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Ye Olde Editor's sincere thanks to certain committee chairmen, as noted in these pages and the production and associate editors for their contributions to this issue of the BULLETIN. More of this kind of participation by members-at-large will make this publication more interesting to all. A one-man show would soon become pretty monotonous!

N-E-W M-E-M-B-E-R-S

Welcome to the following new members who joined us at the August meeting. Please add them to your roster to keep it up to date.



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C-A-L-E-N-D-A-R

B-VARC monthly meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month.

Houston SHOT 10-X Chapter eyeball - Sept. 6, 1980, 9:30 A.M. behind Miller Theater, Hermann Park.

SKYWARN class - Sept. 12, 1980, 7:30 P.M., Room 1040, M & M Bldg., which is just north of bridge at foot of Main St. downtown, and at intersection of I-10 & North Main.

Houston COM-VENTION 80 - Oct. 3-5, 1980, Marriot Brookhollow Hotel, Loop 610 North at U.S. 290.

Houston 10-X Hambash - Nov. 8-9, 1980, Bear Creek Park pavilion area.

ARRL National Convention 1983 - dates and place in Houston to be announced later.

Mailing deadline for next BULLETIN material - Thursday, Oct. 18, 1980.

A-T T-H-E A-U-G-U-S-T M-E-E-T-I-N-G

About 30 were present. Quite a discussion was held on the Club project of putting up a repeater and more information on this activity will appear in these pages in future issues. At this writing, Gerry WB5FIV, Trustee of the repeater to be, tells us a frequency pair in the 2-meter band has been requested from the area frequency coordinator, and he is waiting to hear from the coordinator.

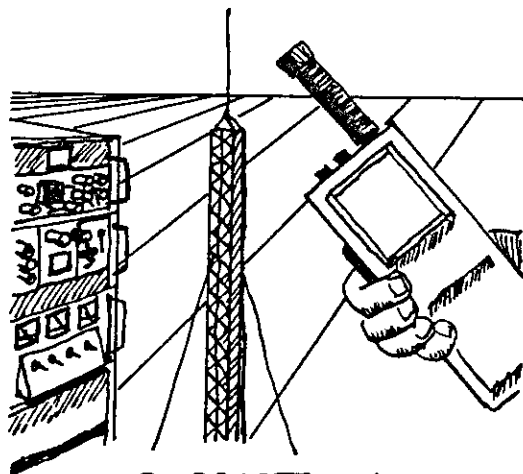
The group enjoyed hearing Keith KA5F recount some of his experiences on ham radio in Europe this Summer. And the color photos he had on display were beautiful -- National Geographic types!!

T-H-O-U-G-H-T F-O-R T-H-E D-A-Y

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

EDITORIAL



SUPPORT THE
REPEATER YOU USE.

It's been customary in these parts for users of a repeater to contribute to the operating cost of the machines they hang out on or normally use, by making either a one-time or continuing contribution.

Many of us have done

this on several machines as our usage has varied.

We have not been asked to do so by the operators of the 60/00 machine, and this is not an official Club request, but for the convenience of anyone who might wish to make such a contribution, it should be sent to Russ Seto W5TMH, Cypress Repeater Group, 14610 Dale Hollow Lane, Cypress TX 77429.

F-R-O-M O-F-F-I-C-E-R-S A-N-D C-O-M-M-I-T-T-E-E C-H-A-I-R-M-E-N

President's Letter - September, 1980

Things appear to be going well with the Club and we continue to have good attendance at meetings, but we miss some familiar faces. We'd like to have EVERYBODY out once in a while, so those of you who haven't attended meetings, we hope you will make it some time.

The transmitter hunts continue to draw more interest but we seem to have hit a "50 minute" barrier. Some of you old pros ought to come out and show us how it is done. I understand that when we break 30 minutes it's gonna get real tricky.

We have a new Club project -- the building of a repeater. Anyone interested in working on this project, at your own pace, should contact Phil WB5SUR. These machines don't utilize vacuum tubes or spark gaps, so I'll sit this out!

I've taken the liberty of volunteering the Club's help for the 1983 ARRL national convention here in Houston. I'm sure this will be a big'un and I hope to be around for it ---also for breakfast tomorrow!!

I would like to thank Stu WB5IGG for the excellent job he did on the B-VARC Newsletter for August. It was only the second newsletter this year (February was the first, in case you forgot it). So send in your news and let's keep those presses rolling...that's newspaper talk, hi, hi.

President's Letter (Cont.)

And again, thanks to Madison Electronics for their donation of transmitter hunt prizes. Tell'em thanks when you see'em!

- Bob W5UBD

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Vice-President's QSO

I finally got time off a few weeks ago to go on a mini-vacation. The first 3 days were spent in Dallas -- my daughter was a finalist in the Miss United Teenage America Pageant. Altho she didn't win, she was one of 163 finalists out of 2,500 girls in the competition. She had a great time and really enjoyed staying two nights in the Sheraton Hotel Downtown in Big D.

One hour before Pageant starting time on Saturday night, she and 8 other finalists got stuck in an elevator for 50 minutes, and this delayed the Pageant starting time that night!

My wife Harriet, KA5HCW, and son Glenn, KA5BIU, stayed with Jack Ward and his family in Plano, about 30 miles north of Dallas, and 1 mile from South Fork, the ranch house used in the TV series "Dallas".

Jack works in the same building used as the Ewing Oil Building in that show. He took me downstairs where they do a lot of filming and where they wheeled poor (Hi!) J. R. out of the elevator after he was shot. (No, I didn't find out who shot J. R., and if you don't watch "Dallas" on Friday night TV, all this won't make much sense to you!)

On Monday morning we left Plano, heading for Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. The kids had never been there but Harriet and I had about nine years ago.

The Caverns now have lights on at all times, and park rangers don't conduct cavern tours any more. The trails are all marked so you won't get lost.

When you start on a tour you are given a hand-held wireless radio that works only in a certain part of the Caverns. When the word "Begin" appears on the trail you hold the radio to your ear and a voice tells you about the area you are in. When you pass the word "End", the radio stops talking automatically. Since you are not in a tour group, you can spend as much time going thru the Caverns as you like.

On the way back to Sugar Land we followed a beautiful scenic route thru the Davis Mountains in the Big Bend country.

Our 2-meter rig enabled us to meet and make a lot of new ham friends on our mini-vacation.

I hope to see you at the B-VARC meeting on September 11, 1980.

73, Dale WD5AJC

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Transmitter Hunt Committee

The monthly transmitter hunt was held on August 16, 1980, and 13 hunters registered in. The transmitter was hidden by Jay K5ZC, running ten watts and holed up in a culvert under the railroad tracks beside Highway U. S. 90-A.

Transmitter Hunt Committee (Cont.)

Madison Electronics donated a 5/8 wavelength 2-meter antenna to the Club to be given to the first team to locate the hidden transmitter. It went to Mike KA5BYF and Tom N5EY. Congratulations to them!

Dave WB5MSX and his wife Charlotte were next, and third place went to Phil WB5SUR and Gary N5ANF.

And congratulations to Bob W5UBD who finally at long last got to be a hunter. Even without practice he came in fourth!

The next hunt will be on Sept. 13, 1980, same time, same place. Start working on your antenna now -- it's later than you think.

Special note -- The Summer meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society in Beaumont last month included a hidden transmitter hunt, and who do you think came in first and second?

None other than Phil WB5SUR for first and Richard N5KV took second.

That surely says something for the quality of our hunts and the keen noses of our hunters! Talk up our hunts everywhere you go and let's get more hunters out.

- Gary

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Publicity Committee

This committee had no activity this past month.

- Dick WD5CTQ

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Logo & Patches Committee

I'm happy to report that we're expecting our Club patches to be available at the September meeting. (Please underline expecting!) If our order processes according to plan they will be there. It may, however, be the October meeting. Please be patient and hopeful -- we're at the whim of the Taiwanese!

- Dick WD5CTQ

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Picnic Committee

We're tentatively planning to have a Club picnic some time in November after it cools off some!

I would like to have your suggestions as to where we might have this Club activity.

- Dale WD5AJC

ARRL Affiliation Committee

This activity has gotten to the top of the priority list of the chairman and work has started on accumulating information required to accompany the affiliation application. One of the requirements is that at least 51% of Club members also be members of ARRL, and it appears at

ARRL Affiliation Committee (Cont.)

this writing that we'll make it. A firm target date for filing the application is not yet in sight but it will be as soon as possible.

- Stu WB5IGG

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By-Laws Committee and Field Day Committee

These committees have completed their work for this year.

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Awards Committee - Syd KA5GLJ, Chairman
DXpedition Committee - Henry N5HF, Chairman
Repeater Committee - Phil WB5SUR, Chairman
Training Committee - Wade WN5TEN, Chairman

No written activities reports were received.

Do You Know About the Dallas Ham Flea Market?

Dale WD5AJC

A few weeks ago I was in Dallas on the first Saturday of the month and went to what the hams there call a "sidewalk flea Market".

This flea market was larger than the one at the annual Hamm-Comm Convention held in Dallas earlier this Summer.

If ever you are in Dallas the first Saturday of any month, try to visit this sidewalk flea market. You'll be surprised at what you see.

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The Next Club Meeting

When - Sept. 11, 1980.

Where - Missouri City Firehouse on FM2234 (Blue Ridge Road).

Speaker - George Caldwell WB2RIT, who is with Channel 2 TV. Bob W5UBD
has suggested that he tell us something about equipment and
techniques used in the news gathering activity of a broadcast
TV operation. You can expect a very interesting meeting unless
some fast-breaking news event preempts us!

Special - Attached for your information is a copy of the Club's revised
By-Laws made necessary when the Club incorporated under the
laws of the State of Texas. These revised By-Laws will be
proposed for adoption by the Club at this meeting.

W-O-R-T-H G-I-V-I-N-G A T-H-O-U-G-H-T T-O

Yesterday I killed my son's joy in the victory of his team -
I complained about his dirty clothes, torn at the seam.

The day before I killed my daughter's pride in that dress she'd made -
I pointed out its faults, then added only faint praise.

One day I killed a friendship, turned affection to hate -
I misunderstood, that's all, but it was too late.

I killed my spouse's love, not with a mighty blow -
It died bit by bit, year by year.....so slow.

Tonight I saw the light of love die slowly in her look -
When she reached out toward me with her hand, and I picked up a book.

Oh, God of the Resurrection, take me by the hand -
And teach me how to truly love and loving understand.

-- Dr. Herb True

