


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 - wb4kttf@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>
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Notes from the President - May 2000

Prez Sez,

Well, the rush continues. At the last VE session we had 28 people show up to file for upgrades or take exams. I am hearing a lot of /AG's and /AE's on the air these days. Even have some new folks showing up for the B-VARC ragchew net. The ARRL reports that they will process 15k new general class licenses and 10k extras as a result of the restructuring. In order to keep the momentum up, B-VARC is planning on having a 5wpm code class in September and also a General theory course. Stay tuned to the Newsletter for more details.

The next big event for B-VARC is Field Day. With all the new upgraded op's we are expecting a really good turn out for this year's event. We will also have Saturday Evening BBQ for all club members - so please plan on coming out and socializing. We hope to better our FD score with all the new op's helping out.

The next B-VARC meeting will feature Randy Pollard talking about Repeaters. Find out all you ever wanted to know (and more!) but were afraid to ask.

See you there!

73,

Larry K5LJ

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Schedule of BVARC Activities

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Jun	1	Randy, AK5G on repeaters.	8	13
Jun	24 & 25	Field Day - TBA		
July	6	Demo of Actual Installed Mobil Gear - Dale, KC2PZ and Glen, WB4KTF		
Aug	3	Ice Cream Social	10	8

(A long-term calendar of B-VARC events is available in the

January 2000 issue.)

Public Service Events

EVENT	DATE	NEED	CONTACT
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
 May 11, 2000**

President Larry Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, vice president Glen Jenkins - WB4KTF, treasurer Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, past president John Moore - KK5NU, 3-year board member Mike Hardwick - N5VCX, 2-year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO, and recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ and 1-year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR. Those not in attendance was corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ. Visiting was Anita Kirk.

Recording secretary report by Doug. Motion made to approve the April BOD minutes made by Robert and seconded by John. Approved unanimously as recorded.

Corresponding secretary not present for a report.

Treasurer report by Cameron. Details can be obtained from Cameron. Darrell made a motion to accept the treasurer's report seconded by Glen. Approved unanimously.

Vice president report by Glen discussed possible program for June is Randy Pollard AK5G to talk about repeaters and Glen and anyone else interested will give the July presentation with examples of mobile HF installations as a hands-on display in the parking lot. August is the ice cream social with September and October programs still open.

President report by Larry. No presidential matters were brought up.

Old business: Field Day coordinator John Whitehead was not present to discuss Field day preparation. Larry has the antennas

and Glen has the filters. Robert said that five students have been attending the Technician class on Wednesday nights. John discussed the VE sessions and needing more volunteers to show up at the VE sessions. Also alternative sites for VE sessions were discussed should the current place become unavailable.

New business: Mike discussed having the local FCC engineer at the ice cream social event and invite other clubs in the area to come and enjoy the ice cream and talk to the engineer. There have been 1855 hits to the B-VARC web page as of the first of the year.

Motion was made to adjourn by Darrell and seconded by John. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by recording Secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ



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SCANNER JACK'S Corner
 by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

Here are the severe weather frequencies to monitor.
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 2m 145.490 ft. bend e.o.c.
 20m 14.325 hurricane net.
 162.400 n.w.s. hou.
 162.550 n.w.s. gal.
 155.460 and 159.210 d.p.s. hou.
 155.445 and 155.535 d.p.s. pierce

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 32944 hou. e.o.c.
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RESULTS OF THE APRIL 11th AMATEUR EXAMS

RESULTS OF THE May 9th
 B-VARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION
 by: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at Strake Jesuit HS here in Houston.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
 Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
 John Moore, KK5NU
 Don Schexnaider, AB5IV

A total of 6 examination elements were administered during the evening to 6 applicants. There were twenty two (22) applicants for upgrade under the new rules and regulations. By examination, one (1) unlicensed candidate received his new Technician license; two (2) upgrades to General and two (2) upgrades to Extra with a total of 5 examination elements passed. In addition, there were eleven (11) upgrades to General and twelve (12) upgrades to Extra under the new rules now in effect. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 83.333%

William H. Allen	KD5IUU	General
John E. Ashmore	KI5WV	Extra
Herbert C. Boethel	KA5OXU	General
Stephen A. Bowker	W5YFC	Extra
William T. Buckley, Jr.	W5COD	Extra
Rory A. Burke	K5MBH	General
Thomas G. Clark	K5CGC	General
Joseph A. Clements	W5BAK	Extra
Dennis D. Dietrich	WA5ULP	General
Eugene H. Doremus	KD5FWD	Extra
James V. Harris	WA5HMC	General
Benjamin S. Haynes, Jr.	N5ISO	General
Charles E. Keng	K5ENG	Extra
William B. Krampe	KC5GYD	General
Harvey R. Krieg	N5UOE	General

Harold J. McKinney	N4OVC	General
Jason R. McKinney		Technician
Joe W. Morgan	KC5OBF	General
Robert E. Ogburn	WA6LXK	General
Roger L. Pokladnik	KB5LFU	Extra
Stevan W. Powell	KD5TZ	Extra
Paul Savage	KA5MXN	General
Clarence O. Shaw	KD5IWD	General
James H. Tichenor,	Jr. KC5SJT	Extra
Ronald M. Thornton	KD5JIF	Extra
William B. Usher	KD5EWO	Extra
Michael D. Walker	KG5CM	Extra
Jimmy W. Wilkinson	N5WMB	Extra

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.

4/5/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KC5SQD, W5EFB, AK5G, W5GHK, WD8RZA. (9)

4/12/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, W5GHK, K5LJ, N5VXU, WB5VYR. (8)

4/19/00--N5CPA, K5CEK/AG, K5HFY/AG, KD5FWD, W1MGC, KI5SC, W5GHK, K5LJ, KK5W, KA0TEN, KE5SR, WB5IIB, WA5VRB, KD5SQD, W5EUB/AG, NM5K. (16)

4/26/00--N5CPA, K5CEK/AG, NM5K, N5VXU, KD5HAL, KK5W, KA0TEN, K5HFY/AG, WB5SRN, N5ECP, W5GHK, WB5IIB, KB5TMY, KD5GM, AB4RJ. (15)

Many thanks to all the Team Members who contributed their time and efforts.

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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72/73 de John Moore, KK5NU

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

- 4/3 - 32 Doug
- 4/10 - 22 Bruce
- 4/17 - 22 Mahana
- 4/22 - 26 Mahana
- 5/1 - 22 Doug
- 5/8 - 32 Doug
- 5/15 - 22 Doug
- 5/22 - 20 Larry

Alex-WA5UHT




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**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for April 2000
by Sam Wilson, N5CPA**

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



**Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air
put on by
Rick, W5RF; Scott, KD5FBA, John, KK5NU,
and Ross, K5HFS**