



# BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

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## BVARC AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, August 14, 2014

2511 Eldridge Rd, Sugar Land, 77478, Eldridge Park Conference Center

### Ice Cream – It's the Law!

The month of August, in Texas, is typically a month which is compared to walking around with a thick blanket wrapped around your entire body.

*And the blanket has been soaked in really hot water.*

In order to relieve our members, if for just a couple of hours, of the hot and humid South Texas afternoon, the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will be serving up to our members and guests, the delightful treats of one of Texas' best creameries. Please join your fellow radio enthusiasts as they share in some delicious ice cream and delightful eyeball QSO's. The ice cream will be favorable and the conversations memorable.

Almost as important as ice cream will be the vote to update our club's by laws. It is very important that we have as many members as possible at the August meeting, in order that we can vote on the update. Our by laws are severely out of date, and in order to bring them up to date, we will need you, and any other member(s) that you can bring with you, to come to the August meeting. Please take an opportunity to read over the changes, which include a five dollar increase to the yearly dues. If you have any questions, please bring them to the meeting with you.

Remember – We have Ice Cream!



## Summary of the Proposed By-Laws Amendments:

The BVARC General Membership will vote on a number of Proposed By-Laws Amendments. These will initially be voted on in "one vote" – up or down -- on all simultaneously. Should the all up/down vote fail, the Proposed By-Law Amendments have been grouped into 11 groups of related amendments and each group will be voted on separately.

A bullet summary of the proposals are as follows:

- Restructures the member classifications, changes the Individual Member dues to \$25 (last time changed was 2002) and makes other classes a percentage of the Individual Member dues.
- Makes changes related to a member's dues lapsing -- giving a grace period and describes when privileges are lost and/or reinstated.
- Makes it a requirement that all officers (including the President) and directors must hold at least a Technician Class license.
- Cites precisely when newly elected officers and directors take office (Jan 1, 12:01AM).
- Clarifies an omission reference the nominating committee. No functional changes are made.
- Clarifies how an officer or director who is terminated, disabled or unable to continue in office is replaced.
- Clarifies what is required to notify the Registered Agent.
- Changes a typo (meeting for meetings).
- Clarifies an ambiguity of how the Secretaries perform their duties for the board of directors. No functional changes.
- Cites how a General Membership meeting location is changed. Current by-laws do not provide for these changes.
- Provides 7 day notice requirement for a changed board meeting.

See details inside this newsletter and on the BVARC website.

## From the President, Bill Stone, WS5H

Greetings to Team BVARC,

As your President I wish to strongly encourage all dues paid members to attend our August Ice Cream Social general membership meeting. All are welcome and invited, dues paid member or not, to the BVARC ICE CREAM SOCIAL We will bring to the membership the proposed bylaw changes for your vote and we need a quorum of dues paid members per the bylaw rules to make the vote possible. Along with the simple out dated revisions needed your elected board of directors have added requested modifications presented by BVARC members through the past survey and written agenda requests at the BOD meetings. Our club parliamentarian and your board of directors have worked very hard over four months to prepare the proposed bylaw amendment changes and bring them to the meeting for your majority vote. Please mark your calendar and make the plan to attend this very important meeting. Remember this is a social meeting so bring family and friends to the meeting. I am told the ice cream flavors will be a top of the line selection. If you know of a BVARC member that wants to attend the meeting and may need to hitch a ride, bring him or her along. I got scheduled four members coming out to the social in my car for our fellowship meeting and bylaw vote.

We have many good news items to share with the Team BVARC membership however I must keep this article short so the proposed bylaw changes can be added to this August newsletter for your review. CU soon at the Ice Cream Social.

Bill Stone WS5H BVARC 2014-2015 President



### July Meeting Recap – Army MARS

The July club meeting wrapped up our series which looked at the co-operation between amateur radio and our government. This last presentation was given by Ken Miller. Ken is the Assistant State MARS Director for the Texas Army MARS. Ken gave a great presentation and we thank him for taking the time to come down to Sugar Land and meet with us.



### Only Very Timely Articles Included In This Issue

Because of the requirement to post the proposed by-laws amendments in this issue of the Newsletter, only very timely articles are included this month. They will be doubled up next month. Those deferred include the PSN Net, Rag Chew Net, Ham License Testing Results Also because of this, such articles as Technical Articles, Where in The World is . . . and BVARC Historical Vignettes, were not submitted.



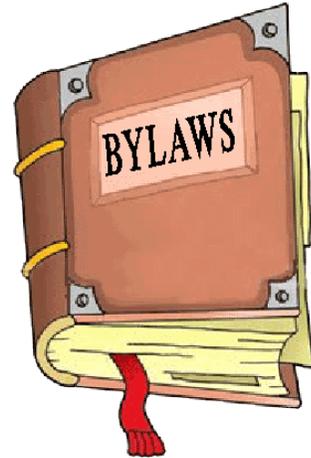


# Will that be one scoop or two??

You are invited to the BVARC Annual Ice Cream Social!  
Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Come celebrate summer and get to know the voices behind the call signs! This year's ice cream social will be held at the August general membership meeting. This year your attendance will be needed for more than a great social event. **It is time to vote in some changes to the bylaws of the club.** For these bylaw changes to be voted in we must have the quorum present which at this time is 53 paid members.

A notice of the bylaws changes is in this issue and on the BVARC website. **So please come and enjoy the ice cream, friends and support our club by bringing your votes.**



## PROPOSED BVARC BYLAWS CHANGES Version V-2a – July 21, 2014.

For each of the proposed by-law changes, the left side is the actual proposed wording. The right side is a brief description of what has occurred and reasons for the proposed change.

These will be voted on at the August General Membership Meeting (Ice Cream Social), Thursday, August 12, 7:30 PM, 2511 Eldridge Rd, Sugar Land, 77478, Eldridge Park Conference Center

A vote will be taken to pass all the proposed by-laws changes in one vote. In the event this does not pass, a vote will be taken on each of the “Groups” shown below. This is necessary because the by-laws within each group and a change in one requires a change in the other(s).

The complete by-laws as they currently stand are on the BVARC webpage. Also, a version (unapproved) of what the by-laws would look like if all are approved are also on the website. It is recommended that you have a copy of the current by-laws available.

Actual Proposed Wording

Description

Group A. The following 3 by-law changes are to be voted upon simultaneously.

Article 1, Section B, Paragraph 1b.  
Change to read: “One vote for each associate member.”

Article 1, Section B, Paragraph 1b.  
Simply changes the wording re family member to associate member (required because a family member is renamed below). This ties to Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 3, and Article IV, Section A.

Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 3  
Replace in it’s entirety with the following:  
“3. Associate Member - a member of the immediate family of an individual member.  
An immediate family member is defined as a person who resides at the same address and who is a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, sibling or person for whom the individual member is a legal guardian.”

Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 3.  
This clarifies that, within a family, there is an “individual member” who pays full dues and then others that are to become members are “associate members” who pay reduced dues. Individual members and Associate members are members of equal statue and privileges. This ties to Article 1, Section B, Paragraph 1b and Article IV, Section A.

Article VI, Section A  
Paragraph 1 – Change to read:  
Individual membership shall be twenty five dollars (\$25).  
Paragraph 2 – Change to read:  
Associate membership shall be 20% of the individual membership. Each associate member pays Associate Membership dues.  
Paragraph 3 – In sentence one, change “. . . multiple of the annual dues . . .” to “. . . multiple of the Individual membership annual dues . . .”  
In the last sentence change “review” to “reviewed”.

Article VI, Section A  
Paragraph 1 - Change general membership dues to \$25. Note, as the Lifetime Membership is 10X the dues, the Lifetime Membership automatically becomes \$250.  
Paragraph 2 –Associate Membership will now be 20% of individual membership and thus Associate Members (other family members), per the percentages, would be \$5.  
Paragraph 3 – This clarifies that ALL lifetime memberships are a multiple of the individual membership annual dues (For example, a current family member who is paying \$2 can’t get a lifetime membership for \$20).  
The last sentence fixes a grammatical error.  
Article 1, Section B, Paragraph 1b and Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 3.

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Group B. The following 2 by-law changes are to be voted

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upon simultaneously.

Article 1, Section D, Paragraph 3

Replace in it's entirety with the following:

"3. Non-payment of annual dues by due date. The member does not have any rights as a member, director or officer while the dues are lapsed. During the first 45 days of his dues being lapsed, his position is not permanently reassigned to another person.

a) If the member pays the outstanding dues within 45 days of the dues lapsing, the member will be fully reinstated retroactive to the original due date with full continuity.

Upon payment, he reassumes his position and rights as a member, director and/or officer.

b) If the member pays dues after 45 days of the due date, his position has been permanently vacated and an appointment may be made to fill his vacated position in accordance with the by-laws to fill a vacancy. His new annual membership term begins with the date he makes payment."

Article VI, Section C.

Add to the second sentence:

"... except as described in Article 1, Section D, Paragraph 3.

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Group C. The following 2 by-law changes are to be voted upon simultaneously.

Article II, Section A.

Replace the second part of the sentence (after "Treasurer") in it's entirety with: "... , each of whom must be a member of the Club and hold a current Amateur Radio License from the Federal Communications Commission.

Article IV, Section A:

Add a new sentence at the end of the lead-in paragraph as follows:

"Each member of the Board of Directors must be a member of the Club and hold a current Amateur Radio License from the Federal Communications Commission."

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Group D. This by-law change stands alone.

Article II, Section B.

End the first sentence after "... for which elected."

Replace second sentence with "All newly elected officers and directors shall assume their new positions at 12:01AM Central Time, January 1 of the following year."

Article I, Section D, Paragraph 3.

Article VI, Section C and this are interrelated, so be sure you read both together. This clarifies that if the member pays within 45 days of dues lapsing, then any position he had is reinstated. If he pays after 45 days of dues lapsing, his position has been permanently vacated and an appointment must be made of another person (or the reinstated member) in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws to fill a vacancy. Furthermore, if an officer's or director's dues lapses, then the vacancy shall not be permanently filled until the 45 day grace period is over.

Article VI, Section C.

Reference the 45 day provision as cited in Article 1, Section D, Paragraph 3.

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Article II, Section A.

This makes the requirement that all officers and board members must hold a ham license. It also omits the part that the President must hold a General Class license (I.e. – a Technician Class Licensee would then be able to hold the position of President). This is tied to Article IV, Section A, where now all directors must hold a current ham license.

Article IV, Section A:

This goes along with Article II, Section A, where the officers must hold a current ham radio license.

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Article II, Section B.

As currently stated, assumption of office is to be at the general membership meeting in January. This corrects that to be at 12:01AM, Jan. 1.

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Group E. This by-law change stands alone

Article II, Section C, Paragraph 1.  
Add “reverse” in front of “chronological.”

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Group F. The following 6 by-law changes are to be voted upon simultaneously.

Article II, Section D.  
Delete in it’s entirety and replace with:  
“In the event of termination of an Officer or Director or in the event of the continuing disability or inability of an Officer or Director, the same shall be treated as if a vacancy has occurred and the Board of Directors may appoint as a substitute, any duly qualified member of the Club, to perform the duties of the office left unfulfilled until the next General Membership election in November. At those elections, the general membership shall elect a permanent replacement to fill the position for the remainder of the original term, unless a special election is called by the Board of Directors and held to fill the position at an earlier date. Upon completion of the elections, the newly elected officer or director immediately assumes office.”

Article IV, Section B.  
Remove in it’s entirety

Article IV, Section C.  
Retitle “Article IV, Section B.”

Article IV, Section D.  
Retitle “Article IV, Section C.”

Article IV, Section E.  
Retitle “Article IV, Section D.”

Article IV, Section F.  
Retitle “Article IV, Section E.”

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Group G. The following 2 by-law changes are to be voted upon simultaneously.

Article III, Section D.  
Add Paragraph 6 as follows:  
“6. To provide the Registered Agent of the club with contact information of the current Club President and Vice President at least once per year or upon any change in that information.”

Article VIII, Section C.  
Change in it’s entirety to read:

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Article II, Section C, Paragraph 1.  
This just clarifies what already exists.

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Article II, Section D.  
This clarifies exactly how an officer or director with a continuing disability or inability is replaced. It cites the November election will include a vote to replace (or sustain) the appointee. This goes together with Article IV, Section B, C, D, E & F.

Article IV, Section B.  
This will now be taken care of by the changes Article II, Section D.

Article IV, Sections C, D, E & F.  
These have to be renumbered because of the removal of Section B.

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Article III, Section D.  
This just states specifically requirements to notify the Registered Agent of relevant changes. Article VIII, Section C is tied to this.

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Article VIII, Section C.  
The way it is currently written is in error. This corrects it and

“The Club shall employ a Registered Agent, who is designated to receive service of process in the event of a lawsuit or summons. He shall remain as such until replaced by the Board of Directors. The name and contact information of the Agent shall be made known to each new Corresponding Secretary by their predecessor and be recorded in the minutes of the club at least once each year.”

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Group H. This by-law change stands alone.

Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 1.  
Change “meetings” to “meeting”.

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Group I. This by-law change stands alone.

Article IV, Section F.  
Replace in its entirety with the following:  
“The Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary shall fulfill the respective roles for the Board Of Directors as outlined in Article III Sections C and D.”

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Group J. This by-law change stands alone.

Article V, Section B:  
Change the second sentence to read:  
“It will take place on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at the previous general membership meeting’s location unless changed by a majority vote at a previous general membership meeting.”

Add a third sentence as follows:  
The Board of Directors may change the day, date and time of a general membership meeting by giving proper notice 7 days in advance. In the event that the scheduled meeting is less than 7 days in advance, the Board of Directions may change the day, date and time of said meeting and shall provide notice of same via the BVARC Internet Reflector, the Public Service Net and the Rag Chew Net and other reasonable means of said notification. Furthermore, in the latter event, at approximately 1 hour prior to the original scheduled meeting time, the Corresponding Secretary shall prominently post on the entrance door of the original meeting site, the time, date and location of the rescheduled meeting and left until the rescheduled meeting is adjourned.

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Group K. This by-law change stands alone.

Article V, Section G.  
Paragraph No. 1  
Add the following to the first sentence:  
“... by giving proper notice 7 days in advance.”

provides a little more information. This is tied to Article III, Section D.

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Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 1.  
This is a typo correction.

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Article IV, Section F.  
This is re the “Secretary of the Board of Directors.” This has been changed to cite that the club’s Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary shall fulfill the respective roles for the BOD.

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Article V, Section B.  
This removes the locked in wording as currently phrased.

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The third sentence makes provisions such that in the event that a change is needed within 7 days of the scheduled meeting time.

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Article V, Section G.  
This adds the requirement that a 7 day notice be given in advance for a changed meeting date, time and/or location of a BOD meeting.

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## Radiosport Items of Note for August 2014

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

QSO Parties – An easy way to try a contest for the first time. State QSO Parties are relaxed events. If you happen to need these states for WAS, they are a great way to work states to work states you can't easily find on the bands otherwise. .

- Maryland-DC QSO Party Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>
- Hawaii QSO Party Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>
- Ohio QSO Party Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

### SSB Contests

- 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- North American QSO Party, SSB Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

### VHF/UHF

- ARRL August UHF Contest Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>

### Mixed Mode

- European HF Championship Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> .

### CW Contests

- North American QSO Party, CW Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- WAE DX Contest, CW Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

### Digital

- ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

For details on any of these contests, visit the web link at the top of the page or the contest calendar on [www.bvarc.org](http://www.bvarc.org)

### Selected Special Events in August

W!AW portable operation – Work toward W1AW WAS by working W1AW portable in every state.

States shown with an asterisk (\*) are in their second rotation. This is your last chance to work these states.

Scheduled in August week beginning are:

- \*Vermont - 8/6
- \*New Jersey – 8/6
- \*Oklahoma – 8/13
- \*Ohio – 8/20

- \*North Dakota – 8/20
- \*Arizona – 8/27
- Maine 8/27 – Note – First time for Maine

Through August 15<sup>th</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Panama Canal HO100CANAL July 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>  
US Coast Guard 224<sup>th</sup> Birthday Various locations and Call Signs – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Indianapolis Moto GP Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> W9IMS  
Civilian Conservation Corps 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Numerous locations and call signs  
International Lighthouse and Lightship weekend. Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Numerous Call signs and locations.

**AND the ever popular:**

Northern Illinois Steam Power Show and Threshing Bee Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> W9S

For details on every Special Event in August, go to

[http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events/search/page:3/Date.start:2014-08-01/Date.end:2014-08-31/model:Event](http://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:3/Date.start:2014-08-01/Date.end:2014-08-31/model:Event)

Reporting from the Dark Side, Ron, K5HM



**Minutes of the July, Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club**

Bill Stone called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to at

7:01 PM on July 3 2014 at Fuddruckers. Attending were:

Bill Stone WS5H (Pres), Michael Wrenn K5WRN (V.P.), Bob Tomlinson N5JSL (Cor.Sec./Treas.), Michael Monsour ACØTX (Rec.Sec./Quart.), Ron Litt K5HM (2yr At-Large Dir.& Radio Sport), Jerry Muller KF5EYC (2yr At-Large Dir.), Eddie Runner NU5K Webmaster, Suzanne Runner KF5GWZ, Cameron Mitchell K5CAM, Sharon Tomlinson KF5HUF, John Chauvin K5IZO Newsletter Editor Parliamentarian, Rick Hiller W5RH, Mike Hardwick N5VCX, Ross Lawler W5HFF Club Elmer, Mark Lawler, Norma Stone KE5NDN, Roy Storey W5TKZ, Nathan Vessey N5NYV, Stephanie Vessey K5SFV, Mike Hardwick N5VCX.

**Reports:**

1.1 From the Quartermaster, Field Day was very profitable as the club gained an extra 300 to 400 feet of coax, one piece of 200 foot coax was marked 'BVARC' and was AWOL for a year. A cooler was found with BVARC written on it, later the Quartermaster used a stencil to paint "BVARC" on the cooler and is in the storage locker. A motion was made and passed to approve the June minutes.

1.2 Treasurer's Report was presented. Field Day came in under budget. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

1.3 A report by Ron Litt K5HM, the club is coming under budget

1.4 Museum Ship Weekend Event came in under budget with around 20 participants. The QSL cards purchased last year are being used for this year with the addition of a small strip with the new location.

1.5 Field Day report by Roy Storey W5TKZ; approximately there were 68 participants and the club is the leading 8A station.

1.6 By Laws report by John Chavin K5IZO. The proposed By Laws will be complied in a better-presented form. This will be presented as one vote for everything. A motion was made and passed that the new By Laws be placed on the BVARC Web site at least 10 days before the Ice Cream Social. Quorum is now 55 members.

**Old Business:**

2.1 A chairman is needed for the August Ice Cream Social, Michael Monsour ACØTX volunteered to be the chairman and Ross Lawler volunteered to be co chairman. Budget seems to be \$300 and 13 tubs of ice cream are needed. A plan has been made to contact every member via E mail. Nathan N5NYV and Stephanie Vessey K5SFV volunteered to work on the body of the E mail invitation, A motion was made and approved for \$300 for the Ice Cream Social.

2.2 Prudent Reserve: Ron Litt K5HM said there is no IRS implications in accumulating cash. The search for a permanent home needs to be resolved. There was much discussion concerning this. Ron Litt made a motion to end the search for a Permanent Home. Michael Monsour ACØTX seconded that motion. Jerry made a motion which passed to table this discussion.

2.3 Mike Hardwick recalled how there was a prudent reserve years of \$3500 ago, the club was in danger of going out of business. A CD of \$3500 was cashed in and kept the club going. After the club started to get going again, then this in when the present prudent reserve was established to keep the club going in case of future difficulty.

New Business

3.1 A motion was made and passed to create a membership committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Michael Monsour ACØTX



## Hamfests

(within 200 miles of Houston)

Hamfest info for the next few months. More information at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

### **08/01/2014 | [Texas State Convention \(Austin Summerfest\)](#)**

**Location:** Austin, TX

**Sponsor:** Austin ARC & Texas VHF-FM Society

**Website:** <http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

### **10/04/2014 | [HamEXPO](#)**

**Location:** Belton, TX

**Sponsor:** Temple Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.tarc.org/hamexpo/>



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## 100 Reasons To Attend The 2014 ARRL Convention Rick-W5RH

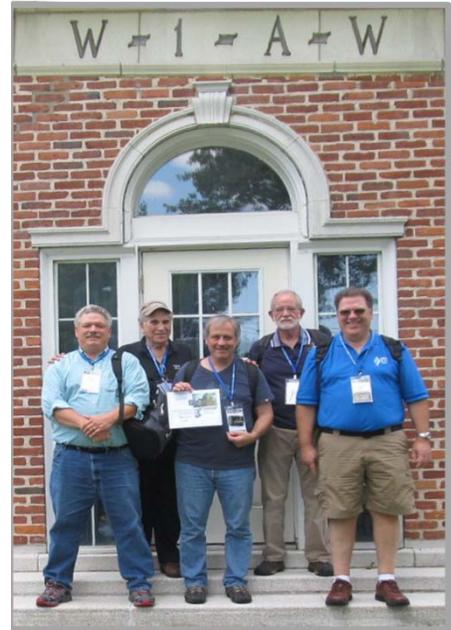
So there we are in the Airbus 320, sitting on the tarmac at IAH when Matt shows me the latest news Tweets.....the Russians just shot down MH-17 and Israel started their Gaza Strip incursion. Well, a fine day, indeed, to be traveling to a Ham Radio convention. The ARRL 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention to be exact. And for the lack of good world news, it turned out to be not only a good day, but a great weekend. We would eventually end up in Hartford, Connecticut meeting Stephanie -- N5SFV, Nathan -- N5NYV, Kirk -- KK2Z (and his wife Carolyn) and Ron -- K5HM. The “we” mentioned above is Pete -- KD5QPX Matt -- K5NGU and me.

The convention was held at the Hartford Convention Center, right on the Connecticut River in downtown Hartford. Ribbon cutting ceremony was at 8:30 AM on Friday and we were there. The first technical presentations and the exhibit floor opened at 9. Presentations on many Ham Radio related subjects went on throughout the day and the exhibit hall was bubbling with inquisitive Hams. We ourselves were quite inquisitive. In fact, in our search of each interesting isle we came upon 2 other BVARC'ers: Frosty -- K5LBU and Bob -- W5UQ, both of Expert Amplifier fame.

This continued until 2 PM when we took the bus for the ARRL Headquarters tour. Stephanie and Nathan had done this earlier and were the first ones to operate W100AW. Ops signed up for 15 minute slots on the allotted band. Matt decided to operate W100AW and did quite well on 40 Meters. See the video of his ops on YouTube (search K5NGU). We had fun talking with a few of the ARRL staffers that had traveled in the past to Houston to speak at the Greater Houston Hamfest. Later we were hosted in the lab by the fine ARRL Lab staff. We had a look at the newest test gear and listened to the stories about the bogus Maxcom antennas and the problematic “pot” grow lights. Saturday was one in the same with presentations and the exhibit floor, where we met our ARRL Division Vice-Director John Stratton. (see photo). At 4:30



PM the grand prize was announced. Unfortunately, none of us won. Stephanie and Nathan had departed earlier to the airport, so the remaining BVARC contingent headed to Pepe's Pizzeria in West Hartford for pizza, beer and laughs. Sunday morning Ron drove us to BOS to pick up our flight to IAH, so we quickly settled back in to the traveling mode. We had made the trip to “mecca” this year with tentative plans for a repeat excursion to Dayton or Friedrichshafen in the near future. You should too, because it sure is fun traveling with a group. By splitting costs on hotel and car, it keeps things very reasonable – with more money to spend on toys HI HI. Oh, I almost forgot.....the 100 reasons for



attending the ARRL Convention – 100 great years of a wonderful hobby – Amateur Radio.



# BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. For a full listing of officers and information about BVARC, please go to [www.bvarc.org](http://www.bvarc.org). Detailed information will be published in the newsletter every 3 months.

General membership dues are \$20.00 per year, with student dues \$10.00 per year, additional family members \$2.00 per member per year.

Club meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Eldridge Park Conference Center, 2511 Eldridge Rd, Sugar Land, 77478,.

**BVARC** also administers amateur radio license exams on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Community College's Scarcella campus in Stafford.

A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 146.94 (minus offset, PL 167.9 tone) repeater.

A rag chew net is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. on 3910 KHz +/- 3 KHz.

To obtain information about joining **BVARC** or its activities, contact the club's "Elmer," Ross Lawler, W5HFF at 281-701-7602 or see the BVARC website: [www.bvarc.org](http://www.bvarc.org)

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