


THE B-VARC BULLETIN

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<p>Houston Ham Help Line 24-Hours 281-495-3495</p> <p>Get information about local clubs and testing sessions.</p>	<p>Membership renewal information:</p> <p>Members whose membership has expired or is near expiration will find their membership date highlighted on the mailing label.</p>	 <p>http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc</p>
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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 - K5CAM@arrl.net 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>

Parking in the rear --

Notes from the President - November 2000

Pres Sez:

The year 2000 is rapidly drawing to a close and not a year-2001 bug in sight! It has been an exciting year for ham-radio with the license restructuring and high sunspots. At the last club meeting, we elected a new board but unfortunately no-one volunteered for the spot of President (and there were no nominations from the floor) and the nominee for the Corresponding Secretary had to withdraw at the last minute for health reasons. At least, for the latter, we found a new recruit - John Whiteman (K5LKJ) has volunteered to serve as Corresponding Secretary. Thus, it is up to the new board to select one of its own to serve as President and then find someone to fill the vacancy that creates.

Louis House (KD5GM) has volunteered to teach a code class early next year but, in order for this to be worthwhile, we need at least 6-8 people interested in learning the code. Let Louis know if you are interested in attending the code class. It will start in February - probably at the Red Cross building near Greenway Plaza and the SW Freeway.

Remember to sign-up for the Awards Banquet - Jan. 5 at the 'Old San Francisco Steak House' on Westheimer. The cost is \$22/person everything (except a cash bar) included. You have a choice of London Broil (steak) or Stir-Fry (chicken and shrimp) as the main course. Please get your reservations into our treasurer Cam Mitchell (K5CAM) ASAP with your designation of entree. We also are looking for nominees for the awards. Send them to any board member by 15 Dec. The board will vote on the nominees after that date.

Be aware the next club meeting is on MONDAY - DECEMBER 4. The program is satellite communications. And next year, we will return to having the regular club meeting on the SECOND Thursday of the month since this leads to the most regular meeting dates for the year 2001 at the Sugar Land Community Center.

See you there!

Larry K5LJ

SCHEDULE OF BVARC Activities

VE Sessions Change of Location:

The ARRL VEC amateur license tests which are given by B-VARC on the second Tuesday of each month has been moved to:

**Houston Community College,
Scarcella Technology Center, Room W106
10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX**

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Dec	4	Satellite Antennas by Gerald Brown, K5OE		12
Jan	5	Awards Banquet		
Feb	1	TBA	8	13

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



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Houston Area PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Event	Date	Hams	Contact
Houston Marathon - Houston	January 14, 2001	130	Carl Hacker

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Board of Directors Meeting - November 9, 2000

President Larry Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:32pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, past president John Moore - KK5NU, recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ, 3-year board member Mike Hardwick -N5VCX and 1-year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR. Not in attendance were corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, vice president Glen Jenkins - WB4KTF, treasurer Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, 2-year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO. Visiting was Bill Allen - KD5IIU and Anita Kirk.

Recording secretary report by Doug. Reviewed the October minutes. Motion made by Darrell to accept the October BOD minutes and seconded by John. Motion carried unanimously.

Corresponding secretary report was not available.

Treasurer not available for a report.

Vice president not available for a report.

President report by Larry reported he has sent a letter of appreciation to Storage USA for the donated 10x10 storage area for the club. Club members need to get reservations in for the awards banquet. Awardees need to be submitted. A signup sheet for committees was circulated at the last meeting with some response.

Old business: John gave more information for the keyer kit with price breaks for 10 and 50 units. Mike reported that the Red Cross will let him know about room for the code class for the first part of 2001. Next months board meeting will be at Houston Community College. The code class will need students. Members need to spread the word about the code classes coming up. The currently running extra class has 10-12 people. The VE exam location will be scheduled when the facilities let us know what is available. John gave the election report for the 2001 BOD members. Vice president Kevin Foto, recording secretary Bill Allen, 3-year board member Paul Gray, and treasurer Rex Ritz. There were no nominations for corresponding secretary or president.

New business: Mike reported that he wants to setup a command post in Houston to work communications for the MS-150 bike ride to help with working the event. More volunteers will be needed to make this work.

Motion was made to adjourn by Darrell and seconded by Mike. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.


Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ



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SCANNER JACK'S Corner by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

Jack doesn't have an article this month.

RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 14TH 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, November 14, 2000 at HCC Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
Mark Winslet, KM5WR

A total of 3 examination elements were administered during the evening to 3 applicants. Two unlicensed candidates received their new Technician license; with a total of two (2) examination elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 66.6%.

Valerie K. Eakin - Technician
Frederick W. McCarter - Technician

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 everyone at HCC Scarcella Technology Center for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

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72/73 de John Moore, KK5NU




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**MONDAY NIGHT PSN check-ins
(KC5VYZ net control)**

- 9/4 - 23 Doug
- 9/11 - 25 Doug
- 9/18 - 23 Doug
- 9/25 - 19 Doug
- 10/2 - 20 Doug
- 10/9 - 21 Cam
- 10/16 - 31 Doug
- 10/23 - 33 Doug
- 10/30 - 36 Doug

**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for October 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.

10/4/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, W5GHK, WB5SRN, WD8RZA, K5LJ, N5VXU, KD5O. (8)

10/11/00—N5CPA, K5LJ, K5JWM, N5VXU, WB5SRN, WA5CAV, N5OAC, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, W5GHK. (11)

10/18/00--N5CPA, N5VXU, WB5SRN, W5GHK, KC5HNJ. (5)

10/25/00--N5CPA, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5XWB, WB5SRN, KI5DR, W5GHK, WB5BRD, K0YIN. (9)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AMATEUR RADIO

Sorry for the second message but I thought I would add a new listing that a few of you might be interested in. Remember if you have time to work the up coming events, call the coordinators today and let them know.

What have you done with your radio and license today?

Tailgate Sale

The Informal West Houston Tailgate Sale

On Saturday, **November 25, 2000 from 6am till noon, there will be an informal, no charge, Tailgate Sale.** It will be held at the Houston Farm and Ranch Club Arena in Building #1, located on Abercrombie Drive. The Farm and Ranch club is located on the east side of Highway 6, about 1 mile north of Interstate 10 at the Patterson Road light. Turn east on Patterson Rd. for 1/2 block, then left on Abercrombie Drive. Building #1 is about 1/4 mile down on left.

Bring what you want to sell, trade, or just give away! There will be no food available unless somebody brings it! Remember to bring your own tailgate!
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Bike Rides

NOVEMBERFEST BIKE Ride

http://www.bicycletexas.com/tx_bike_rides.htm#calnov

This event will be held on **November 11th** in the Sealy/San Felipe area. This bike ride has about 1000 riders on it and covers the area between Sealy and Bellville. It is a nice slow and easy event to work and if you are lucky you may even see me on a bike on the course! All radio volunteers will either get a lunch ticket or will have a lunch brought out to them at their positions during the day. Robert Temple, Katy Amateur Radio Club will be putting the event together this year and you can contact them at

<Robert.B.Temple@usa.conoco.com>.

Running Events

25K WARM-UP for the MARATHON

<http://www.houstonmasters.org/upcoming%20races.htm>

The event will be on Sunday, **November 12, 2000** in downtown Houston. If you are interested in working the event, contact Allen Mattis at <afmattis@hal-pc.org>. He is the coordinator of the event and will be able to fill you in with more information.

30K WARM-UP for the MARATHON

https://www.signmeupsports.com/Events/Index_Events.asp?EventID=2506

I am looking for a coordinator for the **30K run in December**. This event will be held in the First Colony area in Sugar Land on December 3, 2000, at 6:30am. If you are interested in putting an event together, let me know and I will be glad to help you and get you started. You can contact me at n5vcx@worldnet.att.net if you would like to work the event or if you would like to get you feet wet coordinating one!

COMPAQ HOUSTON MARATHON

<http://www.compaqhoustonmarathon.com/>

It will be held **January 14th, 2001** and will be the 29th year that it has been held. There are nearly 6000 runners in this event. Approximately 120 amateurs are needed to cover this premier sporting event that is known nationwide. Contact Carl Hacker at chacker@utsph.sph.uth.tmc.edu for information on working the event.

If you wish to be removed from my e-mail list on Public Service events, send an e-mail to mhardwick@worldnet.att.net with "Remove from public service infomail" in the subject line.

The events do help amateur radio and the public knowledge of it.

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

Race Officials for 25K WarmUp Series Race Thank Volunteers by Al Mattis N5AFV

Race officials for this year's 25K Marathon Warm-up Series Race, which was held Sunday, November 12, 2000, wish to thank all the volunteers who helped make the event safe for all participants, spectators and volunteers. The officials are especially appreciative that non-runners would get up early, and show up along the race course before sunrise to work the event.

The high point of the communications effort this year was that

one runner lost a set of car keys on the course, and through the use of radio, the runner and keys were re-united after the race in the finish line area. Also, one of the last runners to finish the race collapsed just after finishing. He was transported to the hospital by ambulance. Many of the communications volunteers had already been released, but the remaining ham operators passed emergency medical traffic. This incident served as a reminder that emergencies may happen at any time.

Again, thank you to all the amateur radio volunteers who worked the 25K Warm-up Series race.

