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The BARN

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MEETING

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will hold this month's meeting, at 7:30 PM Monday, December 27, 2010 at Wesley Methodist Church, 3810 N. Major Drive (at the end of Folsom Drive) in Beaumont. This month's meeting will feature Presentation the Ham Of The Year award Also election of club officers for next year. Also expected, is an update by John, W5EME or other balloon group members on the clubs balloon project.

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HAM OF THE YEAR and CLUB ELECTION

On of the biggest responsibilities any member of a civic organization such as the Beaumont Amateur Radio Club has is to first off, be active in that organization. Being active can mean many things like always coming to meetings when possible, supporting the club by paying dues and participating in fund raising activities and maybe most importantly; being a member who serves the club as an officer and/or in the BARC a member of the Board of Directors.

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club has been guided by a relatively small group of the same Hams for the last several (numerous) years. Now, the BARC has faired pretty well during these last years and most of us have enjoyed the wide variety of activities and event which have been a big part of what the club does.

Numerous public service events such as bike rides, walkathons, and marathons have brought out large numbers Hams from all area clubs and have made for some very successful and partly because of area Hams, safe events.

In order for such success to continue, an organization must have continued member support and participation. Are you participating and supporting the Beaumont Amateur Radio Club? If you cannot answer a resounding yes to the question, you have that responsibility and should step forward. There several positions available for any member to step up and express a desire to serve and support this club and help make it a bigger and better civic organization and amateur radio club. Why not come to this months meeting and let that desire be known and step up to the plate. Your voice will be most welcomed and accepted. The BARC will surely *(continued on page 2)*

Editorially Speaking

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better for your participation and most likely you will be better for it. Come on out and be part of the best amateur radio club in Beaumont, Texas.

Even if you can't bring yourself to step forward and be an Executive member of the club, how about letting them know what you want from YOUR club. We can't make the BARC the club you want it to be without knowing what that is.

This months meeting will feature the election of those leaders for 2011. Be there and let your voice be heard.

We will also present to 2010 BARC Ham of the Year award to the Ham for "Service and Commitment to Amateur Radio, the Club and to the Community" Be sure sure to be at this meeting so you may congratulate this years winner.

Earl, K5UJC, Editor



Not being able to resolve the matter to everyone's satisfaction, the antenna party adjourned to the local tavern to discuss physics.

'...Or maybe I shouldn't say that on the radio!'

Until he unscrewed the barrel connector, Tom had scoffed at obscure reports of water traveling down through coax cables.

Ham Radio's Urban Legends

by Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU

Contributing Editor

This week, Surfin' scopes out Snopes.com for the truth behind ham radio's urban legends.

Well-meaning, but ill-informed friends regularly send my sister e-mails alerting her to something dastardly that will occur if she opens a particular e-mail. Or they try to inform her about something contemptible that the government or some corporation is trying to pull off behind our backs. Or... If you have exchanged e-mail for any length of time, you are familiar with this particular flavor of e-mails.

Inevitably, my sister forwards such e-mails to me and asks, "Is this legit?"

Most of the time, I recognize the scam and reply that the alert is not legit.

Sometimes I don't know, but I do know how to find out: I visit the Urban Legends Reference Pages of [Snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com). They have a great search engine. Whenever I have had to use their service, I copy and paste a key phrase from the questionable alert and Snopes' search engine always finds what I seek and informs me as to its legitimacy or lack thereof.

Snopes bills itself as "the definitive Internet reference source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation." If you do not know what to make of the e-mail alerts you receive, I urge you to bookmark Snopes and use it to solve those e-mail issues.

In addition to helping solve your e-mail mysteries, browsing the Web site and reading about the urban legends is interesting and entertaining.

By the way, Amateur Radio is a player in some of the urban legends that Snopes debunks:

[The accident-prone ham and a barrel of tools](http://www.snopes.com/humor/letters/bricks.asp) (<http://www.snopes.com/humor/letters/bricks.asp>)

[The lighthouse vs the aircraft carrier](http://www.snopes.com/military/lighthouse.asp) (<http://www.snopes.com/military/lighthouse.asp>)

[Why television don't sets have a Channel 1](http://www.snopes.com/military/lighthouse.asp) (<http://www.snopes.com/military/lighthouse.asp>)

[The Russian student seeking financial assistance](http://www.snopes.com/fraud/distress/valentin.asp) (<http://www.snopes.com/fraud/distress/valentin.asp>)

Until next time, keep on surfin'!

Editor's note: Legend has it that Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, is an urban legend. To contact Stan, send e-mail (wa1lou@arrl.net<wa1lou@arrl.net>;) or add comments to the:

[WA1LOU blog](http://horzepa.blogspot.com/). (<http://horzepa.blogspot.com/>)

Local Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 7:30am - Beaumont Club	28 Childermas	29 8pm - JCARC Net	30 6pm - BTARC Net @ 146.23 7pm - BARC Net	31 New Year's Eve	1
2	3	4 7:30am - BTARC Meeting	5 8pm - JCARC Net	6 6pm - BTARC Net @ 146.23 7pm - BARC Net	7	8
9	10	11 7:30am - Jcarc meeting @	12 8pm - JCARC Net	13 6pm - BTARC Net @ 146.23 7pm - BARC Net	14	15 8am - BTARC Breakfast @ Mama
16	17	18 6:30am - Dinner Social @ Hates	19 8pm - JCARC Net	20 6pm - BTARC Net @ 146.23 7pm - BARC Net 7:30am - ARES meeting @	21	22
23	24	25	26 8pm - JCARC Net	27 6pm - BTARC Net @ 146.23 7pm - BARC Net	28	29
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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. (Open Patch, 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* *Temporarily Down*
 146.860 Port Arthur (WD5GJP) pl 103.5

146.980 H.A.M.S. (Devers, N5FJX, pl 103.5)*# Down
 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)*
 147.340 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, no Patch, no PL) Down
 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)
 444.900 Mobil Oil (W5XOM, pl 103.5)

* Denotes transmitted PL tone. # Denotes echo link.

(There is no longer a phone patch on the 147.340 repeater.)

BARN YARD

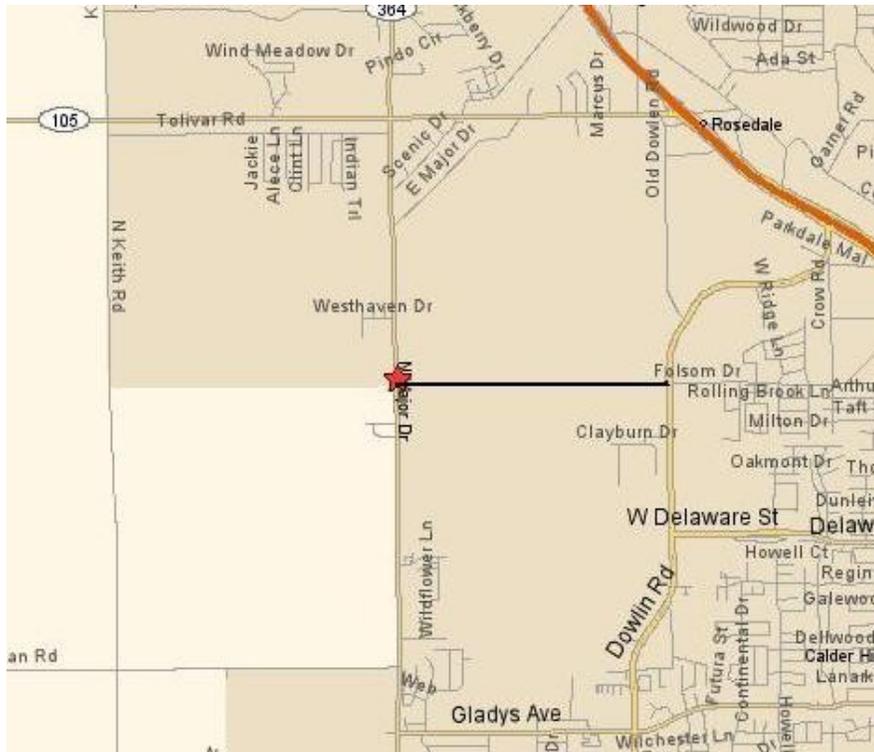
The list of the last items donated to the club by a most gracious club member, Jack Covington, NG5F are listed below for your consideration. If you are interested in any of these items please contact Walt, W5CPH 892-5663

Description	Condition	New Value	High Sale price or make offer		
J. W. Miller 1000 watt low pass transmitter filter & Specification Card. Compare to *5 MFJ-704.	Good (???) Sealed - looks very good.	*5 60	35		
Ten Tec Paragon Transceiver (no mic); Includes: Model 258-IBM Serial Control Program (5-1/4" disk); RS232 Interface Board; 250Hz CW Filter; 500Hz CW Filter; 1.8KHz SSB Filter & Manuals. Purchased 2/17/1992.	[J.C. - The last time I used it as set out in my letter it was unstable at very low frequencies but covered the ham bands OK.] Does not receive below approx. 2.5MHz.	2,243.4 2 (1992)	400		
Ten Tec (22Amp.) Power Supply and Speaker	Very Good				
Bencher paddles, dust cover (custom made) and Instruction Sheet.	Very Good	110 (now)	100		
The DX Edge - Instructions, Guide Map & Templates. (mfg. c. 1982)	Good		10		
(3) straight keys (more or less)	Fair				
Misc. cable fittings	Fair - Good				
Co-Axial Cable Lightning Arrestor (mfg. c. 1975)	(???) Sealed - looks good.	(Incl.†)		2	5
50 feet cable RG58U (???) All cable lengths estimated by counting the coils	Fair	20		5	10
V-2S Hy-Gain vertical antenna with Instructions (144MHz - 148MHz) (mfg. c. 1985). Compare to *3 V-2R.	Fair	(none)	*3 110		

Your Ad could be right here, so check out your for sale or trade items and send a note to the BARN Editor at eoster@gt.rr.com and it will be in the BARN YARD next month.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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|---|---------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FULL MEMBERSHIP..... | \$20.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER.... | 5.00 | (ANNUAL RATES) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BARN SUBSCRIPTION ONLY..... | 7.50 | |

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