

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN -- DICK HAGERMAN WB5SRN (Ghost written by WD5DRB)

***** Brazos Valley Club picnic ***** A family picnic will be held on SATURDAY, May 12th, from 10:30 am to ??? at Bayland Park in Houston. Bring your own eat and drink. Grills, picnic tables and restrooms are available. If anyone has baseball equipment, frisbees, or other outdoor games, bring them along too. There will be a DXpedition to Luchenbach, Tx. that day so....portable rig could be put into use that day too (see Roving Reporter).

Location of the park is at the intersection of Bissonet & Hillcroft. We will have an area staked out at the EAST end of the park, near the FIELD House.

Come to the meeting THURSDAY, MAY 10th for more details.

*****FIELD DAY, 1979***** BVARC has secured a Field Day site at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. Dates are JUNE 23 & 24th. Henry (N5HN) has more to say about FD. Again, attend the meeting or give Henry a call.

ROVING REPORTER -- LARRY LEVY WD5DRB

Since our last issue (Jan./Feb.) no one has contributed anything to this column so I'm going to draw from the May issue of QST and HRH.

\$\$\$ The ARRL Membership Overseas QSL Service, effective June 1st, will begin using a new system for determining cost of the service. From now on the fee will be \$1.00 per pound or portion thereof (\$1.00 / .453 Kilos). Someone at ARRL HDQRS. determined that 1lb will equal about 155 cards. (QST, p. 68)

DXDXDX---W5TEX will venture into the wild and wooly past of the 1870's to the site of a LUCKENBACH DXpedition the weekend of May 12 & 13. Freq. & modes of operation are: CW -- 7.110 es 21.110 MHz; FM -- 52.525, 29.600, es 146.52 MHz; and SSB -- 3.9, 7.235, 14.285, 21.360, 28.625, 50.110, es 144.2 MHz. All * 5 MHz. If anyone has a portable set-up for HF freq. bring it to the picnic and we can practice up for FIELD DAY next month. All confirmed QSO will be entitled to a DXpedition QSL.

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR LICENSE LATELY??? If not, look to see if your license is still valid. Relax if the expiration date is within five years. Under a new and unpublicised action by the FCC, a five (5) year grace is in effect. Although you have lost your old call, by applying with form 610 you eliminated the need to retake any exams. Within one (1) year, you can also apply for your old call. Remember, if your license is expired, SO ARE YOUR OPERATOR PRIVILEGES.

Texas House Bill 75 concerning RFI has been withdrawn due to flack provided by Texas Hams. Who says you can't fight "city hall"?

I really would like some feed back and contributions from club members. Who has upgraded? replaced equipment for something with whistles and bells? brewed a new antenna, filter, rig, anything? a new idea for a club activity, speaker, program? Operating suggestions, band conditions, opinions...this is YOUR column, please make use of it so that the column reflects YOUR ideas.

CHALLENGE: To any Novice or Tech in our club. Since February I have contacted and confirmed 31 states on 15m CW toward a W.A.S. For the purpose of encouragement and added incentive, I challenge all novice and techs who have the goal of WORKED ALL STATES to telephone me so that your progress can be charted in this column. Also, share with the club some of your more memorable QSO's, successful operating hints and habits. Similar exchange of info is welcomed from General & higher licensees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT MEETING OF BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB IS MAY 10th, THURSDAY, AT 7:30-pm.
 LOCATION: MISSOURI CITY FIRE STATION

BRAZOS VALLEY A.R.C. FAMILY PICNIC-----SATURDAY, MAY 12th---10:30am to ???

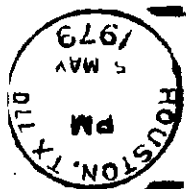
FIELD DAY, 1979---BVARC WILL PARTICIPATE....SITE WILL BE FT. BEND COUNTY FAIRGRDS.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3.00p	8.00a	3.00p	8.00a	3.00p	8.00a	3.00p
9.00p	6.00p	9.00p	6.00p	9.00p	6.00p	9.00p

Operating frequencies are approximate:

10m--28.08 MHz
 15m--21.08 MHz
 20m--14.08 MHz
 40m--7.08 MHz
 80m--3.58 MHz

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