

B-VARC

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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

Our many thanks to George Jolly ND5E, for accepting the B-VARC Treasurer's position for the remainder of the 1985 term. Lloyd WD5EH, resigned on August 8th after serving B-VARC for the past three years.

The B-VARC Bulletin took on a little different look in August because Allan KA5RXX, our production editor, is starting his own printing business and running short on time.* We all wish you well, Allan, and hope that your new business is a huge success! Along with the Bulletin went a copy of the new mid-year revision of the Roster which Jack KF5CP, recently produced. We really appreciate all the efforts from everyone! Your teamwork makes those monumental jobs look easy.

Jack KF5CP, has also accepted the position of our new Program Chairman, and he promises some very interesting programs in the months ahead.

B-VARC has the raffle of the Kenwood TS430-S coming up at the Ham-Com on September 22nd. Joe KA5GTU, has produced the raffle tickets and is trying to make them available to all the membership. Please call Joe at 690-3566 to get a few books of tickets for yourself and your friends so you will have an opportunity to win the beautiful transceiver. The B-VARC member who sells the most tickets for the raffle will receive a \$50.00 cash prize - so good luck!

Doug Holley and his family again hosted the B-VARC Picnic on July 20th at their home on the Brazos River. It was attended by thirty-nine adults and several children, and everyone had a great time. Many members brought a side dish and we made several freezers of homemade ice cream. Thanks to Wade WN5TEN, and Nancy for the great barbeque, and to Doug KE5SR, and Marie for inviting us again. We have all been invited back for two picnics next year - one in the spring and one in the fall when it's a little cooler. We will all be looking forward to them!

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the membership meeting on the 12th.

73: Harold ND5F

* (Editor's note: the bulletin will look different this month for the same reason, the fault does not lie with your set but this station, please stay tuned for further developments next month.)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 1985 (cont.)

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - Ron KA5GYG, told us that the updated Roster for the Fort Bend County Emergency Management System will possibly be available at the August membership meeting.

TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT - Harold ND5F, announced that the B-VARC VE Teams are again offering Amateur Examinations on August 24th and September 28th at the Missouri City Municipal Building. Joe KA5GTU, told us that Chris WB8TSW, has twenty-four candidates enrolled in his new Novice Class at Heathkit.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - Harold expressed B-VARC's appreciation to Wade WN5TEN, Nancy, Doug KE5SR, and Marie for hosting another great B-VARC picnic on July 20th. The annual family event was attended by thirty-nine adults and several children. Jack KF5CP, announced that he had produced the mid-year B-VARC Roster, which will be distributed at the August Membership meeting. B-VARC officially has 101 members - the first time that our membership has grown above the one-hundred mark.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS - Joe announced that he had talked to several area banks about the possibility of a lower cost checking account for the B-VARC Treasury. He will look into it further and make specific recommendations. Henry NSHF, has volunteered to sponsor the transmitter hunt at the Ham-Com again this year. He needs operators to help out and he also needs 440 MHZ equipment. Stu WB5IGG, requested that we attempt to locate a storage area for the B-VARC property. It was suggested that a committee be established to maintain and control the Club's property.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

submitted by Harold, ND5F

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 8, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. with a standing roll call of 33 members and guests attending. Member's and guests were welcomed by Harold ND5F, President, and Kenny KA5UPB announced that he had upgraded from Advanced to Extra Class. Jim W5RNK, introduced his guest, Walt Bates.

The minutes of the August Board of Directors Meeting were read by Harold ND5F, in the absence of the Club's Secretary, Ken KA5DKS, who was out of town on business.

Lloyd WD5HEH, was not present and no Treasurer's Report was available. Kenny KA5UPB, informed us that Lloyd had asked him to announce his resignation as the B-VARC Treasurer. George Jolly ND5E, volunteered to fill the vacated position and resume the duties of Treasurer. The Club's appreciation was shown in the applause that followed from all the members who were present.

Doug Holley KE5SR, reported on the B-VARC picnic and presented the Club with a check for \$34.67 covering the proceeds. The picnic was attended by thirty-nine adults and four children. Doug suggested that the date of the annual picnic be moved from July to April and October to avoid the extremely hot weather and to give us an opportunity to get together more often. The membership applauded Doug for hosting the annual family picnic.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 8, 1985 (Cont.)

Joe KA5GTU, reported that he had been able to obtain the Ham-Com Raffle Tickets without charge and discussed the procedures for distribution and accounting for the sales. Harold stressed the importance of supporting this effort and encouraged all the members to take tickets after the meeting. Joe made the motion, seconded by Jim W5RNK, that the member selling the most tickets be awarded \$50.00 cash. The vote was unanimous to adopt this motion.

The August issue of the B-VARC BULLETIN has not been mailed. The unavoidable delay is due to Allan KA5RXX, our publisher, working long hours setting up his own business. Production of the newsletter will begin soon.

The mid-year issue of the B-VARC Roster, published by Jack KF5CP, was available at the meeting tonight. The Roster lists the 101 members of B-VARC, and attending members were asked to pick up their copies. The revised Roster will be mailed with the August newsletter to those members who were not present.

Henry N5HF, announced that the Ham-Com has approved his request to hold the Transmitter Hunt again this year, and asked for volunteers to assist him. He will require ten or twelve operators to tend three transmitters during the hunt.

Bob N5DIB, reported briefly on the Boy Scout trip to Philmont in Northeastern New Mexico. He thanked the B-VARC membership who participated in providing the communications and the handling of traffic between the scouts and their families. He also announced that the Boy Scout Jamboree will be needing many communicators and he requested assistance.

Steve WA5OEN, reminded everyone of the B-VARC Breakfast every Saturday morning at the Holiday Inn on the Southwest Freeway, and asked that we try to attend regularly.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m., and the program was presented outside where a Home Satellite Receiving Station had been set up for demonstration.

submitted by Harold ND5F

WE WERE THERE ON AUGUST 9, 1985 --- WHERE WERE YOU?

WA5CAC	WD5DRB	N5GTD *	WA5OEN	KE5SR	W5WVX
K5CNU	K5DRG	KA5GTU	W8QK	WB5SRN	KD5XX
KF5CP	ND5E	N5GZW	KA5QLQ	WB8SVR	Walt Bates *
N5CPA	ND5F	N5HF	KA5QXI	KA5TJS	
WB1CXI	KA5FDK	WA5HZM *	W5RNK	KA5UPB	* Visitors
N5DIB *	N5FNA	WD8LQT	KE5SC	KA5WHK	

TREASURERS REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 15, 1985

(NO REPORT RECEIVED)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JULY 15, 1985

Balance as of June 15, 1985	298.35
RECEIPTS:	
Membership Dues to date	16.00
ARRL Dues	25.00
Redeposit of returned check	8.00

Total	347.35
EXPENSES:	
ARRL Fees	23.00

Balance as of July 15, 1985	324.35
Submitted by Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH, Treasurer	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 15, 1985

Balance as of July 15, 1985	324.35
RECEIPTS:	
Membership Dues to date	4.00
Raffle Tickets Sold	20.00
Picnic	34.67

Total	383.02
EXPENSES:	
Bank Service Charge (June 1985)	2.91
Bank Service Charge (July 1985)	2.14

	5.05
Balance as of August 15, 1985	377.97
Submitted by George W. Jolly, ND5E, Treasurer	

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET (144.870 / 145.470 MHz)

9/2 N5FLQ	9/9 WA5CAC	9/16 KE5SC	9/23 KF5CP	9/30 KA5UPB
10/7 WB5YLB	10/14 N5FLQ	10/21 KE5SC	10/28 KF5CP	

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW (3.960 MHz)

9/4 WB5IGG	9/11 WB5IGG	9/18 WB5IGG	9/25 WB5IGG
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80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED (3.740 MHz)

9/4 N5FLQ	9/11 N5FLQ	9/18 N5FLQ	8/25 N5FLQ
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THE FOLLOWING SPEED DIAL NUMBERS ARE FOR ACCESS TO THE VARIOUS FACILITIES NOTED. THESE ARE FOR THE 442.500/447.500 REPEATER ONLY.

083 - ACCESS TO PHONE PATCH	#17 - HARRIS CO. EMER. MAN.(THE CAVE)
#11 - HOUSTON POLICE DEPT.	#18 - FT. BEND AMBULANCE
#12 - HOUSTON FIRE DEPT.	#19 - RICHMOND EOC
#13 - HARRIS CO. AMBULANCE	#20 - WX ADMIN. OFFICE
#14 - FT. BEND CO. SHERIFF	#21 - DPS
#15 - HARRIS CO. SHERIFF	#22 - HOU. LIGHTING AND POWER
#16 - POISON CONTROL	#23 - HARRIS CO. FLOOD CONTROL

NOTE: # = POUND SIGN, NOT NUMBER

NEW MEMBERS

We've gained two more members since the last issue of the Bulletin. They are:

Rick Covert N5GTD who lives at 3002 Bucknell Court, Sugarland 77478. His home fone 491-9095. He holds an Advanced Class license and is a member of ARRL.

Mike Anderson (call pending) - Mike's QTH is 2407 Stonewood Lane, Missouri City 77489. His home fone is 438-6473 and can be reached at work on 669-2119. He'll have a Novice Class ticket when received and is a member of ARRL.

They'll have red-bordered badges. Look'em up, introduce yourselves and help make them glad they're one of us!

ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

Here are some changes in the second edition of the Club's 1985 Roster that have come to attention since press time. Please make these changes in your Roster so it will be up to date.

1. Ron Bolyard KA5GYG - change prefix of work fone number to 873.
2. Tony DeBorde KD5TM - change spelling of last name to De Borde.
3. John Donahue KA5SMO - delete address entry in home fone number space.
4. Allen Hanus KA5RXX - a. change spelling of first name to Allan.
b. change work fone to 499-0988.
5. George Jolly ND5E) - change house number to 4143
Kathy Jolly KA5WHK)
6. Kenny Manchester KA5UPB - work fone number is 890-6350.
7. Allen Matthews KA5TJS - add area code prefix 409 to work fone.
8. Roger Messick KA5NTY - change spelling of street name to Glenda.

If any of your Roster information changes in the future please call Stu Lamkin WB5IGG at 777-3345 and give him the changes so your membership information can be kept accurate.

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
 E. Rainbow Festival, Apr 13
 F. M.S. 150 Bike Tour, Apr 20 & 21
 G. March of Dimes Walk, Apr 28
 H. Sharpstown Mall, May 4
 I. Wheelchair Marathon, May 29
 J. Whitewater Race, June 1
 K. Polly IV Exercise, June 13
 L. SARDA Exercise, June 15
 M. Field Day, June 22

Jerry Albright, WD5HQU - F
 Bill Alexander, K5DRG - F,H
 Chris Armatta, N5GKQ - A
 Mike Armatta, N5APC - A,K
 Pat Armatta, N5GIK - A
 Jim Arnold, W5RNK - F
 A.J. Blackwell - WB5YLB - F,H
 Ethyl Bolyard - F,H,M
 Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG - F,G,H,M
 Roger Bryant, WA5RNL - K
 Jerry Caudill, N4IVI - M
 Phil Cooper, WB5LIZ - K,M
 Carl Cunnert, WB8SVR - F
 Ray Dillard, KA5QXI - B,C,F,H,M
 Wade Eilers, WN5TEN - F
 Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C
 Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B
 Hy Gordon, NC5A - D,G
 Irene Gordon, N5AYX - G
 Steve Gottlieb, WA5QEN - F,H,M
 Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C,E,H,I
 J,K,M
 Dan Hanby, KA5WIZ - M
 Allan Hanus, KA5RXX - F,M
 Ed Harwell, W5WVX - F,H,K,M
 Jon Hill, N5BHQ - B,C
 George Jolly, ND5E - H
 Kathy Jolly, KA5WHK - H
 Kevin Knox, KA8OHW - M
 Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,F,K
 Barbara LaRocca, KA5MPG - H,M
 Vic LaRocca, K5KNH - F,H,M
 Ken McAninch, KA5DKS - H
 Kenny Manchester, KA5UPB - B,F,H,K,M
 Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,D
 Roger Messick, KA5NTY - F,G,M
 Herb Nance, N5GZW - M
 Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B,F,G,H,K,L,M
 Vance Peterson, N5FLQ - M
 Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH - F,G
 Sallie Phelps, KA5RXW - F,G
 Chris Phillips, WB8TSU - M
 Carolyn Rich, KA5UPD - H
 Muirl Robinson, W8QK - M
 Joe Ross, KA5GTU - M
 Lee Schull, KA5WJB - M
 Steve Schuster, KE5SC - B,D,F
 Bernice Sellers, KA5FDK - I,M
 Tom Sellers, K5CNU - I,K,M
 Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A,G
 Jack VanDemark, KA5SQS - G,H,M
 Bobby Webb, WA5CAC - B,D,F,H,M

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.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAMS RECOGNIZED

Each month we plan to recognize those individuals who have given their time and effort to participate in the B-VARC sponsored V. E. program so that others like ourselves may have the opportunity to become hams.

Exam #6 - July 27,1985:

Team: Steve, KE5SC; Keith, KA5F; Ray, KA5QXI

Assistants: Mark, K5GQ (visitor); Stu, WB5IGG; Irene, N5AYX
 Bill, K5DRG; George, ND5E; Harold, ND5F

Twenty-seven tests were administered to sixteen applicants, with ten upgrading for a passing rate of 67%

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Following are the Volunteer Examiner amateur license exams scheduled for the rest of 1985 in this general area that we have been able to identify. Call the Public Information Contact Station (Item D for each session) for specific information about each session. In the listings, the information is as follows:

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

1. A. BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.
 B. Fourth Saturday of each month.
 C. Missouri City, Texas.
 D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, fone 713-777-3345.
2. A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY
 B. (1) Sept. 21, 1985
 (2) Nov. 16, 1985
 C. Various
 D. (1) Andrew Bounds, KD5CQ 353-9275
 (2) Alan Cross, WA5UZB 847-9183
3. A. BRAZOSPORT ARC
 B. November 2, 1985
 C. Brazoswood High School, Clute Texas
 D. Steve Ray KA5KRI, 409-238-1323
4. A. BAY AREA ARC
 B. Sept. 15, 1985
 C. San Jacinto College, Deer Park, Texas
 D. Jim Graham, K5KUZ 713-479-4430

Specific schedules will be listed in this space each month as the information becomes available on a timely basis.

B-VARC VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM STATUS

B-VARC has provided licensing and upgrading opportunities to a total of 88 candidates during the first six months of our Volunteer Examiner Program. We have administered 130 examinations, with 49 upgrading their licenses for an overall average passing rate of 58%. Our many thanks to all who have helped!

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 * manufacturer of ham gear, including all line accessories and Kenwood *
 * service manuals. *
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 * prices available to you. *
 * 73, Don Busick, K5AAD *

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

WEEKLY NETS:	SUNDAY	- West Houston RACES	8:00 pm	146.07/67
	MONDAY	- South Texas Emergency	8:00 pm	144.87/5.47
		- Fort Bend County ARES	8:30 pm	144.87/5.47
		- B-VARC Public Service	9:00 pm	144.87/5.47
	TUESDAY	- 10-X Houston Shot	8:00 pm	28.688
		- Amsat	10:00 pm	144.85/5.45
	WEDNESDAY	- Slow Speed CW	7:45 pm	3.740
		- B-VARC Ragchew	8:30 pm	3.957
		- Houston/ Harris County Emergency	8:30 pm	146.25/85

MEETINGS: 1ST THURSDAY
EACH MONTH - B-VARC Board of Directors 7:30 pm

2ND THURSDAY
EACH MONTH - B-VARC General Membership
Fellowship - 7:00 pm
Call to order - 7:30 pm

EXAMS: 4TH SATURDAY
EACH MONTH - See schedule elsewhere in this issue

SOCIAL: SATURDAYS - Breakfast Bunch 8:30 am
Holiday Inn, S.W. Freeway & West Belfort

FRIDAY 9/20 - HAM-COM - Stouffer Greenway Plaza Hotel
SATURDAY 9/21 SW Freeway at Edloe Street
SUNDAY 9/22 Houston, Texas

FROM THE PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT: (EDITORIAL)

Each month we attempt to publish in th Bulletin all the information relative to the functions of our organization. In my opinion, many times what we have available to publish when deadline strikes is informative, and necessary to keep the membership abreast of the club's functions but too often may make for dull reading. The bulletin is surviving on the contributions of the same few individuals each month who send in the necessary information or contribute what they can----- it's time we had some new ideas and contributors to help out.

I would like to hear from everyone who has comments, ideas or criticisms about the Bulletin. Do you like seeing the standard articles in the same locations each month? Would you want to write a regular column in each issue? Do you like the size and layout of the publication as a whole? Is there anything that you would want to see changed to make YOUR newsletter more enjoyable, interesting or easier to read each month?

The most difficult part of producing a publication like this is not the 20-30 hours a month it takes to physically hammer it out but instead it is wondering if it is EVEN BEING READ by the persons who are receiving it.

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

Never play leapfrog with a Unicorn.

---- The Olde Philosopher

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