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OUR PRESIDENT SAYS ---

Here it is almost the end of December and another year has slipped by. Its been a good, no, a great year for B-VARC. We had lots of participation for our activities, including all the various marathons, fun runs, walk-a-thons, Sharpstown Mothers Day event, club picnic and field day. We also had support for the ARRL National Convention, a novice class, the emergency communications efforts of our neighboring communities in and out of actual need and the new volunteer examiner program.

Two other items of major importance were (1) the creation of a separate corporation called Memorial Emergency Radio Assocation, formed for the purpose of eventually owning and administering one or more repeaters, and (2) Application to the ARRL for the designation of "Special Service Club", if selected an honor we can all be proud of.

I've been a member of B-VARC since 1978 and I've seen a lot of people come and go. I honestly feel that we have the largest group of do-ers going into the new year. Its great to see so many of our newer members jumping in and getting involved. Lets all support the new adminstration in its plan and goals for 1984.

I really feel honored by the club bestowing its trust and confidence in me for this position. Thanks for the experience.

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming banquet at the Swinging Door January 12.

Happy Holidays

73, Steve WA50EN

VP-0S0

This letter will be my last as your Vice-President and I wish to take this space to thank all of you for the support that you have given me and the other officers during the past year.

1983 will be a year to remember for many reasons. Notably the flight of STS-9 and the first communicating ham in space, W5LFL Owen Garriott. A very successful Sharpstown Mall activity where we handled over 350 Mother's Day messages. The addition of the MERA repeater to the SW Memorial Hospital, 144.650/145.250. A very successful Field Day operation. The commencement of the Saturday morning breakfast for those persons interested. These are just to name a few of your Club's achievements. To those who did get involved, a very sincere THANK YOU.

I hope that the prospects for 1984 are just as bright. Your officers will be dedicated to doing the best job they can to offer a wide spectrum of interests to all members. With this commitment will come success, IF all members will offer constructive comments and try to get involved when they can. Please remember that this is YOUR Club and we need YOUR support. Feel free to approach ANY officer, board member and committee co-chairman with your suggestions. They too are volunteers that have priorities and cannot devote 100% of their time to BVARC and its activities.

I wish ALL a very Merry Belated Christmas and New Year. I will be looking forward to working with all of you this year.

73's RON KA5GYG

Minutes of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Membership meeting.

December 8, 1983

The meeting was opened at 7:40 PM with Steve Gottlieb, WA50EN presiding.

As per our usual custom, a standing roll call was taken, and all guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

There were no upgrades or new calls issued since our last meeting. Several people promised that they would be taking the test to upgrade soon.

The second annual banquet will be held on January 12, 1984 at The Swinging Door in Richmond, same place as last year. The banquet will take the place of our regular membership meeting. Everyone was urged to come and have a good time. Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH.

The Saturday morning Breakfast Get-together was discussed. It is just an informal gathering of hams at the Holiday Inn on the Southwest Freeway at the West Belfort exit. The buffet is very good, and everyone that attends really enjoys the food and the service. It is a Dutch Treat, so bring your money.

Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG talked about the ARRL and that the Club got \$2.00 for each new ARRL application or ARRL renewal. Stu also talked about the Club entering its application for the Special Service Club designation. Stu then talked about the new

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1983

Balance as of November 15, 1983	\$477.89
RECEIPTS:	
Membership dues to date Annual Banquet receipts to date Receipts from Novice Class Supplies	\$178.00 115.75 35.00
Total	\$845.14
EXPENSES:	
ARRL Stu Lamkin (Bulletin) Bank Service Charge	\$46.00 34.18 2.70

\$762.26

Submitted

Lloyd Phelps WESHEH

Balance as of December 15, 1983

Treasurer

MERA REPORT, Dec. 21, 1983 Bob Grady N5DQR

1. Repeater Status

5.25 machine presently operable at OTH of Ron Bolyard KA5GYG.

Duplexers tuned and ready to be installed.

Tower is installed and about 20 feet above hospital roof.

Ringo Ranger II is at hospital and ready for installation.

Blank control board has been ordered and will be "stuffed" and integrated upon its arrival.

Tentative target date for <u>fully</u> operational machine on the hospital is January 9, 1984.

Tom Casey WA5ACF has been given permission to change trusteeship to Jim Arnold W5RNK and to secure a different permanent pair of frequencies.

- 2. Treasury now has \$116.20 in the bank account. Vic LaRocca K5KNH has been appointed Finance Committee Chairman.
- 3. By-Laws are being prepared by Ron Bolyard KA5GYG and Stu Lamkin WB5IGG.
- 4. Operations Committee
 Mike Armatta N5APC has been elected Chairman and will be in charge of control operations.

volunteer examinor program. He urged everyone who holds an Advanced Class or Extra Class License to participate in this program. Stu then asked for volunteers from those that were present and got a great response. This is a great program, and as a Club we can do a lot. Let's give Stu our support and if you know of someone that qualifies, let someone in the Club know about them.

Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG announced that information on ARES was available. Ron then discussed some of the committees for the next year and announced some appointments for a few of them. If you want to help the Club in any way, or would like the chance to be on a committee for a Club that is really moving, contact Ron for further information.

Jim Arnold, W5RNK reported on the progress of the repeater that M.E.R.A. is putting up. The repeater is rapidly approaching the time that it will be on the air and serving the southwest area of Houton.

It was mentioned that the Houston Marathon is to be held on January 8, 1984, and that help was needed for communications.

It was reported that Houston Amateur Radio Club is doing well with its station set up at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, but operators are desperately needed. Contact Ed Truitt, KD5JC if you can help in any way.

The Club is now in possession of one case of the commerative mugs that were available at the Ham Convention. Cost of the mugs is \$4.00. \$1.00 of this cost will go to the Club.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Johnny Holmes, W5ALG, who had some interesing information on the Texas Judicial System.

Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH

Treasurer - Secretary Pro-tem

WE WERE THERE ON DECEMBER 8, 1983! Please join us at our next meeting at the Missouri City Municipal Building on FM2234, across from the Fire Station. We'll start gathering at 7:00pm with the call to order about 7:30pm.

KA5CYZ KD5XX N5FLQ w8qk N 5C PA *K5CNU NC 5A W5RNK WB5YLB KA3JJF ND5E W5WVX KA5GYG KA5RXX ND5F *Carolyn Fritsche N5AER N5BOK KC 5GR K5EST K5HOY KA5RXW N5AYX Robert Weber-Novice KA5DUU KA5SGM WD5GAZ KZ5I WD5HEH W5VXP KA5DKS *Guest

Are You An *?

Look at the mailing label attached to your newsletter. Is there an asterisk (*) after your name? If there is, this just might be the last newsletter you'll get. The asterisk means your dues for 1984 have not been paid, and all membership privileges cease with this copy of the newsietter.

NEW MEMBERS

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. have not already done so, introduce yourself and let them know how glad you are they've become one of us!



George Jolly, ND5E

Gary Orsak, KA5SIB

John Donahue, KA5SMO

Gary Maynard, KA2GRS

Vance Peterson, N5FLQ

Kaye Maynard, KA2GRW

Mike Powell, KA3JJF

Robert Weber

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

B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B,D,F,G,I,J,L,M,N,QP Gary Richardson, N5ANF - J,N Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C,E,G,I,K,L,M,O,P Mark Schneider, WB5RDK - G,N,P Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,D,G,I,L,M,N,P Mike Armatta, N5APC - A,B,H,J,N Larry Levy, WD5DRB - D,G,I,J,N,P Mark McGrath, KA5NYI - D,I,L,M,N Ron Boylard, KA5GYG - G,I,J,N,P Barry Brubaker. N5FAB - D,J,J,N,P Ed Harwell. W5WVX - G,I,J,N,P Bob Spradling, W5UBD - C,I,L,N Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - I,L,N,P Steve Gottlieb, WA50EN - D.G.I Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,C,F Ken McAninch, KA5DKS - D,I,L Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH - D,G,N,P Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A,G,N,P Tom Casey, WA5ACF - I,J Hy Gordon, NC5A - C,H Jon Hill, N5BHQ - I,N,P Doug Holley, N5EUC - J,N Lewis House, KD5GM - I,J Vic LaRocca, K5KNH - D,I Al Hanus, KA5RXX - P

Steve Schuster, WA5RBD - I,N David Alexander, N5CHW - N Ken Andrews, KC5GR - I Jim Arnold, W5RNK - N,P Carter Beghtol, KD5XX - M Ethel Bolyand - I Don Busick, K5AAD - N Larry Charson, N5BYJ - N Wade Eilers, WN5TEN - N Hal Fuglaar, N5BXP - N Irene Gordon, N5AYX - H,P Bob Grady, N5DQR - I Bob Haase, N5AER - N,P Keith Huge, KA5F - N Joanne Morphew, K5H0Y - I,P Ray Morphew, K5EST - I,P Sam Petty, KA5EPN - N.P. Cathy Schneider, KA5BNC - G Todd Stolzberg, K10D - I John Szczepaniak, WB5KIC - N

EVENTS

A. Houston Marathon, 1/16

B. Bayou City Fun Run, 3/19

C. Houston Festival, 3/19-20, 26-27 D. Bellaire Fun Run, 3/27

E. Reeking Regatta, 4/9

F. Galveston Rainbow Festival, 4/15-16

G. Ft. Bend March of Dimes Superwalk, 4/24

H. Houston March of Dimes Walk

America, 4/24

I. Sharpstown Center Mothers Day Messages, 4/30

J. Ft. Bend ARES Callup, 5/15

K. Guadaloupe Canoe Race, 6/3

L. Fleet Feet Fun Run, 4/30

M. Inside Runners Fun Run, 7/16

N. Hurricane Alicia Callup, 8/19

O. Village Five Fun Run, 10/30

P. 1983 S.E.T., 10/22

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If any member participated in any of the events listed above but is not listed as a participant, or in a similar activity which could be classified as a civic event including disaster emergency communications, please inform Harold Parker. ND5F. B-VARC Special Service Club Coordinator Minutes of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Board meeting.

December 15, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM with Steve Gottlieb, WA50EN presiding. Steve requested that we not get off on a tangent when reporting on something to keep the meeting as short as possible.

Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH reported that at board meeting time, only 23 people had not paid their 1984 dues yet. This is a better response than we have had for several years. Lloyd suggested that everyone read the Treasurer's report when published to see how we are doing so far.

It was reported that reservations for 60 people had been made at The Swinging Door for our annual banquet. As of board meeting time, 35 total tickets have been purchased.

Steve had the Annual Report for Missouri City, and in it BVARC is mentioned and that the Club had established and participated in emergency communications. A copy of this report will go to ARRL along with the application for Special Service Club designation.

The Lighthouse for the Blind, through Larry Charson, N5BYJ, has asked for information on ham radio. Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG said that he would appoint a committee to look into the request and ascertain what the specific needs are.

Henry Freedenberg, N5HF, recently visited ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, and brought back with him some very helpful information. One of the most interesting items is that ARRL has for the asking, loan only, a library of audio-visual aids. These aids are rent free.

The Volunteer Examiner Program was discussed at length, with reports read from several sources.

Ron Bolyard then talked about the 1984 committee appoinments.

Meeting adjourned about 10:00 PM.

Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH

Treasurer - Secretary Pro-tem
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ARRL BULLETINS

The ARRL frequently issues bulletins for the Amateur Radio community in the effort to keep us informed on the important issues that effect our hobby.

The FCC has recently issued new regulations covering frequency allocations, logging requirements and the new volunteer examinations program. It seems they keep busy with the major decisions that effect all amateurs - like their recent decision to bury the "no-code" license proposal.

It is more important that ever for us to stay "tuned in" to these happenings by monitoring the activities of the FCC and our legislative bodies to give ourselves ample time to respond when their proposals are not in our best interest

We all should make a special effort to stay well informed on these issues that are so close to each of us. We should always remember that we can influence the outcome of many of these issues by making our wishes known to our Congressional Representatives and the FCC officials.

The ARRL has been the major organized effort to keep us informed and to protect the interests of all Amateur Radio Operators. B-VARC supports the ARRL as an Affiliated Club and I hope that each of you will help support the ARRL through your individual memberships.

Harold Parker, ND5F

ARRL BULLETIN NO. 135 - TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

The FCC on December 14, 1983 voted in the strongest possible manner to retain the Morse code requirements for all classes of Amateur Radio Licenses.

Private Radio Bureau chief, Robert Foosaner said that the Radio Service is well, thriving and providing an excellent service to the American public.

He strongly recommended that the FCC maintain the code requirement, endorse the service as it is and bury the concept of "no code".

Chairman Mark Fowler stated that the code is very important and is some cases essential for getting the message through. He said further that the radio amateurs have contributed vitally to the country and recently were stalwart in performing communications with Granada.

The vote was unanimous to reject the concept of "no code"..........

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- 7. COLLINS 390-A general coverage receiver, 500KC 31MHz, digital mechanical tuning, crystal and mechanical filters.

B-VARC DURING 1983

B-VARC had a great year during 1983! We all should be mighty pleased with our accomplishments of the past year and remember the many good times that we had while participating in the variety of club activities.

I recall that many of the B-VARC activities, projects and events were outstanding and I hope that as you look through the long list of accomplishments, you all will remember the time and effort that you contributed to make it such a success.

- 1. Banquet for installation of new officers
- 2. B-VARC Net on Monday nites
- 3. The Novice classes
- 4. The ARES Nets
- 5. Ragchew Nets on Wednesday nites6. The ARRL "SET" in October
- 7. New colorful meeting badges
- 8. The B-VARC BULLETIN
- 9. Fantastic programs at the
- membership meetings 10. Sharpstown Mall activities
- 11. Antenna parties
- 12. Field Day activities
- 13. Increase of new memberships
- 14. Special Service Club application
- 15. B-VARC member ranks high in the
- 10-10 Int'l QSO Party Contest 16. Visit from Ray Wangler and Steve Ray at the June meeting
- 17. Equipment was donated for use in the various EOC's
- 18. Attempts to contact W5LFL in space shuttle Columbia

- 19. B-VARC got a new Post Office Box closer to home
- 20. Great bar-b-q at the picnic 21. New two-meter repeater going on the air soon
- 22. EOC's in Stafford, Missouri City and Rosenberg got rigs 23. Hurricane Alicia callup
- 24. MERApole antennas a success
- 25. New B-VARC Bylaws
- 26. National ARRL Convention at Houston Ham-Com
- 27. Transmitter Hunt was wily fun
- 28. Demonstration at Library
- 29. Videotape of STS-9 viewed at Chambers Elementary School
- 30. The many Public Service events worked by B-VARC members
- 31. Saturday morning breakfasts
- 32. QST subscription sent to the Dulles High School
- 33. Flea market at Ham-Com
- 34. Election of B-VARC Officers and appointment of Committees

I hope that everyone will join me in adding to their long list of New Years resolutions, those things that will make B-VARC bigger and better in 1984.

Harold Parker, ND5F

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73, Don Busick, K5AAD

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1984 COMMITTEES

1. Program

Duties: Provide programs for regular membership meetings.

Sam Petty - KA5EPN Bob Haase - N5AER

2. Special Events

Duties: Plan and arrange for public demonstrations, convention exhibits, club-sponsored walkathons, marathons, civic events, shopping mall exhibits, etc.

Ed Truitt - KD5JC Dick Hagerman - WB5SRN Paul Brooks - N5FQS

3. Public Relations

Duties: Publicity for all club activities.

Emmett Bean - KZ5I Walt Holmes - WD5GAZ

4. Emergency Communications

Duties: Planning for, training in and coordination of club activities in emergency situations.

Muirl Robinson - W8QK Ed Harwell - W5WVX

5. Operations and Net Activities

Duties: Coordinates all net activities of the club including liaison with other 2M and HF nets.

George Jolly - ND5E Ken Andrews - KC5GR

. 6. Training and Technical Advancement

Duties: Organize and upgrade license classes. Organize training sessions with other appropriate committees; study groups; licensing activities; technical advancement in electronic theory.

Wade Eilers - WN5TEN Jim Arnold - W5RNK Mike Powell - KA3JJF

7. Contests

Duties: Coordinate activities for Field Day. Maintain up-to-date contest scheduling.

Louis House - KD5GM A.J. Blackwell - WB5YLB

8. Dxing

Duties: Demonstrations and exhibits on good DX operations and activities methodogy and mechanics.

Henry Freedenberg - NSHF

9. Awards

Duties: Awards and symbols of recognition by the Club, such as certificates, Order of the Key, etc. Provide for club hats, jackets, caps, pins, patches, etc.

Lloyd Phelps - WD5HEH Larry Levy - WD5DRB

10. Social Activities

Duties: Pre-meeting fellowship; maintain name badges; organize annual banquet and picnic; other activities beneficial to club. Maintain telephone pyramid.

Carl Cunert - WEBSVR Leonard Spolyar - NSAPY

11. Repeater Liaison

Duties: Coordinate <u>all</u> club-related activities on the primary repeater utilized by club (144.85/145.45 or 144.65/145.25 or 147.00/147.600). Develop liaison with other repeaters in the local area in conjunction with emergency and converted net activities.

Mark Schneider - WB5RDK (144.85/145.45) Jim Arnold - W5RNK (144.65/145.25)

12. Bulletin

Duties: To assist the editor in the publication of the club newsletter.

Stu Lamkin - WB5IGG Allan Hanus - KA5RXX Sallie Hanus - KA5RXW

13. Membership

Duties: To solicit and to bring in new members for the club.

Sam Wilson - N5CPA Bob Grady - N4DQR

2yr. Director: J. Leeds - W5VXD

JANUATY 1984

			JANUALY 1984			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8:00 PM 146.07/67 MHz	B-VARC FT. BEND COUNTY ARES NET 8:00 PM PUBLIC SERVICE NET 9:00 PM (Note * below)	FT.BEND COUNTY RACES NET 9:00 PM 146.16/76 MHz	B-VARC RAGCHEW 8:30 PM 28.70C MHz HELLA HAMS FONE FATCHES FOR SICK KIDS 7:30 PM 3.995 MHz	5	6	PREAKFAST HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY 8:30 AM
WEST HOUSTON RACES NET	9 B-VARC FT. BEND COUNTY ARES NET PUBLIC SERVICE NET	FT.BEND COUNTY RACES NET	B-VARC RAGCHEW HELLA HAMS	B-VARC BANQUET SWINGING DOOR 7:00 PM	13	14 BREAKFAST
WEST HOUSTON RACES NET	B-VARC FT. BEND COUNTY ARES NET PUBLIC SERVICE NET	FT. BEND COUNTY RACES NET	B-VARC RAGCHEW HELLA HAMS	B-VARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM	20	21 BREAKFAST
WEST HOUSTON RACES NET	B-VARC FT. BEND COUNTY ARES NET PUBLIC SERVICE NET	FT. BEND COUNTY RACES NET	B-VARC RAGCHEW HELLA HAMS	26	27	28 BREAKFAST
WEST HOUSTON RACES NET	B-VARC FT. BEND COUNTY ARES NET PUBLIC SERVICE NET	31 FT. BEND COUNTY RACES NET				

^{*} Note - Primary frequency 144.65/5.25, with 144.85/5.45 and 147.60/7.00 as backups at the option of the Net Control Station.

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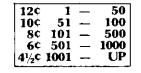
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