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of  
BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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## Watsa? It's Field Day time!

### CALENDAR

Next B-VARC -- FIELD DAY -- June 26-27 at Missouri City Fire House, FM2234.  
-- Membership meeting - June 10, 1982.  
-- Board of Directors meeting - June 17, 1982.

Nets -- B-VARC - Two meters, Mondays, 9 PM, 147.60/00 MHz.  
- Ten meters, Wednesdays, 9 PM, 28.700 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, October 1-3, 1982 in Houston.  
-- ARRL 1983 National, October 6-8, 1983 in Houston.

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### OUR PRESIDENT SAYS ---

Since our May membership meeting, a lot of things have been happening behind the scenes that have a large impact on the direction of the Club for the remainder of the year, and indeed beyond 1982. As many of you may not be aware, B-VARC was organized originally to provide communications for local government, be it city or county.

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Our President Says --- (Cont.)

To make a very long and detailed story shorter and simpler, our efforts to aid the County over the years have been thwarted at virtually all turns. The City of Missouri City, however, has not only expressed interest but also has offered aid and stated a sincere desire to use our expertise. Since the beginning of the year, your Board of Directors and your Emergency Preparedness Committee chairman, Ed Harwell W5WVX, Larry Levy WD5DRB and others have been deeply involved in bringing this to fruition.

These activities, as well as those of others at the County level, have prompted the Board of Directors to make several decisions on behalf of the Club. These involve both Field Day 1982 and our emergency preparedness plans. First, let's talk about Field Day.

As most of you know, Field Day traditionally has been held in a picnic area at the Ft. Bend County fairgrounds, and also in 1982. For two reasons, however, Field Day has been moved to the grassy area directly behind the Missouri City Fire House where we hold our monthly membership meetings.. In general, the two reasons are:

1. Potential problems involved with B-VARC "overstepping its bounds" with the Ft. Bend County emergency communications organization, and
2. Our involvement with Missouri City government, and the opportunity for us to "show our stuff".

In addition, at this writing, the possibility exists that B-VARC may inherit a 15 KW skid-mounted generator (presently inoperable) that may become surplus. While Field Day does not necessarily influence this decision by the city, the fact that we hold Field Day on city property won't hurt.

Secondly, we will also form an organization to support Missouri City emergency communications. Ed Harwell W5WVX, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, will tell more about this at the June Club meeting. Basically, we're looking for both member and non-member ham operators (about 15 to 20) who either live in or near Missouri City and who are interested in becoming a part of this activity. The City will provide an E.O.C. in the new municipal building which is very near completion. In the very near future, look to being contacted by Ed or others on this point. A meeting with the City Manager to discuss these points has been scheduled, and a report will be made at the June membership meeting.

Our President Says ---(Cont.)

So, fellow members, that's it in a nutshell. Many hours could be spent and many pages written in further explanation. They would only belabor the point. What is important is that the Club is taking a new direction.-- no, that's not correct -- the Club is returning to a direction for which it was originally organized. We can do no less, for it is the heartbeat of Amateur Radio.

73, Dick WD5CTQ

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MINUTES of BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING, May 20, 1982

Harold Parker KC5HZ, Secretary Pro Tem

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ at 7:38 PM. Present were directors Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ, Joanne Morphew K5HCY, Harold Parker KC5HZ, Stu Lawkin WB5IGG, Richard Shankle N5KV, Steve Gottlieb WA5CEN, and Club members Ray Morphew K5EST, Ron Bolyard KA5GYG, Henry Freedenberg N5HF, Mike Tussy KB5TK, and Ed Harwell W5WVX.

Dick WD5CTQ reviewed events attending the original selection of a 1982 Field Day site to be a picnic area near the intersection of Hgwy. 59 and Corporate Drive, the reasons for changing that site to the Ft. Bend County fairgrounds, and the reasons for his current recommendation to change from the fairgrounds to the grass area back of the Missouri City fire house, the location of the Club's monthly membership meetings.

Such reasons were summarized to be: (1) One of the primary reasons for the change to the fairgrounds site was the expected availability of a county-owned generator, which availability had not been realized, (2) Uncertainty of RVs and campers being allowed in the fairgrounds overnight, (3) The availability of the Missouri City fire house site and the City's expressed desire for us to use it, (4) The availability of the antenna tower at the fire house, (5) The availability of restroom and other facilities at the fire house, (6) The keen interest and enthusiasm of several key Missouri City personnel to further and pursue promptly the coordination of emergency communications plans between City and Club, (7) The availability of emergency power, and (8) The probable availability to the Club of a presently inoperative 15 KW generator.

Considerable discussion ensued, with everyone present taking part, and the President called on each one in turn to state his thoughts on the subject. All directors thought that it would be in the best interest of the Club to change the 1982 Field Day site to the Missouri City fire house area and to pursue diligently the relationship with the City. Three of the non-director members expressed the same opinion. Mike Tussy KB5TK felt that we were committed to the fairgrounds this year. Henry Freedenberg N5HF said he agreed that the move to a Missouri City site was a good idea but that he, too, felt we were committed to the fairgrounds this year and that we should defer moving to a City site until 1983.

Minutes of Directors Meeting (Cont.)

After additional discussion, including the agreement that the June issue of the B-VARC BULLETIN have extensive coverage of the 1982 Field Day site subject, the question was called for and Stu Lamkin WB5IGG moved that the 1982 Field Day activities of the Club be changed from the County fairgrounds to the Missouri City fire house site. Richard Shankle N5KV seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the directors present.

The President informed the group that the City has provided space in the new municipal building for the Club to use as an E.C.C., and that he believed it was highly probable that the City will provide funds for the radio equipment for such an E.C.C.

He also proposed that the Club sponsor a "Missouri City Amateur Radio Emergency Service" group to be made up of amateurs living in and around Missouri City, both Club member and non-member, which could provide immediately available hams to perform under emergency conditions in the City, since the membership of the Club has such a large part of its members living too far from Missouri City to be of immediate help to the City under emergency conditions. The group agreed readily and Ed Harwell W5WVX and Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN will undertake the formation of such a group.

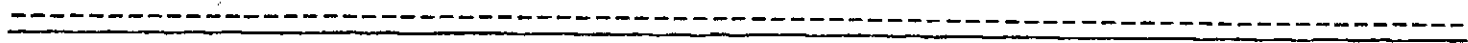
Henry Freedenberg N5HF reminded the group of the upcoming Ft. Bend County Fair and recommended that the Club put on a demonstration, similar to the May 1 Sharpstown Center activity, as a means of informing fair goers of the existence of a viable ham organization in the County and demonstrating the communications capabilities of that group.

After a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

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Heard on the May 24 B-VARC 2-meter ner....

Henry Freedenberg N5HF, commenting on B-VARC's Field Day plans, stated that the executive committee had changed the Field Day location from the Ft. Bend County fairgrounds to the area behind the Missouri City fire house on FM2234, and that his committee is working on getting equipment together. He stated that they had planned on asking people at the last Club meeting to think about what equipment they would bring to Field Day, but that such had not been done yet. He said that he would like everyone to start thinking about what equipment they can bring to Field Day. He said that at the June meeting they would ask people to commit rigs and equipment and certain operating times, and that they would have an extensive discussion at the June meeting



PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES in the Works

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG

JUNE -- 6/10 - Regular membership meeting, fellowship 7 PM, call to order 7:30 PM. Door prizes. Speaker will be Woody Woodward WB9CYI on "Code Instruction Meets the Computer Age".

-- 6/26-27 - Field Day.

JULY -- 7/8 - Regular meeting. Speaker will be Don Busick W5AAD of Madison Electronics Supply "Ham Radio Update and Future Activities".

? - Annual picnic. Date and place to be announced.

AUGUST -- 8/12 - Regular membership meeting. Speaker will be Ken McAninch KA5DKS on "Living, Working, and Hamming in New Guinea".

NEW MEMBERS

Make our new members this year, with red and blue borders on their badges, be glad they joined us! The latest ones are:

Emmett Bean N5EOB and Bill Campbell N5EUL

Also welcome back Wilburn Bruce W5ACZ and Larry Charson N5BYJ, who've just renewed from last year.

1982 ROSTER

Included with this mailing is your copy of the Club 1982 Roster. Although we were not able to finish it off in the attractive manner of the one last year, it has been prepared in the same format, with the addition of two items: license class and ARRL membership. If it suits your purposes, you can cut each sheet in half, assemble them in whatever way you like, fasten them together, and you'll have a new roster like the one last year.

We've tried hard to have all the information in it correct, but since we still don't have updated information sheets from 11 members, and since our typing skill leaves something to be desired, there are probably some inaccuracies therein. We hope you'll do two things:

1. Check your information in both listings, and if anything should be changed, get word to Ye Olde Editor, and
2. If any of the information becomes obsolete, please let us know.

Since the Roster went to press, we've had the following changes: Bill Campbell KA5KXN new call is N5EUL; Steve Ray KA5KRI has upgraded to Advanced; and Greg Grimes has received his Novice ticket with the call KA5OCW.

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
WHO ARE WE?

This issue contains the latest edition of the BVARC roster. For this non-scientific analysis, a preliminary version was used, so that while details may be slightly different, the impact will be unchanged.

Our club has 77 members. Of these, 73 hold Amateur Radio Licenses, 4 are awaiting to hear from the FCC or are studying to take the Novice exam. Three of our members are women, all of whom have earned an Amateur license.

A breakdown, by license class, number of individuals, percentage of 73 licensed members, and number of ARRL members is as follows:

	NOVICE	TECHNICIAN	GENERAL	ADVANCED	EXTRA
# Individuals	2	11	10	38	12
% of 73	2.7%	15.0%	13.6%	52.0%	16.4%
Members ARRL	1	8	9	33	12

BVARC has a membership where 82% of the members hold a General Class License or higher, showing we have much talent available among our ranks. ARRL affiliation is also high with 86.3% or 63 individuals who are ARRL members.

The Board of Directors can use this quick analysis in their planning of current club activities and for direction in the future.

BVARC has sponsored, with excellent success and results, Novice and General Class study courses. These courses are most important toward introducing Ham Radio to people as well as encouraging people to enter this technical hobby further. Two areas the Board may consider to pursue are: 1) to make an overt effort to introduce Amateur Radio to youngsters under 16 years of age; and 2) to offer an additional study course designed to support the General and Advanced Class licensees in their efforts and desire to upgrade.

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ED Note - Our thanks to Larry Levy WD5DRB for his alert perception of some interesting information in the preliminary list of members in last month's BULLETIN, and his subsequent production of the above article, Some of you might find it interesting to see what effect the addition of four members and some call changes made in Larry's analysis.

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LET'S KEEP IN MIND ---- our Club gets \$2.00 if you renew your ARRL membership or join the League through the Club. Call Harold Parker N5HZ at 464-9044 for what to do.

From

WEST GULF DIVISION NEWSLETTER, May 1982

Jim Aman KB5TC, Assistant Director  
West Gulf Division, ARRL

ARRL members in the West Gulf Division of ARRL should have received a copy of the Division's May newsletter several weeks ago (if you didn't, please let me know!). Several of the items therein bear re-emphasis.

Perhaps the most pressing problem is FCC Docket 82-83, expansion of the current amateur phone bands. Response deadline is August 16, 1982. If you want a copy of the FCC Notice of Inquiry, please give me a call at home (447-0542) or at my office (680-9098).

There is a startling lack of teenage hams in the U.S. It is suggested that literature and film on ham radio be offered to local elementary and middle schools. Holding license classes by the Club is not enough. Active recruiting efforts must be made if young people are to be brought into our hobby. Grandparents with non-ham teenage grandchildren can be an excellent source of subtle recruiting. The whole effort will require some thought and planning, and B-VARC is good at that!

The announcement several months ago that the FCC had dropped the idea of code-free licenses above 50 MHz was greeted by a collective sigh of relief in the ham community. Well, folks, suck it in again! While the League continues to support the need for code as essential under adverse conditions, there is indeed a growing speculation that the FCC is going to again propose non-code licensing. Please think it over. Then put your thoughts in print and mail them to me (P.O. Box 38596, Houston TX 77088) or directly to Ray Wangler W5EDZ, 642 Beryl Drive, San Antonio TX 78213. While there is no deadline on this request, since a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has not yet been issued, do not delay too long. Your comments, pro or con, will determine the response of the League to this Notice, if it is issued.

One last note: Ray directs a Directors Net each Tuesday at 7:30 PM CDT. on 3961 KHz. Although the purpose of the Net is to exchange information among the Director, Vice Director, and Assistant Directors, you are invited to listen for the latest activities. After the Net is secured, Ray stands by for interested members and hams and will discuss anything appropo with you.

Of course, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments about League activity, membership, or general ham topics, please feel free to contact any of the Houston Area assistant directors whose addresses and phone numbers are listed below. Our sole function is to be your readily accessible link to your League.

Roger Coday, 213 Ave. G - RFD 4, Brazoria TX 77422 -- 1-798-7970

Al Guy WA5RVT, 122 Ash Lane, Lake Jackson TX 77566 -- 1-297-3788

Dave Cree W5SPD, 11307 Sageland, Houston TX 77089 -- 481-1158

Jim Aman KB5TC, P.O. Box 38596, Houston TX 77088 -- 447-0542

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NCS SCHEDULES FOR JUNE - JULY

2 METERS --	6/7 N5DWP	6/14 KC5HZ	6/21 WA5CEN	6/28 WD5DRB	
	7/5 N5DWP	6/12 KC5HZ	6/19 WA5CEN	6/26 WD5DRB	
10 METERS --	6/2 KA5GYG	6/9 WD5CTQ	6/16 WA5ACF	6/23 WA5CEN	6/30 KA5GYG
	7/7 WD5CTQ	7/14 WA5ACF	7/21 WA5CEN	7/28 KA5GYG	

REVIEW OF SHARPSTOWN CENTER ACTIVITY ON MAY 1, 1982

Steve Gottlieb WA5CEN

Our first effort at a public demonstration of Ham Radio was a success. Along with excellent cooperation from the Center management, we had a super turnout from Club membership. Some of the highlights were as follows:

1. Eight new Club members joined.
2. Sixty-four pieces of formal traffic generated.
3. The new B-VARC banner was unveiled.
4. Many misconceptions about ham radio or HAM vs. CB resolved.
5. Much publicity obtained: (a) KPRC-AM and KFMM-FM radios, (b) Post and Chronicle newspapers, (c) Ft. Bend Advertiser-Advocate newspaper, (d) Sharpstown Center purchased time and space for us on an electronic sign near the Center --but the sign computer cratered!

I want to thank everybody involved in the project for a job well done, but there are some special thanks due (not necessarily in this order!):

1. The Brazosport ARC group for their active participation and guidance.
2. WD5CTQ's printer for donating time and materials for handouts and signs.
3. Everyone who loaned us equipment.
4. Sharpstown Center Management.
5. Madison Electronics for donating handout books and supporting our Club in general..
6. Joyce Tabor for the publicity in numerous issues of the Ft. Bend Advertiser-Advocate.

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GET INVOLVED -- KEEP US INFORMED

This year's Roster contains some additional information. One of these items is on page ii, and it is entitled:

COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN

In some instances, the designation "chairman" is a misnomer -- that person is also the lone "doer", and in some cases, even that isn't so!

The study, made last winter, of member interests and desires, resulted in a proposed expansion of activities, as is indicated by the scopes of the committees listed on page ii of the Roster.

This is YOUR Club and as in the case of any activity, one gets out of the Club just about what one puts into it in the way of participation in Club activities.

If the present scopes of committee activities do not include your interests, tell the Board of Directors, either in writing, verbally to one of the directors, or attending a Board meeting to pass along your wants or ideas.

As far as the committee chairmen are concerned, we urge each of you to review the scope of your committee's stated activity areas. If you don't agree with one or more of them, come talk to the Board and let's do whatever is necessary to make your committee more active in its areas of responsibilities.

And then earn a few brownie points by bragging to the membership about the great job your committee is doing! The most effective way of doing this is to get published in each issue of the B-VARC BULLETIN a report on what your committee is doing or the status of whatever your committee has going.

Let's all get involved in Club activities -- only then can we have a Club for, of, and by the members -- and then we'll guarantee that you'll have more fun and a feeling of gratified accomplishment in your Club membership.

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(The BULLETIN will run your advert for any ham-related item to buy, sell or swap. Send your copy to Ye Olde Editor.)

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TO BUY -- If you have a spare 572B amplifier, I'll be glad to take it off your hands -- for a consideration, of course!

Homer Witmer W5OAX  
461-7712

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TO SELL OR SWAP -- An R-390 super stable receiver, full coverage to 30 MHz. In top physical and operating condition. This one manufactured by Motorola. Will sell or swap for 2-meter gear.

Darrell Garrison KC5AW  
468-3582

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For Sale -- Drake HF - T-4XC, R-4B, MS-4 speaker, AC-4 PS, Astatic 10-D mic.  
With manuals, etc. Excellent condition.

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Stu Lan kin WB5IGG  
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