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QST QST QST - THIS IS A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEWSLETTER FOR ALL INTERESTED IN BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ACTIVITIES SOME OF WHICH ARE VERY CLOSE UPON US.

IT IS BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BANQUET TIME. THIS REMINDER IS BEING SENT TO ALL MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CLUB. THIS NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN TIMED TO HOPEFULLY ARRIVE AT YOUR QTH JUST IN TIME TO REMIND YOU OF THE BANQUET AND STILL GIVE YOU TIME TO CONTACT GEORGE JOLLEY ND5E FOR BANQUET TICKETS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A SUPER BANQUET THIS YEAR SO YOU GUYS AND GALS THAT HAVE NOT SEEN SOME OF YOUR OLD

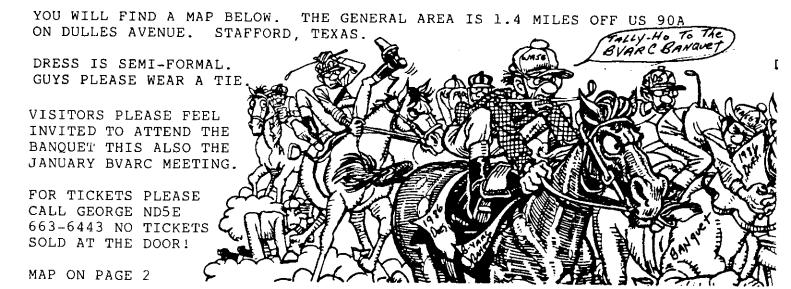
FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING OF GOOD COMPANY AND SOME GOOD EATS.

JUST IN CASE THIS IS THE FIRST SOME OF Y'ALL HAVE HEARD ABOUT THIS YEARS BANQUET, LET ME FILL YOU IN WITH THE DETAILS SO YOU CAN GET ON THE STICK AND CONTACT GEORGE SO YOU CAN PARTICIPATE. TICKET DEADLINE SUNDAY JANUARY 12. YOU MUST AT LEAST CALL GEORGE BY THEN FOR TICKETS.

THIS YEARS BVARC BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT RIVERBEND COUNTRY CLUB, AND WHAT A NICE PLACE IT IS, YOUR IN FOR A REAL TREET. YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING ALONG YOUR WIFE OR GIRL FRIEND, HUSBAND OR BOY FRIEND AND IF YOU AIN'T GOT ANY OF THOSE WE SURE HOPE YOU WILL AT LEAST BRING YOURSELF.

TICKETS FOR THE BANQUET ARE \$15.00 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES A BUFFET STYLE MENU, WHICH ONE OF THE SELECTIONS WILL BE WHAT WE HEAR IS A DELICIOUS PRIME RIB. BY THE WAY NO DISCOUNT FOR SAYING YOU"RE NOT HERB.

BY NOW SOME OF YOU ARE PROBABLY WONDERING HOW TO GET THERE AND WHEN ALL THIS GOOD STUFF IS GOING TO HAPPEN. THE DATE FOR THE BVARC BANQUET IS THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 1986. THE CASH BAR OPENS AT 6 P.M. THE MEETING FORMALLY STARTS AT 7:30 P.M. WE WOULD ENCOUARGE EVERY ONE TO TRY AND BE THERE BY 7:15 P.M. AND AS EARLY AS YOU WISH FROM 6:00 P.M. ON IF YOU CARE TO DO SOME VISITING OR ENJOY A BEFORE DINNER DRINK.



NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome who've joined us and haven't been reported previously in these pages. Detailed info -- adresses, etc. -- will appear in the new 1986 Roster.

Brenson Abbott N5FSS Louis and Barbara Dartez Jody Coles N5HQM Susan Grimes KA5WEB



And give a special welcome to the following who have renewed their B-VARC memberships after being absent from the fold for a while:

Mel KD5YA and Claudia KA5PNE Godbold

Gary Orsak N5GQS

Tom Casey WA5ACF.

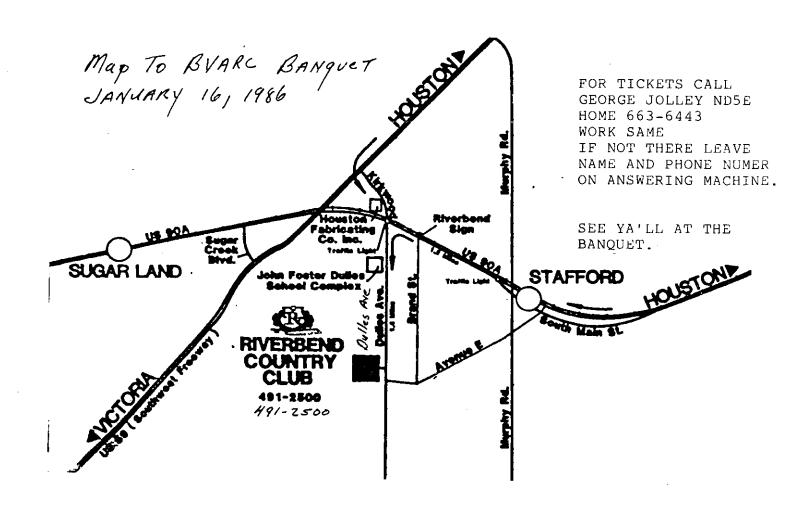
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Tom will be wearing a green-bordered Charter Member and is really the "founding father" of B-VARC. A good many years ago, when living in Missouri City, Tom recognized the need the need for a primarily oriented toward public service ham club in the area and began beating the bushes for other interested hams. B-VARC was the result of his efforts.

ROSTER UPDATE

Rick Covert N5GTD - has a new callsign. He's now an EXTRA and WD5L.

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG - new work fone is 873-1293. Herb Nance N5GZW - new work fone is 460-0650.



YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS by: Harold, ND5F

Wow! This has been a fantastic year for B-VARC. If I could somehow magically observe our apparent SWR, it would surely indicate that we have been operating at the 1.0 to 1.0 level all year long. For without this tremendous efficiency, we just couldn't have accomplished so much.

It was a great honor for me to have been selected to provide the leadership to B-VARC this year and it is difficult to find the words that adaquately express the pride I have for being a member of this great organization.

Our success is due to the great job that was done by our Officers, the Directors, Committee Chaimen, Net Controls and everyone who volunteered themselves to helping when there was a job that had to be done. I have bragged many times throughout the year about B-VARC's "depth" of leadership and the high level of participation and of the willingness of so many of our dedicated members to give their time and energy when called upon.

As you know, I had very high hopes and expectiations for our Club this year and YOU have made the total results even greater than expected.

YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS by: STEVE WASG

I hope all of you had a terrific holiday season. I did and now I am looking forward to serving as your President for 1986. I think we have the opportunities for another great year for BVARC. I want to congratulate Harold Parker ND5F on a job well done. It will be a hard act to follow, Harold, but here goes!

First, I want to thank the people who came forward and took on the tasks of heading the committees. I would like to introduce these people to you.

Joe Ross KA5GTU will be the chairman of the Publications Committee. The task of organizing and producing the BVARC Bulletin will rest with this group. Along with Joe, Kathy Jolley KA5WHK and George Jolley ND5E will serve on that committee. The production of a newsletter for an organization the size of BVARC is a task that takes a lot of effort and cooperation. If you would like to participate in this project, Joe Kathy, and George would like to hear from you.

Susan Grimes KA5WEB will be the chairperson for the Public Relations Committee. This committee includes

B-VARC has been more active this year than ever before. Our membership Roster has grown to over one hundred for the first time ever in the history of B-VARC. I could fill this entire issue of the Bulletin with the details of all your accomplishments while trying to recognize and acknowledge all those who were responsible for our successes.

Thank you all for a job that was really "fine business". It has been a real pleasure having the opportunity to work with each of you through the year and I really enjoyed getting to know each of you better. Please support your new Officers as you have supported me and I know that we will always keep B-VARC the best! Good luck and 73.

I hope that everyone has a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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the program director for the club meetings and the people who will be lining up the public service events and social activities for the year. Included in that lineup will be the January Banquet, The MS-150, the Sharpstown Mall Mother's Day Event and so on. Susan, we appreciate you taking such an active role in the club.

Allen Matthews KA5TJS will be in charge of BVARC Net Activities. He is going to call some of you folks to help out as net control stations for the nets. Thank you, Allen, for accepting that responsibility.

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG will continue to serve as the liaison to the ARRL for the club. Stu has done such an outstanding job of keeping track of the correspondence and the library. Thank you, Stu!

We still have two committee chairman slots to fill. Those are for the Technical Advancement and Membership Services. We hope to have those positions filled very soon.

Thank You 73, Steve WA5G

Editor's Note: I would like to introduce everyone to our special guest for this issue who is pictured just to the left of this notation. Please meet and make feel welcome Kent Ketchum BVARC's ace detective. Kent is searching for BVARC members who have yet to pay their 1986 club dues. Please send your dues to George ND5E ASAP so we want have to look at Kent's ugly mug any more. Thank you.

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WEEK	LY 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		
		- 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	
	WEDNESDAY	- Slow Speed CW	7:45 pm	3.740
		- B-VARC Ragchew	8:30 pm	
		- Houston/ Harris County		
			8:30 pm	146.25/85
EETINGS:	JANUARY-ONLY JAN 9, 19	86 B-VARC Board of Directors	7:30 pm	
	JAN 16	- 8-VARC General Membership		
	BANQUET	Fellowship -		
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VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAMS RECOGNIZED

B-VARC Examination #10

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FIRST: $2 retained by the club when
  Team
                                                      an ARRL member renews thru the
  Ray, WA5F; Steve, WA5G and
                                                      Club.
  Randy, AK5G
                                               SECOND: $5 rebate when anyone joins
  Assistants:
                                                      ARRL with a special application $
  Irene, N5AYX; Stu, WB5IGG and
                                                      furnished by the Club.
  Harold, ND5F
                                             $ Also, a $5 discount is yours if yu're
  Fifteen examinations were given
                                             $ over 64 or under 18. Call Club
  to ten applicants. Five upgraded
                                             $ Treasurer George Jolly ND5E, at
  their license with a passing rate
                                              663-6443 for details.
 of 60%.
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                                             NET CONTROL SCHEDULE
  2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET
                                             75M - BVARC RAG CHEW ( 3.960 )
                ( 144.870 / 145.470 )
                                                  1/1 - 1/8 - 1/15 - 1/22 - 1/29
                       1/06 - NZ5I
                                                            W85IGG
                       1/13 - WA5G
                                             80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED ( 3.740 )
                       1/20 - KF5CP
                       1/27 - WB5B
                                                  1/1 - 1/8 - 1/15 - 1/22 - 1/29
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Minutes, BVARC Board of Directors Meeting December 5, 1985. Minutes by ND5E.

Present: ND5F, ND5E, N5FNA, NZ5I, KA5F, KF5CP, KA5GTU, KD5XX, KA5QLQ, KA5NTY.

Although we did not have a quorum, many topics were informally discussed.

ND5E reported a bank balance of \$1172.83. He then began discussion of the "Electronics Privacy Act of 1985". A sample letter and list of congressmen were distributed.

KASF, KF5CP presented the results of their audit of the books. We owe WASOEN \$0.18.

ND5F announced that the new officers will preside at next month's board meeting. He said he had a fun year as president.

ND5F requested that KF5CP produce a roster at year-end. ND5E will provide a list of those who have renewed. An updated roster will be produced in January.

KA5QLQ pointed out that insufficient attention has been drawn to dues renewal. KA5NTY suggested an insert to the bulletin.

NZ5I and KA5GTU initiated discussion about on-going fund raising to cover costs of activities such as the bulletin. KA5NTY suggested that next year we could give a discount to encourage early dues renewal.

ND5F announced that Ron's bulletin board

ND5F received a letter soliciting an ad for the next ARRL Repeater Directory. No support seemed evident. ND5F also showed a listing of new members he received from the ARRL. He normally mails them a welcome letter.

We need a new location for our Volunteer Examination sessions next year. KF5CP said he could probably provide a site.

NZ5I suggested we sell soft drinks at the membership meetings to raise money.

KA5GTU said he felt we could get equipment donations for a Club Station if we had a location.

KA5NTY discussed the MS-150 bicycle run. We will be participating again on April 19 and 20, 1985.

N5FNA reported that the Novice class is progressing well. Some exams will be given soon.

NZ5I will have some awards at the Banquet. He suggested a permanent trophy for operator of the year. KA5QLQ discussed the value of such awards.

ND5F suggested we take turns inviting Novices and Technicians to operate at our shack each Sunday afternoon.

KA5GTU expressed the need for a membership drive and a club station. will now only be available on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

ND5F announced that nominations for the order of the key have been closed.

ND5F reported that our choice of banquet site has turned out to be more expensive than anticipated. Discussion lead to the decision to seek another site.

ND5F received a letter announcing that BVARC has been renewed in its status as an ARRL Special Service Club.

ND5F announced that someone may donate a rig to the club. ND5E agreed to determine our tax status.

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¥	713-520-7300	×
¥	TO ALL HAMS	¥
¥	TO MEL TAMBET	¥
*	We carry in stock or can order for	¥
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	you any item you want from any major	¥
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¥	and I'll quote our HOT SPECIAL prices	¥
	available to you.	¥
	73, Don Busick, K5AAD	¥
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Treasurer's Report as of December 15, 1985 submitted by George W. Jolly, ND5E.

Balance as of November 15, 1985 1149.83

Receipts:

Membership - 1985 dues	2.00
Membership - 1986 dues	276.00
ARRL new member bonus	5.00
Banquet Reservations Received	270.00
50-50 drawing	15.50
Total Receipts:	568.50

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Total Receipts:

Expenses:

Post Oak Graphics (Novice supplies)	10.61
River Bend Country Club	100.00
Stu Lamkin (VE supplies, Bulletin)	29.87
Emblems & T-Shirts (patch deposit)	100.00

Total Expenses: 240.48

Balance as of December 15, 1985 1,477.85

It has been determined that donations to BVARC are tax-deductible. Of course, the donor should consult his own tax advisor concerning deducting these donations. Some simple procedures must be followed, so if any member has the opportunity to accept a donation for BVARC, please contact ND5E for details.

73, ND5E.