and his contacts in the Vermilion and Cameron areas of Louisiana....a series of "hand-offs" were set up in order to get the package back to us. As I understand it, the return process went something like this..

There was a wagon train headed west, moving along the edge of the Whitelake Wetlands area...when someone spotted a floating, white box...with a medium-sized gator sitting on top. Risking life and limb, they were able to retrieve the box...and got it to the Vermilion Sheriff's Office. From there it went by 18-wheeler.. (a passing beer truck ) to the Cameron area, where a crop duster pilot picked it up, and got it as far as a donut shop near the Texas border. It just so happened that Jeremy was at that exact donut shop when the pilot landed...so he was in the right place at the right time..and was able to bring it home from there.

Ok....Ok.....At least one or two things mentioned in the above description of events were....shall we say.....slightly exaggerated. However, for the most part it was almost entirely true...sort of. Well....ya know...when you think about it, the "real" story is even better than the made-up one. ( previously referred to as..slightly exaggerated )

The people who originally found the payload were very nice and went out of their way to help in getting it back to us. The Vermilion and Cameron authorities that Jeremy contacted were quite helpful, to say the least...and with a combined effort from all, the payload finally made it back....15 months after launch. That really is incredible.

I was fortunate enough to be there, in the Rao's Bakery parking lot on Dowlen Road .. at 5pm on Jan. 28, 2013...when they opened the payload for the first time. It was a magical moment. We all held our breath...expecting to see all of the equipment in perfect condition. Silly us. Well....at least one of the batteries appeared to be in pretty good shape, after wiping the mud off. Unfortunately the contents of the payload box were not in the best of shape, since it was obvious that water had gotten into it.

The truth is, the equipment in the payload looked like left-over props from the movie "Creature From The Black Lagoon". After removing the baby water moccasin and three crawfish from the bottom of the box, it was clear that the radio and other equipment were not going to be ready for launching the next day, as we had originally hoped. It's gonna take at least two days for sure.

The launch group members on hand for the "grand opening" were, John..(W5EME).. Rich.. (N5ALE ).....L.B.. (WB5YDA )....and Jeremy.. (K1LFK ). Of course I was there too...but I missed a lot of the ceremony since I was inside Rao's, ordering one of their new apple fritter sensations ... "Fritter-on-the-Fly"...which is basically an apple fritter "to go".

Even though the payload didn't make it back undamaged, it made it back. And that's a good thing. Everyone is glad for that...and perhaps by looking the box over carefully, it can be determined if improvements can be made that might help future payloads to survive the elements better. Hey....it's all great fun....and it makes you eager to go out again, and "Ham it Up".

Richard ..... KA5IQX



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# **CLUB NEWS:**

# DUES, DUES, DUES are DUE

## Our Club Net is on Thursday Evening at 8:00pm on 146.700, -offset, pl: 107.2 W5RIN EchoLink Available for Check In

## Next Beaumont Club Meeting is Monday, February 25 @ 7:30pm UDCOMING DUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

March 09 **Gusher Marathon-Beaumont** March 16 **Big Thicket Bike Hike** April 13 Winnie Survive, WWIII.5, 'Revenge of the Pansy' April 20 March for Babies May 5,6 **Tour de Rouge** May 18 Don Allen Sports Day, Wildwood Spindletop Spin Bike - A - Thon June 01 **ARRL Field Day** June 22,23 October 18, 19, 20 **BSA Jamboree on the Air** November 02 Winnie Survive, WWIII.5, 'Retribution' November 09 **Gusher Marathon-Pleasure Island** 

# **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

FEBRUARY 22-23 MARCH 08-09 MARCH 16 MARCH 23 APRIL 06 ORANGE HAMFEST ACADIANA HAMFEST, RAYNE, LA WILLIAMSON CO ARC HAMFEST SOUTH TEXAS SECTION CONVENTION JCARC TALLGATE & VE TESTING

Beaumont Amateur Radio Club Minutes

Minutes: 28 JAN 2013

General Meeting called to order by L.B. Lttle, WB5YDA @ 19:35 CST

Everyone introduced themselves by name and call sign. There were several visitors present.

OLD BUSINESS: Walt, W5CPH, was back from surgery and present at the meeting and reported doing well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walt, W5CPH was called to the front by L.B., WB5YDA, and presented with a plaque for his years of service as Club President

"Ham of the Year" votes were tallied from the December meeting and the "Ham of the Year" award was presented to Walt Lombard, W5CPH.

Upcoming events were discussed.

Club has ordered club patches and they will be in before the Orange HamFest. They will sell for \$5.00 each. See Vivid Peevey, KF5CEF, to get some.

Discussed club email address and some ideas on how it could be used. QRZ site has been updated with it. **BALLOON BUSINESS:** Payload was recovered by a hunter in Louisiana marsh. Walt was contacted by the young man and a plan was devised to return the package via LA Parrish Sheriff's Departments and picked up from there by Jeremy, K1LFK. Packaged arrived at Rao's Deli and turned over to the autopsy team for salvage operation. A reward check will be sent to the finder by mail.

**Program:** A wonderful program on the SW Lynx, SaltGrass and other linked systems, how they are designed, how our repeaters were set up in the beginning and how it is set up now. There was discussion about the sponsors, proper usage and system technicians. There was much good info from John Harrington, W5EME.

14 Meeting Adjourned @ 20:45 CST By: L.B. Little, WB5YDA.

Members Present: 21

Visitors Present: 2

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

## From the Jefferson County Club

The Jefferson County Club will have their next meeting March 12th at the JCARC Clubhouse at 216 10th Street in Nederland at 7:00 pm. The next ARES meeting will be February 21, at the JCARC Clubhouse at 7:00 pm. Lots of events to prepare for this year. Please join us.

Carey Jolly, WB5VFG, has been holding a Basic Electronics Course. He hopes to start again sometime soon. There will be other classes of interest coming up this year, such as Digital Modes, etc. John, W5EME working on soldiering class to occur soon.

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.

Our Club Net is on Wednesday at 8:00pm on 145.470, - offset, pl: 103.5 Check out our Web sites at: <u>www.w5ssv.com</u> and <u>www.qsl.net/w5ssv</u>

## From the Big Thicket Club

The Big Thicket Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Kountze Fire Station on E. Deer & S. Beach St. in Kountze at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

Program for the March meeting will be "Hurricane Irene, 2011, Emergency Communications". Our Club Net is on Thursdays at 7:00pm on 145.230, - offset, pl: 103.5 EchoLink is available to check in and use. Visit us at http://www.gel.net/htarc/

Visit us at: <u>http://www.qsl.net/btarc/</u>.

## From the Orange Club

The Orange Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting March 1st at the Red Cross Chapter House in Orange. ARES meeting starts at 6:30 pm and the Club meeting starts at 7:30 pm. The ARES Meeting this month will be a SkyWarn Class by Roger Erickson, NWS Lake Charles. Please join us.

Orange HamFest is This Weekend!!! BBQ dinner Friday evening \$8 per plate. See website for details. Help needed for set up and tear down.

Our Club Net is Daily at 6:30pm on 147.180, + offset, pl: 103.5

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: <u>www.qsl.net/w5nd</u>

## From the Lakes Area Club

The Lakes Area Club will have their next meeting February 28th at the Jasper Airport, Bell Field Terminal Building at Hwy 190 W & FM 777 in Jasper at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

Our Club Net is on Tuesdays at 8:00pm on 147.000, - offset, pl: 118.8 EchoLink available for net check in and communications. Please check our web page : <u>www.w5jas.org</u> ....for the latest info. If you have any questions or ideas please let me know at <u>dakeller@cmaaccess.com</u>.

## From Tyler County Amateur Radio Association

The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association is a newly forming group. We had our 3rd meeting last week. We are in the process of completing all of the necessary paperwork with the ARRL and FCC. We will be primarily an ARES and RACES Group and will be focusing on public service. We meet the first Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodville Emergency Center located at 201 Veterans Way. Turn at the light by Brookshire Bros. Grocery Store and you will see the building. It runs parallel to Hwy 69. Repeater coming soon.

## 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. Parsons' email address is <u>coparsons@lcmcisd.org</u>. If you have any more questions, just let me know. John Nichols, KF5LPY

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# EDITOR's COMMENTS

Well, seeds for another Amateur Radio Club have been planted and are rearing their sprouts from the ground. A group of Operators got together in Tyler County and have formed a club. They will be specializing in EmComm, ARES and RACES. A new repeater is to be coming on line soon. They are feverishly working on all their paperwork: bylaws and constitution, ARRL membership, Licensing and coordination, and all the many aspects of getting started right. Their antenna and hard line are in the air and repeater awaiting frequency assignment. Keep an ear pealed for them and they will be sending info into the newsletter. If you would like to join their Association, dues are \$20 per year. They are using a reflector group to share info between meetings. If you would like more info on that contact Nick, AE5VV. This new group will fill a big hole that has always been in that area. Please be ready to help them to get started if you have some expertise they may need.

Orange HamFest is this weekend.....OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY. If there is a Kenwood 990 there, please help keep they drool wiped up and help keep Richard, KA5IQX, from getting fritter film all over it. From everything I have heard, that 990 is one Smart and Great radio.....cheap too. Don't let the armed Brinks Guards bother you.

Joey, KE5JPS, brought to my attention that there may be a celebrity hiding twixt and amoungst us. Check out the pictures below and give us your opinion.





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WHAT UP?????? Is it real or is it Memorex?

AHHA! The Truth Comes Out!! Richard's Response came in the form of another "Ham Happening" Below:

#### "HAM HAPPENINGS"

#### Richard ... KA5IQX LOCAL "HAM" MAKES UNEXPECTED DISCOVERY

Forces "Ham Happenings" columnist to admit to previous, questionable, commercial broadcasting background. "Ham" community in shocked disbelief."

(Headline technique adopted from local supermarket tabloid, while waiting for price check at register 4)

Thanks to Joey, (KE5JPS) who somehow located this old photograph of me from my earlier radio D.J. era ... and was kind enough to send it my way ... along with a more recent photo taken of me at a "Ham" - Boy Scout" event. As the newer photograph clearly shows, I've since grown a beard, and I'm obviously more handsome than I was back then. (3rd runner-up at the 2009 "Cantankerous Old Coot" Beefcake Awards ) It's incredible that Joey was able to immediately recognize me from that publicity shot taken during my days at Radio Station KORN. Here is the actual text from Joey's e-mail which was also sent to Randy (KE5YLY) and Bennie (KE5RTI)

He said, "Feel free to share my discovery. I always thought that I had seen Richard somewhere before and this evening I was watching Hee Haw and it hit me. Here are some pictures for comparison, WOW

Yes ..., I'm amazed that Joev found that photo of me. It certainly brings back a lot of memories. It was a small station, and therefore I had guite a few responsibilities other than just playing the latest "top 40" hits and being an idolized radio star.

As an example ... in the photo, I believe I was in the process of giving the morning "farm report", and was explaining how chickens and pigs should never be put together in a farm environment, unless it's on a plate of ham and eggs with a side order of chicken tenders and cream gravy. As you can see, my reports were usually pretty technical in nature

Other duties included making official note of the transmitter readings each hour, to determine whether we were still actually transmitting. I believe the FCC limited our station power to 5 watts directional, beaming towards the Gulf of Mexico. But that's been a long time ago, so I'm not absolutely sure. I do remember that sometimes we managed to stay on the air for up to 3 hours at a time before smelling smoke in the studio, or hearing sounds coming from the transmitter which were quite similar to hearing "spark-gap" transmissions. I was also responsible for cleaning the kitchen area of the radio station ... (a hot plate and a bucket of ice on a card table ) As for my duties as program director, I took them very seriously and under my leadership, the station increased it's record library by 50%. (From 6 records, up to 12.) Of course two of those were 78 rpm, and we didn't have any equipment that would play them ... but I got them at a really good price. Now wait a second. From 6 records to 12 records would be a 100% increase wouldn't it? Hmmmmm. I'll just add them together, and we'll say that the library was increased by 150%. That should do it. All of this concern about statistical accuracy is really over-rated anyway

To those of you who are younger, and don't know what a 78 rpm record was .. ( compared to a 45 rpm record ) .. think of it as being an 8-track tape compared to a cassette tape. Now that I think about it, I'm not sure that really helped much. Heck ... if you're fairly young, you might not even know what a 45 rpm is.

Ok ... let's try this. Compare your latest "Droid based" Smartphone to a rotary dial phone on a "party line". Uhhhhh .... Ya see, a rotary dial phone was ... well .... it was like ... And a "party line" was ... it was ...... Oh never mind. This explanation isn't going well at all. So to you younger "hams".... let's just say .... it was really old stuff. We'll just leave it at that. I was finally forced to leave Station KORN after a bitter contract dispute concerning the number of apple fritters the station was expected to provide during my 25 minute shift. The discussions got quite nasty, and I realized that I simply had to quit. As I recall, I made that decision shortly after they fired me. Thanks again Joey. It was a great trip down Memory Lane .. until I noticed I wasn't on Memory Lane anymore. I had somehow taken a wrong fork and was on "Twilight Zone Lane" .. which is a dimension not only of sight, and of sound, but of mind ... there's a signpost up ahead ... your next stop .... The "Orange Hamfest". Or .... perhaps .... The "Gusher Marathon" ..... or ... The "Big Thicket Bike Tour" .... or .... well, you get the picture. Lots of activities in the coming weeks, so you've got plenty of opportunities to: "ham it up".

See va there ... Richard ... KA5IQX

#### If ya'll haven't figured it out yet... Area Amateur Radio iş getting a GREAT reputation in the community, thankş 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?

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 January.

The ARRL Board of Directors held its 2013 Annual Meeting January 18-19, 2013 in New Orleans, Louisiana, under the chairmanship of President Kay Craigie, N3KN. The minutes are available online.

At its meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors <u>had the pleasure of bestowing</u> the ARRL International Humanitarian Award, the George Hart Distinguished Service Award, and the Bill Leonard, W2SKE, Professional Media Award in the print and audio categories.

At the end of 2012, the <u>number of radio amateurs in the US reached an all-time high</u> of almost 710,000. The number of ARRL members also grew, reaching 160,278 at the end of 2012.

A new database server equipped with solid state drives for Logbook of The World (LoTW) was installed, decreasing processing times.

The ARRL Executive Committee reviewed grant applications for the ARRL's Education & Technology Program, <u>awarding equipment and</u> resources valued at nearly \$7000 to five schools.

The Boy Scouts of America announced a new Amateur Radio Operator rating strip that is to be worn on the right sleeve of the Scout uniform.

The ARRL Awards Branch announced an <u>upswing for 2012</u> for the number initial award applications and endorsements, and the Incoming and Outgoing QSL Bureaus.

<u>Two new publications</u> were released in January: *Radios to Go! Getting the Most from Your Handheld Transceiver* and 2012 ARRL Periodicals DVD.

ARRL RFI Engineer Mike Gruber, W1MG, completed a page on the ARRL website concerning grow lights and RFI. Gruber also completed work on an upcoming *QST* article about RFI from Part 15 (LED) and Part 18 (CFL) light bulbs.

The Dayton Hamvention® Awards Committee extended the deadline to nominate radio amateurs for their annual awards.

*Development Update*: ARRL Individual Giving Manager Lauren Clarke, KB1YDD, reported that the <u>ARRL Diamond Club</u> is at 9 percent of its 2013 goal (105 donors), the <u>Spectrum Defense Fund</u> is at 5 percent of its goal (109 donors) and the <u>Education & Technology Fund</u> is at 6 percent of its goal (19 donors). Click <u>here</u> to make your contribution to the fund of your choice.

Postage rates **increased**, costing hams more to send QSL cards direct.

DXCC Desk: The 2010-2011 XWPA operation and the current XW4XR operation in Laos were approved for DXCC credit.

A <u>new Quick Stats Poll</u> was posted to the ARRL website.

The winner of the January QST Cover Plaque award was Robert Nickels, W9RAN, for his article "Cheap and Easy SDR."

The March print issue of <u>OST</u> was released to the printer and the digital edition was released to the digital publisher. The <u>February digital edition of</u> <u>OST</u> was made available to ARRL members.

*Official Observer Desk*: ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, handled complaints concerning interference to an Idaho repeater, interference on 75 meters from a broadcast station, unidentified signals on 1.840 MHz, transmitting without identification, a Nevada linked repeater system, interference to a net in Kentucky, problems on a Wisconsin repeater. He also answered questions concerning operating overseas, singing music on repeaters, using AM and FM transmissions and amateurs operating outside their license privileges.

*Member Contact*: ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, attended the ARRL Puerto Rico State Convention; ARRL Field Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, attended the ARRL Southern Florida Section Convention.

# From the Internet

# Ham Radio in Hollywood: Last Man Standing to Feature Ham Radio in Upcoming Episode

In an episode to air in mid-March, the hit ABC comedy *Last Man Standing* -- starring Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, KA0XTT -- will prominently feature scenes with cast members using Amateur Radio. This episode will be the first episode to feature Amateur Radio since the middle of the show's first season.

According to *Last Man Standing* Producer John Amodeo, NN6JA, the episode called "The Fight" will feature several of the regular cast members talking on the radios. "I can't say much about the episode right now," Amodeo told the ARRL, "But this episode has the most significant use of Amateur Radio in a TV comedy since Herman Munster, W6XRL4, got his ham license." Fans of 1960s television will remember the episode of *The Munsters* (originally aired January 21, 1965) when Herman, on his ham radio, overheard children using walkie-talkies who were pretending to be Martians.

"In addition to the original KA0XTT station in Mike Baxter's work office, viewers will get to see Mike's ham shack in the basement of his home," Amodeo explained. "A cast member will also be calling in from a portable HF radio while hiking along the Amazon." The ARRL provided many of the awards -- including 5 Band DXCC, 5 Band Worked All States, 5 Band Worked All Continents and VUCC -- that are on Mike Baxter's home shack wall. The episode, which was filmed February 12, will also feature Richard Karn. Fans of Allen's former show *Home Improvement* will remember Karn as Al Borland. *Last Man Standing* is produced by 20th Century Fox for the ABC Television Network and airs on Friday nights at 8 PM Eastern and Pacific and 7 PM Central.

# Surfin': Station Identification

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, Contributing Editor

This week, Surfin' hears weak ones, and then identifies them the old way and the new way.

I have been having a lot of fun this winter chasing DX on the AM broadcast band. I am always surprised when I am able to log a new one that is transmitting low power. For example, on Monday I logged <u>two traffic advisory radio stations</u> run by the Connecticut Department of Transportation: WQEA416 in Southington on 1670 kHz and WPQH451 in Rocky Hill on 1610 kHz. Each station was transmitting a mere 10 W. Admittedly, the stations were only three and 14 miles away from my ham shack respectively, but I was still impressed with the accomplishment.

Wednesday evening was even more impressive (to me): I had the receiver tuned to 730 kHz and I could hear two stations fading in and out in tandem. They were both talk radio stations, one in English and one in French. After monitoring for about 20 minutes, I identified both stations: <u>CKAC</u> in Montreal, Quebec -- 270 miles away -- was the French station, while <u>WTNT</u> in Alexandria, Virginia -- 300 miles away -- was the English station. Whereas CKAC was transmitting 50 kW, WTNT was transmitting only 25 W, but it managed to compete with the Canadian powerhouse for dominance of 730 kHz.

Station identification has changed with the Internet. With the two traffic advisory radio stations, I had to identify them in the old way - wait until the half-hour for each station to identify itself.

On the other hand, both CKAC and WTNT -- like many other radio stations -- broadcast their content via RF and the Internet simultaneously. So after I have consulted my iPhone's <u>AM Search</u> app to determine the likely suspects on 730 kHz (calculated by the app as the stations closest to my location), I googled each station to find their website. Then I visited the websites to see if it had online broadcast content and if so, did it match with what I was hearing over the air. The Internet content typically runs behind the on-the-air content, but is close enough to determine if you have a match; in both CKAC's and WTNT's cases, it was a bingo! Almost <u>two years ago</u>, I briefly mentioned a cool blog devoted to chasing medium-wave DX: <u>Radio-TimeTraveler</u>, blogged by William Scott, WE7W. Scott writes that his blog is "about radio and radio DXing, antennas, opinions, reviews -- basically all things concerning radio. My particular emphasis is medium wave and medium wave DXing. My passion in the last few years has been DXing the medium waves during daytime hours. I hope to bring some interesting articles, ideas, and facts to these pages, not just dry reception reports."

Radio-TimeTraveler continues to be a regular stop for my Internet browser because its content continues to maintain a level of quality and interest that keeps me coming back. I highly recommend it.

Until next time, keep on surfin'!

Editor's note: Stan Horzepa, WAILOU, seeks the unusual in radio. To contact Stan, send e-mail or add comments to the WAILOU blog.

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

Please visit: <u>www.FactorReady.com</u> 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

## **MARCH 2013**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					7:30PM OARC Mtg	8am BARC Breakfast
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		7:00pm BTARC Mtg 8pm LAARC Net	8pm JCARC Net	7pm TCARA Mtg 7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net		6am Gusher Marathon 8am BARC Breakfast
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		7pm JCARC Mtg 8pm LAARC Net	8pm JCARC Net	7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net		6am BigThick Bike Hike 8am BARC Breakfast
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		8pm LAARC Net	8pm JCARC Net	7pm JCARC ARES Mtg 7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net		8am BARC Breakfast
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	7:30PM BARC Mtg	8pm LAARC Net	8pm JCARC Net	7pm LAARC Mtg 7pm BTARC Net 8pm BARC Net		8am BARC Breakfast
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# 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 & N5MTX-11 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.	
	<u>NETS</u>
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	

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)\* 147.420 Simplex-Orange ARES Primary 147.460 Simplex-Orange ARES Primary 147.570 Simplex-Hardin Co ARES Primary 223.800 Beaumont (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0) 224.920 Devers (KA5QDG, pl 103.5)

442.575 Devers (KASQDG, pl 103.5) 444.700 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, Salt-Grass, pl 107.2) 444.900 Mobil Oil (W5XOM, pl 103.5) 446.000 National Simplex

# 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-1	2N, 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@arrl.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.

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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.

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** 

## FOR SALE By JOHN COOPER, WT5Y, jcooper005@gt.rr.com, Beaumont, Texas

MFJ cleartone speakers 10, KRM Variac 50, wouxun kguvd1p with accessories(dual charger, 2 batteries, prog cable, hand mic) 80, MFJ dummy load 300w 25 Oak Hills Research qrp wattmeter 50, Heathkit cantenna 15, Power Sonic 35ah battery 40, MFJ 208 VHF analyzer 35, AADE I/c meter 20, cushcraft 70cm 11el beam 50 tram 2m/440 base antenna 75, cushcraft ma5v 10-30 hf vertical 165, ramsey dtmf decoder 30, leader signal generator 20, elenco audio generator 20 misc bnc coax jumpers coax adapters amphenol connectors

FOR SALE By BILL GARVEY, WB5LYB, wb5lyb@gmail.com, Leesvile, LA

The mics I have for sale are the Icom SM-8, \$75.00 an the Icom SM-20,\$100.00...also have 2 Radio Shack Pro-2006 scanners for sale at \$50.00 each, they are 400 channel scanners.

Please send anything you want to buy, sell or trade to me so I can post it. Randy, KE5YLY, rwleftwich@aol.com or 409-466-5828

# W5RIN BALLOON NEWS

## BALLOON GROUP NEWS

L.B., WB5YDA, will be calling a Balloon Group Meeting very soon, so anyone that has not been involved and wishes to do so, please contact LB and give him your contact info. We are looking towards a spring time launch.



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