



**BARS Meeting Thursday  
the 18<sup>TH</sup> of August 2011**

The next BARS meeting will be Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Brandon Assembly of God at 710 South Kings (next to the golf driving range). The BARS meeting will be in the annex next to the sanctuary building. Things get underway when Doris bangs the gavel at 7:30 p.m. If you think of someone who has not been to a meeting for a while, give ‘em a call!

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**Advantages of Circular Polarization  
BARS Program for August Meeting**

Circular polarization has some advantages with FM and TV for reception with mobile or portable devices to reduce small-scale fading and multi-path interference. The NI4CE repeater group has recently installed a circularly polarized antenna at their Riverview repeater site, and conducted a series of field tests last March in collaboration with the antenna’s manufacturer, SPX Communication Technology. Ed Allen, WA4ISB - the NI4CE

Trustee, will present the results of their UHF experiments at our August meeting.

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**Special Event Station K5B  
on in September**

From Ron AE5NO

Special Event Station K5B – Plano Balloon Festival September 16, 2011 – September 18, 2011 – Plano, Texas Celebrating the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Plano Balloon Festival, members of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) and area amateur radio operators will be QRV as K5B during the festival. Frequencies plus or minus QRM: 7.255, 14.255, 21.355 and on the club repeater, WD5ERD on 147.180 + PL 107.2 and via Echolink at K5PRK. QSL with SASE to K5PRK .

More information will be available on our website at [www.k5prk.net/k5b](http://www.k5prk.net/k5b).

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## New Q-Signals For the Baby Boomer Generation

As a student ham, in the 60s, it was sometimes difficult making contacts, as some of the old timers just didn't like to talk to kids. They thought they had too little in common to having an intelligent, meaningful QSO. One 2-land ham comes to mind. He would call CQ and then add the line "no lids, no kids, no space cadets." A real put down. Youngsters sometimes would joke, off the air, don't bother with 80 or 160, it's just a bunch of white haired old guys whining about getting old and the results of their latest medical tests. The irony is, before you know it, you have joined the club.

73,

Pete, KZ1Z

Subject: Q-Signals for Baby Boomers

QAR: Is your arthritis acting up today? My arthritis is acting up today.

QBP: How many bypasses (or stints) do you have? I have \_\_\_ bypasses (or stints).

QDF: Does (or did) your ICD (implantable cardioverter-defibrillator) zap you when you key down? My ICD zaps (zapped) me when I key down.

QDN: Are you wearing dentures? I am wearing dentures..

QGC: How many grandchildren do you have (or do you have a new grandchild)? I have \_\_\_ grandchildren (or I have a new grandchild).

QGM: Are you operating golf cart mobile? I am operating golf cart mobile.

QID: What kind of incontinent diapers do you use? I use \_\_\_ diapers for incontinence.

QJR: How many joint replacements have you had? I have had \_\_\_ joint replacements.

QLO: Do you know what LOL (or IMHO, ROFL, etc.) stands for? \_\_\_ stands for \_\_\_.

QLW: Do you watch Lawrence Welk reruns? I watch Lawrence Welk reruns.

QMD: Who is your geriatric physician? My geriatric physician is \_\_\_ .

QOT: Are you an Old Timer and were you licensed before no-code licensing?  
I am an Old Timer and I was licensed before no-code licensing.

QPA: What is your PSA level (or have you had your PSA level checked)? My PSA level is \_\_\_ .

QPG: Was that QRM or did you just pass gas? No, that was QRM.

QPP: Do you need to take a bio-break? I need to take a bio-break.

QRX: What medications are you taking? I am taking the following medications \_\_\_\_ .

QSS: Have you gotten your social security check? I have received my social security check.

QVC: Do you know how to program your VCR? I can program my VCR.

QWH: Do you think Betty White is hot? I think Betty White is hot.

Editor's note: Sometime we will publish a detailed listing of "real" Q-signals.

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## What Do The Numbers Mean?

From time to time readers of *The Antenna* ask what "-30-" at the end of articles means. That is related to the terms "73" and "88" which still survive in ham radio use on the air today. These come from landline telegraph operations from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Larry Gispert KR4X sent these along a while back, and I have converted them into a table to make

reading a bit easier. By the time telegraphy took to the airwaves, an international system for these signals was developed (Q-Signals) which we also still find in ham radio use today.

Number	Meaning
1	Wait a minute.
2	Very important.
3	What time is it?
4	Where shall I go ahead.
5	Have you business for me?
6	I am ready.
7	Are you ready?
8	Close your key, stop breaking.
9	Priority business. Wire Chief's call.
10	Keep this circuit closed.
12	Do you understand?
13	I understand.
14	What is the weather?
15	For you and others to copy.
17	Lightning here.
18	What's the trouble?
19	From 19 train order.
21	Stop for meal.
25	Busy on another wire.
26	Put on ground wire.
27	Priority, very important.
28	Do you get my writing?
29	Private, deliver in sealed envelope.
30	No more - the end.
31	Form 31 train

	order
32	I understand that I am to ...
33	Answer is paid.
34	Message for all officers.
35	You may use my signal to answer this.
37	Inform all interested.
39	Important, with priority on thru wire.
44	Answer promptly by wire.
55	Important.
73	Best regards.
77	I have a message for you.
88	Love and kisses.

You now know the derivation of those that we as hams use to this day. **Also note there is no such thing as plural codes, i.e. 73's and 88's. The proper use is simply "73" and "88".** It always pays to look back at our past.

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Check out the BARS Website:  
**[brandonhamradio.org](http://brandonhamradio.org)**

That's all for this month. The bands are getting better and soon we will be out of the thunderstorm season, so hamming will improve on 75 and 40 meters. Remember to have fun with radio!

## **The Antenna**

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### **Keep in Mind Our Weekly Nets and Bulletins**

**Monday 8 p.m. The Two Meter Net 147.765 - 147.165 MHz Hosted by Doris Haskell  
WB9VDT**

**Tuesday 7 p.m. 6-meter Roundtable 50.200 MHz USB followed at 8 p.m. with the 10  
Meter Roundtable 28.365 MHz USB**

**Thursday 8 p.m. (except for club meetings) YL Net hosted by Doris Haskell  
WB9VDT on W7RRS Repeater 146.745**

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**Remember Saturday morning breakfast at The Golden Corral at Providence and  
Lumsden. Most start showing up at 7:30 a.m. when the restaurant opens.**