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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

I want to express my thanks to everyone who attended the 1986 BVARC Banquet for helping to make it such a success. We got some nice compliments from the management of the country club and we were encouraged to come back next year. The organizers of the 1987 banquet might want to keep that in mind.

For those who may not be aware, Vic K5KNH and Jim W5RNK have the new MERA repeater up and running. It has a few more watts out on the transmitter and a solid state receiver that is a real improvement over the old one. Thanks guys for a job well done.

I want to thank Ron Nance KA5YSG for accepting the job of membership services chairman. He will be handing out packets to new members. I also want to thank George Jolly ND5E for all the work he has done in preparing for the volunteer exam program this year. At the beginning of the year it looked like we would not have a place to hold exams or enough people to hold a session. Thanks to the efforts of George and Jack KP5CP we now have both.

I also want to put in print something that took place at the banquet. If it were possible to put a standing ovation in the bulletin for Harold Parker ND5F, I would do it. He got one at the banquet and deserves it for doing an outstanding job as the President in 1985. Thanks Harold!

73, Steve Schuster WA5G

VP-QSO

One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four were gone. That's the way I feel about this year coming up, and it's well under way already. If you like a lot of events to participate in, see your friends, and do some hammin to boot, then you ought to be excited about belonging to BVARC in 1986. There will be plenty to participate in. Just to name a few that will soon be upon us, The MS-150 Bicycle Ride, Bayou City Fun Run, Houston Festival, Mother's Day, and Field Day. Plan on attending and operating and chalk one up for yourself on the BVARC Honor Roll.

Speaking of Honor Roll. Congratulations to this year's Order of the Key Honor Members announced at the BVARC Banquet. They are Vance Peterson N5FLQ and Dick Hagerman WB5SRN. Congratulations guys.

Let me take some space here to stir up a little interest in some of the Ham Conventions coming up. Several members have expressed an interest in attending the biggy, "Dayton 86", Jack KF5CP is checking into super saver fares on the commercial airlines. If interested call me or Jack. This year's Texas State convention for the ARRL and Texas VHF Society will be held later this summer in "Party Town", San Antonio. Wouldn't it be great to get a BVARC caravan going to San Antonio. If we got enough to show up, we might have a BVARC party and dinner boat ride down the river. Guys start talking it up now with your wives and girl friends and see how many of us show up for San Antonio 86.

An unexpected but very successful event was completed on Saturday January 24, 1986. Clint N5FNA called Jack KF5CP from Newington, Connecticut. Within minutes Jack had the word out and with help from Captain Terry KB5UE with Ray WA5F at the controls we had 24 BVARC members work W1AW, ARRL headquarters. Thanks Captain for the use of your station for net control. Joe KA5GTU crossbanded several BVARC members from the two meter W5RNK repeater to the HF rig for them to QSL Clint. Included in those members were Steve KA5YSI and Ron KA5YSG both had just upgraded to Technician from Novice that morning at the BVARC volunteer exams. What a record for someone to try for. Way to go guys.

Finally, I have been in a lot of clubs but never one like the people of BVARC make up. Let's all keep up the good work in 1986. I hope to see each and everyone of you at least operate one special event this year.

ADIOS JOE KA5GTU

By N5FLQ - Secretarys Report January 1986 General Membership Meeting:

The January membership meeting was our annual banquet which was held at the River Bend Country Club. The minutes that follow are from the business portion of the meeting, after the dinner. Times are in GMT.

(0230) Meeting called to order by Harold, ND5F.

(0233) Standing roll call.

(0236) Jack, KF5CP, announced that rosters are available, and that Clint, N5FNA, plans to operate W1AW in January.

(0841) The officers for 1986 were installed by ND5F.

(0845) First of two Order of the Key awards presented to Vance, N5FLQ.

(0849) Second Order of the Key presented to Dick, WB5SRN. Due to Dick's absence Steve, WA5G, accepted the award for him. It will be presented to Dick at the next meeting.

(0851) ARRL banner from Ed LaRose, KS5V, affiliated club representative presented to BVARC for meeting the club challenge of enlisting 10 new members into the ranks of the ARRL.

(0853) WA5G asked for, and received, a round of applause for the fine job Harold did in 1985 as President of BVARC. WA5G also announced that we started the new year with 97 members in BVARC.

(0854) Meeting adjourned.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JANUARY, 1986 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

KA5QLQ	N5CPA	N5HF	KA5DKS	K5HOY	K5EST	KA5WHK
ND5E	N5FLQ	KA5VSH	WB5IGG	N5ISW	W5GHK	K5CNU
WA5F	NV5K	KA5GTU	WA5G	KA5WEB	KA5GYG	KF5CP
WA5OEN	ND5F	KA5YSG	KA5YSI			

OTHERS ATTENDING:

YOLANDA ALBRECHT, PRUDIE AMORIN, ETHEL BOLYARD, FRANCIS DILLARD, BECKY GLUECK, SUZY HANDLER, MARY MARGARET HOSKINS, SHERYL ROSS, JOHNNIE LYONS, BARBARA NANCE, SHANNA STILLEY.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY N5FLQ

The BVARC survey is in the mail as of 1:00 P.M. local time January 22. If you don't receive one by the time this bulletin gets to you, then please call me on the phone. Those surveys were right at 1 ounce total weight per letter. I was assured that there would be no trouble in getting the letters through with the 22 cent stamps. Please return the surveys as soon as possible. The ones I receive after February 9 will not be taken into account due to the amount of data I have to examine. I plan to announce the findings at the March general membership meetings.

REGISTRATION FORM --MS150 BIKE RIDE COMMUNICATIONS VOLUNTEER

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

DAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE (CHECK ONE OR BOTH):

SATURDAY APRIL 19, 1986

SUNDAY APRIL 20, 1986

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE (CHECK ONE OR ALL)

VHF

UHF

HF MOBILE

OTHERS - PLEASE LIST (IE: GENERATOR, MOTOR HOME, CAMPER, ETC.)

WILL YOU WANT A HOTEL ROOM IN LA GRANGE (YES/ NO) _____
 DESIRE ASSIGNMENT: (IE; NET CONTROL, ROVER, MIC MOBILE, ETC,)

PLEASE MAIL TO : ROGER MESSICK-KA5NTY, 1116 GLENDA, PEARLAND, TX
 77581 OR CALL ME AT (0) 932-9663 (H) 485-6405



THAT'S RIGHT FOLKS. THE MS-150 BIKE RIDE WILL SOON BE UPON US, AND WITH A TASK THIS SIZE ROGER NEEDS Y'ALL TO GIVE HIM SOME FEED BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONVENIENT REGISTRATION FORM ABOVE. HOW ABOUT PARTICIPATING AS A RIDER AS KATHY -KA5WHK HAS ENVISIONED FOR US HERE IN HER DRAWING. THANKS KATHY. YA"LL GET UR FORMS IN TO ROG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO HE CAN GET HIS DUCKS LINED UP. MORE INFO ELSEWHERE IN BULLETIN.

HONOR ROLL - BVARC VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS FOR HOUSTON MARATHON

ND5E, GEORGE, WA5F RAY, ND5F HAROLD, KA5NTY ROGER,
N5APC MIKE, N5GKQ CHRIS, WB5SRN DICK, K5CNU TOM,
NV5K ED, KA5GTU JOE, KA5YDH JOHN. GOOD GOING GUYS.

FOR SALE-KENWOOD TS 820S
MC-50 Mike -EXCELLENT SHAPE
HOMER WITMER W5OAX- Asking \$500
Phone 461-7712

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-Y'ALL SAY "GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US"

Tom Arledge WD5CVK and Chris Caudill KB4JZR

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULES

#1 B-VARC
Stu Lamkin WB5IGG- 713-777-3345
February 22, March 22
Stafford, Texas

#2 Houston Echo Society
Frank Robichaux N5EJX 713-931-9091
March 22, 1986
Houston, Texas

#3 Bay Area ARC
2-19 & 3-19-1986 NOVICE ONLY.
Jim Graham K5HUZ -713-749-4120
KUZ 479-4430

#4 Brazosport ARC
2-1-86
Clute, Texas
Steve Ray Ka5KRI-409-238-1312

#5 Sam Houston AR Klub
2-22 & 3-22-1986
Cleveland, Texas
Sam Neal N5AF-713-592-2257

MADISON ELECTRONICS SUPPLY

3621 FANNIN

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77004

713-520-7300

TO ALL HAMS-----

WE CARRY IN STOCK OR CAN ORDER FOR YOU ANY ITEM YOU WANT FROM ANY MAJOR
MANUFACTURER OF HAM GEAR. 73 DON BUSICK, K5AAD

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WE
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EDITORS NOTE: ALL NETS AND THE BVARC BREAKFAST BUNCH RUN ON CO
 DAYS EACH WEEK AS LISTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK.
 ARE CHANGES THEY WILL BE LISTED, OTHERWISE PLEA

2 WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET 8 PM 146.06/66	3 SOUTH TEXAS EMERGENCY NET 8 PM 145.47 FT. BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY NET 8:30 PM 145.47 BVARC NET 9PM 145.47	4 TEN-TEN HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM 28.688 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/145.45 ASTRONOMY NET 8 PM 145.47	5 SLOW 7:4 BVAR 8:3
9	10	11	12
16	17	18	19
23	24	25	26

BVARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ARRRRENT THERE TAKE NOTE.</p>			<p>1 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT 8:30AM</p>
<p>PEED CW NET PM - 3.740</p> <p>FRAG CHEW NET PM - 3.955</p>	<p>6 BVARC BOARD OF DIR- ECTORS MEETING - ALL WELCOME - 7:30 PM OFFICES OF VIC K5KNH 690-3566 for INFO</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
	<p>13 BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FELLOWSHIP 7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER 7:30 EARLY BIRDS FOR SUPPER VASSO'S HWY 90A ABOUT 6:15PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 ARRL/VEC LICENSE EXAMS, MISSOURI CITY , LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED. CALL 777-3345 for DETAILS</p>
	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	

BY ND5F, HAROLD

WESTLINK REPORTS NEEDS HELP!

Dr. Norm Chalfin, K6PGX, who administers the Westlink Support Fund advises that the money on hand is getting low. All the bills are up-to-date, but the costs involved in bringing you coverage of the European Ham in Space Operations followed closely by the Cellular Telephone Conflict have depleted the meager reserve. They are asking that every one who would like to see their weekly "reports" continue, please send their financial contribution as soon as possible to:

THE WESTLINK SUPPORT FUND
C/O DR. NORM CHALFIN, K6PGX
P.O. BOX 463
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91102

WESTLINK provides a great service to our Ham Community by keeping us informed of all the things sthat are influencing the present and future state of our lives. PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY !

BY KA5GTU, JOE

A good time was had by all recently at the Houston Marathon. I thought maybe some of you did not know that BVARC had a good representation of volunteer communicators who were active and in some key positions co-operating with the local city officials for what they called the smoothest Marathon ever. This was also the first year they have had what they call the extended course. The course started from Main Street downtown and headed out along Hwy 59 thru the Village, past the Galleria, and proceeding on down to 610 at Woodway, thru Memorial Park and back into town. Whoo what a course. Approximately 75 hams participated in the communications effort from support for the supplys showing up where needed, when needed, to running communication relays with the medical teams and aid stations for emergency teams. By the way, George ND5E, I would like to know how you got the cushy job of riding with those good looking gals in the police car? Or how about you Ray, WA5F, what was the deal with the belly dancers at your water station number 11. And last but not least Harold ND5F was hanging out with net control at some place called the Cave. Sounds like a strip joint to me Harold.

All kidding aside you can be proud of your fellow BVARC members As usual they all did a very professional job.

BY KA5NTY, ROGER

1986 MS150 BIKE TOUR

Plans for this years MS150 bike tour are going well. The dates for this years event are April 19th and 20th.

This years ride will leave from the Crown Plaza Hotel at Hwy 6 and I-10. It will go out Park Row to Barker Cypress then up to Hwy 529 and on into Bellville. This year MS is trying to get the use of a larger park with covered pavillions on the East side of Bellville. This would make a much nicer lunch break come rain or shine. After lunch it's on to LaGrange via Hwy 159. The KC Hall will again be the central meeting point for the Riders but with the increase numbers expected this year, between 1000 and 1300 riders, La Grange will open two if its school gyms for sleeping accomidations for riders and / or volunteers. For those of us that require more comfortable accomidations, I will be reserving a block of rooms at one of the local motels.

The Austin M.S. Chapter has committed to ride again this year, however the Houston MS chapter may still want us to go all the way to Austin, rather than returning to Houston as we did last year. If we go on to Austin, we will leave LaGrange on Hwy. 77 then left onto Hwy 153. We will go through Buescher State Park along the park roads and lunch in Bastrop State Park. Both State parks have agreed to waive all entrance fees. Then it's onto Hwy 71 for about five miles to Hwy 969 which takes us to Austin. Once we're in Austin a few rights and a couple of lefts will put us on Congress Street with the ride ending at the State Capitol.

MS is organized this year and at each of their meetings new developments are taking place. I'll be reporting on several of these at the February Club meetin. MS is still looking for volunteers to help at the rest stops so if your XYL or OM is not a ham ask them to join us as a MS Volunteer. So mark your calendars and make your plans to join us in April for a little work, alot of fun and great fellowship.

73, Roger KA5NTY

(P.S. Enclosed in this newsletter is a form for you to use if you want help and can't make the meetings. Please fill it out and return it to me.)

By N5FLQ - Secretarys Report December 1985 General Membership Meeting:

- (0135) Meeting called to order by Harold - ND5F. Standing rollcall initiated. One upgrade reported John (KA5YDH from Novice To Technician class.
- (0141) - Clint, N5FNA reported that 3 members of the novice class passed their exams last month.
- (0143) - George, ND5E, read minutes from the Dec. 5 board meeting, which was one of the longest board meetings in recent memory.
- (0148) - George, ND5E read the treasurers' report. He reported that only 30 members had renewed as of before the meeting opened. All were (and are) reminded to get their dues (\$8) into George as soon as possible. George also reported that BVARC jacket patches will be available in about 6-8 weeks. Prices will be the same as before. George also reported that, according to our tax status, individuals can make donations to the club, but are asked to check with George first.
- (0151) - Kenny, NZ5I, raised the question of tax exemption for the club. George reported that we are indeed exempt.
- (0153) - Steve, WA5G, reported that the Riverbend Country Club had been reserved for us for the banquet, but the date would be changed to January 16, 1986 due to remodelling of the club.
- (0159) - Harold, ND5F, added to Steve's information that there will be no walkins' allowed. A definite number of attendees is to be given to the country club 1 week before the banquet.
- (0201) -Ray, WA5F, reported that help is needed for the upcoming volunteer exams on Dec. 28th.
- (0202) - Harold read from a certificate and letter given to the club by Ed Larose for its participation as a special service club and for obtaining new ARRL membership through the club. George, ND5E, will hold these for safe keeping.
- (0207) - Roger, KA5NTY, reported on the MS150 bike ride coming up on April 19-20. We would provide communications and support all the way to Austin, if possible.
- (0212) - Late arrivals recognized.
- (0306) - Ed, NV5K, gave a superb and lively program on confined space HF antennas. He also has CW practice programs for C 64, IBM
- (0350) - Meeting adjourned.

WE WERE THERE AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR DECEMBER **

N5AFV	N5APC	N5APY	N5CPA	KA5DUU	ND5E	ND5F	WA5F
WB5FIV	N5FLQ	N5FNA	N5FSS	WA5G	N5GKQ	KA5GTU	KA5GYG
N5GZW	NZ5I	WB5IGG	KA5JEM	NV5K	WA5OEN	KA5QLQ	W8QK
KA5RXX	KA5SGM	KE5SR	WB5SRN	WB8SVR	KA5WEB	KA5WGJ	KA5WHK
W5WVX	KA5YDH	K5ZC	OTHERS - Pauline Cunnert - WD8BTS (Guest)				
Barbara Dartez, Louis Dartez Marth Deritter, KA5YSG (New) KA5YSI (NEW)							

Treasurer's Report as of January 16, 1986
submitted by George W. Jolly, ND5E.

Balance as of December 15, 1985 1477.86

Receipts:

Membership - 1986 dues 268.00
ARRL VE postage reimbursement 18.92
Banquet reservations received 285.00
Ham-Com proceeds from seed money 200.00
Stu Lamkin ARRL dues 20.00

Total Receipts: 791.92

Expenses:

AAA Trophy & Engraving (2 awards) 104.00
Harold Parker (award expenses) 12.62
Stu Lamkin ARRL dues 18.00
Larry Levy (p.o.box fee) 7.00
Riverbend Country Club (banquet) 427.25

Total Expenses: 568.87

Balance as of January 16, 1985 1,700.90

The following is a table of our financial performance for each year in BVARC's history. From this you can see that 1985 was a very good year for us. Thanks to all of you for the excellent participation. We look forward to many exciting activities in 1986, made possible by our proven ability to raise funds.

year	total debits	total credits	ending balance	net change
1976:	0.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
1977:	95.49	32.80	62.31	-62.69
1978:	0.00	75.00	137.31	75.00
1979:	68.42	183.35	252.24	114.93
1980:	438.56	449.15	262.83	10.59
1981:	1041.08	1011.98	233.73	-29.10
1982:	1198.55	1201.47	236.65	2.92
1983:	2232.84	2758.45	762.26	525.61
1984:	2371.87	2398.56	788.94	26.68
1985:	3495.68	4345.89	1639.15	850.21
1986:	482.25	544.00	1700.90	61.75

Donations to BVARC are tax deductible. See ND5E for details.

73, ND5E.

Free Literature Available

A printed edition of *Communications in Space Edition 2.0* is available free of charge from:

Radio Sweden International
S-105 10 Stockholm
Sweden

This is an interesting paper about such topics as satellites and the space shuttle.

Also available are *The Beginner's Guide to DXing* and *The DXers Guide to Computing*.

Electronic editions of the weekly program *Sweden Calling DXers* are available in the HamNet Data Library of Compuserve. *Sweden Calling DXers* is the world's oldest radio program for shortwave listeners. *Radio Sweden International* has presented this round-up of radio news, features, and interviews every Tuesday since 1948.

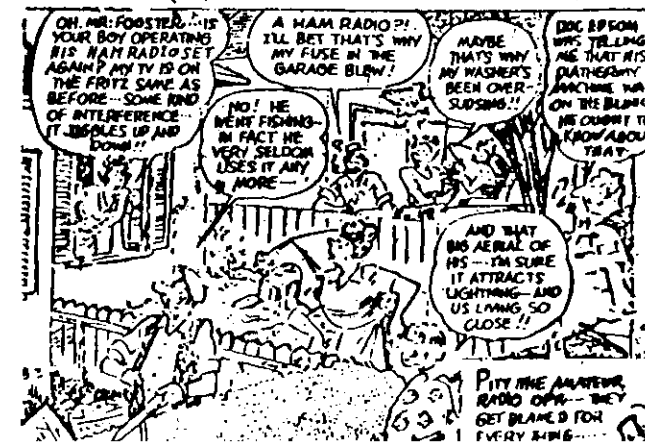
Radio Sweden International broadcasts to North America:

0400 hrs on 9695 kHz
1400 hrs on 9695 and 11940 kHz
2300 hrs on 6045 and 9695 kHz

Sweden Calling DXers is also relayed by Radio Earth via KCBI Sundays at

2100 hrs on 11790 kHz.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME, by Hat!



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

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