

CLUB MEETINGS ARE THE
SECOND THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT THE
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN -- WADE EILERS---WN5TEN

During August, the officers of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, with the help of Bob Sprading, W5UBD, incorporated B.V.A.R.C. Bob pointed out to us last spring that by incorporating, we would protect the club from many legal hassles. The most important effect of incorporating is that in case some person or persons ever filed a law suit against our club, the only amount he may sue is for is what is in the club treasury. So, if this ever happens, we are all protected. The cost of the Letters of Incorporation to the club was \$25.00, and I think quite well spent. If any of you have questions pertaining to this matter, please give Bob a call cause he is handling this. Bob, thanks for getting this club business done for us.

The Novice Class is held on Friday nights at 7:30 pm at the firestation for the next 6 to 8 weeks. All club members are invited to join us and see how the group is progressing. If you would like to participate in one lesson, code or theory, give me a call and let me know. Also, remind anyone you know having interest in attending the class, it is not too late. Give Larry, WD5DRB, or me a call, or have newcomers meet at the firestation.

73 -- WADE

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

A few days ago I received a telephone call (long distance no less) from Jeff Parker, WB5VMD, who is presently in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He called me to thank the club, through me, for sending him this newsletter. He has become active in emergency communications and skywarn. As you can imagine, they have plenty to watch out for up there. He sends his greetings to all the gang down here.

At this writing, we have a tropical depression south of Brownsville and a dangerous hurricane in the Atlantic. Whether these storms affect us directly or not is not presently known * but it behooves us all to review the lessons learned from Tropical Storm Claudette and be ready. This time we may not go unscarred.

73 -- ED

* This newsletter is known for its entertainment value, not accuracy of WX reports. HI.

No Treasurers report submitted.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS -- PROGRAM DIRECTOR--DICK--WB5SRN

For those of you who did not attend the August field trip to the Gulf Coast Cable T.V. Co., you missed a very enlightening experience. There were 14/15 members who did attend, and I for one, thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Future plans for cable T.V. viewing in the area were discussed. We were given the opportunity to view a monitor of current programming available at present in the Bellaire area.

The September meeting will be equally interesting with a program on "OSCAR" satellite communications. Plan to attend....you may want to branch out with OSCAR.

The scheduled spacecraft communications program has been cancelled. That speaker is moving from the area. It has been suggested that we have a family picnic or pot luck. Anyone having any other suggestions for the October meeting please call me (729-2516) or see me at the next meeting.

The November meeting will be 'Solar Energy', by Dr. John Freeman, Professor of Physics at Rice University. The December meeting will be the election of officers for 1980. ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED---Guests are Most Welcome at ALL Club Functions. Come and support your club.

73---Dick--WB5SRN

NOVICE NOTES -- Larry--WD5DRB

The current Novice Class, sponsored and conducted by the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club got underway Friday night, Sept. 7th. Five people, two woman/three men, ranging in age from 12 years to retirement, come to the first class. With encouragement from other club members at each Friday night meeting, we can perhaps insure five new club members to the BVARC.

For those who think that working DX as a Novice is difficult, a few ideas on how to improve the frequency of DX QSO's. Not original ideas, but worth passing on. Other than getting the ability to copy at 20 wpm, do try to improve your copying speed. This way, when you do make a QSO, you can copy call-signs, words, and QSL instructions which might be unusual to your ear. Listen for fone in CW only segments of the band. It either means DX, a pirate, or a LID who doesn't, the call sign should let you know. Listen for a while and if the call is an open 'CQ de DX' answer it. Be patient because at first a fone CQ may not listen to CW coming back to a CQ. Another hint is to think of what part of the world you would like to work and imagine what part of day a Ham in that part of the world would be sitting in front of his rig, just itching to QSO with a Novice from Tx. I remind you, his hour of the day, not ours. The position of your antenna also is important. If you can adjust it so that its length rather than its end can be parallel to the desired direction...it helps. Work the upper and lower limits of a band segment if you are confident that your signal will not stay across that end. Fewer Novices work the ends of bands for that reason. Try and work on hours US Hams are less likely to, less competition from your own. Finally, once that DX QSO is made, if you want a QSL, send one of your own, promptly. Either via a buro or directly by an address stated by the other HAM, or by the DX CALLBOOK. Remember, if specific instructions are given to QSL, follow them!!!! You might put that other Ham in an embarrassing position otherwise. Speaking of DX, effective October 1st, the USA quietly will cede the Canal Zone back to Panama. Currently all HAMS from the US in the Canal Zone use 'KZ5' call sign. On Oct. 1st the 'KZ5' call will be withdrawn from use in the Canal Zone. Each HAM with that callsign will have to qualify for a Panamanian 'HP1' call. WHO WILL BE THE FIRST CLUB MEMBER TO QSO and QSL with an HP1/xKZ5????

If you want to work 'KZ5' you have two weekends of KZ5-QSO Parties. Sept. 23 and Sept. 30 ZULU (Wade, that means the Party starts on the 22 & 29 Sept. in Texas. Hi). for 24 hours, all bands, all modes. Warm up the rig and dust off that key. On fifteen meters, Novice segment, I have personally worked and QSL'ed with three active KZ5 stations.

A2	Botswana	FR ⁴	Glorioso Is.	KV,KP2	Virgin Is.
A3	Rep. of Tonga	FR ⁴	Juan de Nova, Europa	KW,KH9	Wake I.
A4X	Oman	FR	Reunion	KX	Marshall Is.
A5	Bhutan	FR	Tromelin	KZ	Canal Zone
A6X	United Arab Emirates	FW	Wallis & Futuna Is.	LA, LB, LF, LG, LJ	Norway
A7X	Qatar	FY	Fr. Guiana	LA (See CE9AA-AM)	
A9X	Bahrain	G	England	LU	Argentina
AA (See K)		GD	Isle of Man	LU-Z (See CE9AA-AM, VP8)	
AP	Pakistan	GI	Northern Ireland	LX	Luxembourg
BV	Taiwan	GJ, GC	Jersey	LZ	Bulgaria
BY	China	GM	Scotland	M1 ¹ (See 9A)	
C2	Rep. of Nauru	GU, GC	Guernsey & Dependencies	N (See K)	
C3	Andorra	GW	Wales	OA	Peru
C5	The Gambia	H4, VR4	Solomon Is.	OD	Lebanon
C6	Bahamas	HA	Hungary	OE	Austria
C9	Mozambique	HB	Switzerland	OH	Finland
CE	Chile	HB0	Liechtenstein	OH0	Aland Is.
CE9AA-AM, FB8Y, KC4, LA, LU-Z, OR4, UA1, UK1, VK0, VP8, ZL5, ZS1, 3Y, 4K, 8J	Antarctica	HC	Ecuador	OJ0	Marke
CE9AN-AZ (See VP8)		HC8	Galapagos Isls.	OK	Czechoslovakia
CE0A	Easter Is.	HH	Haiti	ON	Belgium
CE0X	San Felix	HI	Dominican Rep.	OR4 (See CE9AA-AM)	
CE0Z	Juan Fernandez	HK	Colombia	OX, XP	Greenland
CM, CO	Cuba	HK0	Bajo Nuevo	OY	Faroe Is.
CN	Morocco	HK0	Malpelo I.	OZ	Denmark
CP	Bolivia	HK0	San Andres & Providencia	P2 ⁷	Papua New Guinea
CR3	Guinea-Bissau	HK0 (See KS4)		PA, PD, PE, PI	Netherlands
CR9	Macao	HL, HM	Korea	PJ	Neth. Antilles
CT	Portugal	HP	Panama	PJ	St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius
CT2	Azores	HR	Honduras	PY	Brazil
CT3	Madeira Is.	HS	Thailand	PY0	Fernando de Noronha
CX	Uruguay	HV	Vatican	PY0	St. Peter & St. Paul's Rocks
D2, 3	Angola	HZ, 7Z	Saudi Arabia	PY0	Trindade & Martim Vaz Is.
D4	Rep. of Cape Verde	I, IT	Italy	PZ	Surinam
D6 ²⁷	Comoros	IS	Sardinia	S2	Bangladesh
DA, DF, DJ, DK, DL ²	Fed. Rep. of Germany	J2, FL8	Djibouti	S7	Seychelles
DM, DT ³	German Democratic Rep.	J3, VP2G	Grenada & Dependencies	S9, CR5	Sao Tome & Principe
DU	Rep. of Philippines	JA, JE, JG, JH, IR, KA	Japan	SK, SL, SM	Sweden
EA	Spain	JD, KA1 ⁶	Minami Torishima	SP	Poland
EA6	Balearic Is.	JD, KA1	Ogasawara	ST	Sudan
EA8	Canary Is.	JD ²⁶	Okino Tori-shima	ST0	Southern Sudan
EA9	Ceuta and Melilla	JT	Mongolia	SU	Egypt
EI	Rep. of Ireland	JW	Svalbard	SV	Greece
EL	Liberia	JX	Jan Mayen	SV	Crete
EP	Iran	JY	Jordan	SV	Dodecanese
ET	Ethiopia	K, W, N, A	United States of America	SV	Mount Athos
F	France	KB, KH1	Baker, Howland & American Phoenix Is.	TA	Turkey
FB8W	Crozet	KC4 (See CE9AA-AM)		TF	Iceland
FB8X	Kerguelen Is.	KC4, KP1	Navassa I.	TG	Guatemala
FB8Y (See CE9AA-AM)		KC6	Eastern Caroline Is.	TI	Costa Rica
FB8Z	Amsterdam & St. Paul Is.	KC6	Western Caroline Is.	TI9	Cocos I.
FC ¹	Corsica	KG4	Guantanamo Bay	TJ	Cameroon
FG	Guadeloupe	KG6, KH2	Guam	TL ⁸	Central African Empire
FG, FS ¹	Saint Martin	KG6R, S, T	Mariana Is.	TN ⁹	Congo
FH ²⁷	Mayotte	KH6	Hawaiian Is.	TR ¹⁰	Gabon
FK	New Caledonia	KH7	Kure I.	TT ¹¹	Chad
FM	Martinique	KJ, KH3	Johnston I.	TU ¹²	Ivory Coast
FO	Clipperton I.	KL7	Alaska	TY ¹³	Benin
FO	Fr. Polynesia	KM, KH4	Midway Is.	TZ ¹⁴	Mali
FP	St. Pierre & Miquelon	KP4	Puerto Rico		
		KP6, KH5K	Kingman Reef		
		KP6, KH5	Palmyra, Jarvis Is.		
		KS4, KP3, HK0			
			Serrana Bank & Roncador Cay		
		KS6, KH8	American Samoa		

1. Unofficial prefix.

2. (DA, DJ, DK, DL) Only contacts made September 17, 1973, and after, will count for this country.

3. (DM, DT) Only contacts made September 17, 1973, and after, will count for this country.

4. (FR7) Only contacts made June 25, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

5. (JD, KA1) Formerly Bonin and Volcano Islands.

6. (JD, KA1) Formerly Marcus Island.

7. (P2) Only contacts made September 16, 1975, and after, will count for this country.

8. (TL) Only contacts made August 13, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

9. (TN) Only contacts made August 15, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

10. (TR) Only contacts made August 17, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

11. (TT) Only contacts made August 11, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

12. (TU) Only contacts made August 7, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

13. (TY) Only contacts made August 1, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

14. (TZ) Only contacts made June 20, 1960, and after, will count for this country.

Anyone for a convention??? The 1979 ARRL West Gulf Division Convention will be held October 5-6-7 in Houston. The location will be at the Dunfey Houston Hotel (formerly the RED COACH INN) on SW-Frwy. Many interesting activities are to be held. Among which are exhibits, seminars, flea market, FCC exams. I will have advanced registration forms (\$5.00) or you can wait and pay at the door (\$7.00).. at the meeting as well as the complete info sheet which I will keep so that it can be available to others. Door prizes for both advanced and door registration to be awarded. There will be many activities for non-Ham family members. For more info: HOUSTON COM-VENTION 79 / P.O. BOX 79252 / HOUSTON, TX. 77024.

MONDAY NIGHT NET STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 pm local time on the Sugar Land Repeater. Much activity, exchange of ideas as well as practice in emergency communications goes on...We do need to hear more of you checking in. Forget about Monday Night Football for a half hour...check-in on the net and you still will be able to watch the most important part of the game, the last 2 minutes.

QRRR QRRR School is now in session all over the Houston area. Watch out for children during daylight hours. The life you save is very precious. School Zones are also locations to meet our local law enforcement officers...NUF said.

CQ CQ de WA5OEN / QRP SOLAR.....That's right, QRP SOLAR. Steve Gottlieb has arranged a number of 'SOLAR CELLS' such that he can run his Argonaut off the sun. Steve is so bright, that's why he is called 'Sunny' HI HI.

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13 Sept. Meeting @
7:30p MCFStation
14 Sept. Novice Class
7:30p MCFStation
17 Sept. NET @
9:00p S-L/R
22/23 Sept.
Texas QSO Party
KZ5 QSO Party

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