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CALENDAR

Next B-VARC -- Regular membership meeting - October 14, 1982
-- Board of Directors meeting - October 14, 1982
-- National Simulated Emergency Test (SET) - October 16, 1982

Nets -- B-VARC 2M - Public service, Mondays, 9PM, 147.60/00 MHz
- Emergency training, Wednesdays, 9PM, 147.60/00 MHz
-- B-VARC 10M - Ragchew, Wednesdays, 8:30PM, 28.700 ± MHz
-- West Houston RACES - Sundays, 8PM, 146.07/67 MHz
-- Ft. Bend County RACES - Tuesdays, 9PM, 146.16/76 MHz

-- Hella Hams - Phone patches for sick children - see page 5

Conventions -- ARRL National - October 6-8, 1983 in Houston

Other -- HAMBASH 82 - See page 7

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Joanne, K5HOY, in the absence of the President and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by Harold, KC5HZ, in the absence of the Secretary.

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Sept. 9 Minutes (Cont.)

The twenty members and guests that were present were introduced by the standing roll call. The guests were Al Guy, WA5RVT, Dave Bogart, N5EMG and Sam Petty, KA5EPN.

Mark McGrath, KA5NYI announced that he had recently upgraded to the General Class.

There was no Secretarys Report and the Treasurers Report appeared in the September issue of the BULLETIN.

Steve, WA5OEN, announced that he and Ron, KA5GYG, would try to get two adjoining tables in the Flea Market at the COM-VENTION 82 and encouraged all members to bring equipment.

He also informed that the COM-VENTION 82 had advertised that BVARC was holding a transmitter hunt and that he was not aware of any effort being made to accomplish it. Joanne, K5HOY, asked for volunteers to organize the transmitter hunt--but--none was received. Steve suggested that this should be on the agenda at the September BVARC Board meeting next week.

Ron, KA5GYG, announced that the local ARES group would hold an ARES SET on September 19, 1982 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm local time and ask that anyone wanted to participate call him as soon as possible.

Ron, KA5GYG, presented the programs for the evening by introducing Al Guy, WA5RVT, who presented Ed, W5WVX, with a certificate that appointed him to the position of the Emergency Coordinator for the Ft. Bend County and Al then gave a presentation and the ARRL and ARES organization and responsibilities, the South Texas Plan, Computer Applications in Ham Radio, and the Emergency and Traffic Nets.

Ron then introduced Tom, WA5ACF, who gave us a presentation on traffic handling, which was very informative and based on the participation in the program by all the members and guests, all of us present learned something about handling traffic.

--Harold Parker KC5HZ, Club Treasurer

NCS SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

2M Pub. Serv. -	10/4 KC5HZ	10/11 WA5OEN	10/18 WD5DRB	10/25 WA5ACF	
	11/1 KC5HZ	11/8 WA5OEN	11/15 WD5DRB	11/22 WA5OEN	11/29 KC5HZ
10M Ragchew -	10/6 N5HF	10/13 KA5GYG	10/20 WB5IGG	10/27 WD5AJC	
	11/3 N5HF	11/10 KA5GYG	11/17 WB5IGG	11/24 WD5AJC	

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Period, August 19, 1982 - September 16, 1982:

Beginning balance, August 18, 1982		\$ 107.16
Receipts:		
BVARC dues	\$ 5.00	
Donuts	<u>3.23</u>	8.23
Disbursements:		
Postage	\$ 20.00	
Club supplies	7.37	
Donuts	<u>5.00</u>	<u>32.37</u>
Balance on hand, September 16, 1982		<u>\$ 83.02</u>

Harold Parker, KC5HZ
BVARC Treasurer

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE WORKS

CT. -- 10/14 - Regular membership meeting. Fellowship at 7PM, call to order 7:30PM. Another double bill: Speakers will be Lloyd Phelps WB5HEH on "Ham Radio and the Computer Age." Sharing the bill will be Phil Steinbach WB5SUR on "Power Supplies."

10/16 - National Simulated Emergency Test (SET), 10AM-Noon.

MO. -- Regular membership meeting. Speakers: Keith Huge KA5F and Orville Burg K5VW will present a narrated slide show on their recent trip to Russia and other points.

NEW NOVICE CLASS

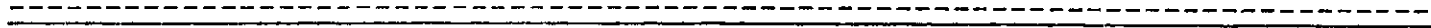
As noted in the BULLETIN last month, Wade Eilers WN5TEN looked into the feasibility of holding a novice class this Fall. He was successful in making arrangements for a class room and, with A.J. Blackwell WB5YLB assisting, scheduled a series of classes to start Friday, October 1 at the old City Hall in Missouri City.

Several of the students found they could not meet that night, so the classes will start officially on Friday, October 8 at 7:30PM, and will run for about 6 weeks.

If you know of anyone who'd like to get going in ham radio, tell them about the new class and to call Wade for any further information. There is, of course, no charge for attending or taking the exam.

New Novice Class (Cont.)

To establish liaison between students and the Club, each student will have a Club member as a sponsor who, hopefully, will be helpful to his student in working toward a novice license and then continuing on the upgrade path.



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EVERY HAM NEEDS THE ARRL!

An unknown number of licensed radio amateurs either (1) have not become members of the American Radio Relay League, or (2) have let their memberships lapse because, they say: "\$25 a year is too much to pay for a subscription to QST."

According to League officials at Com-Vention 82, recipients of QST actually are getting it free of charge because the publication is paid for by advertising revenues.

This means that our dues are going to support the aims and needs of radio amateurs in a multitude of ways, not the least of which are matters before the Federal Communication Commission, the Congress, and even local authorities in hassles over tower heights.

Any radio amateur who is not a member of ARRL is getting a free ride in such matters and his way is being paid by those of us who are members of the League. On the average, two of every three hams in the U.S.A. is taking this free ride on the coattails of the third.

And that's a load that should be lightened by those two becoming members of ARRL, and thereby being active participants in the never-ending battle to keep our hobby one which we can enjoy to the fullest.

Join the ARRL now if you're not a member, and if you are, stay with us!

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RE THE ABOVE -- The Club treasury gets \$2.00 if you join the League or renew your membership through the Club. And, if you are under 18 or over 64 years of age, you can save \$5.00 if you go through the Club. Call Harold Parker KC5HZ, our Treasurer, for details. His phone number is in the Roster in two different places.

B-VAR'S TRANSMITTER HUNT AT THE CONVENTION

Although our membership voted some months ago to put on the hidden transmitter hunt at Con-Vention #2, and we were reminded of it in the pre-registration bulletin, all of us figured that Pete, or Johnny, or Alexovich, or somebody, was going to do it.

Belatedly, it developed there was no Pete, or Johnny, or Alexovich, or anybody.

But there was a Park Schneider WB5RDK, and he volunteered, with less than two weeks left before the convention, to put a hunt together.

And Park did a great job, aided by a non-Club member friend, Barry Brubaker #5FAB. The Club owes them a real vote of thanks for putting on such an interesting hunt on such short notice.

HELLA HAMS AND SICK CHILDREN

Harold Parker KC5KZ

In Dallas there is a crippled Childrens Hospital and a Shriners group named Hella. One of the activity groups in the Hella Temple is made up of amateur radio operators, and they call themselves the Hella Hams. I read an article about them and their weekly HF net to run phone patches for the kids in that hospital in Dallas.

I tuned my K-1000 to their net one night recently. . . I missed the first part of the net, but as I listened, it was apparent that they had just completed their very first phone patch.

The members of the net were elated as one of the crippled kid patients talked to his family in Odessa, even if the child didn't say much -- he had the usual first-time mic fever! -- but those hams who had set it up were just as happy as if the child's conversation had been a long one.

They were elated because they had been working for over a year to get a patch system set up for the kids. Tom K5VNK, the NCS, seemed extremely proud that their efforts had at last come to fruition.

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I could sense the personal/that these hams felt while listening to this sick child talk to his Momma and Daddy. They were using their minds and

Hella Hams (Cont.)

hearts to provide this capability to a group of kids fortunate enough to have a group of hams like these guys behind them. These hams certainly have discovered another one of the many things that Amateur Radio is all about.

The Hella Hams want to know all hams, throughout the state, to talk to their folks on a regular basis.

So please check into their net every Wednesday at 7:30PM local time on 3.955 Mhz.

Y'all welcome our latest new members. They, and others who've joined us since the first of the year, will be wearing name badges with red and blue borders. If you haven't already done so, howdy and shake with these badge wearers and make them glad they're with you! The latest three are:

- Don Busick
- Dave ...
- Sam Petty



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73, Don Busick K5AAD

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Dollars and sense do not always travel together.

--Chinese fortune cookie.

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