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CALENDAR

Next B-VARC -- Regular Membership Meeting - Oct. 8, 1981
 -- Hidden Transmitter Hunt - To be announced
 -- Board of Directors Meeting - Oct. 15, 1981

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

Conventions -- ARRL West Gulf Division, Oct. 1-3, 1982 in Houston
 -- ARRL National, Oct. 6-8, 1983 in Houston

HAMBASH 81 -- Nov. 7-8, 1981

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Minutes of this meeting have not been made available for publication in this issue of the BULLETIN, but they will be offered for approval at the membership meeting on October 8.

AT THE OCTOBER 8 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG, Program Chairman, has lined up a timely subject for this meeting, and an outstanding ham to discuss it. The topic is Traffic Handling, and our own Jim Aman KB5TC is the speaker. Jim is very active in the field and we can look forward to his coverage of this subject in such a way that it will be informative and a learning experience for those of us who are not experienced in this facet of ham activity, and a good refresher for those of us who have some participation in handling messages.

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IT'S TIME TO ELECT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1982

The following item appeared in the Minutes of the August 13 membership meeting:

"Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ urged Club members to participate and get involved in the upcoming election of officers and at large directors."

He went on to explain that this meant to accept a place on the slate, if requested by the Nominating Committee, chaired by immediate Past President Bob Spradling W5UBD, and in advance of that, to submit suggestion to that committee, including your own willingness to be placed on the slate.

Our Club is going to be only as good as we members make it by making input into Club activities.

The Nominating Committee will begin its work at the end of the October 8 membership meeting, and conclude it by presenting their recommended slate to the November 12 membership meeting at which officers and at large directors for 1982 will be elected.

Mark your calendars now for the November 12 membership meeting!

TIME TO RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP - OR JOIN?

Call Club Treasurer Steve Gottlieb WA5QEN for details as to how you can help the CLUB in this regard. His phone number is 437-3586.

BVARC SAILS TO SUCCESS

Once again BVARC answered a call for help in providing communications for a large event. The great Turnip Regatta of 1981, held by the Lake Houston Sailing Club over the weekend was a smashing success, due partly to the 2 meter communications provided by W5UBD, WB5SRN, WA5YLB, WA5OEN and WD5CTQ.

The sailing was great--very close racing with very few protests. Those protests which were filed were quickly solved due to the quick reactions and communication capability of hams stationed on the course. Saturday, September 27 was day one, with three races scheduled. Classes represented were Coronado 15 (9 boats), Buccaneer (6 boats), Lido 14 (15 boats), Ghosts (3 boats) and a handicap fleet with one Flying Dutchman and one Sunfish. There were two races on Sunday.

Skippers and crews came from all over the state with a large contingent of Lido 14 sailors from Dallas. All had a great time. The Regatta organizers, and the race committee especially, were simply splendid to work with and most pleased with our abilities. We'll surely be asked back next year.

-- Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ

MORE ON THE OCTOBER 8 MEETING

It was announced that the September program would be built around showing of a video tape on the use of the occilloscope furnished by ARRL. But either someone at Newington or the UPS stubbed a toe and the tape didn't arrive until several days after the meeting. Next, Ron Bolyard KA5GYG, Program Chairman, arranged with someone at Com-Vention 81 to provide a projector

More on the October 8 Meeting (Cont.)

for a special showing during the convention. What do you think happened?

Right! No projector again! Some one stubbed another toe. SO ---- Ron says the third time's the charm, and he's arranged for a projector (?) for a special showing after the traffic handling program at the October 8 meeting. Keep your fingers crossed and step carefully -- no more stubbed toes, please.

WHY YOUR NEW LICENSE IS LATE

According to an item in the September 15 issue of the W5YI Report, the hurrieder the FCC licensing operation goes, the behinder it gets. In July of this year they received 18,475 amateur license applications and 62,216 for CB tickets, and at that time it was taking them 51 and 62 working days, respectively, (that's over 10 and 12 calendar weeks) to get the licenses issued. And on top of that, the X-number of days it takes the postal service to deliver them, makes for a mighty long wait!

Judging by many complaints from some local hams, they're a lot more behind in October.

ROSTER

We've received a note from Alan Shapiro N5BSW bringing good news and bad (for us) news. He's now Alan Shapiro KT5K, and his new address is: 32P Sierra Madra, Cal. Poly. State University, San Luis Obispo CA 93410. To Alan, from all of us in B-VARC: Alan, we've watched you grow from an unlicensed student in one of Wade's Novice classes to the holder of an Extra ticket, and we're proud of you. We wish you all success at Cal. Poly., and know you'll do well there. We'll miss you at B-VARC -- especially Wade in his Novice class next January -- and are glad you intend to continue your membership in the Club. We'll be looking forward to a visit with you whenever you're back home.

On your 1981 Roster, all members please correct the house number of Ken Andrews KC5GR to read 8807 Ferris.

NET CONTROL OPERATOR SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

10/5 WB5SUR 10/19 N5HF 11/2 WA5OEN 11/16 W5UBD 11/30 WD5CTQ
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Ye Olde Editor has no thought for the day this month. He's too embarrassed -- embarrassed for losing a week out of his time consciousness and thereby getting this issue of the BULLETIN out a week late. He has all kinds of reasons and excuses, but the cold fact is the end result of missing the boat! For which he apologizes and hopes it won't happen again!!!

ONE MORE ITEM

Note the last item on the Calendar on page 1: HAMBASH 81 -- Nov. 7-8, 1981. This will be the fifth annual bash sponsored by the Houston SHOT Chapter of the Ten-Ten International Net, Inc. It will be at Pavilion 6 in Bear Creek Park. No attendance prizes, but good food, good drink for all ages (except babies!), and good fellowship. It'll be announced on various 2-meter nets * around town between now and then. And there'll be a Field Day-type station or two (with electricity!). Y'all come and enjoy! * Also on 28.688 MHz at 8 P.M. Tuesdays.

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