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CALENDAR

- Next B-VARC -- Regular membership meeting - April 14, 1983
- Board of Directors meeting - April 21, 1983
- Nets -- B-VARC 2M - Ft. Bend Cty. ARES - Mondays 8:30PM, 144.85/145.45 MHz
- Public service - Mondays, 9PM, 144.85/145.45 MHz
- B-VARC 10M - Ragchew - Wednesdays, 8:30PM, 28.700 MHz
- West Houston RACES - Sundays, 8PM, 146.07/67 MHz
- Ft. Bend Cty. RACES - Tuesdays, 9PM, 146.16/76 MHz
- Hella Hams Fone Patches for Sick Kids - Wednesdays 7:30PM, 3.955 MHz
- Houston Area Traffic Net - Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:30PM, 144.85/145.45 MHz
- Conventions -- Ham-Com/ARRL Texas State - June 3-5, 1983 in Dallas
- ARRL National - Oct. 6-8, 1983 in Houston

FLASH !!!
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NO-CODE PROPOSED RULEMAKING RESPONSE DATE EXTENDED

The ARRL has issued Bulletin No. 22 to all Radio Amateurs which reads:

The Federal Communications Commission, on March 18, 1983 released an order granting ARRL's request to extend the comment deadline on FCC's no-code license Proposed Rulemaking, Docket No. 83-28. The new comment deadline is June 28, 1983, with reply comments due by July 28, 1983.

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No-Code Comment Date Extended (Cont.)

Hopefully, this additional time will enable the Amateur Community to come up with agreeable alternatives to the two proposals in Docket No. 83-28.

The principal slant of this issue of the B-VARC BULLETIN is toward the submissions of comments by all radio amateurs, whether or not they be members of this Club or of ARRL.

Included with this issue is a copy of the result of the work of an ad hoc committee appointed to develop a response to the proposal in the docket. This proposed reply was to be presented at the March meeting of the ECHO Society for consideration as the Society's official response.

Also included is a copy of a newsletter from Ray Wangler W5EDZ, Director, ARRL West Gulf Division, dealing primarily with this same subject.

Also inclosed is a copy of the HELP! HELP! letter from Art Ross W5KR, Section Manager, Southern Texas Section, West Gulf Division. Although Art's letter is not concerned with Docket No. 83-28, it does pertain to radio amateurs in this part of the world.

WEST GULF DIVISION DIRECTOR'S NET

Harold Parker ND5F

Each Tuesday at 7PM (or immediately following the Texas Traffic Net) on 3.961 MHz, Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, Director, ARRL West Gulf Division, conducts a net and calls for checkins by the Division leadership team. He invites any interested amateur to monitor the net and to check in when called for. Important topics affecting the Ham Community are discussed, and current updatings of League and FCC happenings are passed along.

For example, on his March 22 net meeting, he announced the FCC's March 18 order in Docket No. 83-28 extending the response and reply dates to June 28 and July 28, 1983, respectively.

Many other items of interest to all radio amateurs also were discussed on the March 22 net and this is generally the case on each Tuesday night. Ray has a strong 75 M. station, his signals come into this area very well, and I believe you would find his net meeting very interesting and informative to monitor and to check into when called.

MINUTES OF B-VARC CLUB MEETING
March 10, 1983

1. Club meeting started with a standing roll call.
2. Hal, N5BXP, read the February meeting minutes.
3. Lewis, KD5GM, discussed possible sites for field day.

Minutes of B-VARC Club Meeting (Cont.)

4. Barry, N5FAB, discussed the Phone list.
 5. Stu, WB5IGG, announced a skywarn class will be held in Richmond at the Court House annex on March 31, 1983.
 6. Dick, WB5SRN, asked for people to help at the Houston festival.
 7. Ed, KD5JC, talked about the new station HARC is setting up at the science museum.
 8. Ed, W5WVX, briefed us about the progress with the Missouri City ECO.
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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 17, 1983

1. The Board decided that committee reports should be given at Club meetings.
 2. Discussed No-Code License.
 3. Ron, KA5GYG stated that the social activities committee is open and he is looking for some one to fill the position.
 4. The Board discussed the possibility of obtaining a vehicle from a oil company.
 5. Ron, KA5GYG, discussed the phone list.
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OUR PRESIDENT SAYS---

We have before the Amateur Radio Community a proposal by the FCC concerning the establishment of a "no-code" license. Even if you are not a member of the League, you should have received a mailing from the League containing a copy of "The ARRL Letter". If you haven't read it yet, please do so ASAP as it boils down to plain english what the possibilities are. The League is also asking that we as individual amateurs draft well thought-out letters to the FCC, pro or con.

Field Day will be here before we know it. There are several important aspects of this event that need careful consideration. (1) Where would you like to see B-VARC hold field day? (2) A suggestion has been made that we join forces with the Houston Amateur Radio Club. Let's do some serious thinking about Field Day and be ready to discuss it at the next regular Club meeting.

73--Steve, WA5OEN

VP-QSO--

The March Board of Directors meeting was held at my home and a very active exchange of ideas was had. The primary subject of discussion was the ways and means of getting the committee chairman reports to the membership. A decision on this matter was not reached, due primarily to numerous contrasting ideas. Since it is important that his information reach the membership, the folling procedures will be instituted until further notice.

1. All committee chairman will be asked to give a brief and concise report concerning activities within the scope of their committees at the regular membership meeting.

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VP QSO (Cont.)--

2. These announcements will become a permanent record of the Secretary's minutes which will be published in the monthly Bulletin.
3. Those chairmen that are unable to be at the regular meeting and who have information for the membership are encouraged to place this information on the 2 meter net as well as to see that Stu or I have the information prior to the meeting of the Board so that it can be published in the Bulletin within this column.

This procedure will not suit the desires of all the members, HOWEVER, it will allow maximum opportunity for all the membership to get "near the pulse" of the available activities that this Club is offering without excessive redundancy.

Activities in the works and scheduled for April:

- A. Program Committee (WA5DWS;N5EUC)
"The Ins and Outs of Television Broadcasting"
Emmett Bean KZ5I
April 14 meeting
- B. Special Events (WB5SRN;KD5JC):
 1. Sharpstown Mall Activity- Information forthcoming
 2. Buffalo Bayou Fun Race on the Water- Saturday, April 9- Call Tom Sellers, K5CNU, at 780-3585 during evening hours to help keep track of the paddlers.
 3. Ft. Bend County March of Dimes Walkathon - Sunday, April 24. Call Ed Truitt, KD5JC, at 494-1829 or 499-8746 for a place on the communications team from B-VARC.
 4. Fleet Feet Fun Run, University of Houston Campus- Saturday, April 23. Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN, needs 12-15 B-VARCers for the communications team for this event. Call him at 729-2516 for a place on the team. The U. of H. people really appreciated our help last year and have called on us again.
 5. Guadalupe River Canoe Race to the Gulf- June 3-7, 1983- You can help on communications for any part or all of the race, as you wish. Call Tom Sellers, K5CNU, at 780-3585 during evening hours to get in on this one.
- C. Emergency Communications (n5ANF; WA5ACF)
SW Area ARES Net, Mondays, 8:30 P.M., 144.85/145.45 repeater. Antenna Party at Missouri City P.D. forthcoming; announcement later.
- D. Net Activities (KA5NYI)
See chairman report in this Bulletin.
- E. Training and Technical Advancement (WN5TEN)
Wade is planning for a Novice class in September. Watch for announcements in future.
- F. Contest (KD5GM)
Field Day being planned. Anyone with a generator or any items that may be used during Field Day are asked to contact Louis.
- G. Dxing (N5HF)
Henry is working on a DXCC checklist. More information forthcoming.
- H. Social Activities (Open)
 1. Telephone pyramid now in force; Please call those members and/or ex-members when asked.
 2. CPR Class- Schedules for April 23rd or 30th. More on this later.
 3. Skywarn- Scheduled for March 31st at 7P.M. at the Ft. Bend Co. Court-house annex in Richmond.

Barry Brubaker, N5FAB, has resigned his chairmanship of the Social Activities Committee. I regret Barry's resignation, but personal priorities must come first. Anyone interested in volunteering for or wishing to make a nomination for a chairman, please contact me at my home phone.

NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome Muirl Robinson, W8QK, who joined B-VARC at our March membership meeting. Like the others who have joined this year, he can be identified by the red border at the bottom of his name badge. If you haven't already done so, introduce yourself to the wearers of the red-bordered badges and make 'em glad they're with us.

1983 ROSTER

The 1983 Roster has been held up for latecomers and it's scheduled to go out with the June Bulletin to 1983 dues paid members. It would be great to have all 1982 members included but we know that it isn't possible. If you haven't paid your 1983 dues by the time you read this, we hope you'll get it done by or before the May membership meeting.

ARRL HAS A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP PLAN, TOO

Like B-VARC, ARRL has a family membership plan under which a member of the immediate family of an ARRL member, living at the same address, may become a member of the League, without QST, at a special dues amount of \$2.00 per year, which will entitle the family member to all League membership privileges except receipt of QST. (ED note- who needs more than one copy of QST?)

There is a special requirement with respect to terms. Call Club Treasurer Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH, for details.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club was born in 1978 and at the end of the year there were 31 names on the Club Roster. Over a third of that group are still in the Club.

You can identify them by the green border at the top of each of their name badges, and either thank 'em or cuss 'em for getting this ham club going.

Seriouly, they felt that this southwest Harris-Ft. Bend County area needed a ham club, and B-VARC's growth during the past 5 years would seem to validate their foresight.

TO ALL ARRL MEMBERS

Please send the mailing address label on the wrapper of the next issue of QST you receive to Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG. The label has an identification number on it which is required information supporting B-VARC's application to become a Special Service Club.

Please put a reminder note on your refrigerator door, bathroom mirror, or some other place where you won't miss it so Ron can receive your label as soon as possible.

It's \$2.00 for B-VARC---if you renew your ARRL membership or join the League through the Club. And if your're over 64 or under 18, you yourself save \$5.00. Call Lloyd, WD5HEH, at 498-2088 for details as to how to go about it.

NCS SCHEDULES FOR APRIL-MAY

2M. Pub.										
<u>Serv.---</u>	4/4	KA5NYI	4/11	N5FAB	4/18	ND5F	4/25	WA5OEN		
	5/2	KA5NYI	5/9	N5FAB	5/16	ND5F	5/23	WA5OEN	5/30	KA5NYI
10M. Rag										
<u>Chew.---</u>	4/6	KA5GYG	4/13	WB5IGG	4/20	K5EST	4/23	N5HF		
	5/4	KA5GYG	5/11	WB5IGG	5/18	K5EST	5/25	N5HF		

A NEW AWARD?

Attention, Awards Committee! Here's an idea for an award that B-VARC could make to any Ham, either local or out of town.

It would be called the WAL (Worked All Lids) Award and would be issued to any ham who furnished proof, in some appropriate way, or having worked at least five stations on any band or mode who included at least on of the following operation practices in a QSO:

1. Started talking before his transmitter was keyed.
2. Failed to laugh at a joke.
3. Used a Q-signal on a voice transmission.
4. Bought a rotator for a vertical antenna.
5. Consistently timed out a repeater.
6. Tuned up his transmitter on top of an HF QSO in progress.
7. Started transmitting on an HF frequency without asking if it was in use.
8. Used cutsey phonetics for callsign instead of I.A.R.U. standard world-wide ones.
9. Any other kind of LID operating practice.

If word of this could get out on the HF bands, it might prove to be a source of income for the Club. Who knows?

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To ALL HAMS---

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Call me, identify yourself and wants, and I'll quote our HOT SPECIAL prices available to you.

73, Don Busick K5AAD

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Use this department to list any ham-related gear you'd like to buy, or sell, or swap. A lot of items listed her in the past have found new homes. Send us a listing of your items by the 3rd Thursday of the month for inclusion in the next issue of the B-VARC BULLETIN.

- FOR SALE-----
1. Kenwood TR-9130, 2M all-mode transceiver.
 2. Tempo SIT, 2M synthesized FM HT transceiver, with various desirable accessories for fixed and/or mobile operation.
 3. Icom IC-701, HF transceiver, with power supply, desk mic, and EX-1 extension terminal.
 4. Homebrw 10A AC power supply.

---Stu Lamkin, Wb5IGG
777-3345

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

---Bacon

FLASH !! CHANGE IN MEETING TIME

The City of Missouri City will be using our meeting room all day until 8:00PM on our general membership meeting day of Thursday, April 14, and they told us the room will be available for our use at 8:30PM.

The alternative they offered is completely inadequate, both as to physical space and available seating facility.

Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN has polled the Directors and a majority stated a preference for delaying the start of our meeting for an hour. The meeting will be called to order at 8:30PM at the Missouri City Fire House on FM2234, and Steve says he will expedite the business part of the meeting as much as possible.

This is the first time this has happened in several years, and the City tells they have no plans to make a practice of it!

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