

# B-VARC

# BULLETIN

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## YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

B-VARC has really had a busy and successful year so far. You all have done a great job! Our level of activity has been fantastic and I really do appreciate everyone who has given their time and efforts. It has been a fun year for me.

Looking ahead, there are several very important activities that will be coming up soon that we all need to be thinking about and planning for:

1. Raffle the TS-430S at the Houston Ham Convention
2. Issue a revised Membership Roster
3. B-VARC picnic on July 20th
4. Print cards to advertise B-VARC
5. Comm-Vention in September

Please call me if you can help with some of these activities. We need your ideas and direction to help keep B-VARC the number one club.

Roger, W5RNL was recently appointed the new Fort Bend County R.A.C.E.S. Radio Operator. He is reorganizing the group and he needs your help to rejuvenate the program. Please check in at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday nites on the MERA, W5RNK repeater.

73: Harold, NDSF



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JUNE 6, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, Harold, NDSF, in the offices of Vic, K5KNH. Present were Bobby, WA5CAC, Ken, KASDKS, Harold, NDSF, Steve, KE5SC, Jack, KA5SQS, Kenny, KA5UPB, and Carter, KD5XX. The minutes of the May Board of Directors meeting were read. Special Committee Reports - AUDIT - Pending.

HAM COM - Harold reported that 18,000 announcements of Ham Com will be mailed to hams in the area. Steve reported that our club had been requested to provide help parking cars at Ham Com. We will accept their request. Discussion followed concerning the purchase for \$250 of a quarter page advertisement of our club raffle of a TS-430 transciever. There not being a quorum of 5 present, the President will poll the Board by telephone. The poll resulted in 4 favoring the purchase of the advertisement, 2 opposed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Jack Van Demark, KA5SQS, will assume the Chairmanship of this Committee. Paul Brooks, N5FQS, can not continue in this capacity because of the increasing demands on his time at work. Don Busick, K5AAD, of Madison Electronics Supply will be the speaker at the June club meeting. Jack will poll the members concerning topics of interest to members for programs at club meetings.

A Sky Warn program will be presented July 25, 7:00 p.m., Missouri City Municipal Building and Police Station by Ron Stagno of the National Weather Service. This is new material.

TRAINING - Bobby reported that for Field Day, June 22 and 23, there are two 930s, one 430, antennas including a 20 meter mono bander. We will operate 3A. We need general supplies such as tents, fans, etc. Bobby will rewrite the net preamble and circulate it.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - Kenny read a letter from Ed Larose, KS5V, liaison for sister clubs in South Australia during the state's Jubilee 150 celebration. Kenny also read a letter from John Thompson of the Whyalla Amateur Radio Club stating their club would be very pleased to be twinned with Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club and would look forward to arranging activities to celebrate our joint 150 years of statehood. John suggested listening on 14.3 MHz on Saturday, 2330 UTC and again Sunday, 700 UTC, beginning the week of May 27 to June 1. Kenny also suggested the formation of a hi speed CW net on 20 meters. This will be discussed at the next club meeting. New member: Edwin Stone, NV5K.

Harold reported the upcoming hurricane Polly IV exercise June 13 on 75 and 40 meters between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Frequencies are: 146.43, 7.251 and 3.915. RTTY frequencies are 3.630 and 7.095.

There are 19 applicants for amateur license examinations this month. Next exam will be July 27.

Steve may again teach a Novice class this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 13, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., a standing roll call followed, 44 members and guests were present. Members and guests were welcomed by the President, Harold, ND5F, and the Membership Chairman, Kenny, KA5UPB, was introduced. Two upgrades were announced; Jack, KA5SQS, to Advanced and Kenny, KA5UPB, to Advanced. Kathy Jolly's call is KA5WHK. Another new call is KA5WEA.

The minutes of the June Board of Directors meeting were read and corrected.

Lloyd, WDSHEH, gave the Treasurer's report; an April 15 balance of \$776.02 and a May 15 balance of \$681.55. Bank charges of \$69.84 were discussed. Tom, K5CNU, and Joe, KA5GTU, will inquire, as will other members of the club, about the commercial checking account fees of other banks.

Stu, WBSIGG, reported several items. John, KA5SNO, is moving to Bangkok with his family.

Jim, WSRNK, is in St. Lukes hospital and doing much better as of today.

Bill Ossenfort, NG5C, is a silent key. Keith, KA5F, spoke of Bill's dedication to the Volunteer Examiner program and proposed the creation of the Dr. Bill Ossenfort Outstanding Volunteer Examiner Award to be presented annually in the Houston area. A large traveling plaque with Bill's likeness on it will be donated by Keith and Eva, KA5CYZ, and a smaller permanent plaque will be sponsored by our club. The proposal was made a motion by Harold, seconded by Joan, K5HOY, and was unanimously approved.

Harold reported that Mark, WBSRDK, will carry the Teleconference net, June 14, 8:00 p.m. on 145.45. Part of the program will be on working satellites.

Kenny proposed a hi speed (20 to 25 wpm) CW net to meet Tuesday and Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on 14.130 MHz.

Bobby, WA5CAC, has a new net control preamble. For Field Day meet at 8:30 a.m., Saturday June 22, Brazos Bend State Park. Will work lots of CW and get competitive. Direct frequency for Field Day is 146.55.

John La Rue of the MS Society called Harold to thank the club for our help. More than \$101,000 was raised from the MS-150 Bike Tour, and \$10,000 more has been pledged. This one event set six national records as a fund raiser and will benefit more than 3,000 needy people in the area.

There are 22 candidates for the June Volunteer Examination, the next exam will be July 27.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 13, 1985 (cont.)

Tom gave January 19, 1986, as the date for the Houston Marathon which will be run over a new course.

non, KA5GYG, reported there is no Emergency Coordinator for Ft. Bend County. Roger, WA5RNL, will act temporarily as Radio Officer for RACES for the county.

Lloyd informed us that the annual picnic will be at Doug Holley's, KE5SR, home in Rosenberg on July 20. Wade, WN5TEN, will cook again this year.

Jack announced the door prize was a Call Book, donated by Don, K5AAD, of Madison Electronic Supply, which was won by Hy Gordon, NC5A.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Following the business meeting, Don, K5AAD, of Madison Electronic Supply, gave a very interesting talk on what is available and some things to expect in the way of equipment.

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WE WERE THERE ON JUNE 13, 1985 - WHERE WERE YOU

K5AAD	K5AF	N5GZW	K5QXI	KD5TM
WA5CAC	ND5E	K5HOY	KE5SC	KA5UPB
K5CNU	ND5F	KZ5I	KA5SGM	KA5WEA
N5CPA	KA5FDK	WB5IGG	KA5SMO	KA5WHK
WB1CXI	N5FLQ	N4IVI *	KA5SQS	W5WVX
KA5DKS	N5FNA	WB5LIZ	KE5SR	KD5XX
KA5DUU	KA5GYG	WD8LQT	WB5SRN	
K5EST	KA5GTU	KA5NTY	KA5TJS	* non-members

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 15, 1985

(NO REPORT RECEIVED FOR JUNE)

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET ( 144.870 / 145.470 MHz )

7/1 KE5SC	7/8 WA5CAC	7/15 KA5UPB	7/22 WB5YLB	7/29 N5FLQ
8/5 KE5SC	8/12 KA5SQS	8/19 KA5UPB	8/26 WB5YLB	

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW ( 3.960 MHz )

7/3 WB5IGG	7/10 WB5IGG	7/17 WB5IGG	7/24 WB5IGG	7/31 WB5IGG
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80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED ( 3.740 MHz )

7/3 N5FLQ	7/10 N5FLQ	7/17 N5FLQ	7/24 N5FLQ	7/31 N5FLQ
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NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome the following NINE new members who've joined us at or since the June membership meeting. Help make them glad they've become one of us.

- Joe Callafel, KA5WBP - 2727 Covey Lane, Pearland TX 77584; home fone is 997-1634, work 537-3600; He holds a Novice ticket and is not yet a member of ARRL.
- Jerry Caudill, N4IVI - 706 Fernglade Dr., Richmond, TX 77469; home fone is 232-6388; work 972-6760. He holds a Technician license and is now a member of ARRL.
- Tony De Borde, KD5TM - 316 Gale, Houston TX 77009; home fone is 691-0419; work 695-2706. At this writing, he holds an Advanced class license and is a member of ARRL.
- Bill Eaton, WB1CXI - 280 Uvalde St., #275, Houston, TX 77015; home fone 455-2932; he joins the club's large group of Extra class licensees and is a member of ARRL.
- Dan nanby, KA5WIZ - 1313 Campbell Road, Houston, TX 77055; home fone is 556-8023; work fone is 468-4071. He currently holds a Novice License.
- Chris Phillips, WB8TSW - 5414 Elm St. #14C; Houston, TX 77081; home fone is 661-6632 and work fone is 869-5263. He holds a General Class ticket.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET 8:30 PM-144.87/5.47</p> <p>BVARC PUBLIC SVC. NET 9 PM 144.87/5.47</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM 28.688</p> <p>FT. BEND RACES NET 8:30 PM 144.87/5.47</p> <p>S. TEXAS EMER. NET 9 PM - 144.87/5.47</p> <p>AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45</p>	<p>3</p> <p>SLOW SPE 7:45 PM</p> <p>BVARC RA 8:30 PM</p>
<p>7</p> <p>WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET 8 PM 156.07/67</p>	<p>8</p> <p>FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET FT. BEND RACES NET S. TEXAS EMER. NET AMSAT NET</p>	<p>10</p> <p>SLOW SPE BVARC RA</p>
<p>14</p> <p>WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET</p>	<p>15</p> <p>FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET FT. BEND RACES NET S. TEXAS EMER. NET AMSAT NET</p>	<p>17</p> <p>SLOW SPE BVARC RA</p>
<p>21</p> <p>WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET</p>	<p>22</p> <p>FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET FT. BEND RACES NET S. TEXAS EMER. NET AMSAT NET</p>	<p>24</p> <p>SLOW SPE BVARC RA</p>
<p>28</p> <p>WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET</p>	<p>29</p> <p>FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET FT. BEND RACES NET S. TEXAS EMER. NET AMSAT NET</p>	<p>31</p> <p>SLOW SPE BVARC RA</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 . 3.740  ) HEW NET . 3.960	4	5	6  BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
) CW NET  ) HEW NET	11  BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -FELLOWSHIP 7:00 PM -CALL TO ORDER 7:30	12	13  BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN
) CW NET  ) HEW NET	18	19	20  BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN  <i>Picnic!</i>
) CW NET  ) HEW NET	25  <i>Skywarn 7:00pm</i>	26	27  BREAKFAST BUNCH ARRL/VEC LICENSE EXAMS, MO. CITY MUNICIPAL BLDG. 8. A.M.
) CW NET  ) HEW NET			



NEW MEMBERS (cont.)

John Playford WD8LQT - 5010 Grovest Blvd., #1812, Stafford, TX 77477; home fone 240-6884; work 465-3181. His is a General class license and he is not yet a member of ARRL.

Joe Ross KA5GTU - 9643 Springview, Houston, TX 77080; home fone is 690-3566; work 869-5971. He also holds a General class ticket and is not yet a member of ARRL.

Lee Schull, KA5WJB - 2200 Wirt Rd., #139; Houston, TX 77055; home fone is 688-1827 and work fone is 688-9401. He presently holds a Novice Class license.

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RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

All you old-timers, welcome the return to the fold of:

Doug Holley KE5SR - Rt. 2, Box 149-B, Rosenberg, TX 77421;; home fone is 342-8028; work 575-4229. He is an Advanced class licensee.

We're all real glad to have him back.

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ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

Muirl Robinson, W8QK - new address is 502 Pittman, Richmond, TX 77469  
new home fone is 545-8176

Ken McAninch, KA5DKS - delete work fone

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

If any of your Roster info changes, such as callsign, license class, address, fone number, etc., please call Kenny Manchester KA5UPB promptly and give it to him. His fone number is 772-1604.

BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOROLL

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Houston Marathon, Jan 6           | G. March of Dimes Walk, Apr 28 |
| B. Fleet Feet Fun Run, Mar 9         | H. Sharpstown Mall, May 4      |
| C. Bayou City Fun Run, Mar 23        | I. Wheelchair Marathon, May 29 |
| D. Houston Festival, Mar 23-24,30-31 | J. Whitewater Race, June 1     |
| E. Rainbow Festival, Apr 13          | K. Polly IV Exercise, June 13  |
| F. M.S. 150 Bike Tour, Apr 20 & 21   | L. SARDA Exercise, June 15     |

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Bill Alexander, KA5DRG - H	Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,K
Chris Armatta, N5GKQ - A	Barbara LaRocca, KA5MPG - H
Mike Armatta, N5APC - A,K	Vic LaRocca, K5KNH - H
Pat Armatta, N5GIK - A	Ken McAninch, KA5DKS - H
A.J. Blackwell - WB5YLB - H	Kenny Manchester, KA5UPB - B,H,K
Ethyl Bolyard - H	Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,D
Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG - G,H	Roger Messick, KA5NTY - G
Roger Bryant, WA5RNL, - K	Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B,G,H,K
Phil Cooper, WB5LIZ - K	Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH - G
Ray Dillard, KA5QXI - B,C,H	Sallie Phelps, KA5RXW - G
Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C	Carolyn Rich, KA5UPD - H
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B	Steve Schuster, KE5SC - B,D
Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN - H	Bernice Sellers, KA5FDK - I
Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C,E,H,I,J,K	Tom Sellers, K5CNU - I,K
Ed Harwell, W5WVX - H,K	Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A,G
Jon Hill, N5BHQ - B,C	Jack VanDemark, KA5SQS - G,H
George Jolly, ND5E - H	Bobby Webb, WA5CAC - B,D,H
Kathy Jolly, KA5WHK - H	

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.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Following are the next Volunteer Examiner amateur license exams scheduled for this general area that we have been able to identify. Call the Public Information Contact (Item D for each session) for specific information about each session. In the listings, the information is 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. July 27, 1985  
C. Missouri City Municipal Building, Missouri City, Texas.  
D. Stu Lamkin WBSIGG, fone 713-777-3345.
2. A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY  
B. July 20, 1985  
C. American Red Cross Headquarters, Houston, Texas  
D. Frank Robichaux N5EJX, 713-931-9091
3. A. BRAZOSPORT ARC  
B. August 3, 1985  
C. Brazoswood High School, Clute Texas  
D. Steve Ray KASKRI, 409-238-1312
4. BAY AREA ARC

This VE Team conducted its first exam session on April 21, 1985 at San Jacinto Junior College in Deer Park Tx. At this writing, no specific future exam session has been scheduled, but we understand the group will be holding exams in the future. Call Jim Graham KSKUZ at 713-479-4430.

Specific schedules will be listed in this space each month as the information becomes available on a timely basis.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAMS RECOGNIZED

Each month we would like to recognize those individuals who have given their time and effort to participate in the B-VARC sponsored Volunteer Examiner Program so that others like ourselves may have the opportunity to become hams.

Exam #1 - February 23, 1985:

Team: Bill NG5C; Wade WN5TEN; Hy NC5A

Assistants: Irene N5AYX; Stu WB5IGG; Keith KA5F  
Bobby WA5CAC; Steve KE5SC,  
AL KN5A (non-member of B-VARC)

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Exam #2 - March 23, 1985:

Team: Harold ND5F; Keith KA5F; Al KN5A

Assistants: Stu WB5IGG; Irene N5AYX; Carter KD5XX;  
Bill NG5C

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Exam #3 - April 27, 1985:

Team: Keith KA5F; Bobby WA5CAC; Steve KE5SC

Assistants: Eva KA5CYZ; Phil WB5LIZ; Harold ND5F

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Exam #4 - May 25, 1985:

Team #1: George ND5E; Henry N5HF;  
Randy AK5G (non-member)

Team #2: Keith KA5F; Carter KD5XX; Dick WB5SRN

Assistants: Herb N5GZW; Stu WB5IGG; Bill K5DRG;  
Harold ND5F; Irene N5AYX; Bill ND5C

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Exam #5 - June 22, 1985:

Team #1: Henry N5HF; Tom N5EA (non-member)  
Ray KA5QXI

Team #2: Steve KE5SC; Ken KC5GR; Keith KA5F

Assistants: Stu WB5IGG; Steve WA5OEN; Bill WB1CXI  
Eva KA5CYZ; Ray K5EST; Harold ND5F

HEY THERE, Y'ALL

If'n you don't already know, Madison Electronics has a new address and phone number. You'll find them in the block below. To help you locate them the first time you try, they're 1 block north of Alabama and 6 blocks north of the Sears store.

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*           MADISON ELECTRONICS SUPPLY
*           Houston, Texas 77004           713-520-7300
* 3621 Fannin
* TO ALL HAMS---
* We carry in stock or can order for you any item you want from any major
* manufacturer of ham gear, including all line accessories and Kenwood
* service manuals.
* Call me, identify yourself and wants, and I'll quote our HOT SPECIAL
* prices available to you.
* 73, Don Busick, KSAAD
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FOR SALE ATARI 800XL Computer, COMMODORE 1702 Color Monitor, INDUS Disk Drive, several pieces of business software. Ron Bolyard 342-1365

## 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

Worry is like a rocking chair -- it gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere.

-- Submitted by Shirley Arnold

1351 Gentle Bend  
Missouri City, Texas 77489

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