

**Membership renewal information:**

Members whose membership has expired or is near expiration will find their membership date highlighted on the mailing label.



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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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B-VARC General Meetings  
are now on the second Thursday  
of each month!!!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
this month

**Contact Ross, W5HFF**  
at 281-342-3340

**Many thanks to John Moore for printing this month's issue and to Claude Sessions for production.**

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Prez Sez:

We had a great set of presentations for last months meeting. Frosty provided an interesting display of how he has brought young blood into our hobby through the public school system. This year he plans to continue these efforts at Ollie Middle School in the Alief ISD. The fine folks at the Fort Bend R/C club finished off the meeting with a brief show and tell about their R/C airplane hobby.

Next month will be the Annual Ice Cream Social coordinated by Ross Lawler, W5HFF. Be sure to mark your calendar for this event. If you wish to participate by bringing ice cream or toppings please contact Ross.

Field Day turned out as a big success. As you are probably aware the event out at the Richmond Training Center made it into the Houston Chronicle. At this time I am about to put the results in the mail for submission to ARRL.

Enjoy the hot summer weather and I hope to chat with you at the August general membership 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  
10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX  
Parking in the rear --**

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
August	9	Ice Cream Social	2	14
Sept	13	Balloon Launch (KD5Ilu)	6	11
Oct	11	DX presentation and Quads and Yagis	4	9
Nov	8	Chili supper and Board elections	1	13
Dec	11	Home Brew Night	18	11
Jan	4	Banquet	TBA	TBA

Members who have club equipment are urged to contact a board member so that Club equipment can be cataloged and stored. Also, we would like to have some shelving if anyone wishes to donate it to the club. Thanks.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT CALENDAR  
FROM MIKE HARDWICK, N5VCX**

Here is the list of events that will be going on up to the Houston Marathon. If you are interested give me a call and I will fill you in on the event.

Come on out and put your radio and license to a very good use.

Sealy Crossroads Bike Ride - Sealy, Texas  
September 29, 2001

Dan White - W5AOV

E-mail Address(es): dan.white@argolink.net

Bike to the Beach MS150 - San Antonio to Corpus Christi  
October 6 & 7, 2001

Alfred Horn - SARO

E-mail Address(es): diamondw@swbell.net

MADD Country Classic Bike Ride - Montgomery, Texas  
October 7, 2001

Rud Merriam - K5RUD

E-mail Address(es): rmerriam@usa.net

Alamo Challenge Bike Ride - Houston to San Antonio  
October 13 & 14, 2001

Mike Hardwick - N5VCX

E-mail Address(es): n5vcx@worldnet.att.net

Wings Over Houston Air Show - Ellington Field  
October 20 & 21, 2001

Bill Terrell - JSC/Air Show

E-mail Address(es): bill.b.terrell1@jsc.nasa.gov

20K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Houston  
October 21, 2001

Stephen Dunkelberger - NSJBL  
E-mail Address(es): dunk@ix.netcom.com

Novemberfest Bike Ride - Sealy, Texas  
November 3, 2001  
Robert Temple - WD5DBZ  
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25K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Houston  
November 11, 2001  
Allen F. Mattis - N5AFV  
E-mail Address(es): afmattis@hal-pc.org

30K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Sugarland  
December 2, 2001  
Mike Hardwick - N5VCX  
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Houston Marathon - Houston  
January 20, 2002  
Carl Hacker - Marathon  
E-mail Address(es): chacker@sph.uth.tmc.edu

What have you done for the hobby today?

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#### SCANNER JACK'S Corner by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

Here are more frequencies and id's that I monitored during tropical storm Allison.

**D.P.S.**  
155.460 HOU.  
154.950 CAR TO CAR  
155.370 INTER-CITY  
154.665 PIERCE  
155.535 PIERCE  
159.210 HOU. TX. CITY  
47.420 RED CROSS

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#### RESULTS OF THE JULY 10TH 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, July 10, 2001 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

#### MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

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

Six examination elements were administered during the evening to six applicants. Three unlicensed candidates received their new Technician licenses; one Technician upgraded to General; and one upgrade to Extra was earned with the total number of elements passed being 6. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

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

Reynaldo P. Domingo	-	- Technician
David J. Hallimore	-	- Technician
Trisha S. Pollard	-	K5TSP - General
John K. Porter	-	KE4NT - Extra
Glenn M. Sliva	-	- Technician
Dolores A. Spencer	-	- 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.

..... 73 .....

John Moore - KK5NU

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

5/21 - 37 - Jack  
5/28 - 11 - Doug  
6/4 - - Darrel  
6/11 - 15 - Mahana  
6/18 - 15 - Bruce  
6/25 - 25 - Doug  
7/9 - 30 - Bruce  
7/16 - 26 - Jack  
7/23 - 28 - Doug

**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for June 2001 by  
Sam Wilson, N5CPA**

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6/13/01--K5CEK, K5HFY, N5VXU, KB5F, WB5HUV,  
K5VRJ, AB5BA, WC5S, K5JWM, (9)  
6/20/01--K5HFY (NCS), K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA,  
K5DIY, KB5F, K5JWM, K5LBU, N5VXU. (8)  
My thanks to Claude, K5HFY, for calling the  
net in my absence.  
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**Club Links**

Some web page links to clubs in the Southeast Texas  
area – Cameron Mitchell  
(Not all active)

**Brenham ARC:**

<http://www.alpha1.net/~barc>

**Texas DX Society:**

<http://n5uh.tech.uh.edu/~tdxs>

**Houston Echo Society:**

<http://www.qsl.net/echo>

**Northwest ARC (Houston):**

<http://www.w5nc.org>

**Johnson Space Center ARC**

<http://www.w5rrr.org>

**COMPAC Radio Club:**

<http://www.houston-intranet.com/~cpqham>

**Katy ARS:**

<http://members.aol.com/karsradio>

**Stephen F. Austin ARC (Bellville area):**

[http://users.argolink.net/danwhite/W5SFA/W5SFA\\_index](http://users.argolink.net/danwhite/W5SFA/W5SFA_index)

**Hou-Texins ARC (Stafford):**

<http://www.hal-pc.org/~tiarc/>

**Brazos Valley ARC:**

<http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc>

**Tidelands ARC (Texas City Area):**

<http://www.tidelands.org>

**South East Texas ARC (Tomball):**

<http://setac.homestead.com/setachome.html>

**Victoria ARC:**

<http://www.viptx/net/varc/>

**Clear Lake ARC:**

<http://www.clarc.org>

(Please advise of additions. Thanks.)

**2001 ARRL Field Day Results**  
**thanks to Kevin, KD5O**

1. Field Day Call Used: W5DPA; Novice Call Used: N0JAA

2. Club or Group Name: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

3. Number of Participants: 20

4. No. Transmitters in simultaneous operation: 5

5. Entry Class: A

6. Power Source:  
 Generator X  
 Battery X  
 Commercial Mains  
 Other - Solar Panel

7. ARRL/ Canadian Section: STX

8. Total CW QSOs 798 x 2 = Total CW QSO Points 1596

9. Total Digital QSOs 118 x 2 = Total Digital QSO Points 236

10. Total Phone QSOs 745 x 1 = Total Phone QSO Points 745

11. Total QSO Points 2577

12. Power Multiplier  
 150 Watts or less = 2 13. Power Multiplier 2

14. Claimed Score 5154  
 (Excluding Bonus Points)

15. Bonus Points:

- 100% Emergency Power X
- Media Publicity X
- Set-up in Public Place X
- Information Booth X
- Message to ARRL SM/SEC X
- WIAW Field Day Message
- Formal Messages Handled
- Satellite QSO Completed
- Natural Power QSOs
- Site visited by invited officials X (Richmond Fire Marshall)
- Non-traditional Demonstrations
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.

Total Bonus Points Claimed: 600

I have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations for Amateur Radio in my country. My report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Full Mailing Address**

Name: Kevin Foto Call: KD5O  
 Address: 16338 Maple Downs Lane  
 Sugar Land, TX 77478-7101  
 Email Address: foto@texas.net

**Band/Mode QSO Breakdown**

	CW	Digit	SSB
160	0	0	0
80	0	0	33
40	207	0	37
20	460	118	120
15	124	0	68
10	7	0	311
6	0	0	122
2	0	0	0
1.25	0	0	0
70	0	0	0
33	0	0	0
23	0	0	0
Subtotals	798	118	691
Novice Totals	0	0	54
Totals	798	118	745





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The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (B-VARC) was originally organized in 1978, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford, when required. Since that time, B-VARC has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active HAM radio club in the Southwest Houston area.

Today, B-VARC is truly a general-interest club with an impressive record of Public Service. The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the Commitment to service with the coveted status of Special Service Club. We are proud of our members who represent the finest in Amateur Radio. Membership is not limited to licensed operators, but is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. Meetings are held generally at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, at the Sugar Land Community Center. Talk-in assistance is available in the 145.470, and 444.550 MHz repeaters. Membership dues are \$16 annually.

B-VARC conducts A.R.R.L. VEC license exam sessions on the second Tuesday of each month. B-VARC also conducts a Public Service Net at 9:00 P. M. each Monday on the 145.470 and 444.55 (MERA) repeaters.

To obtain information about the club, its activities, or about joining B-VARC, contact John, K5LKJ, at 281-530-0432.

**B-VARC Meeting Schedule**

The next general membership meeting is Thursday, August 9.

Location:  
 7:30 p.m. Sugar Land Community Center, 226  
 Matlage Way, Sugar Land Texas

**B-VARC Eating Schedule**

Saturdays-7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Location: New York Coffee Shop, 9720 Hillcroft.

Also at 7:30 a. m. Location: Viking Den on 90A, Stafford.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday dinners - August 17 at Panda Garden Chinese Restaurant, 1043 Eldridge Road (FM 1876), at Jesse Pirtle Blvd. in Sugar Land. SHARP!

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