

Guadalupe Valley Amateur Radio Club

General information for area hams.

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The Guadalupe Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) is an amateur radio club hailing from the Guadalupe Valley region of South Central Texas. We hang out and eat breakfast tacos on Saturday mornings, throw a raucous field day event, hold regular VE testing sessions, and maintain a few repeaters. Being an ARRL Affiliated club, we have club officers and hold quarterly business meetings. In New Braunfels Ist Der Amateurfunk Schön!

Inactive? Got the itch again? Need an Elmer? Let us know and we'll try to put you in touch with someone who can help.

Saturday morning coffee

There is an informal gathering of hams **every** Saturday, 7:30am-9:00am, at Granzin's Bar-B-Q. (660 West San Antonio St.) Please stop by & join us for a cup of coffee or a taco.

Business meetings

Business meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of January, April, July, and October.

Email reflector

The club's email reflector is located at: <https://groups.io/g/gvarc>

Email wb5lvi@arrl.net to receive an invitation.

Web site:

The club's web site at: <http://www.gvarc.org> Please send news & photos to Alan, NK5P: kd5zex@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1086444912976709>

Field Day

GVARC hosts an informal Field Day operation from WQ5C. We normally operate as class 2E - "home station on emergency power". There is generally a home station, plus a portable and "Get On The Air" station. The highlight is the Saturday evening BBQ where friends and family are urged to attend.

Repeaters

There are several amateur radio repeaters in the New Braunfels/Comal County area, including but not limited to:

147.000 MHz, negative offset (-600 KHz) GVARC 103.5 Hz tone "WB5LVI"

Provides local coverage for the New Braunfels & Comal, Guadalupe, Bexar, Gillespie, Blanco and Hayes County areas. (Coverage map to be published soon. Check www.gvarc.org/.000repeater)

443.850 MHz, positive offset (+5 MHz) GVARC 103.5 Hz tone "WB5LVI"

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444.450 MHz, positive offset (+5 MHz) 114.8 Hz tone "W5ERX"

Provides local coverage for the Canyon Lake area.

145.300 MHz, negative offset (-600khz). 100.0 Hz tone "WD5EMS"

Provides local coverage for northern Comal County and the Canyon Lake area. Analog and Digital, automatic format selection, "System Fusion" Linked to other WD5EMS systems?

Other Well Occupied Frequencies

146.520 Simplex

The Unusual Suspects club is quite active on this frequency. This is the Nationwide Simplex Calling frequency and is usable by all licensed amateurs at any time.

Local 6m Beacon

The club supports a 6m propagation beacon on 50.072 MHz. KF5KOI/B is located near Blanco, TX. It transmits at 10W, 1W, and 100 mW. Worldwide spots of this beacon can be viewed at: <http://www.beaconspot.eu/beaconcm.php?beaconcall=KF5KOI&bandmhz=50>

Swapfests

W5SC Radio Fiesta (Schertz)

Sponsored by The San Antonio Radio Club. June 17 and 18, 2022
swap meet, vendors, testing, and informational sessions
<https://w5sc.org/radio-fiesta/>

Ham Expo (Belton)

One of the best ham swap meets in the area held each April and October.
<http://www.tarc.org/>

Other area clubs

It is not GVARC's intent to compete with the activities of other clubs in the area. Our goal is to provide repeaters for all to use. In addition to the aforementioned repeater organizations, some of the other clubs & activities in the area are:

Hill Country REACT: <http://hillcountryreact.org/>

South Texas DX & Contest Club: <http://stdxcc.org/>

Unusual Suspects: <http://www.wx5us.us/>

The HAMsters: <http://www.dxamigos.org/>

Roadrunners Microwave Group: <http://www.k5rmg.com>

Canyon Lake Amateur Radio Club: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070170411578>

Contact AB5EB ab5ebdxer@gmail.com for more information.

There are probably others. Please forgive me if I missed yours. Please send corrections & suggestions to wb5lvi@arrl.net