

B-VARC

BULLETIN

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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

B-VARC has now sponsored two Volunteer License Examinations. We just finished the second session and it was really a success. It was truly a successful event for B-VARC as we have now established a very serious schedule of public service. It was a very rewarding day for those of you who assisted with the exams as we saw nine of the eleven candidates upgrade their license for a passing rate of 75%. We need more of you to volunteer your services to keep this ambitious program operating. You do not have to be a certified examiner to help us out. We are scheduling the fourth Saturdays of every month during 1985 for the exams and there are many jobs that we need help with. If you want to become involved with the program, please call me anytime and I'll put you to work.

B-VARC has offered to assist the Houston Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society with their annual MS 150 Bike Tour on April 20 and 21st. This could turn out to be the most ambitious public service event that B-VARC has participated in and I hope that each of you will be ready to help make this event one to remember.

We are needing volunteers to help with some of the Committee's activities, especially if you know how to properly submit advertising material to local radio and television stations and newspapers. B-VARC needs to let everyone in the Southwest Area know about our activities and programs and encourage their participation.

73's Harold, NDSF

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 7, 1985

President Harold Parker, ND5F, called the meeting to order in the offices of Vic, K5KNH, at 7:30 p.m. Present were Ken KA5DKS, Harold ND5F, Paul N5FQS, Ron KA5GYG, Lloyd WDSHEH, Phil W5LIZ, Jim W5RNL, Sallie KA5RXW, Steve KE5SC, Kenny KA5UPB, and Carter KDSXX. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed.

Because he could not stay for the entire meeting, Phil Cooper W5LIZ, spoke first to the Board concerning a letter he had received from the Veterans Administration about setting up an amateur radio station at the VA Hospital. The VA wants 1.6 to 30 MHz capability, also, an ARRL Emergency Coordinator must be the Trustee of the station.

Special Committee Reports:

- AUDIT - Lloyd and Mark, KA5NYI, have had difficulty in getting together for the audit. Lloyd is in contact with the IRS in Austin concerning any requirement of the club.
- SPECIAL EVENTS - Upcoming is the Bayou City Fun Run March 23, in conjunction with The Houston Festival '85 during the week ends of March 23 and 24, also 30 and 31. Contact Dick Hawkins W5DWI, to volunteer for communications either of these week ends.

Standing Committee Reports:

- PUBLIC RELATIONS - Paul has written 2 major and 4 minor newspapers asking to whom press releases should be sent. He also is still looking for someone to help with correspondence. The program March 14 will be given by Andy MacAllister WA5ZIB, on AMSAT.
- EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - Ed Harwell W5WVX, not being present, Ron reported that on Tuesday night Judge Jodie Stavinhoa had assumed all responsibility for emergency communications in Fort Bend County.
- TRAINING - Bobby Webb WA5CAC, being absent, Kenny reported that a final site selection for Field Day had not been made. He also stated that he can secure an RV for the Field Day week end. Harold asked for comments on the new 2 meter net format. Comments were favorable. Harold suggested updating the net preamble, also he suggested we should be listed in the net directory; ARES and RACES.
- TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT - Steve reported he has 6 candidates for the Novice class, Jim reported that he had 2 more. Another Volunteer Examination will be held March 23. A critique will be held March 16. Jim will build equipment so that headsets can be used for the code test.
- MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - Kenny asked Ron to relate an incident when the illegal use of amateur frequencies by employees of a local theater chain was discovered. The FCC was advised.
- PUBLICATIONS - Lloyd stated that all the latest information is in the bulletin on new members and upgrades.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 14, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., a standing roll call followed, 47 members and guests were present. Members and guests were welcomed by the President, Harold, NDSF, and the Membership Chairman, Kenny KASUPB, was introduced.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved, the Treasurer's report was approved, Lloyd, WDSHEH, also reported three new members. Lloyd then read to the membership a message left on his bulletin board in praise of Stu, WB5IGG, and his wife, Beth, for the help and courtesy shown to those studying for an amateur radio license.

Carl, WB8SVR, asked a question concerning qualifications to help with Volunteer Examinations. Dick, WB5SRN, stated all members could help in some way. Discussion of qualifications followed.

Jim, W5RKN, reported he is convinced after talking to the FCC that we will lose most of the 220 MHz band.

Stu, WB5IGG, reported that rather than a door prize, Madison had donated to the Club an AEA KT-3 keyer/trainer for help with those learning code; a generous and appreciated donation.

Wade, W5TEN, reported he and Steve, KE5SC, have 4 in the Novice class being taught at Autumn Hills in Richmond.

Bobby, W5CAC, reported on Field Day; Kenny will get an RV, they are inclined to go to the Brazos Bend State Park.

Harold, NDSF, reminded the Club of the next Volunteer Examination at 9:00 a.m., March 23, a critique of the last exam will be March 16, 8:00 a.m. Deadline for applying for the April 27 Volunteer Examination is March 28. There will be a Teleconference on March 29, topics will be antenna design and the VHF repeater band plan; listen on 147.09, 147.33 or 146.64. Westlink is low on money and will accept contributions. Cable companies want to increase leakage allowed. Letters to the FCC concerning interference are encouraged.

Carl, WB8SVR, stated there will be a 50 - 50 drawing during the break, the Club's 50% to be donated to the Westlink Report. Carl will talk to George Walker about an ad in the Ham Com bulletin concerning our club's raffle of a TS-430 transceiver at Ham Com.

Steve, W5OEN, spoke of the MS-150 Bike Tour stating there are 20 hams interested, there will be a meeting next week. He also mentioned the Sharpstown Mother's Day event.

Lloyd WDSHEH, read the change to the by-laws, adding to ARTICLE VI - DUES 3. Any person becoming a licensed amateur radio operator for the first time, upon application, may be granted membership in the Club for the balance of that year. Discussion followed. A vote on the change will be taken at the April meeting.

Kenny, KASUPB, made the awards presentations: Outstanding Member, Sam Wilson, N5CPA, and Outstanding Operator, Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

WE WERE THERE ON MARCH 14, 1985 - WHERE WERE YOU

N5APC	KA5CYZ	N5GKQ	K5NTY	KE5SC	KD5TM *
N5BHQ	KA5DKS	WD5HEH	WA5OEN	KA5SMO	WA5WT *
N5BXP *	N5ECP	N5HFH	WBQK	KA5SQS	KA5ULP *
NG5C	KA5F	WD5HQJ	KA5QXI	WB5SRN	KA5UPB
WA5CAC	ND5F	KZ5I	W5RNK	WB5SVR	WA5WOD *
N5CPA	N5FQS	WB5IGG	KA5RXW	WN5TEN	W5WVX
WB1CXI *	WD5GAZ	WB5LIZ	KA5RXX	KA5TJS	KD5XX
		* non-members			WA5ZIB *

Members w/o Calls: Bette Hill, Bruce Ryan
 Guests: Ann Manchester, Cathy Matthews,

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 15, 1985

(NO REPORT RECEIVED FOR MARCH)

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET (144.870 / 145.450 MHz)
 4/1 KA5UPB 4/8 WB5YLB 4/15 N5FLQ 4/22 KE5SC 4/29 WA5CAC
 5/6 KA5UPB 5/13 WB5YLB 5/20 N5FLQ 5/27 KE5SC

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW (3.960 MHz)
 4/3 OPEN 4/10 OPEN 4/17 OPEN 4/24 OPEN

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED (3.740 MHz)
 4/3 N5FLQ 4/10 N5FLQ 4/17 N5FLQ 4/24 N5FLQ

ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

- Roger Bryant WA5RNL - delete work fone number
- Jim Arnold W5RNK - change address to: 2502 Alexander Lane #1009
 Pearland, Texas 77581
 - delete home fone number
- Mark McGrath KA5NYI - correct house number is 12111
 - home fone is 512-331-5287

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1 FT.BEND COUNTY ARES NET 8:30 PM. 144.87/5.47 BVARC PUBLIC SVC. NET 9 PM. 144.87/5.47	2 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM - 28.688 S. TEXAS EMER.NET 9 PM - 144.87/5.47 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45	3 SLOW SP 7:45 - BVARC R 8:30 PM
7 WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8 PM 146.07/67	8 FT.BEND COUNTY ARES NET 8:30 PM. 144.87/5.47 BVARC PUBLIC SVC. NET 9 PM 144.87/5.47	9 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM - 28.688 S. TEXAS EMER. NET 9 PM - 144.87/5.47 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45	10 SLOW SP 7:45 PM BVARC R 8:30 PM
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21 WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8 PM 146.07/67 MS 150 BIKE TOUR	22 FT.BEND COUNTY ARES NET 8:30 PM. 144.87/5.47 BVARC PUBLIC SVC. NET 9 PM 144.87/5.47	23 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM - 28.688 S. TEXAS EMER. NET 9 PM - 144.87/5.47 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45	24 SLOW SP 7:45 P BVARC R 8:30 P
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S D A Y	T H U R S D A Y	F R I D A Y	S A T U R D A Y
CW NET 40 EW NET 3.960	4 BVARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM	5	6 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
CW NET 3.740 IEW NET 3.960	11 BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -FELLOWSHIP - 7 PM -CALL TO ORDER- 7:30 PM	12	13 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN
CW NET 3.740 IEW NET 3.960	18	19	20 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN ----- MS 150 BIKE TOUR
CW NET 3.740 IEW NET 3.960	25	26	27 BREAKFAST BUNCH ----- ARRL/VEC LICENSE EXAMS, MO. CITY MUNICIPAL BLDG. 8:00 A.M.
CW NET 3.740 IEW NET 3.960			

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The 1985 B-VARC Roster (First Edition) contained only the names of those members who joined the Club in December 1984 and those 1984 members who paid their 1985 dues by the dues due date of midnight, December 31, 1984. Following is the Roster information on 1984 members whose 1985 dues were received after December 31. Please add them to your Roster.

Chris Armatta N5GKQ, 11102 Hazen Rd., Houston, Texas 77072,
home fone 495-1170, TECH Class, ARRL member

Mike Armatta N5APC, address and home fone same as for Chris,
work fone 641-2305, ADV Class, ARRL member

Pat Armatta N5GIK, address and home fone same as for Chris,
TECH Class, ARRL member

Walt Holmes WD5GAZ, 11726 Henley, Houston, Texas 77064, home fone 955-1351,
work fone 890-6350, GEN Class, not yet ARRL member

Jay Maynard K5ZC, 10555 Turtlewood #1707, Houston, Texas 77072, home fone
530-2334, work fone 978-2344, EXTRA Class, ARRL member

Muir Robinson W8QK, 6513 Oil Field Road, Sugarland, Texas 77478, home fone
261-0168, work fone 499-9537, EXTRA Class, ARRL member

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

The membership information on new members in the January, February and March issues of the BULLETIN was incomplete in many instances. Since the variety of missing information was so broad, we are showing below complete Roster information for each of the NEW members included in those issues so you may update your Roster accordingly. If you have not received your 1985 Roster and will be unable to pick it up at some upcoming membership meeting, please call Sallie or Lloyd at 438-9211 and ask them to mail it to you.

Allen Glueck W5GHK, 4907 Spruce, Bellaire, Texas 77401, home fone 668-2786
work fone 498-0600, ADV Class, ARRL member

Mike Pankonian N5HLA, 12602 Duchess Lane, Houston, Texas 77070, home fone
955-1393, work fone 820-9600, TECH Class, ARRL member

Steve Claypool (call pending), 4030 Woodfox, Houston, Texas 77025, home fone
569-1174, work fone 552-7276, not yet ARRL member

Carolyn Rich KA5JPO, 1100 Augusta Dr. #78, Houston, Texas 77057, home fone
783-1397, work fone 439-3477, Novice Class, not yet ARRL member

Charles Barker K5PGS, P.O. Box 570715, Houston, Texas 77257-0715, Extra
Class, ARRL member

Charley Fritze (call pending), 6302 Chevy Chase, Houston, Texas 77057, home
fone 524-3097, work fone 924-5220, ARRL member

(See Info. page 10)

BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOROLL

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. Houston Marathon, Jan 6 | C. Bayou City Fun Run, Mar 23 |
| B. Fleet Feet Fun Run, Mar 9 | D. Houston Festival, Mar 23-24,30-31 |

Ray Dillard, KA5QXI - B,C	Kenny Manchester, KA5UPB - B
Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C	Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,D
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B	Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B
Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C	Steve Schuster, KE5SC - B
Jon Hill, N5BHQ - B,C	Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A	Bobby Webb, WA5CAC - B,D

ANYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THESE EVENTS AND IS NOT INCLUDED, PLEASE CALL ALLAN HANUS, KA5RXX. ALSO, LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SIMILAR SERVICE EVENTS THAT WE HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED.

BVARC VOLUNTEER EXAMINER SCHEDULE

Each month we will list the Volunteer Examiner amateur radio exam sessions scheduled in this general area, compiled to the best of our ability as information is made available. In the listings of sessions, the information will be described as follows:

- A. SPONSORING GROUP
- B. SESSION DATE(S)
- C. SESSION SITE
- D. WHO TO CALL FOR INFORMATION

1. A. BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.
 B. Fourth Saturday of each month starting in February, 1985.
 C. Missouri City Municipal Building, Missouri City, Texas.
 D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, fone 713-777-3345.
2. A. BRAZOSPORT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.
 B. First Saturday of each 3-month period begining February 2, 1985.
 C. Brazoswood High School, Clute, Texas.
 D. Steve Ray KA5KRI, 319 Pine,Lake Jackson, Tex 77566, fone 409-238-1312
3. A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY
 B. Saturday May 11, 1985
 C. Baker Training Center in North Houston
 D. Bill Ossenfort NG5C, fone 464-3232

For the members of BVARC that wish to communicate with the GOLDEN CRESCENT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of Wharton, the following information is offered as a public service to their newly formed club. This organization has been around a long time, but under various names. I was my pleasure to attend their meeting and bring to them some thoughts about organizing an emergency communications system thru the auspices of RACES and ARES.

This is a fantastic group of people that are waiting to assist with the needs of their community and they are soliciting any help that, we, as a viable amateur radio club can supply to them so that they can acheive their club goals and objectives.

Please address all inquiries to: Lou Roecker
1429 N. Rusk
Wharton, Tx. 77488

Tnx, Ron KA5GYG

INFO (Cont. from page 8)

Jack Van Demark KA5SQS, 7514 Winter Glen, Houston, Texas 77072, home fone 933-8242, work fone 789-2300, TECH Class, ARRL member
Phillip Cooper WB5LIZ, 8806 Bintliff, Houston, Texas 77074, home fone 772-9214, work fone 795-7452, ADV Class, not yet ARRL member

Beginning with the April BULLETIN, new member Roster information will be complete. Please add both new member information and Roster changes to your Roster so it will be up to date at all times

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* 73, Don Busick, K5AAD *
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FOR SALE OR TRADE

Bolex H-8 Movie Camera w/turret mtd YVAR f1.9, 13mm normal & YVAR f2.8 36mm tele lenses - 16mm model body, will take 100 ft rolls 8mm film; speeds from 8 fps to 64 fps; frame counter, wind-up motor or manual drive systems.
Harold Parker, NDSF 464-9044

FOR SALE

Hw-16 & HG-10 VFD \$125; SB-300 needs work \$ 75; NC-101 gen. coverage rcvr. \$50; Antennas, galore; 80 foot tower; Rotors, etc. Inquire. Antenna work done. WANTED: Remote antenna switch. Muirl Robinson, W8QK 776-3067

ATARI 800XL Computer, COMMODORE 1702 Color Monitor, INDUS Disk Drive, several pieces of business software. Ron Bolyard 342-1365

Today is the time for all good men to be good and gracious to their wives. It is just like Xmas for them today and we must be in the mood to treat them like they are queens of the realm. If we do, it will reap untold wealth and warmth. With this, our lives will be much happier.

ANONYMOUS

ABOUT THE BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Organized in 1977, the club has been growing steadily. It is a gathering place for ham radio operators in Southwest Harris and Ft. Bend Counties and surrounding communities. It is a general purpose type of ham club offering a variety of activities open to all interested persons. Membership is open, not only to licensed ham operators but also to anyone interested in the hobby. In addition to regularly scheduled monthly membership meetings, the club conducts classes leading to amateur radio licenses each year and sponsors a volunteer examiner team which offers examinations in all levels of ham licenses each month.

For more detailed information about the club and any of its activities, call Stu Lamkin WB5IGG at (713) 777-3345.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh - at yourself.

- Submitted By Shirley Arnold

1351 Gentle Bend
Missouri City, Texas 77489

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