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CALENDAR

Next B-VARC meeting -- Regular membership, Thursday, May 12, 1983.
-- Board of Directors, Thursday, May 19, 1983.

Nets -- B-VARC 2M - Ft. Bend ARES, Monday 8:30PM } Primary freq. 147.60/00 MHz
- Public service, Monday 9 PM } Secondary 146.25/85 MHz

-- B-VARC 10M - Ragchew, Wednesday, 8:30PM, 28.700 MHz

-- West Houston RACES - Sunday, 8PM, 146.07/67 MHz

-- Ft. Bend RACES - Tuesday, 9 PM, 146.16/76 MHz

-- Houston Area Traffic Net - M, W, F., 6:30PM, 147.60/00 MHz

-- Hella Hams Fone Patches for Sick Kids - Weds. 7:30PM, 3.955 MHz

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

ED Note -- From W5YI REPORT, May 1, 1983

ARRL Board Firmly Rejects Codeless Ham Class

The ARRL Board of Directors met at the Holiday Inn, Hartford, Connecticut, on Thursday and Friday of last week (April 21 and 22). Their main purpose was to formulate a League position on No-Code Amateur Radio License. As expected, the ARRL came out totally and completely opposed to establishing a class of amateur operator license not requiring a demonstration of proficiency in the International Morse Code. League President Vic Clark (W4KFC) released the following summary of the Board's action through the League's Public Relations Advisory Committee Board Liaison, Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF....

ARRL Board Rejects (Cont.)

"The Board initially registered opposition to the concept of a codeless license when it was first raised citing the amateur opinion disclosed by the LRPC Florida State Survey of March 1982 - Minute #110. Following issuance of Docket 83-28, and up to the time of this Board Meeting, ARRL has maintained an essentially neutral stance editorially and in correspondence or discussion. ARRL leadership to this point has refrained from attempting to direct or prejudice member response. Membership opinion continues to be overwhelmingly opposed to dropping the code requirement. Any tolerance for a no-code license appears to arise more from acceptance of its presumed inevitability than acknowledgement of any intrinsic benefits perceived for the Amateur Radio Service. Board discussions in depth have led to the conclusion that no satisfactory compromise formula for a codeless license can be established. Considering the obligation of the Amateur Radio Service to its public service commitments, and disciplined use of the radio spectrum the Board has no alternative but to reject the proposal."

The official position of the League Board on a no-code amateur operator license was detailed in the following MOTION unanimously adopted by the ARRL Board of Directors on April 22.

●WHEREAS...

The FCC has proposed in Docket 83-28 a significant revision in the structure of the Amateur Radio Service by introducing a new class of code free amateur license and...

●WHEREAS...

The League shares the objective of encouraging and facilitating entry into the amateur ranks of additional persons especially bright young persons but has found little evidence that the requirement for a knowledge of Morse Code is significant barrier to such entry and...

●WHEREAS...

The ARRL, as the national organization of radio amateurs, has carefully assessed the views of its members concerning the importance of the continuation of a Morse Code requirement for obtaining an amateur license and...

●WHEREAS...

The League officers, directors and staff have reviewed the impact of the new license class upon the volunteer examination program proposed in Docket #83-27 and...

●WHEREAS...

The League conscious of the significant contributions made by an Amateur Radio Service which is composed of highly qualified and highly motivated individuals is concerned that there be no further reductions in the long established entry standards. NOW THEREFORE...

●BE IT RESOLVED...

By the Board of Directors of the ARRL in annual meeting assembled that the General Manager is directed to prepare for filing by counsel comments in the matter of Docket #83-28 stating in the strongest possible manner the opposition of the League to the creation of an amateur license class that does not require demonstration of a knowledge of Morse Code.

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING, April 14, 1983

The regular meeting of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order by the President, followed by a standing roll call with 24 present, including 3 visitors, Todd W1CD, Herb W5ZLT, and Mike N5FDH.

Carter Beghtol announced that he had recently upgraded to Advanced Class and now has the call KD5XX.

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March membership meeting as published in the BULLETIN. The motion was made and during the discussion thereof, Bob W5UBD said he thought that published minutes of meetings in the BULLETIN should be more detailed in order to convey more definitively happenings at meetings. The motion was passed as made and seconded.

Steve WA5OEN discussed reportings by committees. He asked that all Committee Chairmen make a full reporting of their committee activities at each membership meeting, with a brief discussion scheduled with the general membership. This would allow such activities to be recorded in the Minutes and then be published for full member information.

Steve reported that Program Chairman Ken KA5DKS had a CPR class scheduled for May 14, and that the Special Events activity in April would be the Sharpstown Center demonstration on April 30. Dick WB5SRN announced the U. of H. Fleet Feet Fun Run would also be the morning of Apr. 30 and asked for more help in handling communications for the event. Wade WN5TEN reported on Training Committee activities and asked for volunteers to handle a Summer Novice class if the need arises. Steve WA5OEN brought up the need for some decisions about 1983 Field Day, followed by motions made and passed to hold Field Day at the Missouri City Fire Station on FM2234. Louis KD5GM announced that he is obtaining dupe sheets, logs, etc., and expressed the opinion that we do not combine our Field Day with that of Houston ARC. He also mentioned the need for an AC generator and asked for suggestions for Field Day.

Bob W5UBD announced that he had recently received a letter from the State Comptroller's Office requesting a statement or reaffirmation of our non-profit status. He also told of having received a letter stating that the Southwest Emergency Radio Repeater Corp. had been cancelled. He requested a motion be made to dissolve the corporation and it was voted to authorize him to initiate this action.

Lloyd WD5HEH reported that the treasury had \$487.52 on hand that he had received \$24.00 for three new memberships.

Louis KD5GM passed out some reprints of a Houston Chronicle article about Owen Garriott W5LFL planning to take a 2M FM rig on a future space shuttle flight, and after a brief discussion the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM.

Emmett Bean KZ5I gave a talk on "The Ins and Outs of TV Broadcasting" and had an abundance of technical information, charts, and photographs of Channel 39's transmitter facilities. Emmett's presentation was very interesting and informative and inspired most of us to want to make a field trip to the transmitter site to see the equipment. Many thanks to Emmett for a fine program.

Harold Parker ND5F
Secretary Pro Tem

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, April 20, 1983

It was not possible to convene an official meeting of the Board because a quorum was not present. President Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN was ill and Vice President Ron Bolyard KA5GYG could not attend because of the press of urgent circumstances relating to his employment. The only two members present were Harold Parker ND5F and Stu Lamkin WB5IGG. About 7:30PM, when it became apparent that no one else was coming, a general discussion of Club matters began.

The only other person present was our host, Program Committee Chairman Ken McAninch KA5DKS, who had prepared for an attendance of twelve. He told us he had the May program firmed up, had unsuccessfully solicited for Roy Neal K6DUE of NBC News, and expected to have Ray Wangler W5EDZ, ARRL West Gulf Division Director, as the speaker at our June meeting.

Harold then brought up several items that Ron KA5GYG had asked to be discussed. The first was that his job responsibilities had been and were expected to continue growing at a rapid rate so that he no longer can handle his responsibilities as B-VARC Special Service Club Coordinator, and he, with the agreement of the Club President, had asked Harold ND5F to take over that position. Harold said he had agreed to do so and do his best to carry out those duties.

Another item was the need of Steve WA5OEN, coordinator of the Sharpstown Center Special Event, for more help therewith, particularly to set up the station. Another item was that we were waiting for Ed Truitt KD5JC, communications coordinator for the Ft. Bend County March of Dimes Superwalk to let us know the status of arrangements, but we were confident Ed had things well in hand. Such was not so, however, with Dick Hagerman WB5SRN, coordinator for communications for the U. of H. Fleet Feet Fun Run. In spite of Dick's unceasing efforts to solicit volunteers, he had been unable to obtain enough commitments to do the overall communications job requested of us. It was felt that Dick would come up with planning to do an adequate job, however.

Stu pointed out that so far our new telephone pyramid had not functioned up to its potential, as evidenced by its failure to function in connection with the meeting time change last month and with this scheduled Directors meeting. He stated that with the firming up of the Club Roster, it would be necessary to revise the pyramid to reflect only current Club members.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was recessed until the scheduled meeting of the Board on May 19, 1983.

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG
Secretary Pro Tem

NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome the following new members who joined at our last membership meeting. You can identify them and others who've joined this year by the red border at the bottom of their name badges. If you haven't already done so, introduce yourself to the wearers of the red-bordered badges and make 'em glad they've joined us!!



Todd Stolzberg W10D

Steve Schuster WA5RBD

Treasurer's Report for period ending April 15, 1983

Balance as of March 15, 1983	487.52
Receipts:	
Membership Dues to date	64.00
Total	<u>551.52</u>
Expenses:	
Stu Lamkin (Postage & Newsletter)	43.27
Steve Gottlieb (Copy Paper)	11.25
Bank Service Charge	1.90
Balance as of April 15, 1983	<u>495.10</u>

Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH
Treasurer

AT THE MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Steve Yates KA5DUU has been monitoring the 10M band for quite some time and has heard some peculiar transmissions. He has recorded some of these and will be our speaker at the May membership meeting. His subject will be "Strange Happenings on 10 Meters" and will play back some of these peculiar transmissions he has heard. It should be very interesting. Come on out at 7PM for a little fellowship. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30PM.

And at the June Membership Meeting

our speaker will be Ray Wangler W5EDZ, Director, ARRL West Gulf Division. This is advance notice and please mark your calendars especially well so you won't overlook that meeting. Ray should have a wealth of information for us on the important matters now before the Ham Community.

VP QSO

Due to a substantial increase in my work responsibilities it is time for me to ask for help in discharging my responsibilities as Vice President of B-VARC. This being so, I have asked Harold Parker ND5F to take over as chief chairman of the various committees and the very important job of Special Service Club Coordinator. I know that Harold will pursue these jobs with gusto, and I hope

VP QSO (Cont.)

that all committee chairmen and Club members will give him all their support. It is also requested that all committee reports be channelled through Harold so he can get them published in the BULLETIN in appropriate fashion.

I hope, in the future, to be able to continue executing my other responsibilities as Club Vice President.

73 until next month ---

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG

CBCers WANT HAM LICENSE UNDER "GRANDFATHER CLAUSE":

by: Harold, ND5F

I recently heard of an organized effort to promote and encourage the passage of the "no-code" ham license. The Organization is called the AMERICAN NO-CODE ALLIANCE and is the effort of a group of CBers utilizing the citizen-band frequencies to encourage everyone to write to the Federal Communications Commission and their Congressional Representatives registering their vote of approval for the code-free license that is being proposed by the FCC.

They supposedly are promoting the addition of legislation to the FCC's proposal to include a "grandfather clause" providing for an automatic exam-free amateur operator's license to anyone who has a current Citizen-Band License during the initial licensing period.

I have often wondered during the last couple of months if there were any groups trying to promote the passage of the "no-code" license, but haven't heard of any organized efforts.

I have also wondered if anyone other than the ARRL was organizing efforts in the attempt to gain control of the Amateur licensing program, but haven't heard of any.

Do you suppose that this lack of information that is available on these issues is another classic example of a group of "expert communicators" not communicating with each other ???

(The following is reprinted by permission from WORLD RADIO)

NO CODE

(Worldradio ED Note -- WORLD RADIO has already made its position on the no code license quite clear. On March 24, 1983, we received what is printed below. If ever an argument has been made in favor of keeping the code requirement, this is it!)

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NO CODE (Cont.)

"COMMENTS OF THE ALBATROSS ON THE HAM NO CODE RULE #83-28

To the Commissioners:

We the members of Albatross, Inc., a San Diego, California Citizens Radio Club, have the following ideas on the no-code ham license proposal.

1) We favor a no-code Tech license rather than that digital thing. People want to talk, not play games with Pac man toys.

2) Any no-code ham license must include the HF bands. In case you don't know what those are, we are talking about the bands under 11-meter CB that hams have. We want special no-code sections for our own use.

3) Since it's a no-code ham license only, no-code hams should give the test. Till some come along it should be CB operators who test for no-code ham licenses.

4) All CB operators must be given no-code ham licenses without taking any test. This includes AMers and SSBers who operate anywhere from 26 to 28 megacycles whether (sic) they have licenses or not. They already have the radios, so they are halfway there already.

5) The FCC should keep all coded hams away from the new no-code hams by simply giving the no-code hams half the bands the coded hams now have.

6) The test for the no-code ham license should be 10 questions on how a radio works and nothing else. If a guy has a radio he will know how it works and can tell you that.

7) The no-code ham license should be permanent (sic).

Albatross Inc. is proud to do what it can to make the new no-code ham license even bigger than CB. We pledge our support to the American No Code Alliance to get more people on the two-way.

Yours truly,

RAYMOND B. CORMIER
President, Albatross #19"

HOUSTON HAM GROUP WINS WORLD WIDE CONTEST

It has just been officially announced that the Houston SHOT 10-10 Chapter took top honors in the 10-10 International Net Winter QSO Party. The SHOT group not only won first place in the chapter competition but also dominated the individual standings in both world-wide and Zone 5 groups. Chuck Kieta WA5IHS took top individual honors, and SHOT members accounted for 4 places in the top 10 total and 6 in the top 10 for Zone 5. Our Vice President, Ron Bolyard KA5GYG was one of the top 10 in Zone 5.

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Houston Ham Group Wins Bib (Cont.)

The 10-10 International Net was originated by a group of Southern California hams in the sixties to promote increased activity on 10 meters, hoping thereby to discourage the loss of any of that band by amateurs, as was the case when 11 meters was reallocated to CB use. Nearly 40,000 hams throughout the world hold 10-10 numbers and the group continues to grow. It's an entirely different kind of ham activity.

The Houston SHOT Net meets on Tuesday at 8PM on 28.688 MHz and invites all hams to check in and say "howdy." Several B-VARC members belong to the SHOT Chapter.

20 METER PHONE ALLOCATIONS EXPANDED

Finally, after many a long month, on March 31, 1983 the FCC adopted the band plan proposed by ARRL for 20 meter phone use. The additional frequencies will be available to Extra, Advanced, and General Class licensees at 6:01 PM on May 21, 1983 (0001 UTC May 22, 1983). Following are the 20 meter phone allocations which will be available to those three classes of licenses at that time:

<u>License</u>	<u>Frequency Allocation</u>	<u>Frequencies Added</u>
Extra	14.150-14.350 MHz	50 KHz
Advanced	14.175-14.350 MHz	25 KHz
General	14.225-14.350 MHz	50 KHz

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was issued simultaneously with the above order proposing to expand the Rules to extend phone allocations to these same three classes of licensees in the 80, 15, and 10 meter bands. Time alone will tell when this proposal will receive action. Let's not hold our breath 'til it happens!

NCS SCHEDULES FOR MAY JUNE

2M Pub. --	5/2 KA5NYI	5/9 N5FAB	5/16 ND5F	5/23 WB5RDK	5/30 KA5NYI
Serv.	6/6 N5FAB	6/13 ND5F	6/20 WB5RDK	6/27 KA5NYI	7/4 N5FAB
10M Rag --	5/4 KA5GYG	5/11 WB5IGG	5/18 K5EST	5/25 N5HF	
Chew	6/1 KA5GYG	6/8 WB5IGG	6/15 K5EST	6/22 N5HF	6/29 KA5GYG

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

This issue inaugurates a new standing feature of the B-VARC BULLETIN -- the B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL. The Honor Roll will document the participation of Club members each year in activities which provide a service to the public. This first publication represents as complete a compilation as possible and may be incomplete. If anyone has participated in any of the events listed, or in a similar event which can be classified as a civic event (which would include disaster emergencies) and you are not on the Honor Roll, please inform Harold Parker ND5F, Special Service Club Coordinator.

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EVENTS

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| A. Houston Marathon, Jan. 16 | F. Galveston Rainbow Festival,
Apr. 15,16 |
| B. Bayou City Fun Run, Mar. 19 | G. Ft. Bend March of Dimes Superwalk,
Apr. 24 |
| C. Houston Festival, Mar. 19,20,26,27 | H. Houston March of Dimes Walk America,
Apr. 24 |
| D. Bellaire Fun Run, Mar. 27 | |
| E. Reeking Regatta, Apr. 9 | |

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HONOR ROLL

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| Dick Hagerman WB5SRN - A,B,C,E,G | Mark McGrath KA5NYI - D |
| Harold Parker ND5F - A,B,D,F,G | Vic LaRocca K5KNH - D |
| Stu Lamkin WB5IGG - A,D,G | Barry Brubaker N5FAB - D |
| Jay Maynard K5ZC - A,B | Ken McAninch KA5DKS - D |
| Ed Truitt KD5JC - A,G | Ed Harwell W5WVX - G |
| Mike Armatta N5APC - B,H | Ron Bolyard KA5GYG - G |
| Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH - D,G | Cathy Schneider KA5BNC - G |
| Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN - D,G | Mark Schneider WB5RDK - G |
| Larry Levy WD5DRB - D,G | Irene Gordon N5AYX - H |
| Bob Spradling W5UBD - C | Hy Gordon NC5A - H |

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All right, all Club members, let's get on the Honor Roll and keep moving up on it! It'll be hard to overtake ole Dick WB5SRN, but let's go after him and see how many we can pass on the way up!!

ARRL MEMBERS -- If you haven't already done so, please be sure to send your QST label to Harold Parker ND5F. This label will be needed as part of the support for our application to become a Special Service Club. If you've already sent it to Ron KA5GYG, Harold will not need another.

B - S -- S MART

Use this department to list any ham-related gear you'd like to buy, sell, or swap. Send us a listing of your items by the 3rd Thursday of the month and we'll run it in the next issue of the BULLETIN. If you get no results from that listing and would like to run it again, let us know.

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WANTED -- A ground plane CB antenna I can convert to a 10 meter vertical.

- FOR SALE --
1. ICOM IC-701, HF transceiver with power supply, desk mic, and EX-1 extension terminal.
 2. Homebrew 10A AC power supply.
 3. TEMPO S1T, 2M synthesized HT transceiver with various desirable accessories for fixed and/or mobile operation.
 4. KENWOOD TR-9130, 2M all-mode transceiver, with mobile mount.

WANTED -- Up to 300' of tower guy wire.

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG
777-3345

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Jumping to conclusions is not as good as
digging for the facts.

-- QCWA 40M Net

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73, Don Busick K5AAD



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