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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

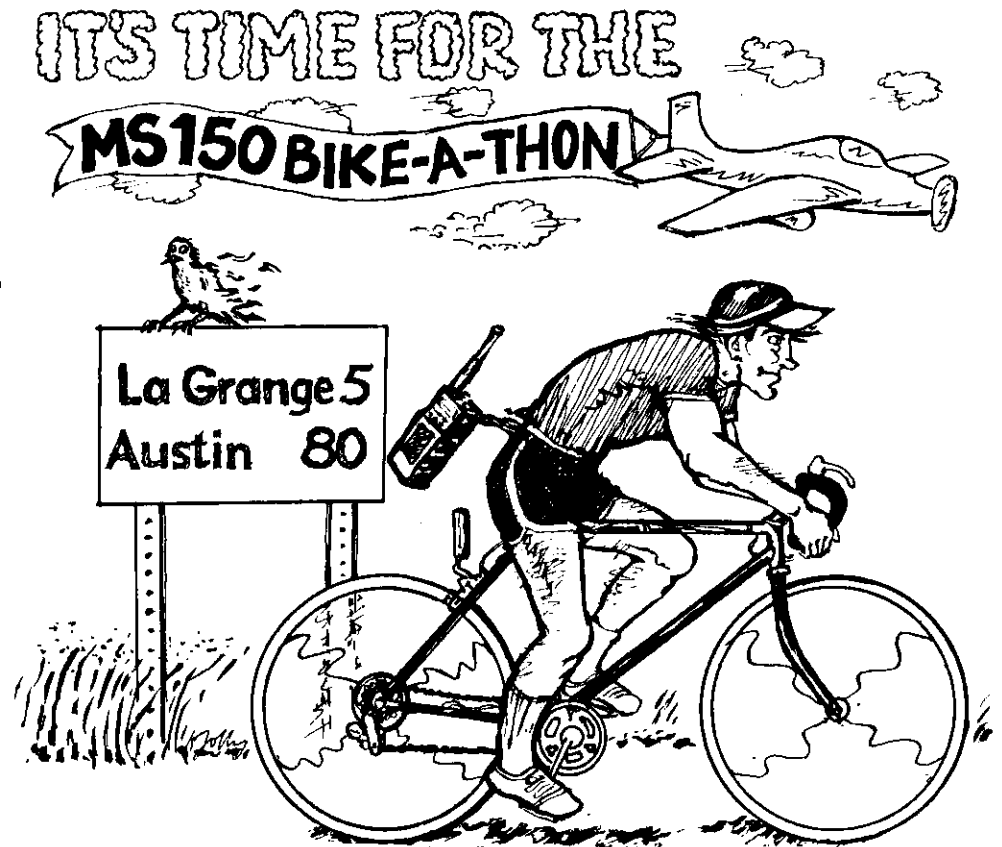
The last few weeks have been like a calm before the storm. Things are going to get real busy around BVARC for the next couple of months. There is a hamfest in Lafayette, Louisiana on March 8 & 9. I've heard some interest expressed in that one. Then there is the meeting on March 13th and exams on March 22. Then there will be three weekends in a row that BVARC will be involved in some kind of function. There is the Houston Festival on April 5th and 12th. Also the spring picnic is on April 12th. The MS-150 is on April 19th and 20th. If you count exams on April 26th and the Mother's Day Event at Sharpstown, that makes five weekends in a row! So come on out and join us!

I hear that KA5NTY is having a tough time getting people to volunteer to help out with the MS-150 ride. This is going to be an enormous function this year. Please contact Roger and lend your support for this awesome task. Last year it was a real shot in the arm for BVARC to be a part of this worthy cause. Our efforts were appreciated and everyone had a real good time, too. It looks like it may be three times the size of last year's, so Roger may need three times as much support.

I received a letter recently about the Dallas Ham-Comm. It will be at the convention center in Arlington on the first full weekend in June. That will be the 6th, 7th, and 8th of June.

I would also like to extend to Jim Arnold WSRNK a wish for a speedy recovery from his recent hospitalization. Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

73, Steve Schuster WA5G



THATS RIGHT FOLKS APRIL 19 and 20 ARE DRAWING NEAR AND ROGER KASNTY NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE AND HAVE NOT ALREADY CONTACTED HIM AT 485-6405

ABOUT CLUB PROPERTY

If you presently have any items of club property at your place of residence or employment or anywhere for that matter, we would like to know about it. I would like to take inventory of these items and develop a plan to organize them better. Hopefully, then if someone needs an item, they won't have to hunt it down. If you have any club property, please make a list and send it to me.

73, Steve Schuster WA5G

Attendance for General Membership Meeting - Febfrury 13, 1986

We were there... What's your excuse?

N5AFV N5ECP N5FLQ WBSIGG KASWEB
N5APY N5ECZ WA5G KASEJM KASYSG
K5CNU KASEST W5GHK KASNTY KASYSI
KF5CP ND5F KA5GYG

N5fAFV	N5FLQ	KASGTU	KF5CP	N5FNA	KA5GYG
K5DRG	N5FSS	N5GZW	KA5DUL	WA5G	WA5HZN
ND5E	WD5GAZ	N5IGY	N5ECP	W5GHK	N5ISW
KASEJM	KAS5GM	NV5K	KA5WGJ	KASNTY	KA5WXK
WASDEN	W5WVX	W8QK	KA5YSG	KA5QLQ	KA5YSI

KE5SR Chris Gillespie, Richard Breazeale-W5CCN, Rick Becky Glueck, Johnnie Lyons.

Those above were at the March 13th membership meeting....

Treasurer's Report as of March 15, 1986
Submitted by George W. Jolly, ND5E

Balance as of February 15, 1986	1,619.31
<i>Receipts:</i>	
Membership - 1986 dues received	24.00
March meeting - 50-50 drawing	10.00
<i>Total Receipts:</i>	34.00
<i>Expenses:</i>	
Joe Ross - Bulletin Expenses	50.00
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	50.00
Balance as of March 15, 1986	1,603.31

73, ND5E

Hey Yall, come on down to the BVARC BOOTH this weekend at the HOUSTON FESTIVAL.....THIS is the opening weekend and the BVARC booth will be open Saturday and Sunday from 8 til 6. Operators are needed so yall come on out and introduce John Q. Public to Ham Radio. The BVARC Booth is located on the corner parking lot of Milam at McKinney. There will be a spectacular laser light show concert Saturday nite for those who might want to stick around for that. Again that is this Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6th. BVARC will again sponsor the booth next Saturday and Sunday the 12th and 13th. If you can help out for a couple o hours on any of these dates please contact Tom, K5CNU. Bring your equipment if possible, HT's preffered or portable HF 12 volt gear no 120 ac available at this time.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER SESSION SCHEDULES

Following are the Amateur Radio license exams scheduled to be held in this area in April and May 1986. In the listings the info is as follows:

- A. Sponsored by
- B. Session date
- C. Session location
- D. For information call

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| 1.A. B-VARC | 4.A. Brazosport ARC |
| B. 4/26 & 5/24 | B. 5/3 |
| C. Stafford TX | C. Clute TX |
| D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG 713-777-3345 | D. Steve Ray KA5KRI 409-297-7494 |
| 2.A. Houston Echo Society | 5.A. Sam Houston AR Klub |
| B. 5/24 | B. 4/19 |
| C. Houston TX | C. Cleveland TX |
| D. Irv Block NZ5V 713-497-8750 | D. Sam Neal N5AF 713-592-2257 |
| 3A. Bay Area ARC | |
| B. 4/16 & 5/21 Nivuce only | |
| 5/18 Tech thru Extra | |
| C. La Porte TX | |
| D. Jim Graham K5KUZ 713-479-4430 | |

CARMINE NOVICE CLASS - Wade Eilers WN5TEN

This new B-VARC Novice class with 8 enthusiastic students, after getting off to a good start, has run into a bit of choppy water. Two of the group are teachers and got caught up in the Teacher Competency Test Program. Pre-Easter and Easter activities, together with my job putting me on a 4-days a week, 2-month commuting schedule in Houston, have also slowed down class schedules a bit.

Altho class progress has slowed a little and completion of the course will be delayed somewhat, I expect several more new members will join the Ham Community, and I hope, there will be an eventual tie-in on the air between Carmine and the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

The 8 students are: Toby & Lane Boban, Tim & Peter Clark, my son Clint, Jeff Flinn, and Robert & Jeff Loflin.

FROM B-VARC's MOST FAR DISTANCE MEMBER - JOHN DONAHUE KF5CZ

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Dear Stu -

How are you? My father said Beth was ill, so tell her I sincerely hope she gets well soon.

I'm very sorry that I don't write more often - it's just that I keep putting it off.

Have you been on the air much? When I get back in the States during the Summer maybe we can try to set up a schedule on 20 meters.

How's everything at B-VARC? Say "Hi" to Carter and everyone else for me.

Aside from school, life here (in Bangkok) is largely uneventful. I believe I told you I had taken up scuba diving. Well, this weekend I had hoped to go diving but something came up and I couldn't make it - it was a tough break. I was really looking forward to it.

I'll keep in touch.

Yours, John KF5CZ

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Note from Stu - John can't ham in Thailand - amateur radio is not permitted. He'll be back in the States in 2 years to enter college. He has a station set up at his grandparent's home in the Philadelphia area and I hope some of you will join us when we get a 20-meter sched going this Summer.

Dont You Dare Forget The BVARC PICNIC SATURDAY APRIL 12th at the HOLLEY'S. YOU'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOURSELF FOR NOT GETTING IN ON ALL THE GOOD EATS. TALK IN WILL BE ON 145.45. HOPE TO C U THERE. ANY QUESTIONS CALL DOUG HOLLEY KESSR @ 342-8028.....

QST QST QST Welcome to the March, April issue of the BVARC Newsletter. This is a unique issue in that it contains two months worth of reporting of past events and those shortly upon us.

First some good news, Brenson Abbott, N5FSS will be assisting me in producing the newsletter. Starting with the May issue Brenson will be formatting and contributing to the newsletter in a much needed capacity.

Brenson has agreed to collect the information and produce the original using his IBM computer. Those of you that wish to contact him by phone and hook up via modem for your newsletter input may do so hopefully in the near future. At this time we do not see a full blown bbs system but simply call Brenson and if he is home he can hook you up via modem. Those who still wish to send hard copy input may do so by mail. Brenson's home number is 498-7066. His address is 12322 Plumbrook Drive, Houston, 77099.

Please address all future input correspondence to Brenson. I will be responsible for the newsletter library, input to Brenson, and getting the newsletter printed and mailed. Jack Vandemark, KF5CP is responsible for the mailing label production and updates on addresses.

If you think the club may have your address wrong please contact Jack at 933-8242 and give him the correct info.

I would like to thank Jack and Brenson for stepping forward to give me some help in this multi task job. Hopefully the three of us can keep an on line on time newsletter in your hands from month to month. Thank you for your patience while we have been experiencing some growing pains.

Joe Ross, KA5GTU

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.

BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS THURSDAY NITE
APRIL 10TH. 7:30 P.m. EARLY BIRDS FOR SUPPER AT
VASSO'S BARBECUE ON HWY 90A STAFFORD AT 6:30 P.M.
ON.....PROGRAM TO BE A LIVE PACKET RADIO
DEMONSTRATIONHOPEFULLY WE WILL CONTACT VIA
PACKET ANOTHER HAM CLUB IN WHARTON WHO HAVE THEIR
MEETING AT THE SAME TIME WE DO. COME ON OUT AND JOIN
US FOR ALL THE
FUN.....



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