


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>John Moore edited the November issue. Many thanks to him for a really good job.</p> <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>

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Notes from the President - December 2000

Prez Sez,

Well, here we are finally in the 21st century (yeah, I am one of those sticklers for accuracy). The past year has gone by quickly with many interesting and some controversial happenings. I feel the club is in good shape as we enter the new millennium but what hamradio clubs are today is changing from the traditional concept of years ago. The internet, new license structuring, and communication techniques have all altered what hamradio is and will be. Satellites, new digital modes (now, the latest rage is MFSK16), and the de-emphasis on cw will all have their effect over the next decade.

Speaking of satellites, it was great to see Phase 3D finally launched as it offers to revolutionize satellite amateur communications. It is a great disappointment, and potentially devastating to AMSAT, to hear that communication with the satellite has been lost after so much work has gone into bringing it to reality. I hope that some way is found to re-establish communication with it soon.

A new Board of Directors will assume leadership of B-Varc for 2001 and I hope everyone in the club will give them the same support as the past board has enjoyed. They have a special problem to deal with as they must select a new president from their number since no nominee was put forth at the election in November. Whoever is selected will need the support and encouragement of the entire club. Then, they must find a replacement for the position vacated to fill the president's position.

I personally want to thank you all for the support and encouragement I have received during the year. I wish the new board the best for 2001 (I actually serve on it another year as past president).

I hope I see many of you at the Awards Banquet 5 January, 2001. The next general meeting is the SECOND THURSDAY in February - please note this change.
73,

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
Jan	5	Awards Banquet	4	9
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 - December 14, 2000

President Larry Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, past president John Moore - KK5NU, corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, vice president Glen Jenkins - WB4KTF, treasurer Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ, 3-year board member Mike Hardwick - N5VCX, 2-year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO and 1-year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR. Visiting were Bill Allen - KD5IUI, Rex Ritz - KC5EEU, Kevin Foto - KD5O and Paul Gray-N0JAA.

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

Corresponding secretary report by Irv. The club has 163 members with 97 in the ARRL with 122 active, 14 life and 27 family members.

Treasurer report by Cameron. A financial statement can be obtained from the club treasurer by any member if requested. All accounts are current. Mike made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by John. Motion passed

unanimously. About 36 are signed up for the awards banquet for January 5th, 2001. Members need to get their reservations in to Cameron by the week before the banquet.

Vice president report by Glen. Last meeting program was well received on satellite antennas. Still needs to have a program for the February meeting.

President report by Larry. The president recommends that the president of the club not be in charge of making hot dogs at the meetings, but should be meeting the membership. This practice needs to be picked up by someone else or dropped from the program. Rex pointed out that the setup and takedown part of the meeting needs to be handled by a committee also. Kevin volunteered to help with the hot dogs. A signup sheet for committees was circulated at the last two meetings with some response.

Old business: Irv received the insurance certificate and filed with Cameron. Robert reported that the extra class finished with three students completing the course being Henry Caulk WB5IIB, Charles Frost K5LBU and Mike Hardwick N5VCX. Mike has passed the extra test. Code class in winter is pending with Louis and Lanny to start January 23rd at the Red Cross. Mike has not heard from the Red Cross so he will contact them soon about room availability. John gave a VE report with 13 at the last session on December 12th with 3 technicians, 1 technician with HF, 1 general, and 1 extra taking and passing the required elements. Pass rate was 46%. Mike suggested sending a thank you note to the Houston Community College for providing the facilities for the VE sessions. Larry will take care of this. Mike reported on the MS150 and a command post at Houston. 100 operators will be needed April 21 and 22 for the event.

New business: The next board will need to fill the position of president. John Whiteman will serve as the new corresponding secretary. Starting in February the club meeting time will be the second Thursday of each month because of meeting location schedules. The 2001 BOD will be meeting January 4th. Doug reported that the nets committee needs more volunteers to handle the Monday night net on a rotation. January 3rd reservations for the Sugar Land community center need to be made for reserving dates for the club and BOD meetings in 2001. Nominations have been made for the club awards. Larry will be circulating the names to the BOD for voting according to the award requirements.

Motion was made to adjourn by John and seconded by Darrell. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ

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SCANNER JACK'S Corner by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

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866.4375	868.4625
866.5875	868.5875
866.8125	868.6625
866.8375	868.800
866.9625	868.9125
867.0875	856.9875
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RESULTS OF THE DECEMBER 12TH 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, December

12, 2000 at HCC Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
Mark Winslet, KM5WR

A total of 13 examination elements were administered during the evening to 13 applicants. Three unlicensed candidates received their new Technician license; there was one upgrade to Tech w/HF; one upgrade to General and one upgrade to Extra, with a total of six (6) examination elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 46%.

Robert W. Barstow	-	-	Technician
Mark N. Franklin	-	-	Technician
Mike Hardwick	-	N5VCX	- Extra
Andrew Long	-	KD5LJB	- Tech w/ HF
William Long	-	-	Technician
Ivar W. Storvic	-	KD5LRR	- General

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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12/11 -24- Doug
12/18 repeater down

**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.

- 11/1/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, W5GHK, KB5DNT, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5TBS, WB5SPS, W5TEM, KM5HP, W5IOU, N5PAY. (12)**
- 11/8/00--N5CPA, K5LJ, WB5SRN, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5JWM, WN5A. (8)**
- 11/15/00--N5CPA, WB5SRN, W5GHK, K5CEK, KK5VE, W8YZ, KB5DNT, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5LJ, AB8CC, KK5W, NM5K, WB5VYR. (14)**
- 11/22/00--N5VXU, WB5SRN, K5CEK, ????. (N5CPA was out of town and did not call net.)**
- 11/29/00--N5CPA, N5XWB, WB5SRN, KK5VE, K5CEK, K5JWM, K5LJ, N5VXU, KK5W, W5RH. (10)**



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PRESIDENT

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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

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?

Running Events

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

BRAZOS VALLEY ARC CODE CLASSES

B-VARC CODE CLASSES ARE GOING TO BE HELD STARTING ON **TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 2001**. THE CLASS TIME WILL BE FROM 7: PM UNTIL 8:30 PM. THE LOCATION FOR THE CLASSES WILL BE **THE AMERICAN RED CROSS**,

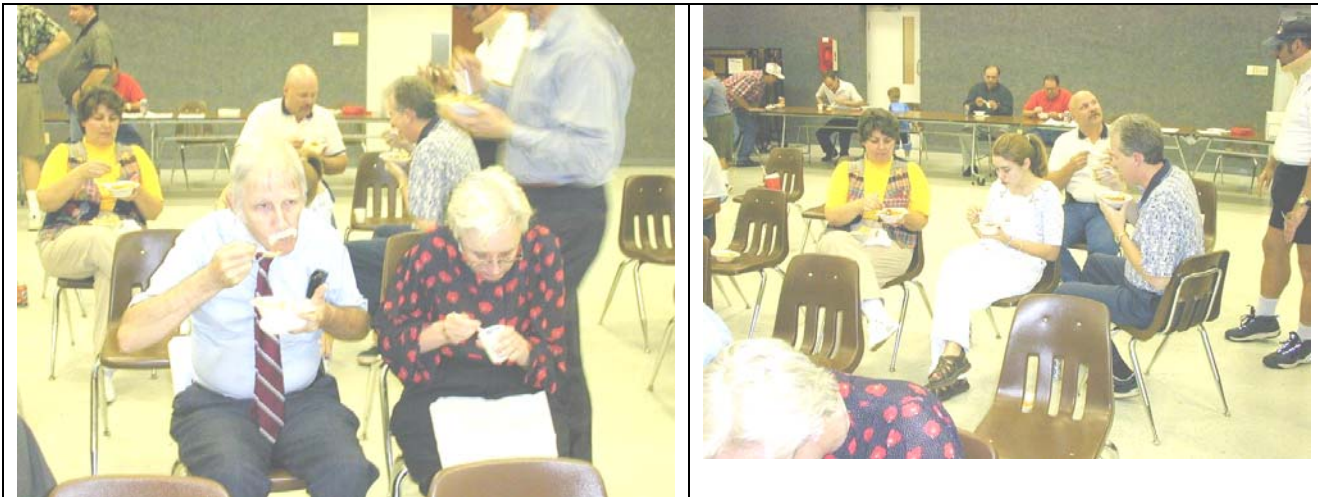
ON U.S. 59 SOUTH AND KIRBY DRIVE.
THOSE PERSONS WHO WISH TO ATTEND WILL NEED TO MAIL ME A POST CARD WITH YOUR NAME, CALL SIGN, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ON IT.
PLEASE MAIL THIS INFORMATION BY **JANUARY 10, 2001**.

MY MAILING ADDRESS IS:
LOUIS HOUSE
3625 WHATLEY DRIVE
DEER PARK TEXAS, 77536-5727.

EACH STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING THEIR OWN COPY OF "**YOUR INTRODUCTION TO MORSE CODE**". THIS STUDY TAPE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE **ARRL** OR LOCAL VINDORS, SUCH AS RADIO SHACK, EPO ETC.

ABOUT THE CLASS.
THE CLASS WILL LAST ABOUT SIX WEEKS AND WE WILL LEARN MORSE CODE AT THE SPEED OF 5 WPM.
THE TAPE AND THE INSTRUCTOR WILL USE THE FARNSWORTH METHOD.
YOU WILL NEED TO BRING WITH YOU, PENCIL, PAPER, AND DESIRE.

AMATEUR RADIO, MORSE CODE AND B-VARC ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON.
THEY ARE ALL **A-1**



Some pics from the chili dinner.
These and other pics can be on the B-VARC website.

