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I WANT TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE ALL B-VARC MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE NEW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NET THAT IS BEING ORGANIZED IN FORT BEND COUNTY. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO GET THIS THING GOING.

MR. MEL SPEED HAS BEEN APPOINTED EMERGENCY COORDINATOR. WE HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES ALREADY AND MORE ARE ON THE WAY SINCE THIS APPOINTMENT TOOK PLACE. THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR RADIO AMATEURS IN THIS AREA TO RALLY TOGETHER AND SHOW THIS MAN WHAT WE CAN DO IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. WE HAVE HIS COOPERATION, SO LET'S SHOW HIM THAT WE ARE BEHIND HIM, TOO. THE FBCEM NET MEETS AT 8:30 PM ON MONDAYS.

THE VOLUNTEER EXAM PROGRAM FOR B-VARC HAS BEEN A REAL JOY FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN. IT IS VERY REWARDING TO SEE HAMS' FACES LIGHT UP WHEN THEY GET A NEW LICENSE OR AN UPGRADE. IF YOU HOLD AN ADVANCED CLASS LICENSE, DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED! THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU. WE NEED MORE EXAMINERS AND MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT AS THESE EXAM SESSIONS GROW LARGER. THANKS 73, STEVE KESSC

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ADDITIONS TO THE B-VARC LIBRARY

B-VARC receives several newsletters eachmonth. These are placed in the Club's Library and are available on loan to the membership. The folowing publications will normally be kept for about one year, but please inquire if you are searching for an older issue:

- 1. ARRL Annual Report
- 2. ARRL Field Forum
- 3. ARRL Letter
- 4. Gateway - The ARRL Packet Radio Newsletter
- 5. W5YI Report

Please contact Harold, ND5F at (713) 464-9044 if you would like to see any of these publications.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 11, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., a standing roll call followed, 24 members and guests were present. Members and guests were welcomed by the President, Harold, ND5F. Two upgrades were announced; Will Findley, KA5WEA, to Technician and Herb Nance, N5GZW, to Advanced. Two new members joined; Clint Gilliland, N5FNA, and Charles A. Reass, KA5WGJ.

Doug, KESSR, spoke about the picnic to be held at his QTH July 20. It was suggested that each one attending bring a side dish.

Roger, WA5RNL, reported on the MS-150 Bike Tour. \$113,000 was raised, setting 6 national records. The 1986 goal is \$250,000. Our club was given a nice plaque in appreciation for our help. Roger volunteered to chair the committee for the MS event next year.

Harold had several items of importance; 1) Our club bought an ad in the Ham Com flyer. 2) We need to start work on the TS-430S raffle. 3) Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, West Gulf Division Director, will give a program this fall. 4) Harold has the 1984 ARRL annual report which he will make available to all members. 5) There is room in the August 24 exam. 6) So far there are 18 610s in for the July exam, Steve, KESSC, is the liaison.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 11, 1985 (cont.)

Bobby, WA5CAC, reported 694 Field Day contacts.

Roger reported a world class Triathlon will be held Sunday, September 1, in the Bay Area. The race starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends about noon. To volunteer as a communicator call Bill Shoots, K5BY, at Seabrook, phone 474-3695. There could be as many as 2,500 participants in the swim, run and bike races.

Joe, KA5GTU, asked if the repeater 145.47 will be up soon (it will) and asked also if the club has T shirts (we don't).

Vance, N5FLQ, reported lots of check ins on the CW net.

Stu, WB5IGG, reported communication difficulties as a result of poor propagation with the Philmont Boy Scout Camp in northern New Mexico. Ron, KA5GYG, made one 40 meter contact, all are having fun.

Also reported were 2 hams on board the next space shuttle flight tomorrow. 2 meter communications will be directed mostly to clubs and educational groups. There will be 13 good opportunities during the 111 orbits.

Jack, KA5SQS, reported that Ron Stagno of the National Weather Service will be here two weeks from tonight, July 25, starting at 7:00 p.m. with new material for the Skywarn refresher course.

Steve, KE5SC, reported the reorganization of the Ft. Bend County Emergency Management. Mel Speed is the Emergency Coordinator and Roger Bryant, WA5RNL, the Radio Officer. Steve attended the meeting last Monday night when they discussed the reorganization of the Ft. Bend County RACES. ARES and RACES are now functioning as one group. The net meets at 8:30 p.m. Monday nights.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Following the business meeting, Jack, KA5SQS, Public Relations Chairman, showed the video "Amateur Radio's Newest Frontier", narrated by Roy Neal, K6DUE, a story of the flight of the Columbia, with Owen Garriott, W5LFL.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 15, 1985

Balance as of February 15, 1985	898.24
RECEIPTS:	
Membership Dues to date	24.00
ARRL Dues	25.00
Volunteer Examination	4.00
Total	----- 951.24
EXPENSES:	
Stu Lamkin (Bulletin Expense)	83.18
ARRL Fees	23.00
ARRL/VEC (Transfer of funds)	4.00
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Balance as of March 15, 1985	841.06
Submitted by Lloyd Phelps, W5SHEH, Treasurer	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 15, 1985

Balance as of March 15, 1985 841.06

## RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues to date	24.00
ARRL Dues	50.00
50-50 Drawing (3/14)	29.00
50-50 Drawing (4/11)	12.00
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Total	956.06

## EXPENSES:

Stu Lamkin (Bulletin Expense)	24.02
Steve Gottlieb (Chalk board for Novice Class)	69.02
ARRL Fees	46.00
West Link Report	41.00
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Balance as of April 15, 1985 776.02

Submitted by Lloyd Phelps, WDSHEH, Treasurer

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 15, 1985

Balance as of April 15, 1985 776.02

## RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues to date	14.00
ARRL Dues	67.00
50-50 Drawing (5/9)	12.00
Refund from State Comptroller	15.00
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Total	884.02

## EXPENSES:

ARRL Fees	61.00
Don Fly Decorating	71.63
Bank Service Charges to date	69.84
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Balance as of May 15, 1985 681.55

A note of explanation on the rather large bank service charges:

Due to some mail delivery problems, I had not received any bank statements until recently. At that time I found out that in addition to the regular monthly activity charge, our account is being hit with a maintenance fee of \$3.00 plus a .15 per check written plus a .15 per deposit plus a .15 per item deposited. I think that it is time we change the status of our account from non-profit (which the bank treats as commercial) to some sort of individual account thus avoiding these extremely high service charges. We are still well off financially, but with these added bank charges, we could wind up losing money faster than we can spend it.

Submitted by Lloyd Phelps, WDSHEH, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JULY 15, 1985

(NO REPORT RECEIVED FOR JULY)

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NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

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

8/5 KE5SC 8/12 KASSQS 8/19 KA5UPB 8/26 WB5YLB

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW ( 3.960 MHz )

8/7 WB5IGG 8/14 WB5IGG 8/21 WB5IGG 8/28 WB5IGG

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED ( 3.740 MHz )

8/7 N5FLQ 8/14 N5FLQ 8/21 N5FLQ 8/28 N5FLQ

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NEW MEMBERS

We added two more new members at the July Membership Meeting. Y'all welcome them if you haven't already done so. Introduce yourselves and help make them glad they've joined us. They are:

David C.(Clint) Gililand NSFNA - He holds a Technician ticket and lives at 4812 Hazard, Apt. H, Houston 77098, with home fone number 523-5758

Charles (Charlie) A. Reass, KA5WGJ - His is a Novice license and he too lives in Houston at 11914 Doncaster Road, zip 77024. His home fone is 468-2435.

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1985 ROSTER, SECOND EDITION, August 1, 1985

If you attended the August membership meeting there was a copy of the new August 1st Second Edition there with your name on it. If you failed to pick it up or did not attend the meeting, your copy is inclosed with this issue of the BULLETIN.

Please check your information therein and notify Stu Lamkin WB5IGG by phone if any change should be made.

Also, if any of your Roster info changes in the future, such as, callsign, license class, address, fone number, etc., please notify Stu so such changes can be included in an issue of the BULLETIN in order that everyone can keep his copy of the Roster up to date.

BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOROLL

A. Houston Marathon, Jan 6	H. Sharpstown Mall, May 4
B. Fleet Feet Fun Run, Mar 9	I. Wheelchair Marathon, May 29
C. Bayou City Fun Run, Mar 23	J. Whitewater Race, June 1
D. Houston Festival, Mar 23-24,30-31	K. Polly IV Exercise, June 13
E. Rainbow Festival, Apr 13	L. SARDA Exercise, June 15
F. M.S. 150 Bike Tour, Apr 20 & 21	M. Field Day, June 22
G. March of Dimes Walk, Apr 28	

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Jerry Albright, WDSHQU - F	George Jolly, NDSE - H
Bill Alexander, K5DRG - F,H	Kathy Jolly, KA5WHK - H
Chris Armatta, N5GKQ - A	Kevin Knox, KA8OHW - M
Mike Armatta, N5APC - A,K	Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,F,K
Pat Armatta, N5GIK - A	Barbara LaRocca, KA5MPG - H,M
Jim Arnold, W5RNK - F	Vic LaRocca, K5KNH - F,H,M
A.J. Blackwell - WB5YLB - F,H	Ken McAninch, KA5DKS - H
Ethyl Bolyard - F,H,M	Kenny Manchester, KASUPB - B,F,H,K,M
Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG - F,G,H,M	Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,D
Roger Bryant, WA5RNL - K	Roger Messick, KA5NTY - F,G,M
Jerry Caudill, N4IVI - M	Herb Nance, N5GZW - M
Phil Cooper, WB5LIZ - K,M	Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B,F,G,H,K,L,M
Carl Cunnert, WB8SVR - F	Vance Peterson, N5FLQ - M
Ray Dillard, KA5QXI - B,C,F,H,M	Lloyd Phelps, WDSHEH - F,G
Wade Eilers, WN5TEN - F	Sallie Phelps, KA5RXW - F,G
Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C	Chris Phillips, WB8TSU - M
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B	Carolyn Rich, KA5UPO - H
Hy Gordon, NC5A - D,G	Muir Robinson, W8QK - M
Irene Gordon, N5AYX - G	Joe Ross, KA5GTU - M
Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN - F,H,M	Lee Schull, KA5WJB - M
Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C,E,H,I J,K,M	Steve Schuster, KE5SC - B,D,F
Dan Hanby, KA5WIZ - M	Bernice Sellers, KA5FDK - I,M
Allan Hanus, KA5RXX - F,M	Tom Sellers, K5CNU - I,K,M
Ed Harwell, W5WVX - F,H,K,M	Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A,G
Jon Hill, N5BHQ - B,C	Jack VanDemark, KA5SQS - G,H,M
	Bobby Webb, WA5CAC - B,D,F,H,M

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 Volunteer Examiner amateur license exams scheduled for the rest of 1985 in this general area that we have been able to identify. Call the Public Information Contact Station (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. Fourth Saturday of each month.  
 C. Missouri City, Texas.  
 D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, fone 713-777-3345.
2. A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY  
 B. (1) Sept. 21, 1985  
 (2) Nov. 16, 1985  
 C. Various  
 D. (1) Andrew Bounds, KD5CQ 353-9275  
 (2) Alan Cross, WA5UZH 847-9183
3. A. BRAZOSPORT ARC  
 B. August 3, 1985 and Nov. 2, 1985  
 C. Brazoswood High School, Clute Texas  
 D. Steve Ray KASKRI, 409-238-1312
4. A. BAY AREA ARC  
 B. Sept. 15, 1985  
 C. San Jacinto College, Deer Park, Texas  
 D. Jim Graham, K5KUZ 713-479-4430

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

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* 73, Don Busick, K5AAD                                                        *
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B U Y -- S E L L -- S W A P M A R T

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

WEEKLY NETS: SUNDAYS - West Houston RACES Net 8:00 pm 156.07/67  
MONDAYS - South Texas Emergency Net 8:00 pm 144.87/5.47  
Fort Bend County ARES Net 8:30 pm 144.87/5.47  
B-VARC Public Service Net 9:00 pm 144.87/5.47  
TUESDAYS - 10-X Houston Shot Net 8:00 pm 28.688  
Amsat Net 10:00 pm 144.85/5.45  
WEDNESDAYS - Slow Speed CW Net 7:45 pm 3.740  
B-VARC Ragchew Net 8:30 pm 3.960  
Houston - Harris County  
Emergency Net 8:30 pm 146.25/85

MEETINGS: THURSDAY, 8/1 - B-VARC Board of Directors 7:30 pm  
THURSDAY, 8/8 - B-VARC General Membership  
Fellowship - 7:00 pm  
Call to order - 7:30 pm

EXAMS: SATURDAY 8/24 - ARRL/VEC License Exams  
Mo. City Municipal Bldg 8:00 am

SOCIAL: SATURDAYS - Breakfast Bunch 8:30 am  
Holiday Inn, S.W. Freeway & West Belfort

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The things that count in life are usually the things that cannot be counted.

-- Submitted by Shirley Arnold

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