

B-VARC BULLETIN

The Monthly Publication of the
BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Serving Fort Bend and Harris Counties

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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 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, please call Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, at (713)777-3345.

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Article VI Section B

Dues payable by a new member joining the Club after the regular membership meeting in March shall be prorated on a calendar quarter basis.

Article VI Section C

Annual dues are due January 1 of each year but may be paid in advance on a one-year basis. Non-payment of annual dues by due date shall result in termination of membership.

Article VI Section D

There shall be no membership dues credit for any donation to the Club of materials and/or equipment.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCIAL

Article VII Section A

All monies of the Club shall be maintained in an authorized bank account in the name of the Club.

Article VII Section B

All checks issued by the Club shall be signed by any two of the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer.

Article VII Section C

The Club's accounting year shall be the calendar year.

Article VII Section D

The Club's accounting records shall be maintained on the cash basis of accounting.

Article VII Section E

The Club's accounting records shall be audited by an audit committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors and approved by the Board. An audit shall be made at the end of a Treasurer's period of service and at the end of a calendar year. The audit committee shall submit a written report to the Board of Directors and the Club membership. The report to Club members may be considered to have been made to Club members by being read at the first regular membership meeting following the issuance of the report.

Article VII Section F

The expenditure of Club funds shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or of the members present, either in person or by proxy, at a Club membership meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article VIII Section A

Proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order (latest edition).

Article VIII Section B

In accordance with the non-profit corporation laws of the State of Texas, the Board of Directors shall have the responsibility for all equipment and fixed assets owned by the Club. The records of the Board shall contain an inventory of said equipment and fixed assets which shall be included in any audit of the Club's accounting records. The Board of Directors shall determine the disposal of any such equipment or fixed assets.

Article VIII Section C

The Registered Agent for the Corporation (Club) shall remain as such until replaced by appointment by the Board of Directors. Normally, such replacement will occur to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, by termination of membership in the Club, or by removal of an incumbent by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Article IX Section A

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote at a membership meeting.

Article IX Section B

Proposals for amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Club at least thirty (30) days prior to a membership meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall include any proposed amendments in a meeting notice mailed to members in accordance with the provision in ARTICLE V, Section F of these By-Laws.

2. To disburse monies of the Club under authorization as specified in ARTICLE VII, Section F of these By-Laws.
3. To keep an accurate accounting for all monies of the Club that are received and disbursed.
4. To prepare for each monthly membership meeting an itemized statement of monies received and disbursed since the last regular monthly membership meeting.
5. To properly prepare and timely file all reports and/or returns required by taxing authorities.

Article III Section F

The offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one (1), two (2) or three (3) persons (one (1) person per office).

Article III Section G

The Treasurer may be placed under an adequate surety bond at the Club's cost at the option of the Board of Directors.

Article III Section H

All officers and committee appointments shall give to their successor all items in their possession belonging to the Club.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article IV Section A

The Board of Directors shall consist of the five (5) Officers of the Club, the Activities Chairman, if any, and three (3) at large members, each elected at the regular membership meeting in November.

1. At the regular membership meeting in November, 1980, one (1) at large director shall be elected for a one-year term, one (1) for a two-year term and one (1) for a three-year term. At successive membership meetings in November, one (1) director shall be elected for a three-year term to replace the outgoing at large member.
2. In addition, the immediate past president of the Club shall be a member of the Board of Directors during the calendar year following his term as President of the Club.

Article IV Section B

Vacancies of at large members of the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointees of the Board for the unexpired terms.

Article IV Section C

Removal of an at large member of the Board of Directors shall be by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Board.

Article IV Section D

The Board of Directors shall oversee operation of the Club and shall establish general policies and guidelines for the Club. All responsibilities not otherwise specifically delegated to officers of the Club by these By-Laws shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

Article IV Section E

The President of the Club shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and in the case of tie votes on matters before the Board, shall break the tie by casting the deciding vote. The Chairman may appoint standing or ad hoc committees of the Board.

Article IV Section F

The duties of the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be:

1. To record and maintain minutes of all meetings of the Board.
2. To conduct all correspondence of the Board concerning Board-level matters.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Article V Section A

No action binding the Club shall be taken at any membership meeting unless a quorum of members is present.

1. A quorum shall be deemed to be fifteen (15) members or twenty-five (25) percent of the Club's total membership, whichever is greater.
2. A Club member may assign his right to vote at any membership meeting to another member. Such proxy shall be in writing, signed by the member granting it, and shall designate the specific membership meeting at which applicable, and shall state whether the proxy is specific or general.

Article V Section B

There shall be one (1) regular membership meeting in each calendar month.

Article V Section C

Special membership meetings shall be called only by officers of the Club or by the Board of Directors.

Article V Section D

A special membership meeting must be called by the officers upon receipt of a written request for such, signed by at least ten (10) percent of the Club members, stating the purpose of the requested special membership meeting.

Article V Section E

The regular membership meeting in November shall be the one at which the election of officers and at large directors is to be accomplished.

Article V Section F

The Corresponding Secretary shall notify members of the Club of each membership meeting by written notice to be mailed seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice may be included in the Club newsletter, if feasible and timely.

Article V Section G

Provisions applicable to meetings of the Board of Directors shall be:

1. Meeting of the Board may be held at the discretion of Board members, and shall be called by the Chairman, either in writing or by verbal contact with each Board member.
2. A quorum of Board members shall be required for any definitive action on matters involving the Club. Such quorum shall be defined to be five (5) Board members, at least one (1) of whom must be an at large director.

ARTICLE VI - DUES

Article VI Section A

Membership dues for each calendar year are as follows:

1. Individual membership shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00).
2. Family membership shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00), plus Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each additional family member.
3. Individual lifetime membership shall be determined to be a multiple of the annual dues as specified in ARTICLE VI, Section A, Paragraph 1 of these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall determine the multiplier, but it shall never be less than Ten (10).

We, the members of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits, without pecuniary interest or gain, of association with persons commonly interested in amateur radio, and to pursue and achieve the lawful purposes of the Club as set out in our Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit corporation in the State of Texas, do hereby adopt these By-Laws.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Article I Section A

Membership in the Club shall be granted as follows:

1. Submission of an application, signed by the applicant, showing name, address, home and work phone numbers, amateur radio operator call sign and class of license, if any, and stating an agreement to observe the By-Laws of the Club and the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communication Commission.
2. Payment of the annual or prorated dues as specified in ARTICLE VI of these By-Laws.

Article I Section B

Rights and privileges of membership shall be:

1. To vote on any matter placed before the Club for action, as follows:
 - a. One vote for an individual membership.
 - b. One vote for each member of a family membership.
2. Receipt, at the domicile address, of a single copy of newsletters, membership lists, meeting notices and any other publications or items which the Club may, from time to time, mail or deliver to members.

Article I Section C

There shall be three classes of membership as follows:

1. Individual membership.
2. Family membership, when more than one (1) member of a family is living at a single address.
3. Individual lifetime memberships.

Article I Section D

Termination of membership in the Club shall result from one (1) of the following:

1. Written resignation by the member.
2. Family majority vote of members present at a regular or special membership meeting.
3. Non-payment of annual dues by due date.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

Article II Section A

The officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; each of whom must be a member of the Club and hold a Technician Class or higher license from the Federal Communication Commission, except that the President must hold a General Class or higher License.

Article II Section B

Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year at the regular membership meeting in November preceding the year for which elected, and shall take office at the regular membership meeting the following January.

Article II Section C

Nomination for officers shall be accomplished as follows:

1. There shall be a standing nomination committee composed of three (3) past presidents of the Club in chronological order beginning with the immediate past president, the chairman of which shall be the immediate past president. If no past presidents are available, or the immediate past president is not active, then the President shall appoint such members as are necessary to fill the committee, together with the committee chairman, not later than the regular membership meeting in October.
 - a. The Nominating Committee shall accept suggestions from members for consideration in selecting a list of one (1) proposed candidate for each office, with the consent of each such proposed candidate, which list shall be presented to members attending the regular membership meeting in November as the Committee's recommendations for nomination for each office.
2. Nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting, provided the consent of such nominees has been, or is, obtained at the meeting.

Article II Section D

Officer vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment for the unexpired term.

Article II Section E

Any officer may be removed from office by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a membership meeting.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Article III Section A

Pursuant to the representations of members of the Club, the duties of the President shall be:

1. To preside as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
2. To preside at all membership meetings of the club and to conduct such meetings in accordance with the rules adopted.
3. To enforce observation of the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and motions duly adopted by the membership.
4. To sign all official documents that are adopted by the club and none other.
5. To decide all questions of order.
6. To appoint a Parliamentarian whose duties shall be:
 - a. To cause all pertinent changes, consisting of amendments, additions and deletions, to be noted on the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws.
 - b. To assist the President on all questions of order.
7. To appoint standing and/or ad hoc committees as required to accomplish the purpose of the Articles of Incorporation, and the directives and goals of the membership, including, but not limited to, a Program Committee and its chairman, the Program Director.

Article III Section B

The duties of the Vice President shall be:

1. To assist the President in overseeing the activities of the Club.
2. To assume all duties of the President, if absent.

Article III Section C

The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be:

1. To keep minutes of all membership meetings.

Article III Section D

The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be:

1. To prepare and mail all correspondence with third parties involving the Club, if requested by the President, and to maintain a reading file of such correspondence, irrespective of by whom written.
2. To keep a role of members.
3. To read appropriate communications at Club meetings.
4. To notify all members in advance of each membership meeting as required in ARTICLE V, Section F of these By-Laws, including the agenda for each such meeting.
5. To properly prepare and timely file all reports and/or returns required by taxing authorities.

Article III Section E

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

1. To receive all monies due the Club.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
West Houston RACES Net, 8 PM 146.06 -.6	Ft Bend Co ARES 8 PM 145.25 -.6 B-VARC Public Service 9 PM 145.47 -.6	1 10X Houston SHOT Net 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT Net 10 PM 145.45 -.6	2 B-VARC Rag Chew 75 Mtrs SSB Net 8:30 PM 3.960	3 B-VARC Board Meeting	4	5 Half Marathon & 5K Run
6 West Houston RACES Net, 8 PM 146.06 -.6 Mother Hubbard 5K Run 2:30 PM George, ND5E	7 Ft Bend Co ARES 8 PM 145.25 -.6 B-VARC Public Service 9 PM 145.47 -.6	8 10X Houston SHOT Net 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT Net 10 PM 145.45 -.6	9 B-VARC Rag Chew 75 Mtrs SSB Net 8:30 PM 3.960	10 B-VARC General Membership Meeting. Fellowship 7 PM Call to Order at 7:30 PM	11	12
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December 3rd

B-VARC board meeting at 7:30 at the Missouri City Fire Hall. ALL B-VARC club members, as usual, are encouraged to attend. Old and new board attending.

December 5th

Walden on Lake Conroe Half Marathon and 5K Road Race. Race starts at 8:00 AM. HAM contact unknown (might try calling Ray W5F for contact name)

December 6th

Mother Hubbard 5K Fun Run to benefit the Food Pantries of Houston Metropolitan Ministries. Starts at 2:30 PM. Please call George ND5E.

December 10th

B-VARC general membership meeting at 7:00 PM. Call to order at 7:30 PM. Dinner at Vasso's about 6:00 PM or so. Meeting will be at the Missouri City Fire Hall.

December 17th

West Side Social. Meets at 7:30 PM for fellowship. Meet at Luby's at 6:30 for dinner. Luby's is one block north of Clay Road on Hi-way 6 on east side.

- L. Diamond Walk
- M. Village Five
- N. Braes Interfaith Ministeries
- O. GAAC Cinco Ranch 25K
- P. Houston Post Run

Abbott, Brenson	KF5VZ - L,O
Albrecht, Carl	KA5QLQ - E,K
Arnold, Jim	W5RNK - E
Blackwell, A.J.	WA5YSL - I
Borg, Gerry	N5APW - B,C,D,*E,F,N
Dillard, Ray	WA5F - (next line)
A,B,C,D,*E,G,I,J,K,L,M,O,P	
Dunkelberger, Steve	N5JBL - A,B
Dyer, Dave	KA5UXP - E,F,H,I,J,L
Dyer, Carla	N5LGS - F,H,I,J,L,O
Eason, Cathy	N5LKU - N,P
Eason, Mike	N5KRU - E,F,N,O
Emery, Bob	N5LJP - K
Ferguson, Mark	WZ5T - F
Freidenberg, Henry	N5HF - A
Gottlieb, Steve	WA5OEN - E
Hagerman, Dick	WB5SRN - (next line)
A,B,C,D,*H,I,J,L,M	
Hammer, Dave	WJ5B - L
Harwell, Ed	W5WVX - K
Holley, Doug	KE5SR - L,P
Jacobs, Donna	KB5DVR - F
Jacobs, Travis	N5DON - F
Jolly, George	ND5E - B,C,D,*E,F,J,P
Jolly, Kathy	KA5WHK - D,*P
Kana, Mike	KA5WOT - D,F
Kemp, Bill	KG5CB - E,F
King, Suzanne	KB5BAY - D,*E,F,N,P
Lamkin, Stu	WB5IGG - A,M
Mattis, Allen	N5AFV - E,F,N,O
Messick, Roger	KA5NTY - A,D,*
Miles, Bud	W5DYN - F
Miles, Stephen	KB5DVY - F
Morrison, Henry	W5RIY - M,O
Nance, Herb	N5GZW - D,E,F
Overacker, Larry	KB5AKS - E
Parker, Harold	ND5F - A,E,I,M,O,P
Peterson, Vance	N5FLQ - F
Pollard, Randy	AK5G - O
Ricketts, Robert	N5JKD - (next line)
C,D,*E,F,G,I,J,L,N,O,P	
Ross, Joe	AA5BD - A,B,C,D,*E,F
Rumsey, Johnny	WD5GQD - C
Scism, Mike	WV5M - E,F
Sellers, Tom	K5CNU - A,G,H,I,J,L,P
Steets, Jack	WA5HZM - E
Van Demark, Jack	WN5A - E,F
Walker, George	KQ5W - L
Wentworth, Gregg	WD5CNM - G
Yales, Steve	KA5DUU - F,O,P
Yates, Laura	KA5SGM - F,O,P

Special thanks to the Brown and Root A.R.S. for coming out and help me (WA5F) with the Diamond Walk. Brown and Root A.R.S. Club members:

Lois, KA5GZX Harry, WT5D
 Doug, KE5SR Brenson, KF5VZ
 Don, K5IXJ Ted, WA5CIN
 Richard Sims

Thanks to all who have helped!

Equipment for Sale/Swap/Purchase

For Sale:

Kenwood TL-922A Amp, 2KW PEP. \$800 firm.
 Please call Bobby Webb, WB5B at (W) 443-0689 X 7715
 8-5 Mon-Fri.

"A way to put towers up and take them down for service with scaffolds is going to do away with tower climbing," replied Ed. "Now if they could just get something like that on ships, servicing the antenna would be alot easier." Ed had been a ship board operator for many years.

Art joins the group and asks, "Ed, do you suppose at the next meeting you could give a program on your ship radio operator experiences? You should have some interesting tales."

Before Ed can answer, John spoke up, "And it will have to be more interesting than my introduction to amateur radio."

"What do you mean 'your' introduction to amateur rasio?" asks Will.

"Well, when I was a kid I was visiting my uncle," said John. "He had just discovered 10 meters for real DX."

"OK, John, this had better be good," Art quipped, "or you will be drafted for the next program; or better yet, become the program chairman."

Everyone knew after every meeting John would have something to say that would call for at least two more pots of coffee.

"As I said, I was visiting my uncle who had just discovered 10 meters. That was about 1934. He was talking to someone in California and they told him to turn on his marine reciever and listen to the MORRO CASTLE traffic with WSC. It was about 2 A.M. our time, and my uncle picked up the CW traffic right away. I was just a little kid at the time, and staying up after 10 o'clock was big stuff. As my uncle listened he told me there was a ship with a fire out of control that had just sent an SOS. It wasn't until years later that I realized what a moment in history I was listening in on. Travel and communication has changed in 50 years. If our amateur radio and emergency ncts had been around then, history might have been different."

John continued and here is the story he told.

Several years later John was reviewing THE NEW YORK TIMES for a college class when he came across the ship arrivals for September 2, 1934, that showed the MORRO CASTLE from Havana, September 1st. That night came back to remind him of the incident and trategy that so fired him he was determined to be a ham so he "would know what was going on."

In the same paper: "Gay - Popular - Inexpensive Vacations. Cool cruises to Havana. 7 Days. \$65 (minimum) including all expenses. Aboard the MORRO CASTLE." The ad appeared on September 9th, but now the MORRO CASTLE was a dead burned out hulk waiting to be towed to the Baltimore scrap yards.

Shortly before 3 A.M. September 8th, Radio Operator George Silverman carried a radio bearing to Captain Harry (Sam) Hill in the chartroom of the ANDREA S. LUCKENBACH. The ship was in heavy seas with winds approaching hurricane force. Officer Lang was squinting toward shore; he handed his binoculars to Silverman and asked if he could see what might be a ship on fire. Before Silverman replied, the captain stepped out of the chartroom, took the binoculars, looked, and ordered Silverman to call Tuckerton and ask if there was a ship burning off Sea Girt. The fire appeared to be serious and growing.

WSC (Tuckerton), its 200 foot towers lashed by high wind and rain, was manned by Harrison W. Batchelder. To the question of a ship burning off Sea Girt, WSC replied, "No information."

Captain Hill, in another shipping lane, could see the flames through the storm. Why didn't Tuckerton have a report on what appeared to be a serious situation?

Only later did they learn they were witnessing the MORRO CASTLE burning out of control.

Surfman Stephen M. Wilson, on watch at the Shark Harbor Coast Guard Station, saw what looked like the moon rising over the sea.

With foul weather it was no night for a moon. He saw a red burst and knew there was an intense fire.

The neighboring station at Manasquan, five miles south, launched their power boat as operator Eberhard Engelder at Tuckerton notified the New York Coast Guard.

At this moment aboard the MORRO CASTLE Chief Radio Operator George W. Rogers, Second Radio Operator George I. Alagna, the Third Radio Operator Maki were in the radio room atop the sun (A) deck, fifty feet aft of the navigating bridge. The decks below were a roaring furnace spewing acid smoke and flames that threatened to cut off any escape.

(continued next month)

Honor Roll for September

by Ray Dillard, WA5F

Legend:

- A. Houston Tennecco Marathon
- B. Azalea Run
- C. Bayou City Fun Run
- D. MS-150 Bike Tour - Saturday
* Sunday Also
- E. Mother's Day
- F. Field Day
- G. Fall Festival
- H. Terry Fox 5K
- I. GAAC 20K
- J. Symphony Classic
- K. Annual Brazos Horse & Buggy

A total of thirty-three (33) exams were administered during the evening to seventeen (17) applicants. Of those, we have two new Novices and seven upgraded their license with a total of eighteen elements passed. The overall pass rate for the evening was fifty-five percent.

Congratulations to all the following who qualified for a new license, upgraded or passed exams.

Jerry Lutgring	WD5EXC - Advanced
Richard Nerf	- General
Gary Siminton	KB5DWL - General
Frank DeArmas	- Technician
Roland Torres	- Technician
Robert Walker	KA5NDR - Technician
Laura Yates	KA5SGM - Technician
Steve Cloud	- Novice
Gayle Culp	- Novice
Dave Dyer	KA5UXP - Element 4B
Charles Hobley	WB5ZLT - Element 1B

Thanks to everyone for all the great help, especially to Vincent, WA5ETS, for making this great site available for the Tuesday night exams each month.

Submitting Articles for News Letter

by Robert Ricketts, N5JKD

Most of the items published in our monthly newsletter come from you, our club members. Because of this, it's important to help supply articles for publication or the newsletter will be pretty shallow.

You are encouraged to contribute anything that you feel would be of interest to our club. Don't feel that what you have to say is unimportant. If you have something you want to say, then please do say it!

There are several ways to submit articles for publication. You can mail the article directly to me at the address listed below. You can give the article to me at any meeting. Or, if you have a computer (any model) and a modem, you can call my BBS (Bulletin Board System) and upload the article as a text file.

My mailing address is:

Robert K. Ricketts, N5JKD
7302 Corporate Dr. # 1602
Houston, TX 77036

If you wish to upload an article to my BBS then please call my modem number, (713)270-7408, and set your communications program to eight data bits, one stop bit, and no parity. 300/1200/2400 BPS is supported. Several file transfer protocols are available as well as ASCII.

If you have never called my BBS before, then please follow the newuser procedure. You'll see what to do once you call in.

The publication deadline is the third Thursday of each month. Please have the article in my hands by that time.

Thanks in advance for your help!

New Equipment Info.

by Jack Ven Demark, WN5A

Equipment News

Glad to be back! I would like to share some news and rumors about ham radio equipment in time to give you food for thought for Christmas.

Kenwood has announced a new HF radio to replace the already extinct TS-130 and the soon to be TS-430. It is the TS-140S and is a combination of the 130's size and 430's features. They include general coverage receiver, dual VFO, all mode operation built-in, selectable full or semi QSK operation, 31 memories (certainly sufficient, who would ever be able to use the 100 in TS-440S), rf power adjustment (100 watts out max), amtor & packet compatible, built in VOX, and a (get this) hand held microphone (about time). A whole bevy of accessories are available including antenna tuners, RS-232 computer interface, tone encoder and all the normal accessories for the Kenwood hf radios. As all the Kenwood radios it is a well designed radio and has a real appeal for the amateur who dislikes the Icom military look. projected cost is between \$750-\$800.

Navel Electronics has announced a new dual band docking booster for the Yeasu 727 HT. if not extremely expensive it could be a super accessory for the popular radio. Output is 25 watts on 2m and 18 watts on 70cm.

Rumor has it that Icom will have a dual band ht on the market this spring and a new HF radio that will have a monitor screen and built in morse, rty, packet, and amtor interface (supposed to do everything but milk the cow).

Reminder that a users group meets every sunday on or about 14.317 mhz to discuss problems , mods and use of specific radio manufacturers gear.

Icom comes on at 1700Z
Yesu comes on at 1800Z
Kenwood comes on at 2000Z

73 and see you on HF
Jack, WN5A

Stories From Our Members....

The following story was written and submitted by Henry Morrison, K5RIY. This story will be run in serial form over a period of several months. Thanks to Henry for this creative work!

SOS de MORRO CASTLE

"That was the best program the club has had all year." John is talking with Will and Ed as they get coffee and settle down in the B-VARC club room.

Voting would be done by mailing the ballot back (signed by the voter!) in time to arrive at the club's P. O. box prior to the first Thursday of November. The President would then have one week to tally the vote. The candidate in each office receiving the highest number of votes would win (even if not a majority, and regardless of the total number of ballots returned).

The results would be announced at the November membership meeting. If two or more candidates for a given office receive identical vote tallies, the tie would be broken by a runoff vote at the November meeting (unless you have a better idea.) (We could disallow the use of proxies for the runoff vote.)

In this method, the nominating committee would still be required to produce one candidate per office, but this would now become a minimum number. All nominations would be collected by the committee and resolved into a slate of at least one (hopefully more than one) candidate for each office. As nominations are received, the committee would contact each nominee to determine their willingness to run. The nominee would have to submit a written campaign statement for publication in the Bulletin. You may wish to place a size limit on these statements.

If a candidate is nominated for more than one office, the committee will require that candidate to pick one office to run for. Thus the slate would take shape in an evolutionary manner over the 1 1/2 months of the nomination process.

The committee would not have the authority to exclude any nominee except for failure to meet the By-Laws eligibility requirements.

The committee could be allowed to vote to recommend one of the candidates for each office, but would not be required to. If they do, their choice will be marked on the ballot in a prominent place. If you do not wish the committee to express their opinion in this manner, then the committee need not consist of Past Presidents. The use of Past Presidents was originally intended as a means of extracting some of their experience.

This method, if we adopt it, would require us to think about the election a bit more seriously, and quite a bit earlier in the summer. But, it would totally remove the proxy mechanism (and the quorum mechanism) from the election process. More importantly, it would give all members the opportunity to vote without regard to geographical location.

I recommend that comments on this idea be given to the new board of directors for consideration. If a suitable version of this plan is developed, I would be willing to help draft a formal amendment petition for action at the February or March membership meeting. The petition needs to be drafted carefully because a number of areas of the By-Laws assume the old election process and would have to be corrected to maintain consistency.

Similarly, you may also wish to consider handling By-Laws amendments by mail ballot in the Bulletin. This would allow us to spend our meetings on Amateur Radio instead of on so much business, which I for one would heartily welcome.

I'd like to close with a note of thanks to Tom Comstock, N5TC, for his thoughtful letter which was read at the November meeting. It's nice to know that our ARRL leadership is behind us!

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B-VARC Annual Banquet

by Suzanne King, KB5BAY

Our annual banquet is coming up quick. This year it will be held at the Cellar Door at the corner of Stella Link and Bellaire near the old Bellaire Theatre.

The cost this year is \$12 per person. This price includes your choice of red fish or filet mignon with choice of rice or baked potato. Another option is a chicken picate on a bed of fettucine. Coffee, tea and your choice of dessert is also included. And for those who care to come early for a cocktail there is a beautiful courtyard area to be enjoyed. I'm look forward to seeing everybody there.

73 Suzanne, KB5BAY

Renewing your B-VARC Membership

Now is the time to renew your membership with the B-VARC! It's been a fun year and next year will be no exception.

Please renew before the end of the year and your membership (including the newsletter) will be uninterrupted.

The dues for 1988 is \$12.00 for an individual membership and \$2.00 for each additional family member.

Results of the November 10th Exams

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday, November 10, 1987 at the Strake Jesuit School in Houston.

The V.E. Team:

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Ray Dillard, WA5F
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG
Harold Parker, ND5F

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Ron Bolyard, KASGYG	1984
Harold Parker, ND5F	1985
Steve Schuster, WA5G	1986

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Bob Spradling, WSUBD	1980
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Ron Bolyard, KASGYG	1982
Wade Eilers, WNSTEN	1983
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Allen Hanus, KASRXX	1984
Harold Parker, ND5F	1984
Dick Hagerman, W5SRN	1985
Vance Patterson, NSFLO	1985
Ray Dillard, W5WF	1986

Silent Keys

John Amorin, NSISW	Bill Campbell, N5EUL
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Our President Says

by George Jolly, ND5E

Our President Says

In this, my last message as president, I would like to thank you all for a very productive and interesting year. We can all be proud of our public service record, particularly including our three Novice/Technician classes organized by Joe AA5BD.

We go into 1988 with a great service record behind us and exciting opportunities ahead. For example, it now appears likely that our long-sought goal of a club station will become a reality in early 1988. I hope all of you will be with us during this exciting new year.

B-VARC member Mike Eason, NSKRU, held the first meeting of the new West University RACES organization on November 19. It looks like Mike is doing a fine job representing Amateur Radio to West University. Good work, Mike.

For those who may not have heard yet, the proposed By-Laws amendments were all defeated in November. Also, congratulations to our incoming officers who will be taking office in January. Although we ceremonially install them at the Banquet, by tradition they actually take office on January 1.

President Steve Yates, KA5DUU; Vice-President Suzanne King, KB5BAY; Secretary Robert Ricketts, NSJKD; Treasurer Frank DeArmas, KB5EQG; 3-Yr. Director Carl Albrecht, KA5QLQ.

I have analyzed the voting and found that only one of these offices was influenced by the proxies which were voted at the meeting, that being the Treasurer. All others would have resulted in the same outcome had the proxies not been presented. The by-laws amendments were defeated without the use of the proxies. For the record, the use of these proxies was in full compliance with the By-Laws.

After the meeting there was considerable discussion about amending the By-Laws to prevent one person from carrying more than one proxy. I would like to offer an alternative for your consideration. This is not yet a formal petition because I believe we need to take some time considering our options.

This suggestion comes from a long telephone conversation with Kenny, NZ5I. We would suggest that, instead of altering the proxy process, we alter the nomination and election process. In this suggestion, all officer and director voting would be done by mail. I will attempt to flesh out the idea here to give you something to work from in considering it. I would also recommend talking to Kenny as he has many good ideas on the subject.

The nominating committee would be formed before the August membership meeting, comprised of Past Presidents as we do now. Initial nominations would be taken from the floor at the August meeting to get the process rolling. Nominations would be submitted to the committee throughout the month of August and on up to the third Thursday of September. This allows the current version of the slate to be presented at the September membership meeting to inspire more nominations.

On the third Thursday of September the slate and ballot would be frozen and submitted for publication in the October issue of the Bulletin. The outside of the Bulletin mailing would be marked "ELECTION ISSUE - BALLOT ENCLOSED".