



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 Fort Bend and Southwest Harris 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 each year conducts classes leading to amateur radio licenses, and each month sponsors a volunteer-examiner team that offers examinations in all levels of HAM licenses.

For information about the club and any of its activities, please call Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, (713) 777-3345.

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B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thurs, May 10 7:30 pm	General Meeting Missouri City Fire Station Program: Don Busick (Madison) New Equipment
Thurs, June 7 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Missouri City Fire Station

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B-VARC CALENDAR: MAY 1990

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>HOUSTON AREA V.E. EXAM INFO: STU (WBSIGG) 713-777-3345</p>	<p>FUTURE MEETINGS: JUNE 7: BOARD MEETING JUNE 14: GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>1 10 X SHOT AMSAT 2200 hrs 2000hrs 145.45 28.488 EXPERIMENTERS NET 1900 hrs, 442.5</p>	<p>2 B-VARC SPEC EVENT RAG-CHEW NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 3.960 147.00 (Busy? +3 Khz)</p>	<p>3 BOARD MEETING 1930 hrs MC FIRE STATION #1 (KEY MAP 570-T)</p>	<p>4 LUNCH BUNCH: CHARCOAL CHICKEN TALK IN: 442.5 (PL 123)</p>	<p>5 C.W. B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs DENNY'S 147.32 SHARPTOWN PICNIC: NEMAS DOUG & MARIE HOLLEY'S</p>
<p>6 HARRIS COUNTY RACES 1900 hrs 146.94</p>	<p>7 ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147.30 145.47</p>	<p>8 V.E. EXAMS 1900 hrs STRAKE JESUIT STU (WBSIGG), 777-3345 EXPERIMENTERS NET 1900 hrs, 442.5</p>	<p>9 B-VARC SPEC EVENT RAG-CHEW NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 3.960 147.00 (Busy? +3 Khz)</p>	<p>10 GENERAL MEETING 1930 hrs @ MC FS #1 PROGRAM: DON BUSICK NEW EQUIPMENT SUPPER BEFORE: BBQ PLACE</p>	<p>11 LUNCH BUNCH: DEMERIS BBQ TALK IN: 442.5 (PL 123)</p>	<p>12 C.W. B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs (1b.d.) 147.32</p>
<p>13 HARRIS COUNTY RACES 1900 hrs 146.94</p>	<p>14 ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147.30 145.47</p>	<p>15 10 X SHOT AMSAT 2000hrs 2200 hrs 28.488 145.45 EXPERIMENTERS NET 1900 hrs, 442.5</p>	<p>16 B-VARC SPEC EVENT RAG-CHEW NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 3.960 147.00 (Busy? +3 Khz)</p>	<p>17 WEATHER DISCUSSION WEST UNIVERSITY MIKE (NSKRU)</p>	<p>18 LUNCH BUNCH: GALV SEAFOOD 1-45-50 @ MONROE TALK IN: 442.5 (PL 123)</p>	<p>19 C.W. B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs DENNY'S 147.32 SHARPTOWN SIDEWALK SALE ? MISSION or EPO?</p>
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NOTES FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT
by Al Mattis NSAFV

A Word From The President . . .

Time really passes fast when you're having fun. May is upon us, and by the time you read this, we probably will have pigged out to excess at the picnic. But it seems that so many things have been happening at B-VARC, sometimes it is difficult to grasp it all.

Board meetings are always lively and well attended, because there are so many things to discuss and plan. The general membership meetings have been a great success, largely to the credit of excellent program planning. Membership is at a record breaking high, I am told, and is continuing to grow. Field Day will be coming soon, and plans are under way now which should make this another fantastic success. Our Novice classes and our V E programs continue to thrive, mainly due again to the people that have accepted the responsibility of conducting and managing the classes. Our Monday and Wednesday evening Nets are breaking records - - on and on. It is indeed a very good year for B-VARC.

Of course, the main reasons for these successes are the people at B-VARC who have taken a serious interest in our Club. Especially gratifying is the incidence of our newer B-VARC members who have become active.

The Special Events Station at M D Anderson Cancer Center is really beginning to take off. We have appealed to Senator Goldwater, and contacts are being made through the White House, in order to obtain the special call of W9ØES. We should know before long now if we are successful. A Net is in the works, to be managed by Gerry, NSAPW, which will be on 147.00 MHz., and is planned for Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM. This will provide the committees with a forum for planning their activities. We plan to operate the station starting on July 6th, to conclude at the end of the Summit, which is July 11th. Also of special interest - Gerry, NSAPW, intends to call the B-VARC Monday Evening Net on July 9th from this station, enabling all check-ins to receive the W9ØES Certificate. This is truly an historic event, and about 15 B-VARC members are already involved in committee activity. Anyone interested in participating is invited to call me at home or at work.

Enough for this month.

73,

Bill, NSKXU

Greetings to you again. Our nice spring weather has been continuing, but with it has come a few storms with severe weather. Hurricane season will not be far behind, and elsewhere in this newsletter I discuss my feelings about amateur radio operators becoming involved with ARES and RACES.

The large number of check-ins on recent B-VARC Rag Chew nets have been able to receive first hand reports of the recent propagation studies being carried out by NSMPN and KBSION on 17 meters. A number of other B-VARC members have been listening to Bill and Melvin as they conduct these interesting experiments.

May is shaping up to be a busy month. By the time you read this, our May 5th picnic will have come and gone. Our next public service event is May 6th, the Hungry Jack 50, a 50-mile bike ride. And of course, May 10th is the B-VARC general membership meeting. The next B-VARC transmitter hunt has been tentatively scheduled for May 19th. I'm sure other activities will be scheduled for later in the month.

Planning for the Economic Summit special event station at M. D. Anderson continues. B-VARC is well represented in this project, not only with Bill Dessens, NSKXU, serving as project co-director, but with numerous other B-VARC members chairing and serving on the various committees that have been set up to prepare for the activity.

Let's not forget the club's preparations for Field Day. Jack Van Demark, WNSA, and his committee are making plans for this year's B-VARC effort at Bear Creek Park. If you want to help out in the planning of this event, contact Jack. As Field Day approaches, more and more of us will get involved.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to the club members for their continued support of the club's nets. Both nets have recently set new records for the number of check-ins. The recent linking of UHF repeaters to the VHF MERA repeater during our Monday evening net has generated a lot of interest in the Public Service Net. The Rag Chew Net on Wednesday evenings continues to grow in popularity, and has averaged 21 check-ins each week during the past month.

That's it for this month.

HURRICANE SEASON IS APPROACHING
by Al Mattis NSAFV

The 1990 hurricane season begins June 1st, and we are hearing a great deal about last year's Hurricane Hugo. Many amateur radio operators provided assistance to their communities during Hugo, but there were others who did not. It wasn't that these operators didn't want to help. They even volunteered on local nets to assist if needed. But many of these volunteers found their offers of assistance declined.

The problem was that these amateur operators were not affiliated with their local ARES or RACES groups. The ARES and RACES groups participate in nets and training drills year round. When an emergency situation develops, these emergency groups are ready to respond with a trained group of volunteers. It is too late to train new members when a hurricane enters the Gulf. For that reason, offers of assistance from many radio operators not affiliated with ARES or RACES were declined.

Many of these radio amateurs felt anger or disappointment when their offers of assistance were declined. I can understand their feelings from personal experience. I once volunteered to assist after a flood struck Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1978. I had only been licensed for a few months, and because I had not been active in the local RACES group, my offer was declined. I joined the local RACES group the next month.

I encourage any members of B-VARC who are not active in ARES or RACES to become affiliated with these groups. The next time our community is facing a disaster, don't feel like you are on the outside looking in. Both Fort Bend and Harris Counties have active ARES/RACES programs, and many B-VARC members participate in them. Now is the time to become involved in these groups.

The May Meeting

Once upon a time there was a man that wanted to be a "Ham". He studied and ditted and dahed until such time as his proficiency at various levels satisfied Uncle Harold and his group of nit picking, hard nosed, unswayable, unflappable, ghoulish examiners.

Then "Our Hero," being a trusting soul, asked neighbor Joe, who also happens to be a "Ham" that has been licensed for 78 years (Joe pre-dates Tesla, Marconi and the spark-gap), what kind of equipment to buy. Neighbor Joe, like all hams, not ever being at a loss for words, spoken or "finger talked," poured forth his voluminous dissertation on what "Our Hero" should buy. And buy he did, most of it outdated, inoperable or unnecessary. (Neighbor Joe didn't believe in anything that did not come encased in glass, liquid or otherwise.)

After "Our Hero" had been separated from his hard-earned green, had accumulated a wall full of Boat Anchors, and still wasn't able to talk to anyone more than four and a half blocks away, he then asked for technical assistance from a B-VARC Net. "Our Hero" still can't talk more than four and a half blocks, but he now knows what is almost new and what may work, after much confusion and a mental contusion.

Hence, the moral of our story (you thought I'd never get there!) - plan now, mark your calendar, tie a string on your microphone, or whatever, but don't fail to make plans to attend the May 10, 1990 meeting. One of B-VARC's most appreciated speakers, Donald P. Busick, K5AAD, will give forth with his charm and wit on "What's New." Don's knowledge of current equipment and its worth may help the newcomers, make the "Old Timers" hanker for the smell of new paint, and provide an entertaining evening for all. So don't miss it; and one more thing - leave "Neighbor Joe" at home. His mind is locked in the past.

73,

Bill, N5MPN

B-VARC RAG CHEW NET CHECK-INS
 3.960 MHZ 8:00PM WEDNESDAY
 compiled by Allen Mattis NSAFV

MARCH 21, 1990

NSAFV NCS, NSPCI, KASDUU, W5RNK, KB5DNT,
 NSMPN, AK5G, KB5ION, KASWOT, KF5VZ, WJ5B,
 AA5DA, NSKXU, AA5PF, N5ECP

MARCH 28, 1990

NSAFV NCS, NSMPN, N5PRC, WNSA, KASWOT,
 W5SRN, WB4LZG, KB5DNT, KB5ICO, KB5KLH,
 WB5I6G, AK5G, KASDUU, AA5DA, KC5AC, KB5ION,
 AA5GV, N5ECP, K15AN, WJ5B, K65KV, NSKRU

APRIL 4, 1990

WNSA NCS, NSMPN, N5PRP, WB5I6G, KB5ICO,
 WB4LZG, KB5LOX, WJ5B, AA5GB, N5PRC,
 W5SRN, AA5LF, KA5LN, K65KV, AA5DA

APRIL 11, 1990

NSAFV NCS, KB5DNT, N5PRC, AA5LF, NSMPN,
 AA5DA, WB5I6G, W5SRN, WB4LZG, KB5ICO,
 WB5IBT, KB5KLH, AK5G, NSKXU, KB5ION,
 N5PRP, W5RNK, WJ5B, K65KV, K15AN, NSNXS,
 KASDUU, NSKEC, N5IVT, KB5LDJ, N5GNG

APRIL 18, 1990

NSAFV NCS, KASDUU, AA5DA, NSMPN, W5IHY,
 KB5ION, N5ECP, W5CVK, N5PRP, WB5I6G,
 N5PRC, WNSA, WB5IBT, WB4LZG, KB5ICO, K16AN,
 KASWOT, WJ5B, AK5G, K14EU, KB5DNT

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE 2-20-90	\$1,393.54
BALANCE 2-28-90	\$1,393.54
BALANCE 3-1-90	\$1,393.54
BALANCE 3-31-90	\$1,848.77
BALANCE 4-1-90	\$1,848.77
BALANCE 4-30-90	\$1,889.77

RANDY POLLARD, AK5G
 TREASURER

HAM ON SPACE SHUTTLE MAY 9TH

by: Harold Parker, ND5F

Spaceship Columbia is scheduled for lift-off on May 9th with astronaut ham Ron Parice, WA4SIR on board with two-meter amateur radio equipment.

Ron will be operating two-meter FM phone and packet radio from the spacecraft throughout the ten-day mission of STS-35, meeting schedules and making prearranged contacts with schools around the country.

The "Newline Report" tells us to listen for Ron operating from the spacecraft for about an hour during his rest periods on 145.55 MHz. phone in both the mornings and evenings. Watch for his packet station operating on the downlink frequency of 145.55 MHz. on a 12 hour schedule during the evenings. He will be listening for packet on the uplink frequencies of 144.91, 144.95 or 144.97 only.

The audio from the spacecraft will be broadcast extensively during this mission and should be available to everyone to hear on one of the following frequencies:

W3ZAN - Goddard Spacecraft Center

3.860, 7.185, 14.295, 21.395, 28.650 MHZ.

W5RRR - Johnson Spacecraft Center

3.850, 7.227, 14.280, 21.350, 28.400, 146.400 MHZ.

W1AW - ARRL Newington, CT.

3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590 MHZ.

OTHERS

443.500 (WJ5B - Houston)
 171.150 (JSC - Houston)

W3ZAN generally transmits the audio on these HF frequencies whenever any shuttle flight is operating. With Ron, WA4SIR on board, W1AW and W5RRR will also be carrying the audio of this flight on HF.

W5RRR will also be operating as a Special Events Station so you will want to make a special effort to work them and send for one of their QSL cards.

For those having computers and tracking programs, W3ZAN plans to update the keplerian elements for the flight every hour to assist you in tracking the progress of the space craft so you can schedule the best times to listen.

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 1990 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL
 compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

A. HOUSTON TENNECO MARATHON B. WOMAN'S HOSPITAL 5K
 C. AZALEA RUN 5K

Abbott, Brenson	KF5VZ	A
Borg, Gerry	N5APM	A
Cheek, Ralph	KB5DNT	A,B
Dessens, Bill	NSKXU	C
Dillard, Ray	W5AF	A,B,C
Dyer, Karla	N5LGS	A
Edwards, Glenn	WB4LZG	A
Edwards, Melanie	KB5KLH	A
Edwards, Susan	KB5ICD	A
Fox, Floyd	N5PXY	A
Freedenberg, Henry	N5HF	A
Gordon, Hy	NCSA	A
Gordon, Irene	N5AYX	A
Hagerman, Dick	WB5SRN	A
Hardy, Nick	N5PRP	B,C
Jacobs, Bradley	KB5JON	A
Jacobs, Nathan	KB5KTZ	A
Jacobs, Travis	N5DON	A
Kruse, Dick	N5OUT	C
Larkin, Stu	WB5IGG	A
Lay, Michael	N5PTN	3
Mattis, Allen	N5AFV	A
Morrison, Henry	WSRIY	A
Nance, Herb	N5GZW	A
Parker, Harold	N5DF	A
Ricketts, Robert	N5JKD	A
Sinibaldi, Dawn	KB5LDJ	B,C
Van Demark, Jack	WNSA	A
Wade, Don	WB5IBT	A
Warden, Mike	WB3HZP	A

PLEASE REPORT CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO N5AFV

The April Membership Meeting

It was truly gratifying to be able to count the members and guests that attended the regular monthly meeting on April 12, 1990. Although people were shifting around, Allen, N5AFV, and I were able to agree that there were 68 people present. When all of the chairs are filled, some people standing, some sitting on the floor, others going or coming from the coffee pot or rest rooms, it's difficult to count. We hope to have additional chairs available by the next meeting.

Our speaker, Tom Comstock, N5TC, gave a very well received talk. It was actually more like a "chat" with a very knowledgeable person than a lecture, and therefore all the more enjoyable. It was an added bonus to us all to have had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Judith, WB5QCI, Tom's lovely bride. We thank you, Judith and Tom, for all of your efforts and time. We all gained from you both.

Our CCC (Cajun Coffee Cooker), Vick, N5NAS, did his usual excellent performance of flavoring the water with ground bean to keep the coffee lovers happy. Thank you, Vick. You add much pleasure to the meetings.

The May meeting is discussed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

73,

Bill, N5MPN

RESULTS OF APRIL 10TH EXAM:

by: Harold Parker, NDSF

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, April 10, 1990 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

- Jack Van Demark, WNSA
- Keith Huges, KASF
- Arvin Gardner, AA5GV
- Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
- Steve White, WB5UGT
- Stu Lamkin, WB5I66
- Harold Parker, NDSF

A total of thirty-six (36) exams were administered during the evening to seventeen (17) applicants. Three (3) unlicensed candidates received new licenses - one (1) Novice and two (2) Technicians. Eight (8) other candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of twenty-four (24) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was sixty-seven (67%) percent.

Congratulations to all the following who upgraded and/or passed exams:

- Zack Blailock, KB5FCZ - General
- Michael Brown - Technician
- Mark Chambers, KB5LX6 - Element 3B
- Michael Coyne, KB5KYW - Technician
- Ike Herrick, KB5LUR - Technician
- Walter Jackson, KB5EOZ - Extra
- Dennis Mahar, Pending - General
- Arthur Neumeyer - Novice
- Terry Onda, KB5KJS - Advanced
- David Otte - Technician
- Roger Pokladnik, KB5LFU - Element 1B
- Win Rister, KE4EU - Extra
- Christopher Stevens, N5LSQ - Element 1C
- Harold Williams, KB5ALZ - Technician
- Paul Woodruff, N5PMD - Element 3B

Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month.

All of us at B-VARC again thank Vincent, WA5ETS, and everyone at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

*****NDSF*****

41ST ARMED FORCES DAY
MAY 19, 1990
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STATION	TRANSMITTER QTH	LISTEN FREQ.		10:00PM CALL
		8AM - 9:45PM	10:10PM TEST	
AAE	Ft Sam Houston, TX.	4030.5 LSB		4018.5
		7358.5 LSB		6988.0
		13994.5 USB		9990.0
		27992.5 USB		
AAH	Fort Lewis, WA.	14511.5 RTTY/CW		
		4033.5 LSB		4021.5
		14488.5 USB		7309.5
		20975.0 USB		13994.5
		27820.0 USB		
AIR	Washington, D.C.	6988.0 RTTY/CW		
		4025.0 LSB		6995.5
		7315.0 LSB		13997.5
		14408.0 USB		
		13986.5 RTTY		
NAM	Norfolk, VA.	6995.5 CW		
		13997.5 CW		
		4005.0 USB		4005.0
		144400.0 USB/RTTY/CW		7393.0
NAV	Cheltenham, MD.	14389.5 USB		14400.0
		7372.5 RTTY		7372.5
		14389.5 USB		14389.5
NPG	Stockton, CA.	7301.5 LSB		7365.0
		14375.0 USB		13975.5
		20625.0 USB		24805.0
		27950.0 USB		
		13927.5 RTTY		
NPL	San Diego, CA.	6970.0 CW		
		7365.0 CW		
		13259.5 CW		
NMH	Alexandria, VA.	13975.5 CW		
		20998.5 CW		
		24805.0 CW		
		14385.0 USB		
		7382.5 RTTY		
NMN	Portsmouth, VA.	7346.5 LSB		
		20937.5 USB		
		14440.0 RTTY		
NZJ	El Toro, CA.	4015.0 LSB		
		7393.0 USB/RTTY/CW		
		14480.0 USB		
		7375.0 LSB		
		14480.0 USB		
WAR	Fort Detrick, MD.	4018.5 LSB		4030.5
		14403.5 USB		6998.5
		20994.5 USB		14403.5
		10180.0 RTTY/CW		
		6998.5 CW		

*****NDSF*****

ATTENDANCE ROSTER B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

F M A
E A P
B R R

* = NEW CALL

F M A
E A P
B R R

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E A P
B R R

	MIKE		X	
	MARGE CLARKE	X	X	
	JOHN ENGLISH		X	
	COLLEEN GAMMILL	X		
	HARRY LEVINE	X		
	STAN MEYER		X	
	GAIL RATTERREE	X		
	JOHN SHEFFIELD		X	
	CINDY SHEFFIELD		X	
TA 2 A	FEFHI CANGIR		X	
WN 5 A	JACK VAN DEMARK	X	X	
N 5 AFV	AL MATIIS		X	X
N 5 APW	GERRY BORG	X		X
WJ 5 B	DAVE HAMMER		X	X
AA 5 BD	JOE ROSS		X	
K 5 BDZ	BILL HICKOX		X	
WB 1 CCH	EARLE HERBERT		X	
K 5 CNU	TOM SELLERS	X		
K 5 DIY	JOE TARRANT	X		
KA 5 DKS	KEN McANINCH	X		
KB 5 DNT	RALPH CHEEK			X
KI 5 DR *	SCOOTER PEDERSON		X	X
WD 5 DRB	HARRY LEVY		X	
WA 5 ETS	VINCENT ORLANDO	X	X	X
KB 5 EXM	IRV SMITH	X	X	X
WA 5 F	RAY DILLARD			X
ND 5 F	HAROLD PARKER	X	X	X
N 5 FVM	DAMIAN SCHUMACHER	X		
AK 5 G	RANDY POLLARD	X		X
AA 5 GA	DAVE DYER			X
WA 5 GED	MIKE RAY			X
KB 5 GUY	DEBORAH DYER			X
N 5 GZW	HERB NANCE	X	X	X
WB 5 IBT	DON WADE	X		X
KB 5 ICD	SUSAN EDWARDS	X	X	X
WB 5 IGG	STU LAMKIN	X	X	X
WB 5 IOC	SKIP LITTLE			X
KB 5 ION	MELVIN THATCHER	X	X	X
KB 5 IQP	GREG FOSTER			X

N 5 JKD	ROBERT RICKETTS		X	X
KB 5 JMI	KIRBY LYDE		X	X
KB 5 JOS	LAWRENCE COX		X	
AA 5 JW	CARL ALBRECHT	X	X	X
KB 5 JWQ	SID WARREN	X		X
N 5 JXD	FRED JUCH	X		
N 4 KKC	JIM HAWKINS	X		
KB 5 KLY	DON BROWN, SR.	X	X	X
KB 5 KNC	ALICIA DYER			X
N 5 KRU	MIKE EASON			X
KG 5 KV	CHARLES PROCHASKA	X		
N 5 KXU	BILL DESSENS	X	X	X
WD 5 L	RICK COVERT	X	X	
KB 5 LDJ	DAWN SINIBALDI	X	X	
AA 5 LF	STEVE MOYNIHAN	X	X	X
KB 5 LFU	ROGER POKLADNIK	X	X	X
N 5 LKJ	ALLAN FOX	X		
N 5 LRC	DOUGLAS EGGLESTON			X
K 5 LTM	GREG LEFEBVRE	X	X	
KB 5 LUR	IKE HERRICK			X
WB 4 LZG	GLENN EDWARDS	X	X	
VW 5 M	MIKE SCHISM		X	
N 5 MKD	RON HARRIS			X
N 5 MPN	BILL TODD-BROWN	X	X	X
N 5 NAS	VICK RICHARD	X	X	X
W 5 NRJ	BILL BRAUNIG			X
N 5 NTO	DON BROWN	X	X	
N 5 NVV	JULIUS DANZIGER	X		
KA 5 NYI	MARK McGRATH	X		X
WB 5 NZF	DAVID GRAY			X
AA 5 OA	RANDY PUGH		X	X
WA 5 OEN	STEVE GOTTLIEB	X	X	X
N 5 OFE	GARY TUCKER			X
N 5 OUT	DICK KRUSE	X	X	X

N 5 PAA	LARRY LINZER		X	X
WB 4 PGF	TERRY LEATHERLAND	X		
N 5 PHL	RON SHORTHOSE	X		
N 5 PHM	TIM STANLEY			X
N 5 PKW	BETH BROWN	X	X	X
N 5 PNX	EDDIE RUNNER	X	X	X
N 5 PRC *	STEVE SKELTON	X		X
N 5 PRP	NICK HARDY	X	X	
N 5 PTN	MICHAEL			X
N 5 PWH	BILL			X
KB 5 PXY	FLOYD FOX	X	X	
WB 5 QCI	JUDITH COMSTOCK			X
WB 5 SHU	CLEM WINFORD			X
WB 5 SRN	DICK HAGERMAN	X	X	X
N 5 TC	TOM COMSTOCK			X
KA 5 TUQ	DON SCHEYNAILDER	X		
KB 5 UE	TERRY HARRISON			X
WA 5 UZB	ALAN CROSS			
KA 5 WJB	LEE SKULL			X
W 5 WVX	ED HARWELL			X
WB 5 YDD	BILL CLARKE			X
KA 5 YSL	RICK MEYER			X
WA 5 ZIB	ANDY MacALLISTER	X	X	
KF 5 ZL	BOB WHITE			X

TOTAL = 48 54 55

June and July

As things now stand, the program, by popular demand (2 people asked for it), for the June 14, 1990 meeting will be "Some Ground Systems and Antennas That Really Work; Tested, Tried and Proved." This profound bit of questionable value will be delivered by Yours Truly along with some heretofore never divulged facts about a little known, if at all known, phenomenon of propagation that we have also tried, tested and proved.

The July 12, 1990 meeting will be our Ice Cream Social, eatings, visiting and viewing conflag. Dick, N5OUT, will be needing your help in churning up about 10 gallons of homemade ice cream, bowls, spoons, cakes and cookies. So, please, please, PLEASE - - give Dick a call at 530-0470 and volunteer. Don't make him call you and beg; it is so pathetic to see a grown man cry.

73,

Bill, N5MPN

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Found in an old Newsletter

*Getting out a bulletin is no picnic—
If we print jokes, people say we are silly;
If we don't, they say we are too serious
If we copy things from other magazines,
we are too lazy to write them ourselves;
If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff
If we don't print every word of all contributions,
we don't appreciate genius;
If we do, the column is filled with 'garbage.'
If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up,
we are too critical;
If we don't, we're blamed for poor editing.
Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from
some other sheet—
WE DID!*

Reprinted from District 17 Scorecard August 89.

The article to the right was sent in by Lee KB5EST. It is a copy from the TEXAS TRAFFIC LAWS, REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES handbook, of the New law concerning Amateur Radio License Plates in Texas. Lee notes that every car you own with radio equipment installed can have the same license plate number (ie. your call sign). He also notes a disadvantage if your car is stolen. You must be able to relay your VIN to the authorities, not just your license plate number. You may get stopped in your other vehicle with the same plate and have to show your VIN to prove the one your in is not the stolen one.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMS

Stu Lamkin WBSIGG

B-VARC's Volunteer Examining Team offers exams for all classes of ham licenses on the second Tuesday evening of every month. To speed up exam procedure at its sessions, the Team does not accept walk-ins and requires preregistration for its sessions. Preregistration with me is required, and to obtain details, call me at 713-777-3345.

I try to keep up with other exam sessions scheduled for this area and will supply this information if desired.

B-VARC's SPRING '90 NOVICE COURSE WINDING DOWN

Stu Lamkin WBSIGG

At this writing (April 21) exams will be given on April 30 and May 7. They also will be available at the regular monthly session on May 8. The final report on this Spring '90 course will appear in the June BULLETIN.

V.C.S. Art. 6701c-2. Special license tags for operators of mobile amateur radio equipment. Section 1. Residents of the State of Texas who hold an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who operate receiving and transmitting mobile amateur radio equipment in passenger cars or in trucks, commonly known as pickup trucks, with a manufacturer rated carrying capacity not to exceed 2,000 pounds, upon application, accompanied by proof of ownership of such amateur license, complying with the State motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the regular license fee for tags and the payment of an additional fee of Two (\$2) Dollars for the first year of such registration and One (\$1) Dollar for each annual registration thereafter shall be issued license plates, upon which may be inscribed the official amateur call letters of such applicant as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission.

Sec. 2. Applicants shall furnish proof of the Federal Communications Commission authority and their call letters to the State Highway Department, on or before the 1st day of October, preceding each registration year and the State Highway Department shall furnish their respective Tax Assessors and Collectors license plates bearing the call letters of the applicant.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the County Tax Assessors and Collectors to keep on file a copy or copies of the license receipts issued for such call letter license plates. At the regular registration period the Tax Collector shall give the applicant the call letter tags and corresponding receipt. Such call letter license tags shall be the legal registration insignia for the registration year for which issued, on the vehicle containing the mobile amateur radio equipment, while applicant is the bona fide owner of said vehicle.

Sec. 4. If during the registration year the applicant shall sell, trade, give or in any way dispose of the vehicle upon which the call letter license tags are affixed he shall turn such tags into the County Tax Assessor and Collector and receive from him replacement license tags for a fee as prescribed by law.

Sec. 5. An owner may register under this Act more than one vehicle equipped with mobile amateur radio equipment. The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation shall issue license plates inscribed with the same official amateur call letters to each vehicle registered under this Act by the same owner.

FR Docket 90-55
NO-CODE LICENSE ADDRESSES

WHITE HOUSE

President George Bush
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

SALUTATION
Dear President Bush:
CLOSING
Very Respectfully Yours,

Vice President Dan Quayle
The White House - West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

SALUTATION
Dear Vice President Quayle:
CLOSING
Very Truly Yours,

U. S. SENATORS

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

SALUTATION
Dear Senator _____:
CLOSING
Very Truly Yours,

The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senate
370 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

U. S. REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Bill Archer
House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

SALUTATION
Dear Mr. _____:
CLOSING
Very Truly Yours,

The Honorable Jack Fields
House of Representatives
108 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Jack Brooks
House of Representatives
2449 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Tom DeLay
House of Representatives
308 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Andrews
House of Representatives
322 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Craig Washington
House of Representatives
2236 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

Mr. Dave Sumner, K1ZZ
AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE
225 Main Street
Newington, CT. 06111

Mr. Sam Sitton, KV5X
ARRL West Gulf Division Director
920 Hickory Lane
Ardaore, Oklahoma 73401

Mr. Tom Comstock, N5TC
ARRL West Gulf Vice Director
1700 Dominik
College Station, Texas 77840

FCC OFFICE

Chairman Alfred Sikes
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

SALUTATION
Dear Mr. Sikes:
CLOSING
Very Truly Yours,

NPRM 90-55
EXAMPLE #1

Today's Date

Chairman Alfred Sikes
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

Reference: GENERAL DOCKET 90-55
NPRM for Codeless Amateur License

Dear Mr. Sikes:

Please find enclosed herewith an original and eleven (11) copies of my comments in opposition to the proposal on the above referenced matter before the Commission.

These copies are enclosed to insure that every Commissioner receives a personal copy of my comments.

Very Truly Yours,

Your Full Name, Your Call
Your Street Address
Your City, State & Zip
Your (A/C) Phone Number

NOTE....

The following article is not necessarily the opinion of B-VARC, its officers or its members, this newsletter, or its editor. Any response or rebuttal is welcome.

Roland KB5EQH
Editor

RESPONSE TO CODE-LESS LICENSE

by: Harold Parker, NDSF

I have filed my comments in opposition to the FCC's recent Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PR Docket 90-55, which will amend Part 97 of the FCC Rules and Regulations and establish a Codeless Class of Amateur License.

If you feel strongly about the FCC's Proposal, either for or against it, please write and express your views. You may like the proposal. If so, write and tell them what you like about it.

I have prepared some guidelines to help you write your letters. I was asked to prepare these for the B-VARC BULLETIN to make it easier to get started with your responses. They are intended to be used as a guide only, so please express your own views in your letters. THE FCC WILL PROBABLY DISCARD ANY FORM LETTERS THEY RECEIVE !

NPRM 90-55
EXAMPLE #2

Today's Date

Chairman Alfred Sikes
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

Reference: PR Docket No. 90-55
Proposal for Codeless Amateur License

Dear Mr. Sikes:

I oppose your recent Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PR Docket 90-55 which would amend Part 97 of the FCC Rules and Regulations and establish a codeless class of amateur license.

The previous attempts to create a codeless amateur license were defeated in 1974 and 1983 and my position has not changed on this vital issue. We continue to oppose it.

LIST
ALL
YOUR
REASONS
FOR
OPPOSING
THEIR
PROPOSAL:

I fear that the changes which are proposed in PR No. 90-55 would have a detrimental effect on the future of amateur radio and I trust that you will reconsider the elimination of Morse code from the proposal and retain it as a requirement for all amateur licenses.

Your Very Truly,

Your Full Name, Your Call
Your Street Address
Your City, State & Zip

I have included four examples to illustrate how I organized my responses. Maybe this will help you.

The first two letters should be directed to the FCC and the third one sent to the West Gulf Division Director of the ARRL IF you are a member.

The fourth letter shows the response to be directed to the members of congress, etc. All the addresses that you will need are provided on the address sheet for you convenience. PLEASE SEND AN ORIGINAL LETTER TO EVERYONE ON THE LIST.

I know how very difficult it is to get organized and to get started on a project like this, so please don't put it off any longer. It is vitally important to all of us.!

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS AUGUST 6, 1990.

Get out your writing materials and start thinking about what you want to say. Call me at (713) 464-9044 if I can help.

NPRM 90-55
EXAMPLE #3

Your Name, Your Call
Your Street Address
Your City, State & Zip
Your (A/C) Phone Number

Today's Date

Mr. Sam Sitton, KV5X
West Gulf Division Director
AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE
920 Hickory Lane
Adaore, Oklahoma 73401

Reference: General Docket 90-55
FCC's Proposal for a Codeless License

Dear Sam:

I was very dissappointed that the ARRL petitioned the FCC with its proposal to create a codeless class of amateur license. The ARRL's proposal prompted the FCC to issue their NPRM 90-55 which would establish a codeless license and eliminate the Novice and Technician Class licenses. I foresee this having disasterous consequenses to amateur radio.

Previous proposals for a codeless license have been severely defeated by the amateur community on two separate occasions in recent years. I contend that we amateurs have not changed our position on this vital issue. We haas continue to oppose it.

LIST
ALL YOUR REASONS FOR OPPOSING THEIR PROPOSAL:

The ARRL's position does not reflect my opinion and I implore you, as ay representative, to use every means to change the ARRL's stand on this issue immediately while you still have the opportunity to exert some beneficial influence on the FCC's proposal.

73,

Your Name, Your Call
ARRL Member

send copy to: Tom Comstock, N5TC
Dave Sumner, K1ZZ

NPRM 90-55
EXAMPLE #4

Your Full Name
Your Street Address
Your City, State & Zip
PH: (a/c) Phone Number

Today's Date

INSERT NAME
AND ADDRESS
FROM THE
ADDRESS SHEET:

Ref: PR Docket No. 90-55
FCC's Proposal for Codeless Amateur License

Dear xxxxxxx xxxxx:

The Federal Communications Commission has recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PR Docket No. 90-55, to amend Part 97 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations to establish a codeless class of Amateur (Ham) radio license. The FCC is erroneously contending that the amateur community favors the new proposal. This is not true. The previous attempts to create a codeless class of amateur license were defeated with the amateurs showing nearly unanimous opposition in 1974 and again in 1983. Our position has not changed on this vital issue. The haas continue to oppase it.

LIST
ALL THE REASONS FOR OPPOSING THEIR PROPOSAL:

The Amateur Community will greatly appreciate your supporting our efforts to oppose the passage of the FCC's proposal and defeat the creation of the new codeless class of amateur license.

Very Truly Yours,

Your Full Name, Your Call
