


<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 John at 281-530-0432 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: Kevin Foto, President - KD5O, alpine@wt.net Claude Sessions, vice-president - K5HFY, claudes@juno.com Bill Allen, Recording Secretary - KD5IU, william_allen@csicontrols.com John Whiteman, Corresponding Secretary - K5LKJ, jw@heatingtapes.com Rex Ritz, Treasurer - KC5EEU, icrex@yahoo.com Robert Moore, 1-Year-Director - KK5UO, kk5uo@hal-pc.org Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, 2-Year-Director, n5vcx@worldnet.att.net Paul Gray, 3-Year-Director - N0JAA, n0jaa@aol.com Larry Jacobson, Past President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com</p>

Notes from the President - March 2001

Prez Sez:

Thanks again to John Endsley for the March program on his antenna system. It can be fun sharing our personal experiences with other hams.

The upper HF bands have been very active lately with 10, 12 and 15 meters open worldwide. I hope to see the 6 meter activity rise with the Spring season.

We appear to be in the middle of Public Service Event season. I know that Mike Hardwick is still in need of a few more volunteers to fill for the MS150 Bike Tour and other events. If you would like to participate please contact Mike.

At this date there has still been no decision made on the Field Day location issue. I am still in favor of moving to George Bush - West Harris County Park. Hopefully by the General meeting this issue will be resolved.

Our April meeting should include a presentaiton about Emergency Communications presented by someone from Harris and/or Fort Bend County EOC. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

73,
Kevin KD5O

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**

Parking in the rear --

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Apr	12	TBA	5	10
May	10	TBA	3	8

April Program

The program will be the EOC's amateur radio coordinators for the following counties: Fort Bend, Harris, and Galveston. They will discuss the purpose of amateur radio

in their county, what they need during an emergency situation, and how the counties work together. Dave Scott of Fort Bend, Bob White of Harris, and Tim Lewellen and Garth Crowe of Galveston will be the speakers. Each will have about a 15 minutes or so presentation. There will be a question period at the end of the presentation.

Claude asked that members be notified that the deadline for placing orders for B-VarC jackets and t-shirts is the May general meeting. Caps and patches are always available, but the jackets and t-shirts have to be special ordered.

HOUSTON AREA 2001 PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Need over 100 operators for the ride this year. With over 8,000 riders predicted, communications will be a must! This year may be the biggest MS150 ride ever and I am still over 50 operators short. I know Belton is the same weekend and this may affect you volunteering. The ride needs your help. With amateur radio as the primary communications, this ride will succeed. If you can spare the weekend, come on out and help on the ride. Give me a call if you are interested. It is that time of the year again and the events are coming up fast. The biggest one, MS150, will be a little different this year with a command post in Houston coordinating 911 calls made by the riders on the route. Hopefully there will be a fairly large amount of APRS equipped vehicles this year as well, tracking all the medical vehicles on the course. With the additions, over 100 operators are needed to staff all the locations on the event. The command post will be coordinated by the amateur group from Galveston County EOC and the surrounding area. If you cannot work the whole ride and you have a few hours free, come on out to the command post and work a 4 hours shift. There will be plenty of room and there should be a lot to do. The Friday before the ride, there will be an equipment and antenna set-up party. So on the MS150 this year there will a lot to do and a lot of amateurs will be needed.

There are several smaller events coming up as well. I have listed them and the number of operators. The ham coordinator is listed as well but as always you can give me a call or an e-mail and I will get you contact with the right person.

Come on out and put some time in on a public service event. Amateur radio was built around serving the public

and these events do help keep amateur radio in a positive light.

Work an event and put your radio and license to a very good use!

- Arthritis Joint Walk Houston April 1, 2001 15 Mike NSVCX
- Ft. Bend Special Olympics Rosenberg April , 2001 10 Don LeRoux
- Tour de Cypress Katy April 1, 2001 30 Mike NSVCX
- MS150 Bike Tour Houston April 21/22, 2001 120 Mike NSVCX
- March of Dimes Walk Houston April 29, 2001 40 Marty Blaise or Bill Brune

What have done with your radio today?

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

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Board of Directors Meeting – March 1, 2001

President Kevin Foto called the meeting to order at 7:37pm with a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

President Kevin Foto-KD5O, Vice President Claude Sessions-K5HFY, Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman-K5LKJ, Treasurer Rex Ritz - KC5EEU, Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IUU, 3-Year Director Paul Gray-N0JAA, 1-Year Director Robert Moore - KK5UO, 2-Year Director Mike Hardwick-N5VCX, Past President Larry Jacobson-K5LJ

Recording secretary report by Bill Allen-KD5IUU:
Reviewed the February 2001 BOD minutes. Motion made by Robert Moore and seconded by Claude Sessions to approve February 2001 BOD minutes and motion carried unanimously. There was motion made by Robert Moore and seconded By Rex Ritz to make the minor changes to the minutes and the minor changes will be re-submitted and re-approved for the February 2001 minutes at the next BOD meeting.

Corresponding Secretary report by John Whiteman-K5LKJ: Reported the club has 119 members with 75 in the ARRL, 14 life members and 17 family members.

Treasurer report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: Acquiring the clubs account PIN number was discussed. All accounts are

current. Robert Moore made a motion to pass the report and Larry Jacobson seconded it. The report then passed unanimously.

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Vice President Report by Claude Sessions-K5HFY: Stated that he club still has some caps w/logo's and many club patches for sale now and at the general meetings. He stated he has the order forms new jackets, caps and shirts. The club will sell the caps for ten dollars and the patches for five dollars. The club will continue to sell these for at least two months from now. A six jacket minimum order is necessary.

Presidential report by Kevin Foto-KD5O: There were numerous discussions on location for field day as well a many discussion on a new community day to generate new memberships. There was a discussion on field day details, policies and who will follow up on these details. Mike Hardwick gave an update on the MERA repeater and he is going well out of his way to handle the issues as fast as he is able. Any assistance for Mike would be greatly appreciated. He is on the BVARC roster. The next club program was discussed and we will be attempting to do a program with local EOC (Emergency Operation Center) members possibly discussing their organizations and emergency preparedness.

Old business: Paul Gray mentioned some Field Day updates and many different locations were discussed but no decisions were made at this time. Paul Gray volunteered to chair the Field Day Committee with no objections and he is asking for assistance. Anyone who would like to assist it would be greatly appreciated. He is on the BVARC roster.

New business: Robert Moore stated that a Technician course would start possibly in April at St. Paul Presbyterian Church. There were discussions about the newsletter production and costs. Many of the board member offered to assist in the production of the clubs newsletter. Paul Gray reviewed the club committees and made mention that the list should be passed around again to increase the number of members for the committees.

Motion was made to adjourn by Claude Sessions and seconded by Paul Gray. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Bill Allen-
KD5IUU

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SCANNER JACK'S Corner by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

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259.7 am mode
296.8 am mode
171.15 fm mode
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RESULTS OF THE MARCH 13TH 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, March 13, 2001 at HCC's 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 4 examination elements were administered during the evening to two applicants. One unlicensed candidate received a new Technician w/ HF license and one Technician upgraded to General class, with the total number of elements passed being 4. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

Fred C. McLean - KD5ILR - General
Lisa A. McLean - Tech w/HF

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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MONDAY NIGHT PSN check-ins (KC5VYZ net control)

B-VARC conducts a public service net every Monday at 9 PM on the 145.47 repeater and several linked repeaters. Everyone with 2 meter privileges is welcome to check in.

2/9 - 24 - JAR
2/12-26 - Doug
2/19 - 32 - Jack
3/12 - 30 - Bruce
3/19 - 21 - Jack

Alex-WASUHT



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

3.960MHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00PM ←PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM 8:00 TO 7:00

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.

2/7/01—N5CPA, K5CEK, K5LJ, W5GHK, W5SRN, KB5F, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5VXU, K5JWM. (10)

2/14/01—N5CPA, K5LJ, K5JWM, N5VXU, K5HFY, WB5SRN, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WB5SPS, W5RFL, KD5UY, KE5MY, KB5ION. (13)

2/21/01—N5CPA, K5CEK, K5JWM, N5VXU, K5HFY, KB5ION. (6)

2/28/01—N5CPA, N5VXU, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KD5SWD, NM5K, KK5W, KA0TEN, KB5ION, K5JWM, W5GHK. (12)

NEW FIELD DAY RULES FOR 2001 DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE FUN (from CLARC)

Field Day 2001 will run from 1800 UTE June 23 to 2100 UTE June 24 as always, the fourth full weekend in June. Typically a club or group event, Field Day is the most popular operating activity of the year—and one of the most enjoyable for hams of all skill levels. A few rules changes this year affect bonus points for Field Day scores.

* The non-traditional mode bonus has been expanded from 100 to 300 points for doing three separate demonstration modes.

* Packet is back and will be counted as one of the three demonstration modes, but to claim packet credit, you must set up a portable digipeater system. Existing, permanent packet networks do not qualify for this bonus.

* You may earn a 100-point bonus if an invited local government official or representative of one of the agencies that ARES serves in an emergency visits your Field Day site. To earn this bonus, the invited official must actually visit the site, not just be invited.

* The message-handling bonus has been changed. You may now earn 10 points per message, up to 100 points total, for origination, relay, and delivery of formal NTS messages. In the past, only messages received and relayed were counted. The Field Day participation message to the Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator under rule 7.3.5 does not also qualify for bonus points under these rules. This marks the last year that the extra Novice/Tech Plus station will exist in its current form. The Novice/Tech station is a non-counting transmitter, and its QSOs count for QSO point credit. The ARRL Membership Services Committee is considering several options to encourage participation by newly licensed hams. The ARRL Contest Branch has compiled a 24-page field day 2001 Information packet,

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/01fdpack.pdf> This document is available in hard-copy format by sending an SASE with four units of postage to Field Day Package, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

In addition to the dated Field Day pins that have proven so popular the past few years, the League now offers 2001 Field Day T-shirts. Pins are just \$5, and the T-shirts are \$9.95. For ordering information, visit the ARRL Products Catalog, <http://www.arrl.org/catalog>, or call toll-free 888-277-5289. YOU can order these Field Day Pins and Field Day T-Shirts from the ARRL. <http://www.arrl.org>

SELL/SWAP/TRADE

Index Laboratories QRP Plus Plus, QRP transceiver, includes manuals, accessory microphone. \$400

Kenwood TR-7950 2m mobile transceiver, no tone board, slide out mobile mount. \$90.00

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