

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, 7am-8:30am, at Granzin Bar-B-Q. (660 West San Antonio St.) Please stop by & join us for a cup of coffee or a taco.

Ragchew net

The club conducts an informal "ragchew" net Sunday – Friday @ 7:45pm on the 147.000 repeater. All hams are encouraged to participate.

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: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gvarcllc/>
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

VE Testing service

Amateur Radio tests are offered the 1st Saturday in January (except Jan. 1st), April, July (except July 4th) and October.

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.

Winter Field Day

GVARC intends to precipitate in the 2014 Winter Field Day to be held from 1700 UTC (12:00 noon EST) Saturday January 25, 2014 through 1700 UTC (12:00 noon EST) Sunday January 26, 2014. For more information, see:

<http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php> .

Repeaters

There are currently 5 amateur radio repeaters in the New Braunfels/Comal County area:

147.000 MHz, negative offset, 103.5 Hz tone "WB5LVI"

Provides local coverage for the New Braunfels & Comal County areas.

443.850 MHz, positive offset, 103.5 Hz tone "WB5LVI"

Off the air – coming soon

Provides local coverage for the New Braunfels area.

444.450 MHz, positive offset, 114.8 Hz tone "W5ERX"

Provides local coverage for the Canyon Lake area.

146.440 MHz, simplex, 88.5 Hz tone

Off the air?

Part of the Southwest Lynx System, the largest statewide repeater system in Texas. See: <http://southwest.lynxs.4t.com/>

443.500 MHz, positive offset, 141.3 tone "NB"

Off the air?

Part of the Saltgrass Link System, providing communications in the gulf coast and central Texas See:

<http://saltgrasslink.tripod.com/saltgrasslinksystem/>

146.520 simplex

The Unusual Suspects club is quite active on this frequency.

Swapfests

The San Antonio Radio Club - Amateur Radio Fiesta
January; see: [/w5sc.org/swapfest.htm](http://w5sc.org/swapfest.htm)

Ham Expo in Belton

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

Ham-Com – Plano, TX

June; see <http://www.hamcom.org/>

Austin Summerfest

August; see www.austinsummerfest.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: 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