

# B-VARC

# BULLETIN

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## YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

B-VARC has been very active in Public Service Activities recently. Our Board/Committee Meeting was an extremely busy one with lengthy reports from the Committee Chairmen. The B-VARC Public Service Net on April 15 logged a record thirty-five checkins and many announcements about the upcoming events. All this activity is due to the busy schedule of public service events for which we have volunteered during the next few weeks. B-VARC has adopted the philosophy of providing public service in our communities and we will always respond enthusiastically when requested to provide the communications for any workwhile event.

The B-VARC membership again responded by volunteering their support for the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Mile Bike Tour that took place between Austin and Houston on April 20 and 21. This was probably our most ambitious public service project thus far and required the efforts of many operators working the entire weekend. Much special effort was made in securing a private aircraft to carry an airborne repeater so that UHF and VHF communications could be maintained over the full 150 mile course.

The bike riders could feel comfortable and secure knowing that their personal well-being was carefully considered and that our efforts were directed toward making the "ride" a safe and enjoyable weekend for everyone. My special thanks and appreciation go to all those who organized and planned this event for your special effort and imagination. Great job!  
73; Harold NDSF



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 4, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, Harold NDSF, in the offices of Vic KSKNH. Present were Bobby WA5CAC, Ken KA5DKS, Jeff N5ECP, Harold NDSF, Ron KA5GYG, Jim W5RNK, Steve KE5SC, Kenny KA5UPB, and Carter KD5XX.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES - Harold reported for Roger, WA5RNL, who was absent, that he (Roger) would like to see a local committee formed, a representative from each net, to help coordinate net activities.

Ron had several items for the Board. The frequency 444.525 MHz has been assigned for the MS 150 Bike Tour after which the antenna will be placed at the 70 foot level of the tower at the Rosenberg Fire Station. N5ECP is the Trustee. Phil, WB5LIZ, had been informed that all VA hospitals are licensed by the FCC. Phil will be Assistant to the Emergency Coordinator at the local VA hospital. The mobile emergency communications bus for Rosenberg is almost ready. Ron Stagno with the National Weather Service will be scheduled for a Sky Warn meeting in Richmond at the Autumn Hills facility. The Bellaire Fun Run has been postponed indefinitely.

Jeff brought us up to date on the plans for the MS 150 Bike Tour. From Houston 390 riders have asked to participate, 350 are expected to ride. Austin has 150 signed to ride. There has been no contact with Austin hams. We should have 25 participants to give adequate coverage. A video will be made of the event. There will be an organizational meeting the 14th at Lloyd, WD5EH, and Sallie's, KA5RXW.

TRAINING - Bobby will secure the Brazos Bend State Park location for Field Day, he has the ARRL entry forms.

Steve, WA5DEN, has made the initial contact for the Sharpstown event. It will be in the same location as last year.

Steve, KE5SC, reports 7 students in the Novice Class, they have studied the complete alphabet in code. Everyone is enthusiastic, there have been inquiries about the next class. Steve will attend the next organizational meeting for Ham Com the 8th. Activities we have discussed are: parking, Volunteer Examiners, computer check-in, rig raffle and possibly a transmitter hunt as well as a home brew contest.

Harold reported a 75% passing rate at the March license examination. 15 out of 20 passed. There were 7 examiners.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - Kenny reported 3 new members at the last meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 11, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., a standing roll call followed 47 members and guests were present. Members and guests were welcomed by the President, Harold, ND5F, and the Membership Chairman, Kenny, KASUPB, was introduced. Two upgrades were announced; Jack, KASSQS, from Technician to General and Ray, KA5QXI, from Advanced to Extra.

The minutes of the April Board of Directors meeting were read and approved. Lloyd, WD5HEH, gave the Treasurer's report; a balance of \$819.15 February 15, and a balance of \$841.06 April 11. The Treasurer's report was approved

Steve, WA5OEN, spoke on the Sharpstown Mall event to be held May 4, eight days before Mothers Day. There will be an HF rig, also 2 meters and 440. We will meet to set up the stations about 8:00 a.m. and will work to about 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this event is three fold; 1) Gain Club members 2) Good public relations and 3) send traffic. Volunteers for this event please contact Steve, WA5OEN, or Kenny, KASUPB.

Ed, W5WVX, read a letter of thanks to the Club from the Missouri City Police Department for our help March 14 in the search for a missing child. The child was found at a friend's house the following day.

Ron, KA5GYG, announced that the MS 150 Bike Tour and a Sky Warn presentation will both be held April 20. He asked for a show of hands of those interested in attending a Sky Warn presentation which will probably be held on a third or a fourth Thursday night. Response was good.

Steve, KE5SC, attended a meeting the 8th to plan for Ham Com which will be held at the Stouffer's Greenway Plaza Hotel the week end of September 20 and 21. He volunteered our Club to provide as needed Volunteer Examiners, a computer check-in service, help with parking and a transmitter hunt.

The Secretary read a letter sent to Dick, WB5SRN, from the Community Service Option Program expressing their gratitude for our support and involvement in the 4th Annual Fleet Feet Fun Run.

Carl, WB8SVR, reported the Club's raffle of a TS-430 transceiver will be advertised in the Ham Club brochure. He also reported that the Club's share of the 50 - 50 drawing will be sent to the Westlink Report in Los Angeles. The Westlink operation is having a cash flow problem, although it is still operating.

Kenny made the Monthly Awards presentations; Outstanding Member to Wade Eilers, WNSTEN, and Outstanding Operator to Doug Holley, N5EUC.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 11, 1985 (cont.)

Steve, WA5OEN, reported the Rotarian that organized the Bellaire Fun Run has moved because of his work and there is no one else to organize this event.

Roger, KA5NTY, spoke on the MS 150 Bike Tour to be held April 20 and 21. Over 395 riders are registered, 325 are expected to ride from Houston and an equal number from Austin. The final meeting to plan will be held April 14, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Lloyd, WDSHEH, and Sallie, KA5RXW, talk in on 146.55.

Bobby, WA5CAC, advised that Field Day June 22 and 23 will be held at the same location as last year in the Brazos Bend State Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Winner of the 50 - 50 drawing was Steve, KA5DUU.

Following the business meeting an interesting program on packet radio was given by our Public Relations Chairman, Paul, NSFQS.

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WE WERE THERE ON MARCH 14, 1985 - WHERE WERE YOU

WA5CAC	NSFQS	KZ5I	W5RNK	WN5TEN
KA5DKS	WDSGAZ	WB5IGG	KA5RXW	KD5TM *
K5DRG	KC5GR	WB5LIZ	KA5RXX	W5WVX
KA5DUU	KA5GYG	: K5LTW	KE5SC	KD5XX
N5ECP	KA5GTU *	K5NTY	KA5SGM	WB5YLB
ND5E	N5GZW	WA5OEN	KA5SMO	K84ZJV *
ND5F	WDSHEH	KA8OHW	KA5SQS	Kathy Jolly
N5FLQ	WDSHQU	KA5QXI	KE5SR	

\* non-members

Guests: Shanna Stilley  
Mike Warnock  
Milton Long Jr.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 15, 1985

(NO REPORT RECEIVED FOR APRIL)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
			1 SLOW S 7:45 - BVARC 1 8:30 1
5 WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8 PM 146.07/67	6 FT.BEND COUNTY ARES NET 8:30 PM. 144.87/5.47 BVARC PUBLIC SVC. NET 9 PM 144.87/5.47	7 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM - 28.688 S. TEXAS EMER. NET 9 PM - 144.87/5.47 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45	8 SLOW S 7:45 1 BVARC 1 8:30 1
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W E D N E S D A Y	T H U R S D A Y	F R I D A Y	S A T U R D A Y
	2	3	4
D CW NET - 3.740  CHEW NET - 3.960	BVARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM		BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
	9	10	11
D CW NET - 3.740  CHEW NET - 3.960	BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -FELLOWSHIP - 7 PM -CALL TO ORDER- 7:30 PM		BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN
	16	17	18
D CW NET - 3.740  CHEW NET - 3.960			BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN
	23	24	25
D CW NET - 3.740  CHEW NET - 3.960			BREAKFAST BUNCH ----- ARRL/VEC LICENSE EXAMS, MO. CITY MUNICIPAL BLDG. 8:00 A.M.
	30	31	
D CW NET - 3.740  CHEW NET - 3.960			

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET ( 144.870 / 145.450 MHz )  
 5/6 KASUPB 5/13 WBSYLB 5/20 N5FLQ 5/27 KE5SC  
 6/3 WASCAC 6/10 KASUPB 6/17 WBSYLB 6/24 N5FLQ

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW ( 3.960 MHz )  
 5/1 OPEN 5/8 OPEN 5/15 OPEN 5/22 OPEN 5/29 OPEN

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED ( 3.740 MHz )  
 5/1 N5FLQ 5/8 N5FLQ 5/15 N5FLQ 5/22 N5FLQ 5/29 N5FLQ

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NEW MEMBERS

We're happy to tell you about six more new members of B-VARC and we'll be looking forward to seeing their red-bordered badges at our meetings. Introduce yourself, you "old" members and make the wearers of the red-bordered badges glad they're one of us! The following joined at the March membership meeting but did not get listed in this section of the April BULLETIN because the text of the announcement got lost in a computer.

1. Allen Matthews KASTJS, Rte 1, Box KF34, Waller, TX 77484  
 His home fone is 409-372-5259; work fone is 781-8871. He has a GENERAL class license and is not yet a member of ARRL.
2. Roger Messick KASNTY, 1116 Blenda, Pearland, TX 77581  
 His home fone is 485-6405; work fone is 445-4227. He has a GENERAL class license and is not yet a member of ARRL.
3. Bruce Ryan KASVSY, 2003 Fairfield Court South, League City, TX 77573  
 His home fone is 332-2692. He is a brand-new NOVICE and ARRL member.

These three joined us at the April membership meeting:

4. Bill Alexander K5DRG, 8622 Shadowcrest St., Houston TX 77083  
 His home fone is 277-4114. He holds a GENERAL class license and is not yet a member of ARRL.
5. Kevin Knox K8QHW, 7515 Lobera, Houston, TX 77083  
 His home fone is 277-4114; he has a GENERAL class license and is an ARRL member.
6. Herb Nance N5GZW, 505 Brand Lane #48, Stafford, TX 77477  
 His home fone is 499-0846; work fone is 462-4783. He is a TECHNICIAN and not yet a member of ARRL.



ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

Two of our members whose calls were pending have now received their NOVICE licenses: Bruce Ryan KA5VSY and Steve Claypool, whose call is KA5VSH.

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BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOROLL

A. Houston Marathon, Jan 6  
B. Fleet Feet Fun Run, Mar 9

C. Bayou City Fun Run, Mar 23  
D. Houston Festival, Mar 23-24,30-31

Ray Dillard, KA5QXI - B,C  
Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C  
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B  
Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C  
Jon Hill, NSBHQ - B,C  
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A

Kenny Manchester, KA5UPB - B  
Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,D  
Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B  
Steve Schuster, KE5SC - B,D  
Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A  
Bobby Webb, WA5CAC - B,D

ANYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THESE EVENTS AND IS NOT INCLUDED, PLEASE CALL ALLAN HANUS, KA5RXX. ALSO, LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SIMILAR SERVICE EVENTS THAT WE HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED.

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BVARC AND MS SOCIETY SCORE SUCCESS IN FIRST MS 150

The MS 150 Bike Ride, held on April 20-21 between Houston and Austin, was a first time event for both the MS Society and B-VARC. In spite of rain practically all day Saturday and several minor accidents along the way, we believe it was a success for both the Club and for the Society.

A critique was held on Wednesday, May 1, to develop recommendations for the next Ride for both the Society and B-VARC. A detailed report on this first MC Bike Ride is planned for the June issue of the B-VARC BULLETIN.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

A. SPONSORING GROUP                      C. SESSION SITE  
B. SESSION DATE(S)                      D. WHO TO CALL FOR INFORMATION

1. A. BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.  
B. Fourth Saturday of each month starting in February, 1985.  
C. Missouri City Municipal Building, Missouri City, Texas.  
D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, fone 713-777-3345.
2. 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 KASKRI, 319 Pine, Lake Jackson, Tex 77566, fone 409-238-1311
3. A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY  
B. Saturday May 11, 1985  
C. Baker Training Center in North Houston  
D. Bill Ossenfort NG5C, fone 464-3232

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BVARC MONTHLY AWARDS

Well folks, I'm sorry about the omission of this section in the previous publication. We all seem to have had some kind of miscue of some sort. Anyway, this month I will simply play catch up and print both March and April recipients. Also, there is a recap to show the year to date awards recipients.

For March: OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER --> Sam Wilson, N5CPA  
OUTSTANDING RADIO OPERATOR --> Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG  
FOOT 'N' MOUTH quote of the month leaving the lips of....  
Vic LaRocca, K5KNH (again):

Ron KA5GYG " Vic you mean to tell me that you don't know what  
Guarana Root does?"

Vic, K5KNH " nope "

Ron " Well Vic, it increases your sexual prowess."

Vic " You mean it makes you keep your erection longer!"

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AWARDS

For April: OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER --> Wade Eilers, WN5TEN  
 OUTSTANDING RADIO OPERATOR --> Doug Holley KE5SR &  
 Steve Schuster, KE5SC

FOOT N' MOUTH Award for April goes to Phil Cooper, WBSLIZ:

Vic K5KNH " Kenny I have some news for u that's orgasmic! "  
 Phil WBSLIZ " Hey watch it! My daughter is in the car!" (PAUSE)  
 Phil " Kenny does that qualify Vic for the Dumbass Award? "

Can you believe these Guys! These things and more are being said on the air! If any of you hear of sumthing that might otherwise escape me, please give me a call. Share it! Also, there is a need for more of the club membership to get involved with the awards nominations. Please call with your nominees. It will be extremely welcomed.

	<u>Awards Year to Date</u>	
	<u>Outstanding Operators</u>	<u>Outstanding Members</u>
JAN	N5FLQ -VANCE PETERSON	W5RNK -JIM ARNOLD
FEB	W45CAC -BOBBY WEBB	K5KNH -VIC LAROCCA
MAR	WBSIGG -STU LAMKIN	N5CPA -SAM WILSON
APR	KE5SR -DOUG HOLLEY	WN5TEN-WADE EILERS
	KE5SC -STEVE SCHUSTER	

73, Kenny Manchester KA5UPB

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 \* 73, Don Busick, K5AAD \*  
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FOR SALE HW-16 & HG-10 VFO \$125; SB-300 needs work \$ 75; NC-101 gen. cover. rcvr.\$50; Antennas, galore; 80 foot tower; Rotors, etc. Inquire. Antenna work done. WANTED: Remote antenna switch. Muirl Robinson, W8QK 776-3067  
 FOR SALE ATARI 800XL Computer, COMMODORE 1702 Color Monitor, INDUS Disk Drive, several pieces of business software. Ron Bolyard 342-1365

## ABOUT THE BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Organized in 1977, the club has been growing steadily. It is a gathering place for ham radio operators in Southwest Harris and Ft. Bend Counties and surrounding communities. It is a general purpose type of ham club offering a variety of activities open to all interested persons. Membership is open, not only to licensed ham operators but also to anyone interested in the hobby. In addition to regularly scheduled monthly membership meetings, the club conducts classes leading to amateur radio licenses each year and sponsors a volunteer examiner team which offers examinations in all levels of ham licenses each month.

For more detailed information about the club and any of its activities, call Stu Lamkin WB5IGG at (713) 777-3345.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To expect life to be tailored to your specifications is to invite frustration.

--Chinese proverb

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