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Our President Says

Field Day is upon us once again. On June 27-28 we will again gather at the Brazos Bend State Park for our annual emergency operations exercise. This year our coordinator for the event is Steve Yates, KA5DUU. He will be making a list of those who plan to bring equipment to the event.

It is important to get with Steve if you plan to bring a station to Field Day. Although we are not limiting the number of transmitters this year, we are required by contest rules to fix the maximum number of transmitters before the contest begins. So, any station not registered with Steve PRIOR to Saturday can not be part of our contest station.

The reason for this requirement is that we are required to give our contest category as part of every QSO we make. This category contains the transmitter count.

This month our membership meeting will return to the Missouri City Civic Center on FM-2234. We are very grateful to the Missouri City Fire Department for hosting us the past two months.

73 de ND5E

Letter From Chicago, May 5, 1987, N5JBL.

Hello BVARC Friends,

As a recently made DX member of BVARC, it was suggested that I write about Amateur Radio Clubs in the Chicago area. The following is a brief summary of the two clubs I visited in the West Chicago suburb area.

With this being May, Field Day was on the minds of many people. Both clubs are planning to use local parks as their operating site. Both clubs have designated BAND CHAIRMEN for Field Day.

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Event Directory

B-VARC Membership Meetings

Second Thursdays each month, gathering at 7:00 PM, call to order at 7:30 PM. Location is the Missouri City Civic Center, one mile south of US 90-A on FM 2234.

License Examinations

Second Tuesdays each Month, 7:00 PM, Houston. Fourth Saturdays each Month, 9:00 AM, Stafford.

Nets

Fort Bend County Emergency Management Net.

8:00 PM Mondays.
primary: 145.25 MHz (-600 kHz)
alternate: 145.47 mHz (-600 kHz)

B-VARC Public Service Net.

9:00 PM Mondays.
primary: 145.47 mHz (-600 kHz)
alternate: 146.70 mHz (-600 kHz)
alternate: 145.25 mHz (-600 kHz)

B-VARC RagChew Net.

8:30 PM Wednesdays, 3.960 mHz.

B-VARC Officers and Directors, 1987

President	George Jolly,	ND5E
Vice President	Steve Yates,	KA5DUU
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Director (1 yr)	Jim Arnold,	W5RNK
Director (P.P.)	Steve Schuster,	WA5G

VOLUNTEER EXAMINING SESSION SCHEDULES

Following are the Amateur Radio license exam sessions scheduled to be held in this area in June and July. The listing info is as follows:

- A. SPONSORED BY
- B. Session dates and locations
- C. For information, call

- 1.A. BRAZOS VALLEY ARC
 - B. (1) 7 PM 6/9 & 7/14 in Houston, Tx.
 - (2) 9 AM 7/25 in Stafford, Tx
 - C. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, 713-777-3345
- 2.A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY
 - B. 7/18 in Houston, Tx.
 - C. Irv Block NZ5V, 713-497-8750
- 3.A. SAM HOUSTON AR KLUB
 - B. 6/13 in Cleveland, Tx.
 - C. Sam Neal N5AF, 713-592-2257



HONOR ROLL

B-VARC VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS

- A. Houston - Tenneco Marathon
- B. Bayou City Fun Run
- C. MS-150
- D. Houston Azalea Run

- Dick Hagerman WB5SRN - A
- Ray Dillard WA5F - A,D
- Joe Ross KA5GTU - A,D
- Henry Freidenberg N5HF - A
- Harold Parker ND5F - A
- Tom Sellers K5CNU - A
- Stu Lamkin WB5IGG - A
- Roger Messick KA5NTY - A
- Steve Dunkelberger N5JBL - A,D
- Dick Hagerman WB5SRN - D
- Gerry Borg N5APW - D
- George Jolly ND5E - D
- Mike Eason KB5CGT - D



POLLY VI

This years POLY exercise is scheduled for June 8, 9 and 10. Listen for further details on the Ft. Bend Co. Emergency Net and try to schedule your time to participate with us.

As always, we need more Net participation. Please join us Mondays at 8:00 PM on 145.25.

Until next month, 73
Jerry N4IVI

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I thought this was a great idea, making someone responsible for gear and antennas for each band that was going to be operated at field day.

Of course, there were the normal requests for assistance with public events such as rides and runs. At one of the clubs, they had a segment called "builder's corner". Here, a member of the club showed a device that he made. The device that night was a 2 meter power amplifier. Diagrams were to be printed in the next newsletter.

Both of the clubs put on or help put on a hamfest. This was their major source of fund raising. Both clubs had an RFI committee that reported at the meeting. I thought this was a great idea since everyone faces this problem sooner or later.

Novices are alive in these clubs. One club has a novice class with 36 people. The novice enhancements must really be doing their job!

A very interesting topic was given at one of the meetings. Several members made a presentation about the club's repeater. Simple diagrams, pictures and explanation made the show interesting and understandable for both beginners and experienced hams.

Both clubs either have or were going to

have a club repeater. One club had three repeaters. One repeater for 2 meters, 220 MHz, and RTTY. A repeater advisory board of about 8 people watched over the repeaters, making sure they were working and being used correctly.

As for the Chicago area, the choice band for local work here is 2 meters. PL tones are in heavy use, with one of the repeaters accepting as many as 4 PL tones! Some repeaters are also using decoding on their output. 440 is in use, but not to the extent as 2 meters. Most 440 machines are individually owned with just local coverage. With some of the 2 meter repeaters utilizing the tall buildings in Chicago and multiple input sites, they have excellent coverage.

I look forward to Amateur Radio in this area but sure do miss the ole gang. Good luck on Field Day. Watch out for those snakes and crocodiles!

73 from Stephen Dunkelberger, N5JBL.

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DX QTH for RENT: 3-2-1, Sugar Land, complete with TA-33 at 40 ft., wrk 200+ countries, present tenant getting married, need new tenant. \$425/mo.

FOR SALE: C-64 w/13" Color Monitor (new), have 2 of each, must sell one, \$225.

Contact N5HF 370-0513

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NEW ARRL NET DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The 1987 Net Directory is on the streets. The new directory contains current listings of all National Traffic System nets, and many other local, regional, national and international net operations. Special interest and Novice nets are included. Appendices include many QST articles on traffic handling and other resources such as a third party countries list. The new directory features a gold color cover.

For your copy, send \$1.00 to ARRL HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111 to cover shipping; an SASE is no longer required.

— ARRL Field Forum

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we announce the death of Bill Alexander K5DRG.

Bill became a Silent Key May 27th after a complicated heart illness.

He is survived by his wife Ann, a daughter, Virginia Pietsch, and two granddaughters.

Memorial services for Bill were held Saturday May 30th at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church.

— Jack Steets WA5HZM

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Making a marriage work is like running a farm. You have to start all over again every morning.

— The Way of St. Francis
 Stu. - WB5IGG

Treasurer's Report as of JUNE 5TH. 1987

Balance as of MAY 7TH. 1987		\$890.73
RECEIPTS		
HAM COM '86	\$300.00	
MEMBERSHIP	\$20.00	
ARRL	\$10.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$330.00</u>	\$330.00
EXPENSES		
POSTAGE - MAY NEWSLETTER	\$22.00	
STU LAMKIN - EXPENSES	\$73.14	
DON FLY DECOR/SHARPSTOWN	\$85.80	
WADE EILERS - PICNIC	\$46.35	
Total Expenses	<u>\$227.29</u>	
Balance as of JUNE 5TH. 1987		<u>(\$227.29)</u> <u>\$993.44</u> =====

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8:00 PM 146.06/66 MHZ	2 FT BEND CNT ARES: 8:00PM 145.25/65 BVARC PUBLIC SVC: 9:00PM 145.47/87	3 10X HOUSTON SHOT: NET 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT NET 10 PM 75M SSB NET 8:30PM 3.960 MHZ	4 BVARC BOARD MEETING	5	6 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM	
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14 WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8:00 PM 146.06/66 MHZ	15 FT BEND CNT ARES: 8:00PM 145.25/65 BVARC PUBLIC SVC: 9:00PM 145.47/87	16 10X HOUSTON SHOT: NET 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT NET 10 PM 145.45/4.85 MHZ	17 BVARC RAG CHEW 75M SSB NET 8:30PM 3.960 MHZ	18	19	20 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
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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.

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