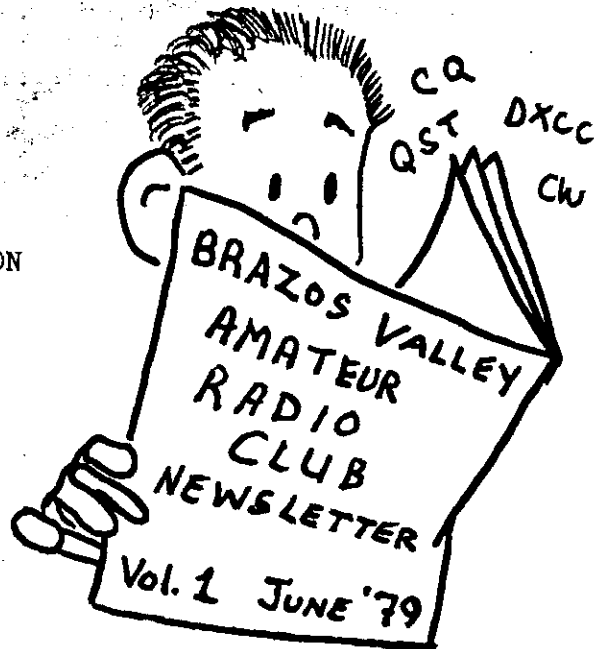


CLUB MEETINGS ARE THE
SECOND THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT THE
MISSOURI CITY FIRE STATION
FM 2234 at 7:30 pm GDT



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN - WADE EILERS---WN5TEN

During the weekend of June 23 & 24, the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will host its first FIELD DAY. Our FIELD DAY site will be the FORT BEND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, details on how to get there are elsewhere in this issue. Our next meeting, this THURSDAY NIGHT, will be an organizational meeting, where equipment needs etc. will be discussed....JOIN US.

Although FIELD DAY is considered a contest in which HAMS compete for points, it has its origins as a very essential part of disaster preparedness plans of HAMS. Since our club was founded on the basis of providing effective emergency communications to our community, this is the best opportunity to bone up on operating skills and the chance to work together as a team, under simulated emergency conditions, and still have a lot of fun in doing so.

In order that our FIELD DAY is a success, we need people who will definitely commit themselves to about three or four hours of participation over the operating period. This invitation is open to all Amateur Radio Operators, B.V.A.R.C. members and those HAMS not members of our club (Eds. comment: yet!). So pass the word, Henry, N5HF heads up the FIELD DAY activities and needs to know when you will work with us so he can set up a schedule of operations.

SEE YOU THURSDAY NIGHT, upstairs at the fire station.

CD - EC - SKYWARN - RACES-ARES-NETS----ED HARWELL---W5WVX

EMERGENCY preparedness begins with an attitude. For myself, I consider that Amateur Radio Public Service is my way to pay the bills. I consider that I owe a debt for the privilege of being a HAM RADIO OPERATOR. Several things are involved in being ready for emergencies. FIRST: Think emergency; by this I mean, think about all kinds of emergencies. How do they happen? What are the consequences? How do they affect me? What can I do to help? What do I have to help with? SECOND: ACT. Make a list of "Things I can do in an emergency", procure any equipment you believe is necessary, and of course, look at your communications equipment. Is it adequate? Can you work portable? Who do I contact or call? What do I report? THIRD: PRACTICE! It never hurts to walk through an "emergency" before it happens. FOURTH: THINK AGAIN! Have I missed anything; what procedures and equipment revisions can be made? Then make them.

Obviously these are generalities, but think of some specifics. How about a fire in the home? or roadside emergencies? Then work up to major emergencies: hurricanes, floods, etc. There's a start. Don't just think about what 'they' can do. HAMS who think about preparedness have the beginning of developing an attitude.

FIELD DAY is coming up---see you there

NOVICE NOTES---Larry Levy WD5DRB

This column will be devoted to the needs and interests of those Novice/Technicians in our club. Contributions from all sources within our club will be credited.

With Field Day and Straight Key Night coming up within the next few weeks, we have many opportunities to get air time in real situations, not just W1AW practice. We can provide much credit for our club operating a Novice station at Field Day as well as needed logging duties for the other transmitters. Come out prepared to operate for FD. Bring what you feel you need for your comfort and efficiency of operation.

Straight Key Night is discussed on page 4. As Novice/Techs, we have used a straight key for much of our operating. Those higher classes licensees who use keyers now have to readjust. That means we will now have to be the patient listeners. Seriously, SKN can offer many new states to those striving for W.A.S. I have W.A.S. maps and application forms for any Novice/Tech who asks.

Speaking of W.A.S.---last month I offered a friendly competition between all N/T who are working W.A.S. to phone me so we can chart our successes, exchange operating hints and habits, as well as to exchange a few ~~like~~ comments about the ones we missed. To date, on 15 m CW I have worked 46 states with 40 confirmed. Any one hearing either Dakota, Delaware, or Arkansas on 15 m Novice please call me (437-2876) with freq. & call.

DX for N/T on 15 m has been good lately. Prefixes heard but not all worked are: OK(CZECHOSLOVAKIA), EA(SPAIN), VK(AUSTRALIA), ZL(NEW ZEALAND), H4VP(SOLOMON IS.), I(ITALY), F(FRANCE), UB(RUSSIA), SP(POLAND), XE(MEXICO), VE(CANADA), VE/4U(GOLAN HTS.), J(JAPAN) D(GERMANY), PY(BRAZIL), YV(VENEZUELA), YS(NICURAGUA), KG4(Guantanamo Bay), KZ5(Canal Zone *) WP4(PUERTO RICO), KH6(HAWAII), and KL7(ALASKA). This list of 22 different DX-'Countries' are just the ones I've heard on the 15 m Novice segment--100kHz of frequency. Work all those and that's almost 1/4 the way to DX-CC. Think of what can be worked on the Novice segments on all four (80, 40, 15, 10 m) bands.

If you have the interest to work DX as a NOVICE a couple of operating hints. First, practice receiving CW so that your speed is about 10 wpm. The faster the better of course. Then listen selectively for a DX station rather than call CQ DX. Once finding a DX station, listen patiently and note freq, call, name, QTH, equip. QSL info. so you have it down. Also listen for sked (schedule) info, just incase you miss him. As you tune, try to adjust your receiver to hear the DX clearest so when you send this will be your transmit freq. Do not do this if the DX station specifies he only transmits on that freq. If your privileges allow, transmit where specified and listen where specified. Sometimes you just have to say 'schucks' and go to the next DX. Cross-mode also is permissible. If you can hear an amateur station within your operating segments, try to work it.

Most importantly, be courteous. Wait to send after the DX station clears and indicates he/she is clear. Sometimes a BK at the exchange of call signs between a DX and his/her contact will work...use good judgement here...best for a long engaged QSO or a sked that you have heard often on previous days. Persistancy can work, but only if COURTESY is also used.

***Canal Zone/KZ5 is the U.S. prefix for any American station located in the Panama Canal Zone. Since the U.S. will cede this territory October 1st, the KZ5 prefix likely were no longer exist. Work a KZ5 now and you will have a separate contact toward DXCC. I have heard two or three KZ5 station on 15 m novice segment in the last two weeks. Go to it.

QST BVARC DE WD5DRB /// I have subscribed to the U.S. Callbook 1979 with quarterly suppl. Anyone needing an address can call me during the day (966-1800) or evening until 9:00p and I will bring Books or address to meeting. I NEED RECIPRICAL exchange with owner of 1979 DX BOOK...PSE.

For sale: DE WN5TEN Wade Eilers- 499-4230---DX60A w/VFO & National NC 303 Receiver. Manuals with all gear. Great Novice Station. Will sell all or part. Package Deal \$200.00

Wanted: DE WN5TEN Wade Eilers---Used ROHN 25-G tower sections

Wanted: DE WD5DRB Larry Levy---knowledgeable HAM to help put new circuit breaker into service breaker to complete wiring of newly built ham shack

FIELD DAY- 1979---SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd & 24th--FT.BEND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

THE BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE IN FIELD DAY-1979. OUR OPERATING LOCATION WILL BE THE PUBLIC PICNIC AREA IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE FAIRGROUND FENCE. DIRECTIONS TO GET TO THE LOCATION FROM THE MISSOURI CITY / HOUSTON area AS FOLLOWS: Travel Highway 59/ the Southwest Freeway toward the SW/Richmond-Rosenberg direction. Exit the Freeway at Highway 36 and travel to the south, a left hand turn under the freeway. Continue south on highway 36 about 3 miles and the Fairgrounds will be on your right hand side.

OFFICIAL operating times of FD are 1800 UTC Saturday to 2100 UTC Sunday. That is from 1:00 pm Saturday to 4:00 pm Sunday, local time, for a total of 27 hours. This includes a three hour buffer for set-up time for those stations starting from scratch on Saturday. Only 24 hours of operation are allowed.

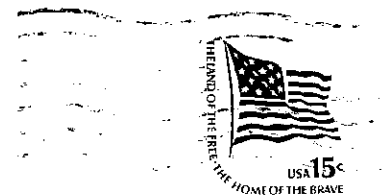
Each participant, at this printing, will be responsible for his or her own food/drink and other personal needs. The picnic site has bar-b-q grills, a covered shelter, and concrete picnic tables. Restroom facilities are about 150 metres away inside the fence. We are expected to have access to these most important locations.

STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT--JULY 4th-WEDNESDAY---0000 Z to 2400 Z / 8:00pm TUES. to 8:00 pm WED.

Although this is not a contest, I believe a number of both old and new brass pounders would like to receive this reminder. This 24 hour period is where participants use a straight key and just exchange friendly contacts. In lieu of a standard RST report, SKN will be used by participants to clue in 'passersby'. Any member of the CLUB who does participate can send in to ARRL the list of calls worked and your vote for the best fist you heard over this period, not necessarily an operator personally worked. Also, you can vote for most interesting QSO and include any photos for consideration for QST publication. For this SKN, operating areas suggested are 60-80 kHz up from bottom edge of CW band on 80, 40, & 20 and 10 kHz up from bottom of Novice segments.

Club participants: Please notify me of your operation for announcement here.

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