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ARRL Membership - Members are urged to renew their ARRL membership through BVARC, allowing the club to take advantage of reduced insurance rates. Contact Irv, KK5QQ at 281-437-6755 for information

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<p>A Special Thanks to the First Colony Church of Christ for the use of their facilities which make this newsletter possible.</p> <p>Also, Thanks to Claude Sessions, K5HFY, for being in charge of production.</p>	<p>Board of Directors: John Moore, President - KK5NU, jwm@hal-pc.org Larry Jacobson, Vice-President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com Doug Woodruff, Recording Secretary - KC5VYZ, dwoodruff@houston.geoquest.slb.com Irv Smith, Corresponding Secretary - KK5QQ, kk5qq@aol.com Gene Russell, Treasurer - N5XGT, hbrussell@aol.com Robert Moore, 3-Year-Director - KK5UO, kk5uo@hal-pc.org Darrell Kirk, Two-Year-Director - KC5JAR, darrellk@swbell.net Bruce Paige, Past President - KK5DO, kk5do@amsat.org Claude Sessions, 1-Year-Director - K5HFY, claudes@juno.com</p>

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Notes from the President - June 1999

HamCom '99 at the Arlington Convention Center on the weekend of June 11 & 12th is history; if you missed out (and B-VARC was well represented) then for sure you need to calendar it for next year.

The vendor/flea market area was packed - my highlight of the weekend was hearing the man himself, live and in person, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, (rholling@fcc.gov) Legal Advisor for Amateur Enforcement, give a packed house his knowledgeable perspective of what direction the Commission is moving and just what we as amateurs could reasonably expect to see in the future. And the word seems to be visible presence - so expect and anticipate that you are being monitored.

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After the standing ovation at the conclusion of his presentation, I was one of several the long line to visit with Mr. Hollingsworth. Personally and on behalf of B-VARC, I thanked him and his Field Office personnel for their recent activity in our area.

They do consider all inquiries and complaints - if you have one the proper address is: Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, (rholling@fcc.gov) Legal Advisor for Amateur Enforcement, Compliance and Information Bureau, Gettysburg, PA (717) 338-2502.

Our entry level CW course is on track at the First Colony Church of Christ, 3119 Sweetwater Boulevard in Sugar Land; Room 215. Again Louis, KD5GM, the principle instructor has a very nice Certificate to present to those successfully completing the course.

Lets all exert that minimum of effort so we can realize a goal of seeing a majority of B-VARC members advance at least one level in the license structure by the start of the millenium. And I'm pleased to know that Riley Hollingsworth has the very same identical vision.

Don't forget the Ice Cream Social on August 5th -- come hungry, Steve, WA3PMT, promises that you'll leave stuffed and satisfied.

73 de John Moore, KK5NU

Schedule of BVARC Activities

July 1999

- 1 - General Meeting
Ed Manuel will update Dayton hamvention highlites and QRP operations
- 7 - BOD Meeting
- 13 - VE Test

August 1999

- 5 - General Meeting
Ice Cream Social
- 10 - VE Test
- 12 - BOD Meeting

September 1999

- 2 - General Meeting
- 13 - BOD Meeting
- 14 - V E Test

October 1999

- 7 - General Meeting
- 12 - VE Test
- 18 - BOD Meeting

November 1999

- 4 - General Meeting
Chili Supper/Elections
- 9 - VE Test
- 15 - BOD Meeting

December 1999

- 2 - General Meeting
- 13 - BOD Meeting
- 14 - VE Test

(see the December 1998 issue for a long-term schedule.)

B-VARC's 3rd Friday Eat Out
6:30pm, July 16, 1999
VINNIE'S ITALIAN CAFE
5413 Bellaire Blvd at Chimney Rock

Upcoming Public Service Events

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, home 713-771-4625
work 713-463-0022 n5vcx@worldnet.att.net
Doug Woodruff, KC5VYZ, home 281-232-8452,
work 713-350-4575, kc5vyz@arll.net
Bill Randolph, KC5KGJ, home 713-468-3771

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Event	Date	Hams needed
Katy Flatland Bike Ride	July 25, 1999	35
Wings Over Houston Air Show	October 16 & 17	60 (2 day event)
Alamo Challenge Bike Ride	October 9 & 10, 1999	55 (2 day event)
20K Warm-up Run	October 17, 1999	25


and 21 active family members with a total of 137 members.

Treasurer's report by Claude in behalf of Louis. Details of the financial information can be requested by club members from the board.

Vice president's report by Larry discussed the remaining meeting programs. A full meeting schedule is done through the end of the year. The annual banquet was discussed to move the January meeting from Thursday to Friday night January 7th at the Old San Francisco Steakhouse. Motion made by Larry seconded by Doug. Motion passed unanimously.

President's report by John: Steve Deaktor, chairman of the ice cream social, ask that for the August ice cream social that he would like the board to authorize \$25-\$30 for prizes. Motion by Robert seconded by Claude. Motion passed unanimously. Three of the repeater abusers have been caught by the FCC. On June 3rd call sign W5DPA was reinstated to the Houston Amateur Radio Club as an assumed name along with the 10-X number 34659 and an ARRL club email address w5dpa@ARRL.NET. The FCC has issued a public notice in three languages to allow your ham license to be used under certain rules in participating CEPT countries. The FCC has approved the international radio permit to be handled by the ARRL for \$10. These can be found on the ARRL web site. The ARRL database now shows the Houston Amateur Radio Club as active with the same meeting schedule as BVARC.

Old Business: Code classes have started with about 7 students.



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New Business: John ask that the board consider two additional membership classes. A senior adult membership and a student membership with a reduced fee and no mailed newsletter. Board will consider this later.

Rex Ritz - KC5EEU gave a field day report.

Motion was made to adjourn by Claude and seconded by Larry. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was



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Board Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club June 10, 1999

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at Sugar Land Community Center on June 10, 1999. The meeting was called to order by President John Moore, KK5NU at 7:33PM.

The following members were present: president John Moore - KK5NU, vice president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, three year board member Robert B. Moore - KK5UO, one year board member Claude Sessions - K5HXY, and recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ. Absent were past president Bruce Paige - KK5DO, treasurer Gene Russell - N5XGT, assistant treasurer Louis House - KD5GM, corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ and two year board member Darrell Kirk - KC5JAR. Rex Ritz - KC5EEU attended as a visitor.

A motion to approve the May minutes with corrections was made by Larry and seconded by Claude. There was no opposition and so approved.

John gave the corresponding secretary report in Irv's absence. Membership consist of 11 life members, 102 active members

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adjourned at 8:23 PM.

KG5KV, W5RIY, KK5XR.--(14)

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Doug Woodruff
- KC5VYZ.

RESULTS OF THE JUNE 8TH AMATEUR EXAMS by: Harold Parker, ND5F

BVARCER Weds

Here is the URL for pictures of the wedding of Dwayne,
KB5YTA, and his new wife, Mindy.

<http://www.knightsounds.com/content/crash-the-party/stargazer.htm>

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's
Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday
evening, June 8, 1999 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in
Houston.

V. E. TEAM:

Harold Parker, ND5F
Randy Pollard, AK5G
Don Schexnaider, AB5IV

ASSISTANTS:

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Cass Germany, KG5IT
John Moore, KK5NU

A total of 11 exams were administered during the evening to 5
applicants. Two (2) unlicensed candidates received their new
licenses: 1 Technician Plus and 1 Technicians. One (1) other
upgraded with a total of 7 elements passed. The overall "pass
rate" for the evening was 64%

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

Richard Hakala - Technician
Bobby Marek, KD5FYP - General
Paul Owen - Technician Plus

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.

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B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for May by Sam Wilson, N5CPA

3.960MHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 8:00PM

Just WHAT IS the Rag Chew Net? Well it's a chance for you
to get on the low bands and hang out with other B-VARC
members, as well as hams from around the south central US!
WHAT?? Don't have voice privileges? Got a short-wave
receiver? Dial in and listen, then check in using the telephone
number announced at the beginning of each net.

**5/5/99--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, W5GHK, K5LJ,
WB5VYR, WB5SZC, KK5W.-- (9)**

**5/12/99--N5CPA, KK5DO, KK5W, KA0TEN, K5VRJ,
AB5BA, K15SC, KB5PAJ, KD5FWD, KM5DG,
WA5TWL, KB5DNT, K5CEK, KM5TO, WB5SZC.--(15)**

**5/19/99--N5CPA, K5CEK, KD5GM, KB5DNT, K5VRJ,
AB5BA, KM5DG, KD5FWD, N5VXU, K5LJ, W5EFB,
WB5IIB, W5TEM, KG5KV.--(14)**

**5/26/99--N5CPA, K5CEK, W5EFB, KD5GM, KK5W,
K5LJ, W5GHK, KD5FWD, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WB5IIB,**

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4144 Rosenberg PD CH 2
3536 Texas Highway Patrol
Also known as THP
4208 Constables Warrants
3088 Arcola PD



Dwayne and Mindy

Monday night PSN check-ins (KK5DO net control)

5/3/99 - 25 (KC5VYZ)
5/10/99 - 34 (KC5VYZ)
5/17 - 29 (KC5VYZ)
5/24 - 25 (KC5VYZ)
5/31 - 26 (KC5VYZ)
6/7 - 39 (KC5VYZ)
6/14 - 33 (KC5VYZ)



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