



# 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,	July 12	General Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station
		Program:
		Homemade Ice Cream Social
hurs,	August 2	Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station

# July 1990

## B-VARC Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	<b>2</b> 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	<b>3</b> 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 145.45	<b>4</b> 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 KHz) 9:00p SPECIAL EVENT NET 147.00	<b>5</b> 7:30p BOARD MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1	<b>6</b> Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Moose's, 6818 Chetwood	<b>7</b> 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
<b>8</b> 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	<b>9</b> 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	<b>10</b> 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 145.45	<b>11</b> 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 KHz) 9:00p SPECIAL EVENT NET 147.00	<b>12</b> 7:30p GENERAL MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1	<b>13</b> Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at El Fenix, Galleria	<b>14</b> 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
<b>15</b> 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	<b>16</b> 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	<b>17</b> 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 145.45	<b>18</b> 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 KHz) 9:00p SPECIAL EVENT NET 147.00	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Great Charcoal Chicken, 1000 Campbell Road	<b>21</b> 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
<b>22</b> 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	<b>23</b> 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	<b>24</b> 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 145.45	<b>25</b> 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 KHz) 9:00p SPECIAL EVENT NET 147.00	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Fuddrucker's, on Chimney Rock at Richmond	<b>28</b> 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
<b>29</b> 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	<b>30</b> 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	<b>31</b> 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 145.45				

June

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August

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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## A Word From The President . . .

Summertime is here! Some ways that I have been able to positively confirm this is to look out at my dry front or back yard, try to water the lawn and find limited pressure, or try to wash my car or do other small tasks outside in the heat and humidity. Makes me want to go to Canada and visit with my new grandson for about 3 or 4 months.

But, no time for that. Things are hopping as usual, both at B-VARC and at other radio functions. By the time this hits the press, Field Day will be in the immediate past. We will all be saying how hot it was out there, and there will be the usual war stories about those of us spending the night and trying to sleep, or just giving up on it entirely, as well as the usual boasting of how many contacts were made, antenna configurations, bugs and other flying pests. But, hot as it is, competition will still be fierce. That is one thing that doesn't change.

Speaking of heat, at our future meetings at the Missouri City fire station, the air conditioning will be turned on a couple of hours before meeting time, thanks to Ralph, KB5DNT. It was hot at our June meeting, but we feel that this problem won't recur. Also, chairs and tables have been a problem because someone apparently takes them without authorization. The responsible people are looking into chaining them in place and providing us with a key. I hope that this works out. I prefer sitting in a chair any day to sitting on the floor or leaning against a wall.

The Houston Economic Summit Special Event Station is ready to go. Please call if you want to operate the station for a while. Everyone, licensed or not, can be accommodated with this or with some function there. As you probably know, it is at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Clark Tower, 11th floor. Take the elevator (Bank G) to the 10th floor and walk up to 11, or follow the signs. No parking expense; bring your ticket for validation. Also, a beautiful commemorative T-shirt will be provided for \$5.00 to all who participate. And, don't forget our regular Monday Night Net on 145.47 MHz will be called from that station on Monday, July 9th! So anyone checking in to the net on that night will qualify to receive a beautiful certificate. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to W90ES, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77030 in order to receive your certificate.

Boy, that homemade ice cream sounds good!

73, Bill, N5KXU

### BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 1990 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

A. Houston Tenneco Marathon  
C. Azalea Run 5K  
E. Hungry Jack 50

B. Woman's Hospital 5K  
D. MS-150 Bike Tour

Abbott, Brenson	KF5VZ	A
Albrecht, Carl	AA5JW	D,E
Albrecht, Carl, Jr.	KB5KJT	E
Borg, Gerry	N5APW	A
Brown, Beth	N5PKW	D
Cheek, Ralph	KB5DNT	A,B,D,E
Dessens, Bill	N5KXU	C
Dillard, Ray	WA5F	A,B,C,D,E
Dyer, Karla	N5LGS	A
Edwards, Glenn	WB4LZG	A
Edwards, Melanie	KB5KLH	A
Edwards, Susan	KB5ICO	A,D
Fox, Floyd	N5PXY	A
Freedenberg, Henry	K5HF	A
Gordon, Hy	NC5A	A
Gordon, Irene	N5AYX	A
Hagerman, Dick	WB5SRN	A,D
Hammer, Cindy	N5LXE	D
Hammer, Dave	WJ5B	D
Hardy, Nick	N5PRP	B,C
Jacobs, Bradley	KB5JON	A
Jacobs, Nathan	KB5KTZ	A
Jacobs, Travis	N5DON	A
Kemp, Bill	KG5CB	D
Kruse, Dick	N5OUT	C
Lamkin, Stu	WB5IGG	A
Lance, David	KB5EYK	D
Lay, Michael	N5PTN	B,D
Mattis, Allen	N5AFV	A
Morrison, Henry	W5RIY	A
Nance, Herb	N5GZW	A
Parker, Harold	ND5F	A
Ricketts, Robert	N5JKD	A,D
Ross, Joe	AA5BD	D
Shorthose, Ron	N5PHL	D
Sinibaldi, Dawn	KB5LDJ	B,C
Smith, Irv	KB5EXM	D
Van Demark, Jack	WN5A	A
Wade, Don	WB5IBT	A,E
Warden, Mike	WB3HZP	A

Please report corrections or additions to N5AFV

# ATTENDANCE ROSTER

## B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

**1990**

A M J  
P A U  
R Y N

William		X		
Michael Brown	X	X		
Marian Chambers			X	
Marge Clarke	X			
John English	X	X		
Bob Fisher			X	
Jim Gilmore		X		
Harry Levine		X		
Charlie Litchfield			X	
Frank McCoy		X		
Terry McCoy		X		
Mark McElvy		X		
Stan Meyer	X			
Gene Russell			X	
Leona Warren	X	X	X	
Jack Van Demark			X	
Don Busick		X		
Al Mattis	X	X		
Gerry Borg	X		X	
Dave Hammer	X	X		
Joe Ross			X	
Elton Kytle		X	X	
Bill Kemp			X	
Ralph Cheek	X		X	
Travis Jacobs		X		
Scooter Pederson	X			
Marty Smith		X		
George Jolly		X	X	
Jeff Salmons			X	
Vincent Orlando	X	X		
Irv Smith	X	X		
Ray Dillard	X		X	
Harold Parker	X	X	X	
Terry Onda			X	
Randy Pollard	X	X	X	
Dave Dyer	X	X	X	
Mike Ray	X			
Deborah Dyer	X			
Herb Nance	X		X	
Don Wade	X	X		
Susan Edwards	X	X	X	
Doug Barrett			X	
Stu Lamkin	X		X	
Lou Kronberg		X		
Henry Bell		X		
Melvin Thatcher	X	X	X	
Greg Foster	X			
Robert Ricketts	X			
Kirby Lyde	X			
Carl Albrecht	X		X	
Sid Warren	X	X	X	
Don Brown, Sr.	X	X	X	
Alicia Dyer	X			
Mike Eason	X			
Charles Prochaska		X	X	
Bill Dessens	X	X	X	
Rick Covert		X	X	
Dawn Sinibaldi		X	X	
Steve Moynihan	X	X	X	
Roger Pokladnik	X	X	X	

N5LGS	Karla Dyer			X
N5LRC	Douglas Eggleston	X	X	
KB5LUR	Ike Herrick	X		
WB4LZG	Glenn Edwards		X	
N5MKO	Ron Harris	X		
N5MPN	Bill Todd-Brown	X	X	X
KB5MRD	Art Neumeyer			X
KB5MVM	Doug Vandevere			X
N5NAS	Vick Richard	X	X	X
W5NRJ	Bill Braunig	X		
N5NTO	Don Brown, Jr.			X
KA5NYI	Mark McGrath	X		
AA5OA	Randy Pugh	X		
WA5OEN	Steve Gottlieb	X	X	X
N5OFE	Gary Tucker	X	X	
N5OUT	Dick Kruse	X	X	X
N5OUZ	Lawrence Cox		X	X
N5PAA	Larry Linzer	X		
N5PGF	Terry Leatherland			X
N5PHL	Ron Shorthose			X
N5PHM	Tim Stanley		X	
N5PKW	Beth Brown	X		X
WA3PMT	Steven Deaktor			X
N5PNX	Eddie Runner	X	X	
N5PRC	Steve Skelton	X		X
N5PRP	Nick Hardy		X	X
N5PRQ	James Higgins		X	
N5PTN	Michael Fay	X	X	
N5PWH	Bill Eatwell			X
KB5PXY	Floyd Fox		X	X
N5QCE	Michael Chambers			X
WB5QCI	Judith Comstock	X		
N5QMK	David Mills			
WB5SRN	Dick Hagerman	X	X	
N5TC	Tom Comstock	X		
WA5UZB	Alan Cross	X		
KF5VZ	Brenson Abbott		X	X
W5WVX	Ed Harwell	X	X	
WB5YDD	Bill Clarke	X		
KA5YSL	Rick Meyer	X		
WB5YWS	Howard Gerber		X	X
KF5ZL	Bob White	X		

\* = NEW CALL      TOTAL:      58    52    54

### Treasurer's Report

Balance as of:

May 1, 1990	\$1,889.77
May 31, 1990	\$2,267.92
June 1, 1990	\$2,267.92
June 30, 1990	\$2,243.38

Randy Pollard, AK5G  
Treasurer

## Results of June 12th Exam

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, June 12, 1990, at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

Randy Pollard, AF5G  
George Jolly, ND5E  
Carl Albrecht, AA5JW  
Cass Germany, KG5IT  
Randy Pugh, AA5Oa  
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG  
Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of thirty-six (36) exams were administered during the evening to seventeen (17) applicants. Five (5) unlicensed candidates received new licenses, one Novice and four Technicians. Seven (7) other candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of twenty-three (23) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was sixty-four (64%) percent.

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

Robert Carlson — Technician  
James Gale, Pending — Technician  
David Hanus, Pending — Technician  
Ken Harlan, KA5AKG — Advanced  
Randolph Hessler, KB5HAB — Advanced  
James Mulder, KB5MVK — Technician  
Arthur Neumeyer, KB5MRD — Technician  
John Paquette — Technician  
Jack Reichert, KB5MRN — Technician  
Charles Riordan — Element 2  
Rick Rule, N5NTN — Element 1C  
Ronald Schneider — Technician  
Richard Snitkin — Novice  
Ben Weltervrede — Technician + Element 1B

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 ... 73 ...

## Notes from the Vice-President

by Al Mattis, N5AFV

Greetings to you again. My schedule this past month has included a great deal of traveling, and I usually take my 2-meter HT along. It's nice to meet hams in the various cities I visit. I can honestly report that I have not encountered any other amateur radio club that appears to be as active as B-VARC. In fact, a number of hams I spoke with told me that their clubs were dwindling in size, and that they had trouble attracting new members. I'm not sure what sets B-VARC apart from these clubs, but we can all be proud of our club's accomplishments.

One of my more interesting trips this past month was to Anchorage, where I operated /KL7. I did talk to a couple of Alaska amateurs that I had worked from Houston on 10 meters. My work commitments did not allow me enough time to partake of the hospitality that was offered, but the local hams certainly made me feel welcome. I had considered taking a 10-meter mobile rig along, but it is just as well that I didn't, because propagation was poor the entire week.

With all of my traveling, I have had to ask for volunteers to fill in as net control for the Rag Chew Net. As is characteristic of B-VARC, a number of members came forward to help out. We owe a special thank you to N5MPN, KB5ION and KB5DNT for volunteering to keep the net going in my absence. The support shown by our membership for the club's nets is gratifying.

It was good to see many of you at Field Day. Even though I am usually unable to stay overnight, I always try to put in an appearance, and help set up on Saturday morning. I even take a turn at operating, before I leave. The experience gained in operating under less than ideal conditions certainly makes Field Day a worthwhile endeavor.

With all the hot weather we have had, the July meeting may prove to be a real winner. Bill, N5MPN, and Dick, N5OUT, are working on an "ice cream social" format with homemade ice cream. Hope to see you there!

That's it for this month.

73 de N5AFV

**B-VARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS**  
3.960 MHz 8:00pm Wednesdays  
Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

*May 23, 1990*

N5AFV NCS, KB5DNT, N5ECP, KA5WOT, N5MPN,  
WB5IGG, KB5ION, AK5G, N5FLQ, W5IHY, WN5A,  
WB5SRN, WB4LZG, KB5ICO, N5KXU

*May 30, 1990*

N5AFV NCS, KB5DNT, WN5A, WB5IGG, KG5KV, N5MPN,  
KB5ION, KI5AN

*June 6, 1990*

N5AFV NCS, N5MPN, N5KXU, WB5IGG, KB5DNT,  
KA5DUU, N5FLQ, N5NXS, KB5ION, W5IHY, K5PFE,  
WJ5B, WB5IBT

*June 13, 1990*

N5AFV NCS, WA5SCE, AA5OA, KB5IIL, N5MPN,  
KB5ION, KF5VZ, W5IHY, KB5DNT, AK5G, N5ECP,  
KG5JT, N5KXU, KG5KV, N6JEK

*June 20, 1990*

N5AFV NCS, KB5IIL, KB5ION, N5PRP, N5PRC, WN5A,  
N5MPN, KG5KV, WB5IBT, N5KXU, KG5JT, KI5AN,  
WD5CVK, N5IVT

## B-VARC Helps ARRL's VE Program

by Harold Parker, ND5F

The ARRL has reported another great year in their worldwide Amateur Examination Program for 1989.

The May, 1990 issue of the *VE Express*, the ARRL's Volunteer Examiner newsletter, reported that over two thousand exam sessions were sponsored by the ARRL during 1989.

According to the newsletter, the ARRL's volunteer examiners administered 46,197 exams to a total of 27,287 candidates in 2,231 examination sessions in 1989. Of those attending, 13,932 upgraded their licenses. In addition to these, 1,100 Novice examinations were administered.

These results show that the ARRL sponsors an average of over 6 test sessions each day, providing test materials to over 12 candidates at each of these sessions. The ARRL should be commended for maintaining the efficient organization to certify its Volunteer Examiners and process the results of these tremendous quantities of materials each day.

The January, 1990 issue of the *B-VARC Bulletin* reported that B-VARC sponsored 13 exam sessions in 1989, and that your VE Teams administered 581

examinations to 275 candidates. We averaged over 21 candidates at each test session.

A close look at these statistics will show that B-VARC's contribution to this overall effort is significant. Our local exam program represents approximately one percent of the ARRL's entire worldwide efforts.

This major contribution to the ARRL's Volunteer Exam Program could not have been possible without the active participation of B-VARC and its membership. Our success is due to the dedication of our many members who regularly volunteer their evenings to serve as Examiners or Assistants at our monthly sessions.

Again, my special thanks to Stu, WB5IGG, who spends many hours every month serving as B-VARC's public contact and to Strake Jesuit for providing the excellent meeting room for our Tuesday evening examinations.



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