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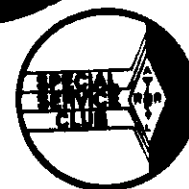
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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

April was probably the busiest month for BVARC yet. I want to give Doug and Marie Holley a special word of thanks for being hosts of the spring picnic on April 12th. Everybody had a good time. Thank you. Also the MS-150 on April 19 and 20 drew approximately 850 riders travelling from Houston to Austin. Several BVARC members put a lot of effort into providing the MS people with radio communications. There were very few problems even though the ride was three times larger than last year. I want to thank Brenson Abbott N5FSS for volunteering to assemble the bulletin for us. Joe Ross KA5GTU will still be distributing the bulletin and handling the mass production chores. We hope there will not be any mix-ups on the meeting nights in the future. We have been told that we can still use the council chambers for future meetings. I hope to see all of you at Sharpstown on May 3rd.

73 for now. Steve WA5G

applicants that upgraded and received the same license that they previously had. A "key stroke" error was made when the application was input into FCC terminals in Gettysburg. It is being straightened out.

s, KA5WEB

Reported by Stu Lamkin WB5IGG

W5WVX

HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Ten-Tec "Century 21" solid-state CW Rig. 60 watts
input on 10-80 meters, either base or mobile.....\$225.00

Kenwood SP-100 Speaker Unit.....\$20.00

Vocom #2C030-2 (2 watts in - 30 out) Two-Meter
Mobile Amplifier.....\$45.00

CDE Ham IV Rotator with Control, with 100' of
eight (8) conductor heavy-duty wire and pole
adapter. (New - never used).....\$185.00

KLM 144-150-16C 16 element VHF Circular Polarized
Beam Antenna complete with KLM #CS-1 Circularity
Switcher, Balun and 4' PVC mast. Completely
assembled. (New - never used).....\$100.00

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MAY

EDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	: 1	: 2	: 3
	: BVARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		: BREAKFAST BUNCH: HOLIDAY INN
	: 7:30 PM		: S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT
			: 8:30 AM
	: 8	: 9	: 10
IC RAGCHEW	: BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING		: BREAKFAST BUNCH: HOLIDAY INN
1 PM			: S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT
2 MHz	: FELLOWSHIP 7:00		: 8:30 AM
SPEED CW	: -CALL TO ORDER-		
7:45 PM	: 7:30 PM		
0 MHz			
	: 15	: 16	: 17
IC RAGCHEW			: BREAKFAST BUNCH: HOLIDAY INN
1 PM			: S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT
2 MHz			: 8:30 AM
SPEED CW			
7:45 PM			
0 MHz			
	: 22	: 23	: 24
IC RAGCHEW			: BREAKFAST BUNCH: HOLIDAY INN
1 PM			: S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT
2 MHz			: 8:30 AM
SPEED CW			
7:45 PM			
40 MHz			
	: 29	: 30	: 31
ARC RAGCHEW			: BREAKFAST BUNCH: HOLIDAY INN
30 PM			: S.W. FREEWAY & WEST BELFORT
962 MHz			: 8:30 AM
3W SPEED CW			
7:45 PM			
740 MHz			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	*** SOUTH TEXAS EMERGENCY NET MEETS MONDAYS 8 PM 145.47/4.87	
4	5	6
WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8:00 PM 146.06/66 MHz	FT. BEND COUNTY ARES NET 8:30 PM 145.45/4.85 MHz BVARC PUBLIC SVC NET 9:00 PM 145.45/4.85 Mhz	10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8PM 28.688MHZ S. TEXAS EMER NET 8 PM. 145.45/4.85 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45 MHz
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FCC TAKING LONGER TO ISSUE LICENSES
from W5YI report 2/1/86

The length of time that it takes Amateur radio operator licenses to be issued continues to increase. It is taking a week longer than last month. Allow a minimum of two months before contacting your VEC or the FCC about a delinquent license. We also find that in the majority of cases, errors on the FCC Form 610 are the major reason for excessive processing times.

Allow 3 to 4 months for the paper work to catch up if you have upgraded twice. Both the ARRL and W5YI-VEC programs write the applicant to submit a previous upgrade license when received before forwarding the most recent upgrade application. The application then goes in a "hold file". We handle all applications within 24 hours of receipt!

It is not at all unusual for us to hold a new upgrade application two months before the applicant sends us a previous upgrade license so that we can attach it to the new application. If there is an error on the application, the problem is compounded. We have dozens of applications (going back to December testing) awaiting licenses to be attached to them and forwarding to Gettysburg!

And Gettysburg doesn't issue the second upgrade immediately. It must go through the "process" again - including being compared to the Washington, DC, licensee data base some 100 miles away. The data (on magnetic tape) is sent by courier to Washington. The licenses are output after courier return. It all takes time - and with more testing activity now that the amateur community is handling the program - more time is required. Tell your applicants to be patient. VECs and the FCC can't process your newer applications if they are bogged down checking on the previous ones that they are trying to handle as fast as they can. Fewer than one inquiry in a hundred is really the result of a problem or mishandling - the rest merely cause further delays.

Be aware that the FCC does NOT log in applications. If you contact the FCC and they tell you they "have no record" of your application, they mean it has not yet been "key stroked" - entered into the system. Since this is one of the last things they do, "no record" does not mean they don't have your 610. It merely means they do not know if they have it or not. It is prohibitively time consuming for the FCC to do a desk-by-desk search for an application. Every applicant is issued a Certificate of Successful Completion when upgrading that carries temporary upgrade operating privileges for a year.

But that doesn't mean that the FCC doesn't make errors. They do... but darn few compared to applicants, VEs... and yes VECs too. We have several

B-VARC MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

DATE: Second Thursdays
TIME: 7:00 PM Eyeball
7:30 PM Meeting & Program
PLACE: Missouri City Courthouse,
located one mile south of
US 90-A on FM 2234

BOARD MEETINGS

DATE: First Thursdays
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Lobby of Vic,
N5KNH's office
building

B-VARC NETS

Public Service Net

DATE: Mondays
TIME: 9:00 PM Local
PLACE: 145.45/144.85

Ft. Bend Cty. Emer. Net

DATE: Mondays
TIME: 8:30 PM Local
PLACE: 145.45/144.85

Slow Speed CW Net

DATE: Wednesdays
TIME: 7:45 PM Local
PLACE: 3.740

Ragchew Net

DATE: Wednesdays
TIME: 8:30 PM Local
PLACE: 3.962

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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.

Come to this month's general membership club meeting and find out all about AMSAT. Also, any of you that have UHF rigs are invited by the owners of a repeater on 442.15 MHz to use their machine, transmit 5 KHz up with 103.5 tone squench. The repeater is located on the channel 11 tower.

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