

B-VARC

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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

by Harold ND5F

VP-QSO

by Steve Schuster, WA5G

Our congratulations and best wishes for a very productive and successful year go to the newly elected B-VARC Officers and Director for 1986:

President: Steve, WA5G
Vice President: Joe, KA5GTU
Secretary: Vance, N5FLQ
Treasurer: George, ND5E
3 Yr. Director: Clint, N5FNA

They will be serving with other members of the Board of Directors who have been elected in previous years:

2 Yr. Director: Jim, W5RKN
1 Yr. Director: Carter, KD5XX
Past President: Harold, ND5F

They all have accepted the responsibility of leading B-VARC through the next year and I trust that they will strive to continue the many activities which have made our club great! I know that they will be able to count on us all for support.

B-VARC is completing it's first year as a Special Service Club. It has been a successful first year and we have sent our application to renew this special designation for 1986. As a Special Service Club, B-VARC will have the

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I must say that I was a little overwhelmed to be chosen as your president for the upcoming year. However, I am flattered that you would do that and I intend to give it my best shot. I would also like to commend Harold, ND5F on a job well done. It will be a hard act to follow. I am glad that he won't be too far away when I need his advice!

When I listen around on two-meters and 70 centimeters these days, I hear a lot of folks saying nice things about the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. I hope that spirit continues. I think the way to do that is to continue to provide a place and medium to meet and share each others' company and ideas. We will continue to provide the resources for a newly interested person to acquire the knowledge and skill to get a license. We will also provide a way for one to upgrade his/her license. Upgrading has never been this convenient before!

I am currently reviewing the committee assignments as they are now. Please let me know if you would like to serve the club on a committee. We need your help to see that activities get coordinated, organized, and carried out. We have a large agenda of activities for 1986, larger than ever. There is something in

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WE WERE THERE ON NOVEMBER 14, 1985!
WHERE WERE YOU?

N5AFV	N5FLQ	WB5IGG	KA5WGJ
WB5B	WASG	KASJEM	KA5WHK
K5CNU	K5SGR	WASQEN	KA5WJA
KF5CP	KA5GYG	KA5QLQ	W5WVX
KA5DUU	KA5GTU	W5RNL	KD5XX
K5EST	N5GZW	KA5RXX	KA5YDH
ND5E	N5HFH	KA5SGM	KA5WEB
ND5F	K5HOY	WB5SRN	
WASF	NZ5I	KA5VTZ	

and Ron Nance, Greg Gatterson, and
Dennis Williams from the novice class.

We hope you will come back next month.
73, Steve WASG

20 KHZ PLAN UPDATE

by Steve Schuster WASG

Since the first article was written, I
have heard about a couple of other
changes.

The repeater in Baytown has moved to
146.78 down 600. It signs the callsign
WA5JDI/R.

The machine in northeast Houston will
move to 146.62 down 600. It signs
N5GEB/RPT.

The W5DWI/RPT machine on the big tower
will reappear on 146.84 down 600. Dick
Hawkins says that a messed up order for
crystals has kept the machine off the air
for quite a while.

The folks in Huntsville, Texas have put
their machine back on the air. It is
W5RJV/R and is on 146.86 Mhz down 600.
The 20 khz plan has solved a messy
conflict for them and the Harris County
Emergency Management people.

The machine that lends its use to the
West Houston RACES group has moved, too.
The WA5KXG/R repeater is now on 146.66
down 600 khz.

I will keep you posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING
NOVEMBER 15, 1985

Balance as of October 15, 1985 1284.61

RECEIPTS:

Membership - 1985 Dues	6.00
Membership - 1986 Dues	50.00
ARRL Renewal KE5SR	25.00
ARRL New Member KA5YDH	25.00
Overpaid dues KE5SR	4.00
ARRL membership commissions	18.00

Total 128.00

EXPENSES:

Reprint missing bank statements	10.00
Bank Service Charge (September)	3.48
Repay KE5SR (overpaid dues)	4.00
ARRL dues:	
KE5SR (renew) KA5YDH (new)	48.00
Repay Stu Lamkin for Bulletin	
Expenses, VE expenses,	
Novice Class materials	163.34
Paper for the Bulletin	33.96

Total 262.78

Balance as of November 15, 1985 1149.83

Reminder: It's time to send in your
1986 dues if you have not already. We
need it by the end of December, so bring
it to the December meeting if you can.

Submitted by George W. Jolly, ND5E,
Treasurer

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and I'll quote our HOT SPECIAL prices
available to you.
73, Don Busick, K5AAD

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

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

12/02 - N5FLQ	1/06 - NZ5I
12/09 - WA5G	1/13 - WA5G
12/16 - KF5CP	1/20 - KF5CP
12/23 - WB5YLB	1/27 - WB5B
12/30 - N5FLQ	

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW (3.960)

1/1 - 1/8 - 1/15 - 1/22 - 1/29
WB5IGG

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED (3.740)

1/1 - 1/8 - 1/15 - 1/22 - 1/29
N5FLQ

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
N. Confederate Air Force, Aug 24 & 25
O. Diamond Walk, Oct 6

Jerry Albright, WD5HQU - F
Bill Alexander, K5DRG - F,H
Chris Armatta, N5GKQ - A
Mike Armatta, N5APC - A,K
Pat Armatta, N5GIK - A
Jim Arnold, W5RNL - 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, WA5F - B,C,F,H,M,O
Wade Eilers, WN5TEN - F
Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B
Clint Gilliland, N5FNA - O
Hy Gordon, NC5A - D,G,N
Irene Gordon, N5AYX - G,N
Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN - 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, KA8DHW - M
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,F,K,O
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
Tilton Oakley, W5OUG - O
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, WB8QK - M
Joe Ross, KA5GTU - M
Lee Schull, KA5WJB - M
Steve Schuster, WA5G - B,D,F,O
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,N

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Two more hams have joined the B-VARC circle since the last membership meeting:

John Amarin KA5YDH: John has just received his Novice ticket and is aiming for the next rung on the license ladder - TECHNICIAN. He lives at 10618 Carlota, Houston TX 77096 and his home fone is 729-0656. He is not yet an ARRL member.

Carl Person KA5JEM: He lives at 9135 Pecos, Houston, TX 77055; home fone 461-5954. He holds a GENERAL class license and is now a member of ARRL.

ROSTER CHANGES

Only one change has come to our attention since the last issue of the BULLETIN:

Jim Arnold W5RNK has a new address: 2400 Loop 35 Apt. #1513, Alvin TX 77511. He says he will have a new home fone but since it will be a 331 number he hopes we can list it in our next issue!!

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAMS RECOGNIZED

Following are the Volunteer Examiner amateur license exams scheduled 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, 713-777-3345
 2. A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY
 B. January 18, 1986
 C. Houston Red Cross Headquarters
 D. To be announced in next issue
 3. A. BRAZOSPORT ARC
 B. To be announce in next issue
 4. A. BAY AREA ARC
 B. January 26, 1986
 C. Deer Park, Texas
 D. Jim Graham K5KUZ, 713-749-4430
 5. A. CLEVELAND TX VE TEAM
 B. To be announced in next issue

Exam #9 - October 26, 1985

Team #1: Al KN5A, Keith KA5F
 Tom N5EA

Team #2: Ray WA5F, Carter KD5XX
 Sam N5AF

Assistants: Irene N5AYX, Stu WB5IGG
 George ND5E, Herb N5GZW
 Harold ND5F

NEW SCHEDULE - BOLLY'S YARD - NEW SCHEDULE

A NEW SCHEDULE FOR BOLLY'S YARD RBBS
 IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

THE TIMES OF 6PM TO 10PM ARE STILL IN EFFECT. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE SO THAT THE PROPER INFORMATION WILL BE UPLOADED AND DOWNLOADED BY BVARC PEOPLE FOR THE BVARC BULLETIN. THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE IS THAT I AM NOW RUNNING TWO RBBS'S. ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS THE BOARD WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE COMPUTER ORIENTED GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME, AS USUAL.

TNX AND 73'S RON KA5GYG.

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

PRESIDENT (from page 1)

opportunity to advertise our club in the upcoming issue of the ARRL Repeater Directory and become better known throughout the amateur community.

The recent Westlink Report warns the amateur community that the Cellular Telephone Industry is lobbying our Congress to pass a new law which would limit the frequency bands that would be available for the public to legally listen to.

The new bill, called "The Electronics Privacy Act of 1985", HR 3378 and Senate S-1667, is asking that all autopatch telephone calls be included under the new "anti-evesdropping" law and that separate sub-bands be created for ham autopatch operations.

Please write your Congressmen and Senators immediately and let them know that the Cellular Telephone Lobby is not the representative of the Amateur Radio Operators in the United States and that we want no part of their organization or their protection. We live by the FCC Communications Act of 1934 and please ask your representatives to kill both these bills to keep us free of commercial interests.

Please write your Congressman and Senator today! If you need their addresses, call Harold ND5F, at 464-9044 or George ND5E, at 663-6443. We also have some guidelines to help you compose your response.

VP (from page 1)

it for everyone, so we need your help.

At the November board meeting, it was discovered that we could probably have a first-class banquet at a pretty reasonable price. I am currently making arrangements to hold the 1986 Banquet at the Sugar Creek Country Club. It was not the most expensive place we polled. I will make ticket information available as soon as possible.

MINUTES (cont. from page 2)

the treasurer and Clint Gilliland, NSFNA, was elected to be the three-year director

WASG announced that plans were being made to hold the 1986 Banquet at the Sugar Creek Country Club on Thursday January 9th.

Harold, ND5F, read a letter from Walkamerica.

NSFNA announced that the Novice class, being conducted on Wednesday evenings, is running smoothly. He offered special thanks to KASTJS and KA5GTU for helping.

It was announced that Ray Dillard, WA5F, will be the liaison for the November session of exams held at the Missouri City Municipal Bldg. on Saturday the 23rd.

Tom, K5CNU, showed a videotape on Rick Hanson's efforts to raise money to help people with spinal cord injuries.

KA5DUU offered an updated list of 10 meter beacons.

WB5IGG shared the highlights of his last conversation with Wade, WN5TEN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Minutes taken and submitted by Steve Schuster, WA5G.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

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
Champ's, Fondren & West Belfort

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ED NOTE: A special THOUGHT FOR THE DAY from Amateir Radio News Service --

MORE FROM THE OLD TIMER
(From RAGS REVIEW, Rochester NY, WA2PUU, Editor)

Up until recently, I believed that the only real threat to the survival of amateur radio came from outside competition. Such as big corporations and governmental institutions greedy for new spectrum space, and so on. Well, dear friends, I am changing my mind. The big threat is from the inside" From our own fellow amateurs.

After many hours of listening to the Mexico City earthquake nets, and more recently, the Hurricane Gloria nets, I am convinced that we have a severe and growing cancer in our vitals.

The jamming of nets handling emergency trffic was unbelievable. Finding a net not subject to harrassment was almost impossible. The continuing discourteous behavior and deliberate interference are surely not compatible with the noble objectives of amateur radio or, indeed, the federal law.

What is happening to our amateur radio service? Is the continual push for ever greater growth in numbers of hams responsible for the decrease in character and honor? Is the ever-decreasing ability of our government to enforce its laws the reason? Is the Judiciary really completely out-to-lunch?

What can we hams do about this horrifying situation? I keep tired of hearing---, "Just hang in there. Things will get better."

The present state of ham radio reminds me of a desperate man sliding off a slate cliff, his fingernails scratching for a handhold; flipping over the edge and disappearing with a scream into silence eternal.

73, SK de TOT.

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 Fort 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 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

About the only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way you use them.

-- Submitted by Shirley Arnold

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