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CALENDAR

Next B-VARC -- Regular membership meeting - Dec. 9, 1982
-- Board of Directors joint meeting - Dec. 16, 1982

Nets -- B-VARC 2M - Public service, Mondays 9PM, 147.60/00 MHz
- Ft. Bend County ARES training, Wednesdays 9PM, 147.60/00
-- B-VARC 10M - Ragchew, Wednesdays, 8:30PM, 28.700 MHz
-- West Houston RACES - Sundays 8PM, 146.06/76 MHz
-- Ft. Bend County RACES - Tuesdays 9PM, 146.16/76 MHz
-- Hella Haws Fone Patches For Sick Kids - Wednesdays 7:30PM, 3.955 MHz

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

AT THE NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING.....

the following officers for 1983 were elected:

PRESIDENT -- Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN
VICE PRESIDENT -- Ron Bolyard KA5GYG
SECRETARY -- Hal Fuglaar N5BXP
TREASURER -- Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH

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November meeting Cont.)

In addition, Harold Parker KC5HZ was elected at-large director for the 3-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1983. He will succeed J. Leeds W5VXD whose term will expire Dec. 31, 1982.

Following the business portion of the meeting we were treated to an intensely interesting narrated slide show by Orville Burg K5VWW and Keith Huger KA5F of pictures and anecdotes about the trip last Summer they and their YLs took to Russia. Orville has made friends with several Russian hams via DXCW who met them at the airport in Moscow and helped shepherd them on their tour. Our thanks to Orville and Keith for a fine program.

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* A NEW ACTIVITY YEAR IS
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* is just around the corner for the Club, and in preparation, all
* members are urged to read the article on page 61 of November 1982
QST. This subject is important enough to the success of the Club that we will
send a copy of the article to any ARRL non-member who requests it.

MESSRS. SOMEBODY, EVERYBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY

Fred Somebody, Toby Everybody, Pete Anybody, and Zeke Nobody were members of a club. They were not like you and me, of course -- they were oft described as odd people and most difficult to understand.

All four belonged to the same club. Everybody went golfing, bowling, and fishing during his spare time, or stayed home to visit friends. Anybody wanted to go to club meetings but was afraid Somebody might give him some work to do Nobody went to club meetings.

Really, Nobody was the best one of the four. He accepted the responsibility in local affairs. One day the club needed a committee chairman. Everybody thought Nobody would do it, and Somebody thought Everybody should -- that is, but himself. Guess who finally did it? That's right, good ole Zeke Nobody!!

It happened that a fifth person came to live in their fair city. Everybody thought that Somebody should get him to join the club, but guess who got him to join? You're right again....Good ole ZEKE!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Period October 22, 1982 - November 18, 1982

Beginning balance			\$ 59.99
Receipts:	ARRL dues	\$ <u>50.00</u>	50.00
Disbursements:	ARRL	\$ 46.00	
	Postage & supplies	<u>23.34</u>	<u>69.34</u>
Balance, end of period			<u>\$ 40.65</u>

Harold Parker, KC5HZ
Treasurer

Let's not forget ----- that the Club gets \$2.00 when you renew your ARRL membership -- or join the League -- through the Club. (Note the \$4.00 on the above Treasurer's Report!) Also, if you're over 64 or under eightee, you'll save \$5.00. Call Harold Parker KC5HZ at 464-9044 for details.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At the last two membership meeting, Phil Steinbach WB5SUR was scheduled as an additional speaker on the programs with the subject "Power Supplies". Circumstances beyond his control prevented his making his presentation.

Ton Casey WA5ACF believes this subject is a very important one for all hams and volunteered to cover it at our December meeting. We believe that what he wants to tell us is not known or realized by many of us, and we are grateful for his desire to pass on to us his thoughts on the subject.

--Ron Bolyard KA5GYG
Program Chairman

NOVICE CLASS REPORT

Wade Eilers WN5TEN

The Novice class ended Nov. 12, 1982. Nine students enrolled but two dropped out. Of the seven who finished, five have passed the 5 WPM code test, and the other two are very close to being able to copy 5 WPM. I believe both of

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Novice class (Cont.)

them can do it, with just a little more effort, and I'm ready to give them the code test whenever they ask. Following are the seven who finished the course:

Michael Armatta	Harold M. Murdock
Patricia A. Armatta	Marilyn M. Murdock
Raymond L. Morpew II	Damian Schumacher
Joyce Tabor	

I'm looking forward to hearing soon from the two students who are so near that they are ready, and I'm hoping that all seven will go forward with their study of amateur radio and upgrade soon to a higher class license.

I'd like to welcome the Armattas and Morphews to those families that are eligible for the new multiple family class of membership that was created at the November membership meeting.

On behalf of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club I want to say "thank you" to Mrs. Alice Church at the Missouri City City Hall for the use of their facility in holding these Novice classes.

Would also like to thank Mark Schneider WB5RDK and A.J. Blackwell WB5YLB for their FB help in accomplishing this successful Novice class.

HEY!! EVERYBODY BUT FIVE ---- which means there are 79 members who have not yet filled out the Ray Wangler questionnaire and sent it to me for forwarding to him!! It takes about 2 minutes to fill in the check marks, another two to address an envelope, and 20¢ postage.

Please be good boys and girls and participating hams and get your questionnaires so I won't be embarrassed by sending Ray a minuscule percentage of forms from the 84 members of B-VARC. Pretty please?

NCS SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER-JANUARY

2M Pub.	12/6 WA5OEN	12/13 WD5DRB	12/20 WA5ACF	12/27 KC5HZ	
<u>SERV.</u>	- 1/3 WA5OEN	1/10 WD5DRB	1/17 WA5ACF	1/24 KC5HZ	1/31 WA5OEN
10M RAG	- 12/1 N5HF	12/8 KA5GYG	12/15 WB5IGG	12/22 K5EST	12/29 N5HF
<u>CHEW</u>	1/5 KA5GYG	1/12 WB5IGG	1/19 K5EST	1/26 N5HF	

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73, Don Busick K5AAD

PAY YOUR 1983 DUES NOW

Club Treasurer Harold Parker KC5HZ would like to lighten the load on incoming Treasurer Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH and urges us to pay our 1983 dues before Jan. 1, 1983. He says it was really a help to him last year!

So let's help him return the favor and pay our 1983 dues at the December meeting. And if that isn't feasible, please mail him a check before January 1 to 1915 Spillers, Houston TX 77043.

At the November meeting, changes in the By-Laws were approved to make the dues \$8.00 per year for one ham in a family, and if there are more than one licensed ham in a family, they can become members of the Club for \$2.00 each per year.

W5YI REPORT.....

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December 1, 1982

U.S. AMATEURS FLOCK TO 30-METERS - FCC ISSUES WARNING... CITATIONS

Amateur radio operators are turning up on 10-MHz in big numbers, but (unfortunately) not all of them are keeping off of the prohibited 10.109 to 10.115 MHz protected frequencies. The Commission authorized 10-MHz (CW/RTTY only, 250 watts input) to the amateur community on a temporary basis effective October 28th (3 p.m. EDT) pending Senate approval of the WARC-79 treaty and FCC rulemaking which will determine final 30-meter ham band operation. The U.S. government actively uses a frequency (believed to be 10.112 MHz) on a daily basis and American amateurs are interfering with this operation. It is possible that some amateurs may not be aware of the forbidden 6-kHz zone. The intrusion of U.S. amateurs into the protected spectrum has caused the FCC to issue the following Public Notice on November 8th....

(Quote) "The Commission wishes to remind amateur radio operators who use recently authorized frequencies in the 10.109 to 10.109 MHz and 10.115 to 10.150 MHz bands that they must stay off frequencies between those bands to avoid interfering with government operations.

"Although a Commission order adopted on October 28, 1982, made some frequencies in the 30-meter band -- 10.100 - 10.150 MHz -- available temporarily to General, Advanced and Amateur Extra Class operators, it excluded the portion of the band between 10.109 and 10.115 MHz. Those frequencies are still used for government operations, which cannot tolerate interference.

"Amateur operators who use the unauthorized frequencies in the 30-meter band will be in violation of Section 97.63 of FCC rules, and will be subject to enforcement action." (End Quote)

The FCC is very closely monitoring the 30-meter band and is issuing "pink slips". More is at stake here, however, than just some amateurs receiving citations. Temporary operating authority is unprecedented in U.S. amateur history and unless we are careful, it could be the last. It also should be pointed out that the Fixed Service is allocated 10-MHz on a primary, priority basis and should not be interfered with even on the 30-meter frequencies that U.S. amateurs are authorized to operate on. It has generally been agreed that contesting and competitive amateur operation be excluded from 10-MHz to keep down unnecessary hamming. In a nutshell, be careful of your operation on 10-MHz!

ROSTER CHANGES

Harold Parker KC5HZ is now Extra Class -- new call en route.

Dick Hagerman WB5SRN is now Advanced Class.

Larry Levy WD5DRB has a new work phone number -- it's 521-1477.

Henry Freedenberg N5HF -- delete his work phone number -- new one coming.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Most people want to stand up and be counted -- anonymously.

--QCWA 40-meter net.

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