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CALENDAR

Next B-VARC -- Regular Membership Meeting - Sept. 10, 1981
 Hidden Transmitter Hunt - Sept. 12, 1981
 Board of Directors Meeting - Sept. 17, 1981

Nets -- B-VARC Public Service - Mondays, 9 PM, 147.60/00 MHz
 Ft. Bend County RACES - Tuesdays, 9 PM, 146.16/76 MHz
 West Houston RACES - Sundays, 8 PM, 146.07/67 MHz

Conventions -- Houston Com-Vention 81, October 2-4, 1981
 ARRL West Gulf Division, Oct. 1-3, 1982 in Houston
 ARRL National, Pct. 6-8, 1983 in Houston

HAMBASH 81 -- November 7-8, 1981

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Phil Steinbach WB5SUR tenders for approval the following minutes of the regular membership meeting on August 13, 1981:

The meeting was called to order by Richard Shankle N5KV, President, who then initiated a standing introductory roll call.

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Minutes, August membership meeting (Cont.)

He then recognized the following upgrades, who received warm applause of commendation:

To Extra Class - Alan Shapiro N5BSW

To General Class - Jay Morris N5CIQ

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG

A report on Field Day was given by Henry Freedenberg N5HF. A good turnout produced a score of approximately 2,000 points, and a good time was had by all. Bob Spradling W5UBD suggested it would be desirable for the Club to hold its 1982 Field Day activities at the same location at which the picnic was held last month, and a motion to do so was seconded and passed after discussion.

Bob then read an amended set of rules for the Club's monthly transmitter hunts. Discussion produced some changes in the proposal, and a motion to adopt was seconded and passed.

A discussion of the highly successful picnic in July followed and it was suggested that the minutes of this meeting reflect the commendation due Wade Eilers WN5TEN and those Club members who assisted him.

Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ urged Club members to participate and get involved in the upcoming election of officers and at large directors.

It was announced that Larry Charson N5BYJ had resigned as Program Chairman, and Ron Bolyard KA5GYG was appointed by the President to fill Larry's unexpired term.

It also was announced that Dale Williams WD5AJC, one of the Club's at large directors, had resigned, and that the Board of Directors would appoint a successor to fill Dale's unexpired term.

Larry Levy WD5DRB moved that the Club start a program of holding an equipment auction/swapiest/flea market, but not conflicting with the HARC auction program. A considerable amount of discussion followed, during which it was suggested by Stu Lamkin WB5IGG that it might be possible to work out an arrangement with the Houston SHOT 10-X Chapter for B-VARC to hold such an event at their annual HAMBASH at Bear Creek Park the first weekend in November. When the motion was seconded and put to vote, it failed to pass.

It was reported that Lee Murrah WD5CID, the Club attorney, was handling the details involved in obtaining a more favorable tax-exempt status with the IRS in connection with the Club's repeater project.

Richard N5KV reported on the operating status of the 60/00 repeater and its intermod ailment.

Dick WD5CTQ announced that he has been asked to handle communication for the Lake Houston Sailing Association Regatta on September 26-27. He said that he would need at least seven people on both days, and asked for volunteers.

Dick WD5CTQ also announced that our sister club, Robbinsdale Suburban Radio Club in suburban Minneapolis had ceased to function as an active group, primarily because of a lack cohesive club activities on a continuing basis. His remarks, at this time, included a report of his visit while on vacation to the Antique Wireless Association in East Bloomfield, New York.

Minutes, August membership meeting (Cont.)

Dick WD5CTQ stated that his committee would hold a meeting and compose a Club response to the FCC proposal to rewrite the Amateur Service Rules in so-called "plain language," which response is due by August 21.

The subject was raised concerning the desirability of holding code practice at the conclusion of the B-VARC public service net each Monday night. Some discussion ensued but no definitive action was taken.

Richard N5KV made the suggestion that some kind of continuing construction, such as an amplifier, power supply, battery charger, etc., be worked into program planning.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned and two members, Hy Gordon KB5IF and Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, described some items which are very useful to them. Hy's was a charger for an HT, based on plans in the April, 1981 issue of QST, but enlarged to some degree. Stu had two items to show and tell: an HF receiver preamplifier, and a tone pulser, or "cricket," which speeds up tuning a dip/load type transmitter, in addition to reducing wear and tear on finals as a result of excess time taken in tuning.

-- Phil Steinbach WB5SUR, Secretary

WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Larry Charson N5BYJ regretablely found it necessary and desirable to resign as Program Chairman, and the Club is indebted to him for his good work on the job. We were fortunate, however, to find a successor (without arm twisting!) in the person of Ron Bolyard KA5GYG, who has the following to offer for the balance of this year:

- Sept. 10 -- Use of the Oscilloscope, a 21-min. film from ARRL/
 - Oct. 8 -- Traffic handling and simulated traffic, by Jim Amam KB5TC
 - Nov. 12 -- Guest Nite - "World of Amateur Radio", a 35-min. cassette presentation with displays, from ARRL
 - Dec. 10 -- ARES and NTS, a 45-min. slide presentation from ARRL on Amateur Radio Emergency Service and National Traffic System
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BOARD APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

Dale Williams WD5AJC, elected last year to a 2-year term as at large director, has found it necessary and desirable to resign, thereby vacating an at large director post for the 2-year term ending December 31, 1982. The Board of Directors, at its August 20 meeting, appointed J. Leeds W5VXD to fill Dale's unexpired term.

When asked to accept the appointment, J. did so (also without any arm twisting!), saying he would be pleased to serve the Club in that capacity.

Another oldtimers has returned to the fold! He is one of the Club's original members, and we're glad he's back with us. Please add to your roster: John Ellis W5PDW, 11838 Monticella Drive, Stafford TX 77477 - home fone 498-1634 -- work fone 931-8606.

Also, in a prior issue of the BULLETIN, we reported a new address and home phone number for Jay Maynard K5ZC. His apartment number was shown as being #707; please change it to # 1707.

The following amended rules for the Club's hidden transmitter hunts were approved at the August 10, 1981 general membership meeting:

Rules and Regulations for Transmitter Hunt

1. Hunts will be held the first Saturday after the second Thursday of each month, or the second day after the date of the monthly meeting. Hunts will be held 12 months of the year.
2. Hunt frequency will be 146.52 MHz simplex. Routine communications will be through the 60/00 repeater.
3. The Hunt area will be within a ten (10) mile radius of the parking lot on the north side of the intersection of highways US59 and FM762.
4. Hunt registration will start at 12:30 PM and the hunt will start at 1:00 PM unless the Hunt Manager is requested to hold for a short period. This request should be made through the 60/00 repeater.

Transmitter Hunt Rules and Regulations (Cont.)

5. Any transmitter using FM transmission with a power output up to ten (10) watts may be used. The transmitter and antenna both must be fixed in position, be visible, and not be moved in any manner until the Hunt is declared over. The transmitter may be located anywhere within the Hunt area, but is limited to areas of public access.
6. Transmitting power must be as constant as can reasonably be expected. Antenna type is up to the rabbit, provided the signal can be heard at the starting point.
7. Duplex transmission may be used, provided it is in accordance with FCC Rules and Regulations.
8. Donations will be \$1.00 for each adult in each car.

-- Bob Spradling W5UBD
Transmitter Hunt Manager.

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NET CONTROL OPERATOR SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

9/7 W5UBD 9/21 WD5CTQ 10/5 WB5SUR 10/19 N5HF
9/14 N5HF 9/29 WA5OEN 10/12 W5UBD 10/26 WD5CTQ

HEY -- REMEMBER

that the Club gets \$2.00 for each ARRL membership renewal or new membership handled through the Club. Call Steve WA5OEN for details.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is chance that makes brothers
but hearts that make friends --

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