


THE B-VARC BULLETIN

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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>Many thanks to John Moore for printing this month's issue and to Claude Sessions for production.</p>	<p>Board of Directors: Larry Jacobson, President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com Glen Jenkins, WB4KTF, vice-president - wb4ktf@pipeline.com Doug Woodruff, Recording Secretary - KC5VYZ, kc5vyz@arrl.net Irv Smith, Corresponding Secretary - KK5QQ, kk5qq@aol.com Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM, Treasurer - mitchl@hal-pc.org Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, 3-Year-Director, n5vcx@worldnet.att.net Robert Moore, 2-Year-Director - KK5UO, kk5uo@hal-pc.org Darrell Kirk, One-Year-Director - KC5JAR, darrell@ev1.net John Moore, Past President - KK5NU, jwm@hal-pc.org</p>

Notes from the President - April 2000

Prez Sez,

It is now past 15 April and if you haven't paid your taxes because you were upgrading to General or Extra then you're in big trouble. It was great to hear a bunch of the new /ag's on the Wednesday night rag-chew net! The rest of you come on by at 8PM on 3960kHz on Wednesday night and join in - we want to hear from you. I hope the newbies to HF don't forget their roots in VHF. It would be a great loss to see the VHF nets wither. I also hope the renewed interest in the hobby is not solely directed at the HF bands. We still need volunteers for all the public service events that are handled primarily on VHF/UHF.

The next big thing on the BVARC agenda is Field Day. We would like to better last year's commendable score, so some of you new guys to the HF world join in and help! Even if you are only there to help put up antennas or refuel the generators we would like to see you there. We would like to try having a 10M station - it would be a good place for some of the contest-challenged to get their feet wet. With the peak of the sunspot count at hand, 10M should be great fun on FD. We are also planning a BBQ for Saturday evening - and all club members are invited. You don't have to be part of the FD effort - just come by and do a little eating and jawboning.

Next meeting's program is on mobile operation. This should be very informative! How to and what not to, plus how to fix the problems. See you there!

Larry - K5LJ

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Schedule of BVARC Activities

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
May	4	Dale, KC2PZ and Glen, WB4KTF talk on Mobile op's	11	9
Jun	1	Randy, AK5G on repeaters.	8	13
Jun	24 & 25	Field Day - TBA		

(A long-term calendar of B-VARC events is available in the January 2000 issue.)

Public Service Events

EVENT	DATE	NEED	CONTACT
March of Dimes Walk America	4/30/00	35	Marty Blaise 713-896-4625
Katy Flatland Bike Ride - Katy	7/23/00	35	(Looking for a coordinator)

(A long term calendar of public service events is available in the February 2000 issue.)

Mike Hardwick - N5VCX
Public Service Event Coordinator
Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Please call me at home at 713-771-4625 if you need you information sooner than later, otherwise send me an e-mail and I will contact you.

**Board Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes
Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
April 13, 2000**

President Larry Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:32pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, treasurer Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, past president John Moore - KK5NU, 2-year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO, corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, and recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ. Not present were vice president Glen Jenkins - WB4KTF, 3-year board member Mike Hardwick-N5VCX, and 1-year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR. Visiting was John Whiteman - K5LKJ.

Recording secretary report by Doug Woodruff - Minutes for the February and March business meetings were presented with corrections. John made the motion to approve the February minutes seconded by Irv and the motion passed unanimously. John made the motion to approve the corrected March minutes seconded by Robert and the motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding secretary report by Irv. Currently 155 members on the roll with 114 active, 14 life and 27 family. Of those 88 are members of ARRL, which is within the percentage for specialty club designation.

Treasurer report by Cameron was presented.

Vice president report by John discussed upcoming programs. On May 4th, Dale Brown -KC2PZ and Glen will discuss mobile operations with highlights on antennas, interference, and mounting problems. June will be Randy Pollard on repeaters.

Presidents report by Larry, discussed the passage by the membership at the general meeting of the by-laws change to

allow the BOD to appoint someone to fill unexpired BOD positions as needed due to disability to perform the function of the BOD member. The change to the by-laws to remove wording that mentions mail as the only means to disseminate information to the membership failed at the general meeting without a 2/3rds majority as required by the by-laws.

Old Business: Robert Moore discussed classes for Technician in May. Few have shown interest at this time. Others have expressed interest in General and Extra. The VE team has changed with Harold Parker stepping down as the VEC. Others have expressed interest in being active on the VE team and have been added to the team. A VEC is being sought. John will fill in as the VEC in the time being.

New Business: John Whiteman discussed Field Day and preparations for the event. The location at Katy Park is secured. Funds from the club are available for expenses. John Moore discussed a suggestion by Mike Hardwick in getting the engineer in charge at the FCC to come to a general meeting possibly at the ice cream social and invite the other clubs in town. It was suggested to do this at another general meeting other than the ice cream social in August. Hamcom in Dallas is the second weekend of June and anyone volunteering 2 hours of time to help can get in free of charge.

Motion was made to adjourn by Irv and seconded by Robert. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.



Respectfully submitted by board recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ.

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 by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

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RESULTS OF THE APRIL 11th AMATEUR EXAMS
 by: Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2000 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

V. E. TEAM:
 Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
 Lanny Poteet, KB5VTB
 Don Schexnaider, AB5IV

ASSISTANTS:
 Chuck Andrews, W5AD
 Cass Germany, KG5IT
 Allen Mattis, N5AFV
 John Moore, KK5NU
 Harold Parker, ND5F
 George Walker, KQ5W

A total of 36 exams were administered during the evening to 31 applicants. Three (3) unlicensed candidates received their new Technician licenses. A total of 28 exams were passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 78%

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

- Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ - Element 4B
- Matthew Bettinger - Element 2
- Stephen Bowker, W5YFC - Element 4B
- David Collie - Technician
- Denis Dahms, W5QCL - Element 4B
- Bill Dessens, N5KXU - Element 4B
- Mark Dessens, KG5JT - Element 4B
- Phillip Draper, KC5KWV - Element 4B
- Scot Fahey, KD5DGS - Element 3B
- Edward Gerber, W5GCX - Element 4B
- Lester Gradwohl, KD5IWG - Element 3B
- Auzie Grogan, KB5TFP - Element 4A
- Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - Element 4B
- John Kirk - Element 2


Patricia Kirk - Element 2
 James Kokkinis - Technician
 Ross Lawler, W5HFF - Element 4B
 Sharon Lehmann - Element 2
 Robert Maguire, KJ5LC - Element 4B
 Thomas Manney, KD5ECH - Element 4B
 Scott Pederson, KI5DR - Element 4B
 Gary Raney, KD5GFX - Element 3B
 Richard Robinson, WA5VWJ - Element 4B
 Raul Ruiz, KD5JBU - Element 3B
 Monroe Smith - Technician
 Joe Wyatt, WD5CHT - Element 4B

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.

**Monday night PSN check-ins
 (KC5VYZ net control)**

3/6 - 26 Doug
 3/13 - 23 Cam
 3/20 - 35 Doug
 3/27 - 27 Doug
 4/3 - 32 Doug
 4/10 - 22 Bruce
 4/17 - 22 Mahana



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**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for March 2000
 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.


3/1/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, KD5FWD, KB5DNT, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KC5SQD, W5EFB, KM5TO, KK5W, N5VXU, W5TEM. (13)

3/8/00--N5CPA, KK5DO, KE5SR, K5CEK, KK5W, K5VRJ, AB5BA, W5EFB, W5GHK, K5LJ, N5LHN, WA5VRB, W5RIY, NM5K, AK5G, W7RUB. (16)

3/15/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, KD5FWD, W1MGC, KI5SC, W5GHK, K5LJ, N5VXU, KK5W, KA0TEN, KG5KV, WB5BNO, W5TEM, KM5TO, K5HAD. (14)

3/22/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, NM5K, K5VRJ, AB5BA, W5EFB, W5GHK, N5VXU, WD8RZA, KA0TEN, KK5VE, W1MGC, KI5SC, W5TEM. (15)

3/29/00--N5CPA, KK5W, KA0TEN, K5CEK, KE5SR, W5RIY, KK5SC, N4AEP, KD5FWD, N5OAC, KK5VE, K5HAD, N5VXU, WD8RZA, W5GHK, NM5K, W5RFI, KM5TO. (17)



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Congratulations to the B-VARCs below who took advantage of the coming of April 15.

- Brenson Abbott KF5VZ - Extra
- Troy Brown KD5AQD - 3B - (Needs CW for General)
- Bill Dessens N5KXU - Extra
- Gene Doremus KD5FWD - Extra
- John Dryton KM5HP - Extra
- John Endsley KD5IDU - 3B - (Needs CW for General)
- Kevin Foto KM5TO - Extra
- Charles Keng K5ENG - General
- Bud King K5CEK - General
- Darrell Kirk KC5JAR - 3B - (Needs CW for General)
- Anita Fawcett WA5JMC - General (Grandfathered)
- Eugene Fawcett WA5CYI - Extra
- Ross Lawler W5HFF - Extra
- John Moore KK5NU - Extra
- Gerry Muller KO4QX - Extra
- Pete Norris KJ5SS - Extra
- Raul Ruiz KD5JBU - 3B - (Needs CW for General)
- Claude Sessions K5HFY - General (Grandfathered)
- Dan White W5AOV - General (Grandfathered)
- Doug Woodruff KC5VYZ - General

(This list is incomplete.)

L8r --
 72/73 de John Moore, KK5NU



Joe Ross, W5BSA, talks about RCA



Mike, N5VCX, and friend at Joint Walk



The Joint Walk B-VARC Crew



MS150 Bellville Control
Carl, W5MPX; Dan, W5AOV; Carl, K5OWC (SFA Club)



MS 150 Bellville Control



Dave, K5KX, at Nelsonville (BP4)

These, and more, in color on the Web edition