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About the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

First organized in 1977, the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club has been a gathering place for local Ham Radio Operators in Southwest Harris County, Fort Bend County and surrounding communities. Using various activities, the club has something to offer ham operators no matter what their persuasion. For prospective new amateurs, the club regularly schedules classes for those interested in obtaining their novice license. All persons; men, women and children are cordially invited to come to a meeting and see what we are all about. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Missouri City Police Station, 2 miles south of South Main on FM 2234.

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PLEASE KEEP IN MIND - it's worth \$2.00 to the Club treasury if you join or renew your ARRL membership through the Club; and there's a bonus to you if you personally are over 64 or under 18. Call Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH, Club Treasurer, at 438-2088 for details.

YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS:

Your president has been on the road and has been unable to compose a complete message this month. However, I wish to quickly reiterate my past words concerning getting involved in the club activities. This next few coming months will be full of all kinds of interesting activities that have appeal to hams and non-hams alike, and therefore offer new horizons for those that are interested in getting involved. I SUGGEST THAT EVERYONE CONSIDER THEMSELVES FORTUNATE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A GROUP THAT HAS GAINED MANY INROADS into those activities that are available for people with various interests. I once again urge you to contact the committee chairmen and SIGNUP for some interesting PUBLIC RELATIONS that will benefit your club and especially YOURSELF.

73's and CUL
Ron KA5GYG

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VP-QSO:

A considerable portion of the April Board Meeting was devoted to discussing ways that we could improve the publicity for upcoming activities and events in an effort to increase the membership's participation and involvement in the Club's activities.

I briefly discussed the necessity of long-range planning by each of our committees in order for us to maintain our status as a Special Service Club. This type of planning would have dual benefit to the Club - it would allow everyone to allocate their time for these upcoming events and activities and provide us with a checklist to be sure that we are planning those activities which we have obligated ourselves to performing.

It is important for us to keep the membership informed of all these upcoming events if we want an increased level of activity.

Our application was submitted for the Special Service Club designation and it was based on our excellent record of performance in past years. It is a record which must be maintained each and every year to qualify and requires that we meet certain requirements as established by the American Radio Relay League and our Affiliated Club Coordinator.

Our ACC will periodically review us on our performance in certain areas to determine if we are continuing the fulfillment of the objectives of the SSC designation. It is important that we maintain records of all our activities so that when this review is scheduled, we will be able to provide the pertinent information and continue the status of SSC.

We will be reviewed in several major areas of service to our membership and the community and I will briefly describe each of these areas:

Public Relations - Improving the image and visability of Amateur Radio in the community.

Emergency Communications - Developing our skills and demonstrating our ability to respond to emergencies.

Training - Offer your services to assist in licensing, upgrading and education in Amateur Radio.

Technical Advancement - Encourage the membership to expand their interests and knowledge of Amateur Radio.

Other Activities - Pursue special interests and activities that involve the Club membership.

Miscellaneous - Establish ongoing programs and activities to increase the effectiveness of the organized efforts.

I encourage each of the Committee Chaimen to tailor their program of events around these objectives so that we can maintain the Special Service Club status. Each of you can make a significant contribution to this effort by submitting a brief repor of your month's activities to our publishers along with any future activities that you have planned.

Harold, ND5F

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 5, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Ron, KA5GYG at 7:40 PM. Present were: KA5DKS, ND5F, KA5GYG, WD5HEH, KA5RXW, KA5RXX & KD5XX. Lloyd, WD5HEH reported that Mark KA5NYI will proceed with the audit Saturday, April 7. Ron, KA5GYG reported he had met with this years Ham Com committee and that we must send our seed money by April 16. Convention will be the first week end in October. He read a list of committee chairmen. No Ham Com activities have been assigned yet. Hospitality is not spoken for, other activities we can offer to handle as a club could be parking, home brew, flea market bulletin board. The question was asked what do we want to do for a Ham Com activity this year. Volunteer examiners may give exams this year. Our Special Service Club designation has been approved by Steve Ray and is now in Newington where more approvals must be obtained.

Ron, KA5GYG had talked with Paul, N5FQS who stated that the ECHO Society was sponsoring a Wheel Chair event. The ECHO Society inquired about B-VARC's Sharpstown Mall event. We may have help with the Mall event. ECHO spoke of perhaps have a Mall Field Day.

Mera will prepare a letter to all Houston area cable companies. The question was asked if B-VARC would care to co-author the letter concerning CATVI. Majority of opinion was that we would like to co-author such a letter.

It was reported that Ed, KD5JC will be going to a March of Dimes board meeting Thursday April 12, but he will talk to the Club before going.

Paul, N5FQS has Sharpstown Mall event well underway, now needing volunteers.

Carter, KD5XX made the motion that Ron, KA5GYG contact inactive board members; Lloyd, WD5HEH seconded the motion and it carried.

Ron, KA5GYG asked for recommendations on how to spend the income from our seed money, and Harold, ND5F suggested buying a tower system for Field Day.

Allan, KA5RXX donated to B-VARC a military generator.

Harold, ND5F stated that Stu, WB5IGG receives ARRL material of which we should be aware. Bob, N5AER reported through Ron, KA5GYG that the May meeting may be a safety program, it is not finalized. The June meeting will feature Ray Wangles, W5EDZ, West Gulf Division Director. This is always a popular event with the club.

Harold, ND5F received a "Hurricane Awareness" notice, a 3 day seminar at the downtown Hyatt Regency, June 6, 7, & 8. Cost, \$75.00. April 28 will be the Fleet Feet Fun Run at the University of Houston. Lloyd, WD5HEH suggested a local bulletin board at Ham Com, perhaps in conjunction with our Hospitality room. Lloyd, WD5HEH will put together something on computers for Ham Com. Harold, ND5F stated that cost at Ham Com must be a consideration.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 12, 1984

Ron, KA5GYG called the meeting to order at 7:30, there followed a standing roll call. Committee reports followed. Ed, KD5JC reported the 3rd annual Ft. Bend County March of Dimes walkathon will be April 29. He asked for volunteers to help provide communications. The course is 21 miles and donations are made according to the distance walked. Paul, N5FQS spoke of the Sharpstown Mall event May 5, asking again for volunteers. Dick, WB5SRN spoke of the Bellaire run and the "Reaking Regatta" April 14 and the Fleet Feet Fun Run April 28 at the University of Houston. Carl, WB8SVR solicited donations for our Hospitality table at Ham Com. There was no response to his inquiry about a B-VARC ham fest. Wade, WN5TEN consented to again cook for our annual picnic the third week end of July. Gary, KA2GRS is making a list of equipment needed for Field Day; A.J., WB5YLB is looking for an alternate location to the Fire Station. Bob, N5AER and Sam, KA5EPN reported on upcoming programs; tonight a UP railroad film, June will be Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, West Gulf Division Director and May will be a Missouri City S.W.A.T. team demonstration. Ideas for future programs were requested. Wade, WN5TEN is planing a Novice class in September with another to follow in January or February of 1985. There are 5 students in the General class he is now teaching, they have just finished studying resonant circuits. Ron, KA5GYG told Emmett, KZ5I that he had some material for him. Ed, W5WVX mentioned that he had some ARES registration forms at the meeting as well as some other material.

Under the heading of New Business, Ron, KA5GYG reported that the Texas State Ham Com will be October 5, 6, and 7 at the Astro Village Hotel. Richard Shankle, N5KV is chairman. No activities have been assigned. The question was asked, what do we as B-VARC want to do for Ham Com? Lloyd, WD5HEH has sent the seed money to Ham Com. No FCC examiners will be there this year, only volunteer examiners. The Special Service Club designation is in Newington for approval. Last year Ham Com seed money netted \$800. What shall we do with the income from the seed money? MERA will compose a letter concerning CATVI, the B-VARC board of directors voted to co-author this letter. It will go to all area cable companies.

Newlyweds John, N5BHQ and Betty Hill were recognized.

Special visitors Dave Wells, KD5GG, President and Mel Godbold, KD5YA, Vice President of the ECHO society were introduced. They spoke of a liaison with area clubs. The April ECHO society meeting will feature Dick Hawkins and a sky warn program. Meetings are in room 1044 of the Downtown University of Houston. This meeting will be the last Friday in April at 7:30 pm. For the July meeting, Electrotex will sponsor a representative of Belden Cable Company who will give a technical talk. Ron, KA5GYG responded by stressing the importance of close cooperation between clubs.

Dick, WB5SRN reported that area hams congregate the third Thursday of odd months at Good Time Charlies in Sharpstown for a social time. Paul, N5FQS brought up the subject of club clothing. Lloyd, WD5HEH will circulate a list asking what members want in the way of club clothing and then get prices.

Under the heading of old business, Sam N5CPA of the membership committee reported one new member, Bill, NG5C joined last month, making 16 new members for the year and a total of 75 members.

The President, Ron KA5GYG, requested all committee chairmen to report each month to Allan, KA5RXX and Sallie, KA5RXW so that their reports can be published in the B-VARC newsletter.

Muirl, W8QK requested the loan of a pole to put up an antenna at school. Stu, WB5IGG had three sections to loan. ;

Ron, KA5GYG reported that Allan, KA5RXX had donated a military generator to the club. Allan, KA5RXX then stated that volunteers were needed to work on this piece of equipment.

The meeting adjourned.

Following the business meeting, a fine program was given by Joe, N5BOK in the form of a film made by the Union Pacific Railroad. The subject was "Big Boy", one of several gigantic steam locomotives built and used during and after World War II.

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE!

At the May membership meeting, the Missouri City Police SWAT Team will give a talk, film, and demonstration.

**** NET CONTROL SCHEDULE ****

2M BVARC Public Service Net Control Schedule

5/7 KA2GRS 5/14 ND5E 5/21 N5GTF 5/28 KD5GM
6/4 KA2GRS 6/11 ND5E 6/18 N5GTF 6/25 KD5GM

10M BVARC Rag Chew Net Control Schedule

5/2 N5HF 5/9 KA5GYG 5/16 WB5IGG 5/23 K5EST
5/30 N5HF 6/6 KA5GYG 6/13 WB5IGG 6/20 K5EST
6/27 N5HF

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 15, 1984

Treasurer's report unavailable this month. All information at auditor's.

Submitted by Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH
Treasurer

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73, Don Busick, K5AAD

WE WERE THERE ON APRIL 12, 1984! Please join us at our next meeting on May 10th at the Missouri City Municipal Building on FM 2234 across from the Fire Station. We'll start gathering at 7:00 pm with the call to order about 7:30 pm.

KA5GYG	ND5F	KA5DKS	WD5HEH	KA5RXW	KA5RXX
N5FLQ	KA5SGM	KA5DUU	N5BOK	KZ5I	K5HOY
K5EST	N5FAB	KD5XX	N5FDH	WB5SRN	N5BHQ
N5CPA	KA5EPN	WN5TEN	N5GTF	N5HF	KA2GRS
ND5E	KD5YA	N5APC	N5GKO	KA5SMO	WB5IGG
N5AER	N5FQS	WB8SVR	N5ANF	W5WVX	

Guests: E.E. Moore, Bette Hill, Cynthia Powell, Kathryn Jolly, Dave Wells, Bob Wynhoff K5HUT, Carla Cunert, Christopher Cunert.

Demonstrations and exhibits on good DX operations, methodology and mechanics.

Henry Freedenberg - N5HF

TIES

Pre-meeting fellowship; Organize annual Picnic and Banquet; Plan other activities beneficial to BVARC; Maintain name badges.

Carl Cunert - WB8SVR
Leonard Spolyar - N5APY

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Coordinate all club activities on the primary repeater utilized by BVARC. Develop liason with other repeaters in the local area in conjunction with emergency and routine net activities.

Jim Arnold - W5RNK (145.25)
Mark Schneider - W5RDK (145.45)

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Publish the monthly Newsletter for BVARC. Maintain the Phone Pyramid.

Allan Hanus - KA5RXX
Sallie Hanus - KA5RXW
Lloyd Phelps - WD5HEH
Stu Lamkin - WB5IGG

Maintain a continuous drive for new members.

Bob Grady - W5DQR
Sam Wilson - W5CPA

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

Lloyd Phelps - WD5HEH
Larry Levy - WD5DRB

Maintain BVARC Library

Stu Lamkin - WB5IGG

Establish ways and means to increase the club treasury thru donations, club sponsored flea markets, auctions, etc.

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	5 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY & W. BELFORT 8:30 AM
	12 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY & W. BELFORT 8:30 AM
	19 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY & W. BELFORT 8:30 AM
	26 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FREEWAY & W. BELFORT 8:30 AM

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ck wall, bathroom wall, etc.)

BVARC COMMITTEES
1984

1. PROGRAMS

Duties: Provide programs for regular membership meetings

Sam Petty - KA5EPN
Bob Haase - W5AER

2. SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Dick Hagerman - WB5SRM
Paul Brooks - N5FQS
Ed Truitt - ED5JC

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Duties: Provide publicity for BVARC before, during and after all club activities

Emmett Bean - KZ5I
Walt Holmes - WD5GAZ

4. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Duties: Plan for training and coordination of club activities and its members in emergency management. Close cooperation with the local ARES and RACES organizations.

Ed Harwell - W5WVX
Muir Robinson - W8QK

5. OPERATIONS AND NET ACTIVITIES

Duties: Plan and coordinate all net activities of BVARC including liaison with other 2M and HF nets.

George Jolly - ND5E
Ken Andrews - KC5GR

6. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT

Duties: Plan, organize and execute upgrade and licensing classes. Organize training sessions with other appropriate committees and study groups. Technical advancement of BVARC members in electronic theory.

Wade Eilers - WN5TEN
Mike Powell - KA3JJF

7. CONTESTS

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

A.J. Blackwell - WB5YLB

8. DXing

Duties:

9. SOCIAL ACT

Duties:

10. REPEATER L

Duties:

11. BVARC BULL

Duties:

12. MEMBERSHIP

Duties:

13. AWARDS

Duties:

14. LIBRARIAN

Duties:

15. FINANCE

Duties:

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Bob Grady N5DQR
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B-VARC Public Service Honor Roll

- A. Houston Marathon: January 15, 1984
- B. Bayou City Fun Run: March 24, 1984
- C. Houston Festival: March 24, 1984
- D. Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association: April 7 & 8, 1984
- E. Bellaire Fun Run: April 8, 1984
- F. Reeking Regatta: April 14, 1984
- G. Fleet Feet Fun Run: April 28, 1984
- H. March of Dimes Walk: April 29, 1984

Chris Armatta, N5GKQ	A,B	Sallie Hanus, KA5RXW	E
Mike Armatta, N5APC	A,B	Ed Harwell, W5WVX	H
Pat Armatta, N5GIK	B	Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG	A,E,G,H
Carter Beghtol, KD5XX	E	Larry Levy, WD5DRB	E
A.J. Blackwell, WB5YLB	E	Garry Maynard, KA2GRS	D,G,H
Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG	H	Kay Maynard, KA2GRW	H
Paul Brooks, N5FQS	B,D,E,G	Jay Maynard, K5ZC	A,C
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF	A	Ken McAninch, KA5DKS	E,G
Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN	E,H	Harold Parker, ND5F	A,B,E,G,H
Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN	A,B,C,D,E,G,H	Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH	E,H
Allan Hanus, KA5RXX	E,H	Ed Truitt, KD5JC	A,H

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

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FROM THE COMPUTER CORNER

OZZ-HAM Remote CP/M Computer and Bulletin Board
 MODEM PHONE: 893-0424
 SYSOP: Tony Tompson, WB5UYG
 COSYSOP: Howard Gerber, WB5YWS

The Ozz-Ham bulletin board would like to invite all computer users, especially Amateur Radio operators and Osborne computer users to call and use the Ozz-Ham board. The system has a bulletin board that may be used to announce Amateur Radio meetings and events, sell or trade computer or radio gear, or exchange information about computers and radio.

To use our system, you must have a computer or terminal that can handle 300 baud ASCII, 8-bit data with no parity. You do NOT need an Osborne to call our board -- we have programs for Osbornes, we have a bulletin board that just about any computer or terminal can access, we have CP/M utility programs and we have Ham Radio programs (often in BASIC) that can run on almost any computer.

You can connect to our system by dialing 893-0424. When connection is established, press RETURN or ENTER on your keyboard a couple of times. Our computer will ask you how many NULLS do you want. For most computers, the answer is 0, but if you are using a printing terminal, you probably will want 6 to 9 NULLS. The next question that our system will ask you is do you want RBBS or RCPM. RBBS is the name of our bulletin board (Remote Bulletin Board). If you want to leave a message or read the announcements then RBBS is for you. If you are looking for a program or want to communicate with WB5UYG (via the CHAT program) then enter 2 for RCPM (Remote CP/M). You do not need a password to log on to the system, but you will be asked to give us the password you would like to use to identify yourself for future calls to the bulletin board.

If you have any difficulty logging onto the system, please contact me on the phone at 682-6508, before 10 PM, or call me on the 147.69/09 repeater. 73.

Howard Gerber, WB5YWS, Ozz-Ham RCP/M Cosysop

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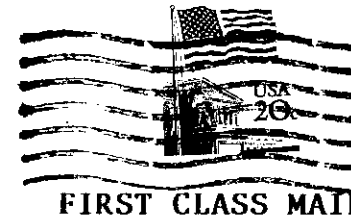
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Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

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