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CALENDAR

B-VARC Public Service Net -- Mondays, 9 PM, 147.60/00 MHz  
 Ft. Bend County RACES Net -- Tuesdays, 9 PM, 146.16/76 MHz  
 West Houston RACES Net -- Sundays, 8 PM, 146.07/67 MHz

Next B-VARC: Membership Meeting -- April 9, 1981  
 Transmitter Hunt -- April 11, 1981  
 Board of Directors Meeting -- April 23, 1981

Field Day -- June 27-28, 1981  
 ARRL National Convention 1983 -- Dates and places in Houston forthcoming

MINUTES OF MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

It has been our practice to include in each issue of the BULLETIN minutes of the preceding membership meeting (1) for benefit of members who were unable to attend that meeting, and (2) to save time at the following membership meeting.

However, the minutes of the March meeting are not available for publication in this issue. They will be read and acted upon at the April meeting.

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TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS ---

(Other Than Committee Chairmen!)

We seem to be hearing increasing questions as to why the BULLETIN does not include current information on such ongoing Club activities as, the repeater project, the Exploer Scout Post, Field Day and preparations therefor, hidden transmitter hunts, etc.

The answer is pretty simple -- the Chairmen of your Committees are not furnishing such information for publication in the BULLETIN. As a current example, when you are reading this issue, note what ongoing activities are not reported on.

B-VARC is your Club and the BULLETIN is your monthly newsletter. If you want such information in advance of monthly membership meetings in order to provide material for more fruitful sessions, we suggest you start needling your Committee Chairmen.

If, however, you prefer a newsletter without such information in advance of meetings, it's your choice, and we'll be guided accordingly in putting together future issues of the BULLETIN.

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VP QSO, April 1981

Heard on the air amongst QRM:

"CQ, CQ this is W2NLC, Washington Two North, London, Connecticut, NLC, over

"W2 Question Mark, here is W6SLR, Sierra, Lima, Romeo. Your call again please?

"Roger, W6SLR, this is Washington Two North, London, Connecticut, NLC, over

"No, No, you don't understand, I don't need your QTH, but I QSL New London, Connecticut. What is your call?

"North, London, Connecticut, Old Man - No Loose Connection, NLC, W2NLC, over

"OK, now I get it, WCLC. Sorry, thought I heard an N in there somewhere. How are things in Connecticut? over

VP QSO, April 1981 (Cont.)

"Hold it, Old Man, the call is W2NLC, NLC, North, London, Connecticut, over

"Oh, sorry, Roger North London, Connecticut. Thought you said New London. Anyway, the copy is rough, so I guess I'll sign. Sorry for the confusion, 73. W2LC this is W6SLR. Clear."

Wonder what kind of conversation they might have had, had our W2 friend given his call as Whiskey Two, November, Lima, Charlie? How many times have you had to ask for a repeat on strange phonetics. Or, how many times have you been asked to repeat your call for the same reason?

The point is, the ITU Phonetic Alphabet was conceived to be clearly understood worldwide -- and we all listen for it specifically. Use it -- it really helps avoid confusion on what are already crowded bands. There's nothing wrong with happy phonetics -- all of us take pride in those special little phrases we make up for our calls. They have their place, and are part of the enjoyment of Ham Radio.

Listen around, and see how many exchanges you hear like the one above. Do you approve?

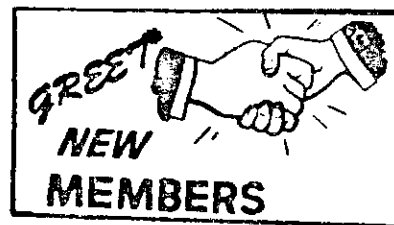
73, Dick WD5CTQ

*Dick*

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NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome the following new members who joined us at the March meeting. They, together with others who've joined us this year, have a red and blue border on their name badges. Introduce yourself and mak'em glad to be with us!



KC5AX	Tim Bielek	WB5GZQ	Mike Ports	KB5TN	Mike Tussy
N5AYX	Irene Gordon	KB5IF	Hy Gordon	Pending	Karl Tussy
KA5FBT	Louis House III	WB7SXQ	Carson Henry		

In addition to these brand new members, Darrell Jack KA5HHC has renewed. He was not included in the new roster because he had not paid his 1981 dues during January and February and was dropped from the roster. We're glad to have him back.

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1981 ROSTER

The nine new names shown on the preceding page are listed on Page 6A of the Roster and a copy is enclosed with this mailing. Please insert it in your Roster.

In addition, please make the following changes in your Roster:

Page 1 - WA5ACF -- Change address to: 4915 Ridgestone Lane.

Page 3 - WD5HEH --- change work phone number to: 868-5800.

Page 6 - Lonnie Moak -- change home phone number to: 491-7873.

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Changes in Roster Information

We've found that delivering the BULLETIN to the postoffice sorted in Zip Code order and going third class will get delivery to you as fast as going by first class mail -- and B-VARC saves 25% of BULLETIN mailing costs!

HOWEVER, the postoffice does not forward third class mail.

So.....if your address changes and you don't notify Ye Olde Editor to change his mailing list, you'll automatically fall off the delivery schedule, we'll put stamps on your copy and mail it, and the postoffice will pitch it.

THEREFORE, please notify the BULLETIN promptly of any change in your Roster information so we can keep the Roster updated currently.

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A REMINDER

Don't forget that B-VARC gets \$1.50 for your renewal of your ARRL membership through the Club. Also, for any new membership handled through the Club. Call our Treasurer, Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN for details, if you're not already familiar with them.

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OOPS! WE GOOFED DEPARTMENT

Our apologies to Steve WA5OEN for misspelling his name on Page 9 of the March BULLETIN. We certainly know better, but our fingers got mixed up and our proofreading fell down!!

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Kenwood service manuals and all line accessories available.

Special Note - We need a counter salesman in our store. Must have knowledge and experience with ham gear and appurtenant equipment. See Don Busick for further details.

PUBLIC SERVICE BY B-VARC HAMS

Hail to the following B-VARC members who did a fine job in rendering service to the public -- the basic justification and obligation of ham operators -- in handling communications for the multi-county 1981 Boy Scout Good Turn program and for the Bellaire-Rotary Road Race, both of which were held on March 22, with Richard N5KV and Dick WB5SRN, respectively, being in charge of communications:

Mike Armatta N5APC

Richard Shankle N5KV

Tim Bielek KC5AX

Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN

John Baker N5BSZ

Mark Schneider WB5RDK

Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ

Dick Hagerman WB5SRN

Ray Morphey K5EST

Mike Tussy KB5TN

David Kaszubski WB3FYV

Bob Spradling W5UBD

Henry Freedenberg N5HF

A. J. Blackwell WB5YLB

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG

Jay Maynard K5ZC

David Graessle KA5JVR

Joanne Morphey K5HOY would have been on the communications team for the Road Race -- except that she was one of the 400-odd who were running in the race!! Congratulations, Joanne!

TO: B-VARC Public Service Net Control Operators

FROM: Bob Spradling W5UBD, Emitter of the Frequency

The Net Control Operator schedule for the Brazos Valley Public Service Net at 2100 local time each Monday has a habit of getting out of sync, mainly because of prior commitments and loss of memory. The only place this jumble is straightened out is in my head, which is a poor place for anything to be because of lack of space and routine clutter!

In order to get the schedule back on schedule (?), here are the Net Control assignments for the next few weeks, considering replacements, etc.

3/30 N5HF, 4/6 KA5F, 4/13 WD5HEH, 4/20 WB5SUR.

From that point on, the regular schedule will be followed, which is:

4/27 W5UBD	5/11 WD5CTQ	5/25 WD5HEH	6/8 WB5SUR
5/4 N5HF	5/18 KA5F	6/1 WA5OEN	

As a reminder, each issue of the BULLETIN will carry an updated schedule.

If you can not act as Net Control on your assigned date, PLEASE make prior arrangements to switch with one of the other operators. This means keeping track of what's going on. My memory is now down to about 11.5 K RAM, and I need it for other uses.

The Net is getting professional now and is about four times the size it was a year ago. Let's keep it up by keeping track.....The experience is extremely valuable, too.

73, Bob UBD  
Emitter

P.S. Technical note: It is respectfully requested that Henry refrain from rocking in his chair when conducting the Net.

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INTERESTING PAPER SHELF

If you'd like a copy of any of the following items on the Shelf, send us your SASE with 1 oz. postage for up to 5 pages; 2 oz. for over 5 pages.

INTERESTING PAPER SHELF (Cont.)

1. Optimum Mounting of Trap Vertical Antennas - 2 pages.
2. Another Way to Increase Your Code Speed - 1 page.
3. Is Your Ground Wire Causing RFI? - 2 pages.

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The Bulletin will print, if requested, in this department a listing of your want to BUY, want to SELL, and want to SWAP items. We'll run it in the first issue after we receive your request.

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For Sale - HEATHKIT HW-101 XCVR with power supply and speaker.

Alan Shapiro N5BSW  
499-3038 after 5 PM

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For Sale - I have 2 rock-bound 2-meter rigs, either of which will be a good buy if it fits your needs. They are:

1. 5-channel HT with drop-in charger and appurtenant equipment to operate either a hand-held, mobile, or fixed station.
2. 22-channel xcvr with 16 sets of xtals installed, power supply, touch tone pad, and 25W amplifier.

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG  
777-3345 any time

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

MAN should concentrate  
LESS on making a living and  
MORE on making a life.

--Anonymous



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