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Ft. Bend and Harris Counties, Texas

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CALENDAR

Next B-VARC -- Regular membership meeting - Nov. 11, 1982
-- Board of Directors meeting - Nov. 11, 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 - Fone patches for sick kids, Wednesdays, 7:30PM, 3.955 MHz

Conventions -- ARRL National - Oct. 6-8, 1983 in Houston

Other -- HAMBASH 82 - See page 11 for details.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The minutes of the October meeting were not made available for publication in this issue of the BULLETIN, but will be offered for approval at the November membership meeting.

Following the adjournment of the business portion of the meeting, Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH gave us a most interesting and informative discussion of his personal computer, and demonstrated a number of ways it could be used in the ham shack. Thanks, Lloyd, for making this another noteworthy one of the fine programs the Club has enjoyed this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Period September 17, 1982 - October 21, 1982

Beginning balance		\$ 83.02
Receipts: ARRL dues	\$ 25.00	
B-VARC dues	2.50	
Arm patch	2.50	30.00
Disbursements: ARRL dues	23.00	
Postage and supplies	30.03	53.03
Balance, end of period		<u>\$ 59.99</u>

--Harold Parker KC5HZ
Treasurer

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There are two important items of Club business on the agenda for this meeting on November 11 -- one is proposed changes in the By-Laws (see page 3) and the other is the election of officers for 1983 and of an at-large director for a 3-year term.

One of the By-Laws proposed changes is the creation of a new class of membership available to a family which has more than one licensed radio amateur among its members. This change would serve to lighten the dues burden on such a family and, hopefully, to encourage all licensed members of a family to become registered members of the Club.

The other proposal is to change annual dues from \$5.00 to \$8.00 and to provide for token dues applicable to multiple family members in excess of one member. Among the reasons for justifying the increase in single member dues are: (1) Increased production and mailing costs of the monthly newsletter, (2) Subsidized costs of activities, such as picnics, displays, demonstrations, Field Day, etc., (Need to acquire operating equipment for a Club station, and other equipment for use on Field Day, demonstrations, emergency callouts, etc., and (4) Costs which will be incurred in expansion of Club activities

With respect to the agenda item of elections, standing Nominating Committee is composed of the last three former Club presidents: Chairman Richard Shankle N5KV, Bob Spradling W5UBD, and Wade Eilers WN5TEN. It is their job

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November membership meeting (Cont.)

to present to Club membership at the November meeting a slate of candidates for nomination as 1983 officers. They invite and urge members to volunteer as, and/or suggest others for, candidates for officer positions. Also, if approached by the Committee to be a candidate for one of the officer positions, to accept and consider it to be an honor to serve, if elected.

Club President Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ will call for nominations by the Committee and from the floor, and conduct the election of officers.

He then will call for nominations for a 3-year term at-large director, and conduct the election for that position.

Following the election process or preceding it, at his option, he will call for discussion and action on the proposed amendments to the By-Laws.

After adjournment of the business portion of the meeting, he will turn over to Program Chairman Ron Bolyard KA5GYG the introduction of Keith Huge KA5F and Orville Burg K5VWW who will present a narrated show of their last Summer trip to Russia.

It bids fair to be a fine meeting and it's hoped we'll have a goodly turnout, beginning with a social session starting at 7PM.

We need a quorum at this meeting. Since we now have 84 members, that means we must at least ^{have} 21 in attendance, either in person or by proxy. If you can't be there in person, please grant another member your proxy so you will be represented at this important meeting.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

Article I of the Club's By-Laws provide that there shall be a single class of full membership, and Article VI provides that membership dues shall be \$5.00 per calendar year.

By order of the Board of Directors, proposed changes in these two provisions shall be placed before the regular membership meeting on November 11, 1982. They are as follows:

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Changes in By-Laws (Cont.)

Article I - Membership, Sections A and B to read:

"Section A - There shall be two classes of membership, as follows:

1. Single family membership, and
2. Multiple family membership, when more than one member of a family living at a single address is a duly licensed amateur radio operator.

Section B - Rights and privileges of membership shall be:

1. To vote on any matter placed before the Club for action, as follows:
 - a. One vote for a single family membership, and
 - b. One vote for each member of a multiple family membership.
2. Receipt, at the domicile address, of a single copy of newsletters, membership lists, meeting notices, and any other publications or items which the Club may, from time to time, mail or deliver to members."

Article VI - Dues, Section A to read:

"Section A - Membership dues for each calendar year shall be as follows:

1. Single family membership Eight Dollars (8.00), and
2. Multiple family membership Eight Dollars (8.00), plus Two Dollars (2.00) for each licensed member over one."

Approval of the above changes will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of members present either in person or by proxy. Any member who will be unable to attend the November 11, 1982 meeting is urged to grant his proxy to a member who will be present in person, in accordance with Article V, Section A. 2 which reads as follows:

"A Club member may assign his right to vote at any membership meeting to another member. Such proxy shall be in writing, signed by the member granting it, and shall designate the specific membership meeting at which applicable, and shall state whether the proxy is specific or general."

--Sydney Beckman N5DWP
Secretary

WEST GULF DIVISION DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

The next 2 sheets (pp. 4-8) carry reproductions of the October 1982 Newsletter and a questionnaire from Ray Wangler W5EDZ, West Gulf Division Director.

Whether or not you're a member of ARRL, please read Ray's newsletter thoughtfully, and answer his questionnaire. He needs this information from all Club members to help formulate his report to the League Board of Directors on the subject of the upcoming FCC Proposed Rulemaking on the subject of code-free licensing on the amateur bands.

Please fill out this questionnaire as soon as possible and send it to Ye Olde Editor for forwarding to Ray as B-VARC's response to his request.

We're shooting for a 100% response from B-VARC.



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OFFICIAL JOURNAL

Newsletter - October 1982

This newsletter will be divided into parts so that those sections that you may have the desire to reproduce in your local club newsletters are strongly encouraged to do so. Please feel free to use any part or all of this newsletter in conjunction with your own local publication.

As your director, traveling throughout the division visiting with the various clubs and meeting many of the members in the division, I am receiving information which is of concern to me in that members are saying that they are not going to renew their membership in the league because they can't afford the cost of QST. This statement indicates to me that we, the directors of the American Radio Relay League and you, the active club members who are members of ARRL, are not getting the message across to the other amateur radio operators in your community that the subscription to QST is only a very small percentage of the benefits and value that is received by membership in ARRL.

The QST publication is fundamentally paid for through our many advertisers in the publication. We are very limited as to the amount of space we can allocate to advertising, but at the same time we try to utilize the funds from advertising to defray the majority of the cost of QST. This is necessary because the league membership dues are used principally to support and benefit the members themselves. We fail to recognize the many services that are furnished through our membership dues.

Let's review just a few. We have Perry Williams, a very capable individual working each week in Washington to present our story on amateur radio on a continuing basis to the Federal Communications Commission, and to the various Senators and Representatives in Washington. We have legal assistance through our legal counsel which is in Washington on our behalf. You should recognize the amount of involvement and cost in maintaining this type of an activity in the Washington area. Your membership dues are used to support this effort. This is required to assure each of us that we have continuing use of the frequencies we now enjoy for the benefit of amateur radio and for the communities we serve.

While this service in Washington is very vital and necessary as an ongoing service, there are many other services that ARRL furnishes to our members at little or no cost to them. These include assistance at various conventions with door prizes, attendance at conventions with staff from the headquarters giving technical presentations to the membership on the latest information about amateur radio. This travel and time is carried by your dues to offer those members in the field direct contact with the staff from headquarters. The directors in the divisions try to bring different staff members to the various conventions each year so

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that the members can meet a cross section of the staff that are serving them at headquarters.

We have near 120 staff members in Newington working each day, an eight hour day plus, for the benefit of amateur radio to serve you, the members in the field. Do you know of any other organization that offers this service to their members? What other publication can you subscribe to at any subscription fee that offers you this service over and above just a mere publication once a month. Amateur radio exists today because of the league's continued involvement in policy making activities, as we are now involved with the recent passing of the House of Representative Bill 5008, as well as all of the tower cases throughout the country. Legislation is always pending before the FCC which can effect amateur radio. We are continually placed before the public through legal action of various types against amateur radio. All of these things are expensive and require our support through the membership of amateur radio population across the United States.

You are asked in each of your meetings and any time you come in contact with your fellow radio amateur to proudly wear your pin as being a member of the league. If you see someone that does not display his/her pin, ask them if they are members, and if not, ask them to join with us so that we may have a uniform front to present on a continuing basis through the league to the Federal Communications Commission and those federal agencies in Washington who have a direct influence on our future in the years to come.

73's

Ray W5EBZ

The Federal Communications Commission is proposing that a code free amateur radio license for use on VHF-UHF frequencies be authorized in the future for the radio amateurs of this country. This proposal is from the FCC. It is not something that the American Radio Relay League, or the members of the board of directors have brought up, or even discussed prior to the information being received from the Federal Communications Commission.

In order for the board of directors to have a reaction from the membership at large, I ask that you take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire which is furnished to you through the courtesy of your local club. As your director in the West Gulf Division, I need an indication of your desires and your reaction to this code free license being proposed by the FCC.

Please take a minute to complete the following questions. This first group of questions are based on the premise that the Federal Communications Commission will in fact initiate a code free license, and if so, where and what conditions would you support this license.

1. What segment of our VHF-UHF frequencies do you suggest should be allocated for a code free license?

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| a. 50 MHz () | | 50 MHz () |
| b. 144 MHz () | Example → | 144 MHz (X) |
| c. 220 MHz () | place an X for | 220 MHz () |
| d. 440 MHz () | the frequencies | 440 MHz () |
| e. 900 MHz () | you suggest. | 900 MHz (X) |

2. Do you feel that young people 12 to 20 years of age are or can become interested in communications using computers on an amateur frequency? Yes No
(circle your choice)

3. What age group would you expect to have the most interest in this class of license? a. 12-21 yrs _____
b. 21-35 yrs _____ c. 35 yrs + _____
(check one or more)

4. Should the code free license carry a special unique call assignment? Yes No (circle one)

The following questions address the numbers in our ranks and the need for increasing these numbers to maintain a strong body of unified people with a common interest to present to the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal Agencies in Washington.

A. Do you feel that the ARRL with a total membership of between 150,000 to 160,000 members can effectively influence the FCC in the passing of regulations and directives effecting our frequencies and our operations? Yes No

B. Are you aware that the majority of your membership

dues each year are expended for defending and maintaining the frequency privileges which we now enjoy, and a very small percentage of your membership dues are applied to the publication of QST? Yes No

C. Are you, the person filling out this questionnaire, a member of the American Radio Relay League? Yes No

D. At what age did you first obtain your amateur radio license? _____ years.

E. Have you been active in amateur radio since you obtained your license? Yes No

F. Are you now active in some phase of amateur radio?
Yes No

G. If it comes to a point of final decision between the members with the American Radio Relay League and the Federal Communications Commission, can we rely on you to write a letter expressing your personal feelings and comments on a code free license addressed to the Federal Communications Commission, with a copy to the American Radio Relay League? Yes No

Other means for increasing our numbers and maintaining quality of members.

1. Do you feel that a change in code requirements from 5-13-20 to 5-10-20 WPM would bring more members to our ranks? Yes No

2. With HR 5008-S929 in effect, this will make examinations in local community more available. This should bring more members to our ranks with no other changes. Yes No

3. Would you favor a family license extension type membership. This would involve the father or mother holding a general or higher class license, and other family members could obtain a one or two year permit to operate in conjunction with the license holder in the family. This could develop the necessary interest to bring other members of the family to get their license. Yes No

Any additional comments that you would wish to make concerning this code free license would be appreciated on the back or additional paper, and please return them to your club so that they can be gathered together and forwarded to me for consideration at the next board meeting, which will be in April of 1983.

Emergency Communications Advisory Committee Activity

When Ray Wangler recently appointed me as the West Gulf Division representative to the ECAC, I was both pleased and excited. Emergency communications is an aspect of Amateur Radio about which I have very strong convictions.

Our hobby is changing daily with the advent of of state-of-the-art microprocessor based equipment, new modes, and new people. One thing that is not changing is our mandate given in Part 97 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations. It is mentioned as the first principle under "Basis and Purpose," the following: "(a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications." In order to help emergency communications stay abreast of the changes, I intend to input my ideas and those of the membership to the ECAC.

I am interested and want to hear the ideas of you-the SEC's, DEC's, EC's, and the general membership. Two items that will be considered by the ECAC are listed in Minutes 83 and 90 of the recent ARRL Board of Directors meeting in Cedar Rapids. Another item being considered is how to improve the Simulated Emergency Test. Send your ideas and thoughts to me about these or any other topics concerning emergency communications.

You can find me on the Texas Traffic Net on 3.961 Mhz. daily or write to me at the following address:

Roger Coday N5FN
Rt. 4, 213 Ave G
Brazoria, Texas 77422

73,
Roger Coday N5FN

NCS SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

2M Pub. - 11/1 KC5HZ 11/8 WA5OEN 11/15 WD5DRB 11/22 WA5ACF 11/29 KC5HZ
 Serv. 12/6 WA5OEN 12/13 WD5DRB 12/20 WA5ACF 12/27 KC5HZ

10M Rag - 11/3 N5HF 11/10 KA5GYG 11/17 WB5IGG 11/24 WD5AJC
 Chew 12/1 N5HF 12/8 KA5GYG 12/15 WB5IGG 12/22 WD5AJC 12/29 N5HF

DON'T FORGET -- the Club gets \$2.00 if you join ARRL or renew your membership thru the Club. And if you're under 18 or over 64, you save \$5.00 and Club still gets the \$2.00!. Call Harold Parker KC5HZ for details.

He -- our Treasurer -- will be glad you did!!

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73, Don Busick K5AAD

Y'all give a "howdy" to our latest new member, Barry Brubaker N5FAB, 2223 Par Lane, Richmond TX 77469. His home fone number is 342-0345 and you can catch him at work at 799-5458. He has a Tech license and is not a member of ARRL yet. His name badge has a red and blue border, like the others who've joined us this year.

There wasn't enough space last month to include the addresses, fone numbers, etc. for the three new members listed therein. Here it is:



Don Busick K5AAD, 1006 Ashford Parkway, Houston TX 77077, home fone 497-7269
General class license, member of ARRL. Work fone 658-0268.

Dave Bogart N5EMG, 10700 Fondren Road, Houston TX 77096, home fone 270-8136
work fone 658-0972, Tech license, not a member of ARRL yet. Apt. #1415.

Sam Petty KA5EPN, 5434 Mackinaw, Houston TX 77053, home fone 437-8443, work
fone 928-4177, Tech license, not a member of ARRL yet.

ROSTER CHANGES

1. Hy Gordon ex-KB5IF now is Extra class -- new call NC5A.
2. Irene Gordon N5AYX is now an Advanced ticket holder.
3. Alan Shapiro KT5K has gone back to school. His new address is 555 Ramona, #31, San Luis Obispo CA 93401. He says all is well there and to say "hello" to everyone in B-VARC for him.
4. Joanne Morphey K5HOY - change house number to 5255.
5. Vic La Rocca - change work fone number to 995-4115.
6. Jerry Curtis - change apartment number to 1414-1.

HAMBASH 82

Following is a recap of the salient facts about the BASH, as noted on the publicity flyer reproduced on page 7 of B-VARC BULLETIN for October:

1. Who's invited? - All hams, their families, and friends.
2. Where & when? - Pavilion 6 at Bear Creek Park on Nov. 6-7, 1982.
3. Where's Bear Creek Park? - North of I-10 on State 6, about 3½ miles to Clay Road, and then east about 1 mile
4. What's to eat? - Barbecued brisket & chicken, beans, slaw, etc.
5. Must I take both chicken & brisket? - No, all of either or some of both.
6. When to eat? - Noon on Sunday, Nov. 7.
7. What and when to drink? - Keg beer, soft drinks, coffee, both Nov. 6 & 7.
8. Radio operations? - Yes, Field Day type, both Sat. & Sun.
9. Door prizes? - Yes, on Sunday.
10. Who's putting it on? - Houston SHOT Chapter of 10-10 International Net.
11. How much? - Adults & teens \$5.00, kids 12 & under \$3.00. Tickets at door.
12. Y'ALL COME FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GOOD FOOD AND DRINK!!!

B - S - S MART

If you'll send us copy by the 3rd Thursday of the month, we'll run it for any ham or electronic gear in the next issue of the BULLETIN free to you. Such listings here have moved a lot of items!

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For sale -- 40' telescoping mast tower, CD44 rotator, and full-wave 20-15-10 boomless quad. Would like move them as a package but will consider offers for separate items.

-- Also TR-7800 2-meter FM xcvr, and Tempo S1T 2-meter HT xcvr.

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG
Fone 777-3345

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes
but in liking what one has to do.

--Barrie

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