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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **** BOB, W5UBD

I want to thank the 1979 officers of the club for doing an outstanding job in guiding the Club through another year in it's early growth period. The results are very apparent. Wade Eilers, WN5TEN, served his second year as President, at the helm guiding all aspects of Club operations. Ed Harwell, W5WVX, Vice-President was most active in Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness until his untimely departure for an area further South-west in Fiveland. Dale Williams, WD5AJC, Secretary/Treasurer is back with us this year as Vice-President. Also, Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN, is serving his second year as Program Manager. The new officers are Dave Lapham, WB5MSX, Secretary/Treasurer, and the undersigned. With this group we hope to continue the good work of the previous Boards.

This year we are planning a number of new things outlined elsewhere in this Newsletter. We expect it to be a good year for the Club and a lot of interest and fun for the members. We invite everyone to check into the Monday night net, WA5JCJ/R (16/76), which is conducted on a semi-formal basis and during which all manner of subjects are discussed ranging from Civil Defense, Disaster Preparedness and Club news through items of general interest. It is not a check-in net only, but is a forum for discussion. We also invite everyone to come to the Club meetings held the second Thursday of each month at the Missouri City fire station on FM 2234 at 7:30 P.M. Look us over and if you like what you see, join us for an interesting year. BOB W5UBD

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: In accordance with the Club Constitution, this announcement will serve to announce that at the February meeting an election will be held to amend several parts of the Constitution the Board has selected. Please plan to attend.

***** COMING PROGRAMS *****

FEBRUARY: Message handling and traffic----AK5N

FUTURE PROGRAMS: The noise bridge and antenna tuning
Follow-up on the solar power satellite & rectenna
OSCAR communication
SSTV
SKYWARN

WANTED: IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS ---- CONTACT DICK HAGERMAN WB5SRN

*****VICE-PRESIDENTS CORNER*****DALE WILLIAMS WD5AJC*****

The year 1980 should be a good year for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.. The new repeater site at the Southwest Memorial Hospital should give Club members better coverage of the Harris-Fort Bend County area on the two meter band. Members of the club will be asked to help in this project and to test different areas for better coverage.

Programs of Amateur Radio interest are planned for our Club meetings.

Plans for Field Day 1980 are in the process of being worked out and again the site will be located at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg, Texas.

When the weather conditions get better we should plan a Club picnic so that the Club members, wives, and harmonics can get together.

I think all members of the B.V.A.R.C., INC. should try to get involved in the activities planned for this year. The new elected officers need your ideas and support this year---let us hear from you.

I'm glad to see the young Hams in the Club voicing their views and volunteer to head up committees. Alan Shapiro, the new editor of the Club newsletter, is going to need input for future articles- so contact him.

I would like to see a good turn out for each meeting this year-

SEE YOU THERE

73, Dale

*****BVARC TO BEGIN TRANSMITTER HUNTS*****DICK BIGELOW WD5CTQ*****

At the January meeting, it was decided to investigate and run transmitter hunts open to all amateurs. President Bob, W5UBD, appointed Dick Bigelow, WD5CTQ, to head up the committee. Using his impressive sales techniques, Dick lined up a few amateurs to not only help on the committee, but to join the club. These two new members of the Club are Gary, N5ANF, and L.A., AJ5R.

The purposes of transmitter hunts are threefold. First, it is a club activity to be used for the pure enjoyment and excitement of the hunt. Second, we'll all learn a lot about Ft. Bend county (useful in times of emergency) and thirdly, some of us might even learn some things about D.F.'ing.

The rules will be very simple as well as will be the equipment. It shouldn't cost anybody over \$20! DETAILS AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING.

*****NOVICE NOTES*****SYD BECKMAN KA5GLJ*****

The 29th annual Novice Roundup is on its way. It's a good idea to start getting ready for it now. All you need to know about the 1980 Roundup is written in the January 1980 QST. If you wish to enter you can send an SASE to the ARRL, or use reasonable facimile of the forms. The Roundup starts at 0001 UTC on 2 February and ends at 2359 UTC on 10 February.

EDITOR'S NOTE--Even if some of you who are't Novices, why not dust off the old key and help out some of the Novices or Techs--every QSO brings some Novice or Tech closer to winning an award. It only takes a little time, so get on down to the Novice bands the first week in February and be a friend. Alan

*****BVARC MEMBERS PLAN DXPEDITION!!!!*****DICK BIGELOW WD5CTQ*****

DXPEDITION! The very thought conjures up all the exotic adventures one can possibly imagine. Balmy Breezes, warm inviting sun, rare and sumtious fruits and foods of every description, casually creating massive pileups, you and your trusty cohosts will tell all the lies, that only you know are really the truth of how it was.

Sound inviting? Well, it's really happening- ZF2 is the Cayman Islands in the Carribbean, southwest of Cuba and east of the Mexican penninsula Yucatan. Tentative date is November 1980, and the estimated cost is \$500-\$600 per person for airfare and lodging. If you eat during the seven or eight days, it will cost you extra! There are currently six amateurs signed up to go, with the manifest to top up at 12. Currently signed up are N5HF, W5ASP, WD5CTQ, N9ACD, N5FN, and WB5ZVZ. Several others are "definite maybe's."

If you are interested in joining in don't wait! The list is filling fast. Contact WD5CTQ, 463-8611, or N5HF, 494-7242, for more information.

*****REPEATER NEWS*****BOB SPRADLING W5UBD*****

At the present time negotiations are almost complete for the installation of a repeater complex atop the Southwest Memorial Hospital. This will involve WA5JCJ (16/76) and a 200Mhz machine. The full intent of this combination is too complex to detail in this short notice but when all details have been worked out the whole operation will be explained in this newsletter.

In as much as the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc. operates WA5JCJ/R during a Civil Defense or Disaster Preparedness call-up, this complex is of the utmost interest to all members. The Repeater Complex will tie-in Ft. Bend Co. CD with Harris Co. CD. WA5JCJ/R will have a new machine located atop the Southwest Memorial Hospital operating on 16/76. The existing repeater atop the sugar mill in Sugarland will remain at that location in an "on" condition as backup for the new machine at the hospital, but with the transmitter silent until called up. Both receivers will be on and the the receiver receiving the strongest signal will be selected. The sugar mill machine will be linked to the hospital either hardline or 443.85Mhz. In addition, WA5JCJ/R will be linked to the 220 Mhz machine by means of tone access. The 220Mhz machine will have its own backup repeater. All repeaters on the hospital will be tied into the hospital emergency power system which, in turn, is backed up. All machines will be open for general use except in times of emergency. This is the overall plan at present. It is subject to change and plans and studies are already in the mill to upgrade the Complex considerably beyond what is already on the boards. It is quite possible that in the not too distant future this will become one of the most sophistacated repeater complexes in this part of the country. Some things being considered are actually beyond the present state of the art.

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS CONGRADULATES:

- KA5HCW, the new Novice call of Harriet Williams, who took part in the Novice class last fall.
- KA5HHC, also the new Novice call of Darrell Jack, who also took part in the Novice class.

***** CLUB ROSTER *****

The following is the roster of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. Members that have paid their dues for 1980 are identified with '****'. I would appreciate notification of any errors, changes, or omissions so that they may be corrected in future newsletters.

****	WD5CTQ	Richard Bigelow	18115 Wild Willow Lane	Katy, TX 77450	463-8611
****	KA5GLJ	Sydney Beckman	12 Warwick Lane	Missouri City, TX 77459	499-4385
	WB5RAN	Douglas Broussard	2010 Crestmont Circle	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-4490
	WB5WHT	Joe Dow	8927 Valley View	Houston, TX	
	WOYDN	Frank Dow	441 N. 11th St.	Oskaloosa, IA	
	WA5IHS	Chuck Dietz	16827 Old Richmond Rd.	Sugar Land, TX 77478	498-3727
****	WN5TEN	Wade Eilers	815 Hackberry	Stafford, TX 77477	499-4230
	W5PDW	John Ellis	11838 Monticeto	Stafford, TX 77477	498-1634
	N5HF	Henry Freedenberg	1811 Greenbriar	Sugar Land, TX 77478	494-7242
****	WA5OEN	Steven Gottlieb	627 Stephanie	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-3586
	WB5SRN	Dick Hagerman	15403 W. Antone Circle	Houston, TX 77071	729-2516
	W5WVX	Edgar Harwell	1303 Twining Oaks	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-1236
	KA5F	Keith Huge	5202 Briarbend	Houston, TX 77035	729-8548
****	WA5QPZ	Dudly Hurry	1918 Fall Meadow	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-3148
****	KA5HHC	Darrell Jack	1710 Indian Wells	Missouri City, TX 77459	438-0376
****	WB5MXS	Dave Lapham	13535 Knottingham Dr.	Sugar Land, TX 77478	491-1404
***	WB5IGG	Stuart Lamkin	7401 Heilig	Houston, TX 77074	777-3345
	WD5DRB	Larry Levy	1215 Kenforest Drive	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-2876
	WB5VMD	Jeff Parker	3722 Quail Meadow	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-3835
	WA5JCJ	Frank Patryn	414 Kyle	Sugar Land, TX 77478	
	WB5SGU	Tim Rosen	2703 Quail Valley East	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-8445
****	N5BSW	Alan Shapiro	62 T. Huxley Lane	Missouri City, TX 77459	499-3038
****	WA6PXU	Jim Shaw	3303 Glenn Lakes Dr.	Missouri City, TX 77459	499-1269
	WB5KXC	Charles Sloan	3123 Oyster Cove	Missouri City, TX 77459	499-3870
****	W5UBD	Bob Spradling	12306 Dorrance	Stafford, TX 77477	495-4406
****	WB5ZMZ	Frank Sullivan	2011 Masters Lane	Missouri City, TX 77459	437-8631
****	WD5AJC	Dale Williams	1918 Oaklawn	Sugar Land, TX 77478	494-1839
****	KA5BXF	Sam Wilson	5931 Fontenelle	Houston, TX 77035	723-9952
****	N5BTS	Jack Penman	?	?	

***** COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN *****

Auditing Committee: Frank Sullivan WB5ZMZ, Charles Sloan WD5KXC
 Publicity Committee: Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ
 Field Day Committee: Henry Freedenberg N5HF
 Awards Committee: Sydney Beckman KA5GLJ
 DXpedition Committee: Henry Freedenberg N5HF, Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ
 Newspaper Committee & ARRL: Alan Shapiro N5BSW

***** LOGOS ***** SYD BECKMAN KA5GLJ *****

A few months ago the Club discussed and voted on the idea of a club logo. At the February meeting, because of Alan Shapiro N5BSW, myself, and Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ, I will bring a few samples for the club to vote on. Once we have picked a logo we should not change it so I urge everyone to please be there !!!!

73's,
 SYD

At the last meeting we discussed having club awards, and I was appointed as the awards chairman. I have thought of a few ideas, such as: W.F.F.R. (Worked Five Fort Bend Residents); another is an award for making a QSO between the hours of 0600 and 1000 UTC, or 12:00 & 4:00 A.M. our time. I'm not quite sure of a name for it yet, but I might call it the "Isminona". I also have a few other ideas which I will bring up at the next meeting. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas for Club awards please call me at 499-4385. Hopefully at the next meeting these ideas will be accepted.

73's
Syd

WARNING! GOING ABROAD?

A Canadian amateur is in trouble in a Central African state because, when he went there to work, he took along his equipment, thinking he could get permission to set up and operate an amateur station. The fact that Canada has a reciprocal operating agreement with a country is no justification for such action; consequently, his gear was confiscated and he may be deported.

Americans are strongly cautioned not to take radio equipment into a foreign country without having obtained a license for that country in advance of their arrival. In most foreign countries, as in Canada, the possession of amateur radio equipment without a license is an offense under their laws.

From WORLD RADIO, January 1980 page 29

"VOLUNTEER AMATEUR EXAMS ARE ILLEGAL!", the FCC's General Council declared at the Commission's agenda meeting December 19. The bombshell announcement came as the Commissioners discussed terminating Docket 20679, the Notice of Proposed Rule Making that would have required volunteer examiners to submit photocopies of their licenses when requesting an exam. The judgement appears to stem from recent Congressional concern that some government agencies were improperly expanding their staffs without approval of Congress, by use of volunteers and contractors. When the legal staff reviewed the volunteer program in connection with Docket 20679, they concluded it is illegal and thus must be terminated.

What effect termination will have on existing training programs and U.S. Amateur growth, not to mention the added burden on FCC's Field Offices, remains to be seen. For the first three years of the Novice program its exams were all Field Office administered; responsibility for Novice exams has rested with the Amateur Service since June, 1954.

No date has yet been set for the termination.

HR Report, December 21, 1979, #282

If you should see or come upon an accident, here's what you should do before shooting from the lip--

- (1) Stop,
- (2) Collect all the facts (type of accident, injuries, if any, location, aid needed, etc.),
- (3) Get a grip on your emotions, and lastly,
- (4) Reach for your mic to report it.

From WORLD RADIO, December 1979, p.45

Greetings Club members! I hope that everyone has had a very happy new year. With the new year I have taken over the job of editor for our Club newsletter. I wish to thank every member who contributed material for this, my first issue as Editor. Club cooperation was excellent, as was the material. This issue contains some important Club information as well as some very interesting articles. I hope that future issues will be as good. That will depend on whether I receive the news on time. The next few months should contain a great deal of interesting topics, such as Field Day, which is not too far in the future, the DXpedition set for later this year, and several other activities. I hope everyone can attend the February meeting, and every other meeting this year. Scheduled are some good programs of interest to all. February, for example, will present a talk on message handling and traffic. I like the idea of a transmitter hunt, and I hope the idea can be carried on further.

Once again, many thanks. I am very proud to be a member of a very fine club.

73's,
Alan

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