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B-VARC  
BULLETIN

of  
BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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of each month.

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CALENDAR

Next B-VARC -- Regular membership meeting - December 8, 1983  
                  -- Board of Directors meeting - December 15, 1983

Nets -- B-VARC 2M - Ft. Bend County ARES - Mondays, 8:30PM } Note \* below  
                  - Public service - Mondays, 9:00PM        } for frequencies  
-- B-VARC 10M - Ragchew - Wednesdays, 8:30PM, 28.700 MHz  
-- West Houston RACES - Sundays, 8:00PM, 146.07/67 MHz  
-- Ft. Bend County RACES - Tuesdays, 9:00PM, 146.16/76 MHz  
-- Hella Hams Fone Patches For Sick Kids - Wednesdays, 7:30PM, 3.955 MHz

\* Note - Primary frequency 147.60/00, with 144.65/5.25 and 144.85/5.45  
          as backups at the option of the Net Control Station.

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1984 DUES ARE DUE BEFORE JANUARY 1

OUR PRESIDENT SAYS --

I would like to congratulate the fine leadership for 1984, as elected at the regular membership meeting last month. They are:

President - Ron Bolyard KA5GYG

Vice President - Harold Parker ND5F

Secretary - Ken McAninch KA5DKS

Treasurer - Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH

Director At Large - Carter Beghtol KD5XX

Joining them on the 1984 Board of Directors will be Mark Schneider WB5RDK, currently on the Board, a new At Large Director to be appointed by the Board to fill out the unexpired term of Harold, and I, as Immediate Past President, to be a member during year following my term in office.

All the above have shown much support for the Club and its activities, and I hope that all Club members will give them their support in 1984.

Please be prepared to pay your dues and purchase your banquet tickets at the December meeting. If you haven't already paid and can't get to that meeting, please send your payments to Lloyd Phelps as soon as possible. We need to have a count on banquet attendance by January 1 and your dues must be paid by then to be on the Club's first 1984 Roster which will be put to press as of January 1, 1984. And we'd really like to have you on it!!

As most of you know, we are going to apply to the ARRL for designation as a Special Service Club. Harold Parker has done a super job of preparing the letter of application. This goal is a very important one for the Club, and we cannot rely only on what we have accomplished in the past but we must continue with our efforts to have a great Club.

Someone knows we exist! Angie, at the FCC, called me to ask for some assistance with some international 3rd party traffic. The problem was offered to Dick Hagerman WB5SRN and he took it on. Thanks, Dick.

I talked to George Walker KQ5W, who also is a member of the HamConventions organization, and he tells me a few of the STS-9 mugs made up for the convention last October are still available. We need \$100 seed money to buy a case of 36 mugs, which could be a joint project between B-VARC and MERA. IF you can help out with this project, please call me 933-7249.

MINUTES OF THE B-VARC GENERAL MEETING, 10 November 1983

Larry Levy WD5DRB, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by President Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN with a standing roll call.

Four new members joined at the meeting. They are listed in the NEW MEMBERS section of this issue.

Unfinished Business: Ex-member Phil Steinbach WB5SUR, now a resident of Austin TX, mailed a donation to B-VARC on behalf of his flea market sales at the October convention. Thank you, Phil! (P.S. Keep the jokes coming.)

New Business:

Louis House KD5GM announced that Carter Beghtol KD5XX has offered a vertical for Club use and that it is currently stored in his garage.

Ken McAninch KA5DKS reminded us that John Holmes W5ALG, Harris County District Attorney, will be speaker at the December meeting.

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG reported that the MERA repeater is in a cabinet, and waiting for duplexers and antenna before it can put on the air.

Election of 1984 officers: President Steve WA5OEN related the general election procedures and then turned the meeting over to Wade Eilers WN5TEN, a past president and ranking member of the Nominating Committee in the absence of Bob Spradling W5UBD because of illness, and who presented the Committee's recommended slate of candidates for the respective positions:

- For president - Ron Bolyard KA5GYG
- For vice president - Harold Parker ND5F
- For secretary - Ken McAninch KA5DKS
- For treasurer - Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH
- For 3-year term director at large: Carter Beghtol KD5XX

No nominations were made from the floor and each of the nominated candidates was elected unanimously. Welcome to the new B-VARC leadership for 1984.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM. After a 10-minute break, Rollie McGinnis W5PZP gave us a lecture on and demonstration of ATV (fast scan TV) which was very interesting and informative.

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WE WERE THERE ON NOVEMBER 10, 1983! Please join us at our next meeting on December 8th at the Missouri City Municipal Building on FM2234, across from the Fire Station. We'll start gathering at 7PM with the call to order about 7:30PM.

N5AER	KA5DKS	KA5EPN	N5FQS	*KA2GRS	WB5IGG	W5RNK	KD5XX
N5APC	WD5DRB	K5EST	N5GKQ	KA5GYG	WA5OEN	KA5RXW	WN5TEN
N5BOK	KA5DUU	KA5F	KD5GM	K5HCY	*W5PZP	KA5RXX	W5VXD
*K5CNU	KA5EPB	ND5F	KC5GR	KZ5I	W8QK	KA5SGM	W5WVX
	* Guest						K5ZC

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From the Secretary (Cont.)

JANUARY INSTALLATION MEETING

The January 12, 1984 meeting will be the Second Annual B-VARC Installation Dinner Meeting. Once again it will be at the Swinging Door on FM 359 in Richmond, Texas. Advanced sale of meal tickets will be at the December B-VARC meeting. Please purchase the tickets you need to allow a head count to be called to the restaurant beforehand. The price of the tickets include meat(s), vegetables, tax, and gratuity, but not beverage. The menu is beef brisket, ribs, sausage, and chicken, with side dishes. Prices are:

1 meat plate	-	\$7.25
2 meats plate	-	8.50
3 meats plate	-	10.00

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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1983**

Balance as of October 15, 1983 \$63.91

**RECEIPTS:**

Membership dues to date	232.00
ARRL membership dues	50.00
Donation	10.00
Transfer of M.E.R.A. funds	137.50
Annual Banquet receipts to date	115.75
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Total	609.16

**EXPENSES:**

Madison Electronic Supply (Novice Class materials)	128.47
Bank Service Charge	2.80
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Balance as of November 15, 1983 \$477.89

*Lloyd E. Phelan*  
Treasurer

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ARRL PRESIDENT NOW A SILENT KEY

The world of the Amateur Radio fraternity, and of the U.S. in particular, mourns and will miss greatly Victor C. Clark W4KFC, President of ARRL, who failed to survive a massive heart attack on November 25. He was in his golden anniversary as a ham, having been first licensed in 1933.

Vic was eternally active in ARRL affairs, including six years as Vice President prior to becoming President in 1982. He had been SCM in two states, was an ARRL Division Director for seven years, a member of the FCC WARC Advisory Committee and of the IARU WARC Preparatory Committee, and attended the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference as a member of the IARU team. He is one of the three people ever to receive the Hiram Percy Maxim Award.

He will be remembered locally by the many who met him at the ARRL National Convention last October, and by several Club members who had the pleasure of meeting him personally there. Also by the many local hams who enjoyed his fine talk on ham radio on the 2M repeater Telecommunications Network, broadcast locally on the WB5RDK repeater earlier this year.

The ARRL Articles of Association provide for the succession of the First Vice President, Carl L. Smith WØBWJ, to the presidency. There is a regularly scheduled election at the March 1984 Board meeting, and Carl will serve in the interim, according to League General Manager Dave Sumner K1ZZ.

The family has asked that anyone who wishes to do so can make a donation in his name to The ARRL Foundation, 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111.

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VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM

The FCC has issued a Public Notice reminding the Amateur Community that the Volunteer Examiner Program becomes effective December 1, 1983, and Barry Goldwater K7UGA has introduced a bill in the Senate dealing with one aspect of the program.

On page 6 of this issue is reproduced a letter from ARRL Headquarters urging holders of Extra and Advanced Class licenses to register with ARRL as Volunteer Examiners. It is expected that participation in the program will be a function of B-VARC as a designated Special Service Club, and the following Club members, holders of such Class licenses, are urged to register with the League.

David Alexander N5CHW A	Irene Gordon N5AYX A	John Szczepaniak WB5KIC A
Jim Aman KB5TC E	Steve Gottlieb WA5QEN A	Charlie Sloan WB2AOK A
Ken Andrews KC5GR A	Dick Hagerman WB5SRN A	Harold Parker ND5F E
Mike Armatta N5APC A	Ed Harwell W5WVX A	Muril Robinson W8QK F
Emmett Bean KZ5I E	Louis House KD5GM A	Todd Stolzberg K1CD E
Carter Beghtol KD5XX A	Keith Huges KA5F E	Ed Truitt KD5JC A
Tom Casey WA5ACF A	Stu Lamkin WB5IGG A	Mike Tussey KB5TN A
Carl Cunert WB8SVR A	Larry Levy WD5DRB A	George Walker KQ5W E
Wade Eilers WN5TEN E	Jay Maynard K5ZC E	Mike Walker N5FDH A
Henry Freedenberg N5HF E	Joanne Morpew K5HOY A	Homer Witmer W5QAX A
Hy Gordon NC5A E	Ray Morpew K5RST E	

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THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.

November 18, 1983

To: All ARRL Affiliated Clubs

The Volunteer Examiner Program needs your club! With the new Volunteer Examiner Program on the way, there's no reason why anyone should have to travel far or miss even one day of work to take an amateur exam.

Although we have heard from many Prospective Volunteer Examiners, we wish to ensure the availability of exams everywhere. Wouldn't you like to pitch in and help the Amateur Radio community? It could mean new members for your club.

If you want to become part of this exciting, new program, send in the name, call, class of license, address and telephone number of Advanced and Extra class operators who are interested in becoming Volunteer Examiners to ARRL Hq. This will help us survey the extent of interest and support in the field and give us a firm foundation for when the mandatory fee issue is resolved and the ARRL-FCC agreement is approved by your Board of Directors and signed. If you have already contacted us, thanks! You're all set for now.

If you have any further questions, please contact me. Hope to hear from you soon.

73,

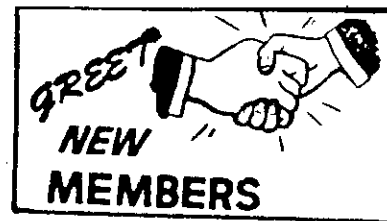
Lori McBride  
Assistant to the Manager  
ARRL Volunteer Examiner Program

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P.S. For further information on Volunteer Examining please see the following OST articles:

- "In Training", August, p. 84
- "Club Corner", September, p. 84
- "Deregulation and Amateur Radio", October, p. 9
- "FCC Approves Volunteer Examining", November, p. 68
- "Volunteer Examining Draws Closer", (coming in December)

Y'all welcome the following new members who joined us at the last Club meeting. They and others who've joined us this year wear red-bordered badges. If you have not already done so, introduce yourself and let them know how glad you are they've become one of us!



Laura Carter KA5SGM      David Petty KA5EPB  
Joe Noles N5BOK          Louis House IV (Call pending)

Addresses and phone numbers for these new members will appear in the new Roster dated Jan. 1, 1984 and distributed to paidup members in January.

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FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- December 8, 1983 - Speaker for the evening will be John Holmes W5ALG, Harris County District Attorney. It should be interesting.
- January 12, 1984 - Annual banquet at The Swinging Door Restaurant. Good food and fellowship, and interesting things in store.
- February 9, 1984 - Mr. Billy Hutchinson, Regional Communications Supervisor of Texas DPS will be our guest speaker.

-- Ken McAninch KA5DKS, Chairman

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NET CONTROL STATIONS - December & January

2M Public Service	12/5 WB5RDK	12/12 KD5GM	12/19 N5FAB	12/26 ND5F
	1/2 WB5RDK	1/9 KD5GM	1/16 N5FAB	1/23 ND5F
				1/30 WB5RDK
10M Ray Chew	12/7 K5EST	12/14 N5HF	12/21 KA5GYG	12/28 WB5IGG
	1/4 K5EST	1/11 N5HF	1/18 KA5GYG	1/25 WB5IGG
				2/1 K5EST

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73, Don Busick, K5AAD

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from us and ours and a happy and merry  
holiday season to one and all!

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