

B-VARC

BULLETIN

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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

A SYNOPSIS OF 1984

The year of 1984 was a good year for BVARC. It was a year that began with an excellent banquet at the SWINGING DOOR and the installation of the new officers. Two ORDER OF THE KEY awards were given to worthy recipients, namely Wade Eilers and Steve Gottlieb for dedication and service to BVARC. The following list highlights the accomplishments your club has achieved this year. These achievements did not come without the sacrifice of time and effort of many volunteers and it is hoped that future involvement in these projects and events will spur the contribution of additional voluntary assistance.

- o Special Service Club designation
- o Volunteer Examiner program
- o Reformatting and upgrade of the Bulletin
- o Support of the Public Service Net on Monday nites
- o Upgrade of the MERA repeater by club members
- o Two Novice classes
- o 10/75 M Ragchew net
- o 15/80 M CW Net
- o November Simulated Emergency Test for ARES
- o Support for SW AREA ARES

(see PRESIDENT on page 9)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 15,1984

Balance as of November 15, 1984 567.32

RECEIPTS:

ARRL Membership	25.00
Membership Dues to date	198.00
Banquet receipts to date	172.30
Total	----- 962.62

EXPENSES:

Cellar Door (Banquet Deposit)	200.00
Stu Lamkin (Bulletin expense)	89.91
ARRL Fees	23.00
Sallie Phelps (Dues notice mailout)	27.00

Balance as of December 15, 1984 622.71

Submitted by Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH, Treasurer

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

***** NOTICE *****

- o Please note the change in BVARC Slow Speed Net. It is now 3.740 Mhz.
- o Also, the BVARC Rag Chew Net is now on 75 meters.
- o If you are scheduled to be net control and are unable to be present, please make arrangements well ahead of time to have your spot filled. 73's Bobby, WA5CAC

2M - BVARC Public Service Net

1/7 KA5UPB	1/14 KE5SC	1/21 WA5CAC	1/28 KA5UPB
2/4 N5FLQ	2/11 KE5SC	2/18 WA5CAC	2/25 KA5UPB

75M-BVARC Rag Chew Net

1/2 KA5GYG	1/09 WB5IGG	1/16 N5FLQ	1/23 KA5GYG	1/30 WB5IGG
2/6 N5FLQ	2/13 KA5GYG	2/20 WB5IGG	2/27 N5FLQ	

80M-BVARC Slow Speed Net

1/2 N5FLQ	1/09 N5FLQ	1/16 N5FLQ	1/23 N5FLQ	1/30 N5FLQ
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		1 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM - 28.688 S. TEXAS EMER. NET 9 PM - 144.65/5.25 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45	2 SLOW SPEED 7:45 PM - BVARC RAGC 8:30 PM -
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DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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CW NET 3.740	BVARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM		BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
EW NET 3.962			
	10	11	12
CW NET 3.740	BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -FELLOWSHIP- 7 PM -CALL TO ORDER- 7:30 PM		BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
EW NET 3.962			
	17	18	19
CW NET 3.740			BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
EW NET 3.962			
	24	25	26
CW NET 3.740			BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
EW NET 3.962			
	31		
CW NET 3.740			
EW NET 3.962			

ANOTHER SILENT KEY AT BVARC

It is said that bad news, luck, etc., always comes in sets of three. For the third time this year, we are sad to report that another club member has become a Silent Key.

Joe Noles N5BOK, joined those ranks of hams who will no longer pound a key or push a PTT switch. Joe's health took a turn for the worse about four years ago, and his heart gave out during a visit to his son who lives in Illinois.

Joe will be remembered as an enthusiastic ham, and one who brought us the very interesting videotape presentation at one of our recent meetings built around the last of the giant steam-driven railroad locomotives.

He will be missed by his many friends.

NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome the following new members who joined us at or since 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!

Allen Glueck W5GHK	- Advanced	Carolyn Rich	- Novice
Mike Pankonien N5HLA	- Technician	Charles Barker	
Steve Claypool	- license pending		

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* 73, Don Busick, K5AAD

BVARC VOLUNTEER EXAMINER SCHEDULE

Beginning with this issue of the Bulletin, each month we will list the Volunteer Examiner amateur radio exam sessions scheduled in this general area, compiled to the best of our ability as information is made available. In the listings of sessions, the information will be described as follows:

- A. SPONSORING GROUP
 - B. SESSION DATE(S)
 - C. SESSION SITE
 - D. CALL FOR INFORMATION
1. A. BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 - B. Fourth Saturday of each month beginning February 23, 1985
 - C. Missouri City Municipal Building, Missouri City, Texas
 - D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, 713-777-3345
 2. A. INDEPENDENT GROUP
 - B. March 2, 1985
 - X C. Red Cross Headquarters, Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas
 - D. Charles Barker K5PGS, 713-783-5629
 3. A. BRAZOSPORT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 - B. First Saturday of each 3-month period beginning February 2, 1985
 - C. Brazoswood High School, Clute, Texas
 - D. Steve Ray KA5KRI, 319 Pine, Lake Jackson, Tx. 77566, fone 409-238-1312

B U Y -- S E L L -- S W A P M A R T

FOR SALE OR TRADE

HEATH SB-401 trans. SSB 100W w/mic.; HEATH HG-10B VFO, 2 - 80M; ICOM RM-2 digital controller; HEATH "Mohican", gen. cover. rcvr., 10 - 80M, port. batt. powered; COLLINS 390-A gen. cover. rcvr., 500KC-31MHz, digital mech. tune, Xtal & mech. filters. Bob Grady, N5DQR W- 977-0202 H- 781-5809

Bolex H-8 Movie Camera w/turret mtd YVAR fl.9, 13mm normal & YVAR f2.8 36mm tele lenses - 16mm model body, will take 100 ft rolls 8mm film; speeds from 8 fps to 64 fps; frame counter, wind-up motor or manual drive systems.

Harold Parker, ND5F 464-9044

FOR SALE

HW-16 & HG-10 VFO \$125; SB-300 needs work \$ 75; NC-101 gen. coverage rcvr. \$50; Antennas, galore; 80 foot tower; Rotors, etc. Inquire. Antenna work done. WANTED: Remote antenna switch. Muirl Robinson, W8QK 776-3067

B U Y -- S E L L -- S W A P M A R T(cont.)

Johnson Desk Top Kilowatt HF Amplifier - good working condition. From esta of a Silent Key. \$500. Call for info. Homer Witmer, W5OAX 461-7712

ROHN 25G - 30ft. + Top & Bottom sect. \$175.

Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH H - 774-3201, W - 342-4526

ATARI 800XL Computer, COMMODORE 1702 Color Monitor, INDUS Disk Drive, several pieces of business software. Ron Bolyard 342-1365

PC-EVE RBBS AVAILABLE FOR B-VARC BULLETIN UPLOADS

IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEND TO THE BVARC BULLETIN, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLEASE USE THIS BOARD TO TRANSFER THE DATA IF YOU HAVE THE CAPABILITIES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PC-EVE BULLETIN BOARD, CALL ME AT (713) 955-1351 GOOD LUCK !!! WALTER HOLMES --- WD5GAZ ---

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING THE PC-EVE BULLETIN BD

1. LOAD YOUR COMPUTER WITH WHATEVER TERMINAL PACKAGE YOU MAY HAVE
2. DIAL # (713) 955-7564
3. WHEN YOU GET A CONNECT, PRESS (ENTER) TWICE, OR (CARRIAGE RETURN) TWICE
NOTE: THIS SYSTEM WILL ADJUST TO WHATEVER SPEED AND PARITY YOU'RE USING
ie.1200,N,8,1 1200,E,7,1 300,N,8,1 300,E,7,1 etc.
4. FROM THIS POINT, JUST ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WHEN PROMPTED, AT ANYTIME IN THE SYSTEM THAT YOU ARE NOT SURE OF HOW TO ANSWER A QUESTION OR ENTER A COMMAND, JUST TYPE "H" FOR HELP, AND THE SYSTEM WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH..

PROCEDURE FOR UPLOADING INFORMATION FOR THE BVARC BULLETIN

1. FOLLOW THE SAME INSTRUCTIONS AS ABOVE FOR ACCESSING THE SYSTEM
2. WHEN YOU GET TO THE MAIN MENU, TYPE "F" FOR FILE SECTION
3. THEN "U" FOR UPLOAD A FILE
4. TYPE THE NAME OF THE FILE THAT YOU WANT YOUR FILE TO BE CALLED
5. CHOSE THE TYPE OF FILE TRANSFER (A) FOR ASCII OR (X) FOR X-MODEM
6. THEN SET UP YOUR TERMINAL FOR THE FILE TRANSFER (THIS METHOD WILL VARY FROM COMPUTER TO COMPUTER AND DEPENDING ON YOUR TERMINAL SOFTWARE)
7. AFTER THE FILE HAS COMPLETELY TRANSFERED, YOU WILL BE PROMPTED FOR UP TO A 40 CHARACTER DESCRIPTION OF THE FILE..
8. AT THIS POINT, ENTER A "/" AND "ENTER" OR "CARRIAGE RETURN", SO THAT THE FILE NAME WILL NOT BE LISTED ON THE PUBLIC DOWNLOAD DIRECTORY YET.
9. THEN TYPE "Q" FOR QUIT, TO GO BACK TO TO THE MAIN DIRECTORY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 6, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the offices of Vic K5KNH. Present were: Ken KA5DKS, Vic K5KNH and Barbera, Jim W5RNL, Allan KA5RXX, Sallie KA5RXW, Steve KE5SC and Carter KD5XX.

- o Lloyd reported on a letter to be mailed to members concerning dues for 1985 and also announcing the banquet to be held January 10 at the Cellar Door -Texas Inn. \$200 had to be paid to the Cellar Door to hold our facilities.
- o Ron had talked to Lloyd and Mark KA5NYI, about the tax exempt status of the Club. The Club is not exempt.
- o Paul will advise Ron who is the Registered Agent in the state of Texas for the club. Lloyd, being Treasurer, will be designated club Registered Agent.
- o Lloyd made the motion, seconded by Carter, that all club officers be put on a list at the Missouri City post office to be able to get club mail.
- o Ron instructed Lloyd to get with Mark KA5NYI for an audit of the club treasury.
- o Allan advised all that on Walt's bulletin board all messages for him must be in the name of Allan.
- o Jim brought to our attention the lack of enthusiasm of club members.
- o Lloyd reported that Carl WB8SVR wants to institute a home brew project.
- o Sallie suggested door prizes at the club meetings.
- o It was observed with sadness that club member Joe H. Noles, N5BOK, is now a silent key.
- o Carter announced that his son had just completed a one year electronics course and is now ready for employment.
- o Lloyd reported that the Order of the Key plaques were being prepared.
- o Harold reported that Mona Spradling, widow of silent key Bob KA5UBD, had received mail from the IRS which has been given to Mark KA5NYI.
- o Allan is open to suggestions concerning the bulletin and also asked if he were to continue to run ads in the bulletin.
- o Steve made the motion seconded by Lloyd that Madison's be contacted concerning advertising in the club bulletin. The motion passed.
- o Harold reported he had the ARRL packet concerning the Volunteer Examiner Program. He also stated that he will encourage all committee chairmen for 1985 to attend all board meetings so that club business meetings can be kept shorter. The suggestion was made and will be implemented in February to have the business meeting follow the program. He then reported on having cards printed as discussed last month.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 13, 1984

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ron KA5GYG, at 7:30 p.m. A standing roll call followed. There were 7 visitors: Greg LeFebure K5LJW, Harold Clemons, Suzy Handlet, Milton Lang, Marcus Leuchter, Jeff Salmons N5ECP and Jim Wright WB4ZJV.

Carl WB8SVR reported on the January meeting which is the annual banquet to be held January 10, at the Cellar Door - Texas Inn, convening at 7:00 p.m., with a barbecue buffet at 7:30 p.m.

Steve WA5OEN had received a letter from the Houston Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society inviting our club's participation as communicators in the upcoming MS 150 Bike Tour from Austin to Houston to be held April 20 and 21

Stu WB5IGG spoke on the 10 meter ragchew net which will be moved to 75 meters. Next week, Stu acting as net control, will call the net at 8:30 p.m. on 3.962 plus or minus.

Ron KA5GYG requested help at 4 p.m. December 22 at Memorial Hospital Southwest to help bring Christmas to the children. Bilingual as well as amateur help will be greatly appreciated.

Steve WA5OEN had done a beautiful job printing club stationery.

Ron KA5GYG read a letter from Mona Spradling thanking our club for the help given in liquidating Bob's W5UBD station by auction at club meetings.

Carl WB8SVR brought up the idea of our club sponsoring a nationwide or even worldwide homebrew contest with prizes for the winners. He suggested drawing up the rules and regulations with the help of the President, President Elect, and Past President.

Sam N5CPA reported 88 members through November.

The meeting then adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Keith KA5F, presented a very interesting program with beautiful slides of the European trip that he and his wife Eva KA5CYZ took.

WE WERE THERE -- 12/13/84 -- WHERE WERE YOU?

NC5A	N5ECP *	KC5GR	KA5LTW *	KA5SMO	KD5XX
N5CPA	KA5F	WD5HEH	WA5OEN	WB5SRN	WB5YLB
KA5CYZ	ND5F	NSHF	KA5RXW	WB8SVR	WB4ZJV *
KA5DKS	N5FLQ	KZ5I	KE5SC	WN5TEN	
KA5DUU	KA5GYG	WB5IGG	KA5SGM	KA5UPB	

* non-members

10. TYPE "E" FOR ENTER A MESSAGE, TO: ALLAN HANUS AND CHOOSE "R" FOR READ PROTECTION, AND TYPE THE NAME OF THE FILE YOU HAVE JUST UPLOADED.
11. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR MESSAGE, HIT THE ENTER KEY TWICE, AND CHOOSE "S" FOR SAVE THE MESSAGE...

 YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE BOARD AND GET FAMILLIAR WITH THE COMMANDS AS OFTEN AS YOU GET THE CHANCE, SO PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH US !!!!!!!

PRESIDENT (cont. from page 1)

- o Excellent Programs at the meetings
- o Annual Picnic
- o Ham-Com : Trans. Hunt; BBS checkin board; Flea Mart
- o Ham-Com 83: excellent return on our seed money
- o Increased PR by using computer BBS's
- o Introduction of RESOURCE SUPPORT GROUP concept
- o Introduction of Packet Radio
- o Permanent location for Board of Directors meetings
- o Upgraded membership Roster
- o Formation of South Texas Emergency Net on Vhf
- o Support for HamBash 84
- o Support for PRB-1
- o Field Day with 285 contacts with 3 stas. and 7 ops
- o Sharpstown Mother's Day activity - 85 messages
- o Other Public Service events - 11
- o Auction of W5UBD equipment - \$271.50 for Mona
- o Utilization of committees and Co-Chairmen

These were the events that most effected the Public Image of your club. Many other people were in the background doing projects that aided in the success of these events.

The sad note for the year was the passing of three of our beloved members into Silent Keys. They were: Bob Spradling, W5UBD ; Robert Webber, KA5SLO ; Joe Noles, N5BOK. BVARC and especially this writer will miss these 3 wonderful people and I know that all members will join me in offering condolences to their families. REST IN PEACE

I wish to personally thank ALL members for their support and patience and I know that the administration for next year will improve upon and increase the size of this list.

TNX FROM YOUR PRESIDENT FOR 1984, RON KA5GYG.

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. The club offers a variety of activities open to all interested persons. The club regularly schedules classes for those interested in obtaining a novice license. 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, across from the Missouri City Fire Station .

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he will believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he will have to touch it to be sure.

---Murphy

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