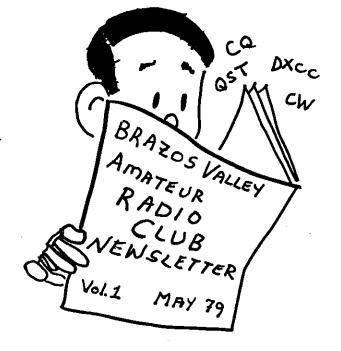
CLUB MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE MISSOURI CITY FIRESTATION FM 2234 at 7:30 pm CDT



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\*\*\*\*\* PRESIDENT'S COLUMN -- WADE T. EILERS -- WN5TEN \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

As President of BVARC, I am pleased and finally confident to say that OUR club is taking shape into becoming a SERVICE-ORIENTED club. A SERVICE both to our community as well a SERVICE/to Amateur Radio.

I say this because in the last few months, a few Hams have been making the effort in strenghthening the emergency communications network for Ft. Bend. Co. and surrounding areas. Two years ago, to my knowledge, little or no emergency communication activity was provided by HAMS. Now, with the growth of people in the area, and due to the direct result of OUR club, A.R.E.S. is a reality for this area. With the nucleus of operators from OUR club, in time of a real emergency, WE can lead others in the saving of life and property. To refine and futher develope this SERVICE, WE need to continue to participate and practice as well as expand our ranks. Thanks to those who have made the A.R.E.S. a reality to FT. BEND. CO.

BVARC has been of service in another area, in the area of training and advancement of Hams. A novice and a General/Technician class have been heldesince WE organized. These classes may have been small, with code and theory tough at times, but the effort was worth it, both for the Amateur Radio Service and the individual Hams we served. There is interest in having another NOVICE CLASS this fall. More definite plans will be forth coming, but let me know in what ways YOU want to participate.

I feel that the items I have mentioned support the basis of OUR club, SERVICE. I sincerely hope that BVARC and its membership continue to work together to keep the Ham spirit in OUR organization alive.

If you have yet to join BVARC, it is not too late. Check into the 16/76 repeater each Monday night a 9:00 pm local, and come join us at our meetings, the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm local, at the Missouri City Fire Station.

SEE YOU THERE---- 73 WADE EILERS WN5TEN

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CD - EC - SKYWARN - RACES - ARES - NETS --- ED HARWELL -- W5WVX

Here is a brief run down of the results of the January SET. A total of 28 real messeges were originated with 23 test messeges also sent. Charley--WB5KXC transmitted 25 and received 5 messeges from the Texas Traffic Net. A total of 28 HAMs participated. I consider this a very good turn out and a job well done. Joe Dow--WB5WHT acted as net control at the hospital; Joe says that it was two of the hardest hours of work he has ever done. THANKS Joe.

Two weeks ago, while on vacation, I spent a night at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, located only a few miles from Columbia where the Pearl River was yet to reach its crest. Local TV showed much about the flood. The town had about 7 days warning and the local C.D. director claimed that everything possible was done in preparation of the impending emergency. During most disasters we do not have the luxury of such lead time. This points out the importance of being ready AT ALL TIMES.

\*\*\*DON'T FORGET\*\*\* Ft. Bend Co. Emergency net meets each Monday night, 9:00 pm, Sugarland Repeater (146.16/76 MHz). Henry Freedenburg--N5HF has been assisting as NCS. If you would like to work some as a NCS, let me know. THANKS, Henry.

73 ED HARWELL W5WVX

## IN MY OPINION -- TOM CASEY WASACF

What if we analyzed OUR hobby as if it were a public commodity on some open market? Would we find it to be a loser or a gainer? This type of analysis may seem ridiculous, but stop and think about what is going to happen at WARC. If the last ten years is used as the basis for such a study, I am sure the results will prove to be below market value. Think about it as you stare at all the rig(s) that might become just a pile of surplus after WARC. Now to be certain the point is clear -- ask yourself--what have I done that helps the WARC feel as if HAMS need all that band space WE presently have. In conclusion, I will only add that incentive licensing and your ability to up-grade does not mean a hill of beans. What do you realy have to offer the technology of communications?

73 --- Tom Casey WA5ACF

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FOR SALE:

Homebrewed wire tuner--classy looking---make offer....Keith Huge KA5F...729-8548

Tri-X SM40-40' telescoping tower with hinged base, additional winch, &all hardware. mint condition---supply your own concrete base....\$150. FIRM...WB5IGG

Radio Shack 20' telescoping TV mast...\$7.50....WB5IGG..Stu Lamkin...777-3345

HALLICRAFTERS SX-140 RCV...80 thru 6m...with matching speaker, manual, original box. Excellent operating condition. \$125. Larry Levy..WD5DRB..437-2876.

WANTED:

Need 50'crank tower...must be a NON-TILT OVER type...Stu..WA5IGG...777-3345

Plans for dummy load..50 ohm / 300 Watts....Larry..WD5DRB...437-2876

CORRECTION: HENRY'S CALL SHOULD READ

N5HF on the next page.

SRI HENRY.

LARRY

### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN -- DICK HAGERMAN WB5SRN (Ghost written by WD5DRB)

\*\*\*\*\* Brazos Valley Club picnic \*\*\*\*\* A family picnic will be held on SATURDAY, May 12th, from 10:30 am to ??? at Bayland Park in Houston. Bring your own eat and drink. Grills, picnic tables and restrooms are available. If anyone has baseball equipment, frisbees, or other outdoor games, bring them along too. There will be a DX pedition to Luchenbach, Tx. that day so...portable rig could be put into use that day too (see Roving Reporter).

Location of the park is at the intersection of Bissonet & Hillcroft. We will have an area staked out at the EAST end of the park, near the FIELD House.

Come to the meeting THURSDAY, MAY 10th for more details.

\*\*\*\*\*FIELD DAY, 1979\*\*\*\*\* BVARC has secured a Field Day site at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. Dates are JUNE 23 &24th. Henry (N5HN) has more to say about FD. Again, attend the meeting or give Henry a call.

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#### ROVING REPORTER -- LARRY LEVY WD5DRB

Since our last issue (Jan./Feb.) no one has contributed anything to this column so I'm going to draw from the May issue of QST and HRH.

\$\$\$ The ARRL Membership Overseas QSL Service, effective June 1st, will begin using a new system for determining cost of the service. From now on the fee will be \$1.00 per pound or portion thereof (\$1.00 / .453 Kilos). Someone at ARRL HDQRS. determined that 11b will equal about 155 cards. (QST, p. 68)

DXDXDXDX---W5TEX will venture into the wild and wooly past of the 1870's to the site of a LUCKENBACH DXpedition the weekend of May 12 & 13 Fred. & modes of operation are: CW -- 7.110 es 21.110 MHZ; FM -- 52.525, 29.600 es 146.52 MHz; and SSB -- 3.9.7.235, 14.285, 21.360, 28.625, 50.110, es 144.2 MHz. All - 5 MHz. If anyone has a portable set-up for HF freq. bring it to the pichic and we can fractice up for FIELD DAY next month. All confirmed QSO will be entitled to a DXpedition QSL.

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR LICENSE: LATELY??? If not, look to see if your license: is still valid. Relax if the expiration date is within five years. Under a new and unpublicised action by the FCC, a five (5) year grace is in effect. Although you have lost your old call, by applying with form610 you eliminated the need to retake any exams. Within one (1) year, you can also apply for your old call. Remember, if your license is expired, SO ARE YOUR OPERATOR PRIVILEGES.

Texas House Bill 75 concerning RFI has been withdrawn due to flack provided by Texas Hams. Who says you can't fight "city hall"

I really would like some feed back and contributions form club members. Who has: upgraded? replaced equipment for something with whistles and bells? brewed a new antenna, filter, rig, anything? a new idea for a club activity, speaker, program? Operating suggestions, band conditions, opinions...this is YOUR column, please make use of it so that the column reflects YOUR ideas.

CHALLENGE: To any Novice or Tech in our club. Since February I have contacted and confirmed 31 states on 15m CW toward a W.A.S. For the purpose of encouragement and added incentive, I challenge all novice and techs who have the goal of WORKED ALL STATES to telephone me so that your progress can be charted in this column. Also, share with the club some of your more memorable QSO's, successful operating hints and habits. Similar exchange of info is welcomed from General & higher licensees.

YMMODINGEMENTS!

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MISSOURI CITY FIRE STATION NEXT MEETING OF BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB IS MAY 10th, THURSDAY, AT 2:30-Pm.

BRAZOS VALLEY A.R.C. FAMILY PICNIC ----SATURDAY, MAY 12th---10,30am to ???

FIELD DAY, 1979---BVARC WILL PARTICIPATE....SITE WILL BE FT. BEND COUNTY FAIRGRDS.

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