

# B-VARC

**BULLETIN**

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## YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS:

FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER REGULARLY. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION WHILE WE DEVISE A NEW SYSTEM FOR PUBLISHING IT. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A HUGE EFFORT EACH MONTH AND WE TOOK IT FOR GRANTED FOR A LONG TIME. THE EFFORT TO PRODUCE IT IS VOLUNTARY. SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEND A HAND IN ITS PRODUCTION, PLEASE LET US KNOW. DON'T FORGET THAT JUNE IS FIELD DAY MONTH. FOR THIS OCCASION THE JUNE VOLUNTEER EXAM DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JUNE 21ST. FIELD DAY WILL BE HELD AT BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK ON JUNE 28TH AND 29TH. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COMMEMD STEVE YATES KA5DUU FOR HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MERA IN GETTING THE 145.47 REPEATER UP AND RUNNING. KF5CP ALSO TELLS ME THAT THE RACE REPEATER ON 442.5 MHZ IS WORKING WELL NOW, AUTOPATCH AND ALL! I ALSO HEARD FROM WB5B THAT HE AND HIS XYL PAT ARE EXPECTING A HARMONIC SOON. CONGRATULATIONS! ALSO FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE RON STAGNO PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR THE JUNE MEETING WAS CHANGED TO AUGUST BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICT WITH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXERCISE ON JUNE 12TH. MR. STAGNO WILL GIVE HIS HURRICANE PROGRAM TO US ON AUGUST 14TH. THAT'S IT!!

73 STEVE WA5G

B-VARC MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

BOARD 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

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

B-VARC NETS

Public Service Net

Ft. Bend Cty. Emer. Net

DATE: Mondays  
TIME: 9:00 PM Local  
PLACE: 145.47/144.87

DATE: Mondays  
TIME: 8:30 PM Local  
PLACE: 145.47/144.87

Slow Speed CW Net

Ragchew Net

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

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

B-VARC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT ..... Steve Schuster, WA5G  
VICE PRESIDENT ..... Joe Ross, KA5GTU  
SECRETARY ..... Vance Peterson, N5FLQ  
TREASURER ..... George Jolly, ND5E  
DIRECTOR - 3 year ..... Clint Gilliland, N5FNA  
DIRECTOR - 2 year ..... Jim Arnold, W5RNK  
DIRECTOR - 1 year ..... Carter Beghtol, KD5XX  
DIRECTOR - Past President ..... Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG

Treasurer's Report as of May 27, 1986  
Submitted by George W. Jolly, ND5E

Balance as of April 19, 1986 1,766.62

*Receipts:*

Membership - 1986 dues received	12.00
May meeting - 50-50 drawing	9.00
Patch Sales	5.00
ARRL dues for Homer Witmer	20.00

*Total Receipts:* 46.00

*Expenses:*

ARRL dues for Homer Witmer	18.00
Post Oak Graphics - Flyers	109.83
Bank Charges	8.00

*Total Expenses:* 135.83

Balance as of May 27, 1986 1,676.79

Notice: I have just received documentation from the IRS which clearly indicates that donations to BVARC are NOT tax deductible for the donor. This means that the information I reported previously in the Bulletin was in error. I apologize for this error.

73, ND5E

ADDITIONS TO ROSTER

Mike Anderson KA5WVT	Kevin Knox KF5BW
Gerald Borg N5APW	James Slaughter KA5YVQ
Paul Brooks N5FQS	Gordon Snell
Don Busick K5AAD	Rolf D. So Bahl
Charley Fritze KA5VTZ	Yeon So Baho
Douglas Gillory KA5ECZ	Dennis Williams

NEW CALL SIGNS

Andy Chester - KA5ZAN

Greg Gatterson - KA5ZAU

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
1	2	3	4
WEST HOUSTON	S. TEXAS EMERGENCY	10-X HOUSTON SHO	BVARC
RACES NET	FT BEND CTY ARES	NET 8 PM 28.688	CW NET
8:00 PM	8:30PM 145.47/87		3.740
146.06/66 MHz	BVARC PUBLIC SVC	AMSAT NET 10 PM	BVARC
	9:00PM 145.47/87	144.85/5.45 MHz	8:30 P
8	9	10	11
WEST HOUSTON	S. TEXAS EMERGENCY	10-X HOUSTON SHO	BVARC
RACES NET	FT BEND CTY ARES	NET 8 PM 28.688	CW NET
8:00 PM	8:30PM 145.47/87		3.740
146.06/66 MHz	BVARC PUBLIC SVC	AMSAT NET 10 PM	BVARC
	9:00PM 145.47/87	144.85/5.45 MHz	8:30 P
15	16	17	18
WEST HOUSTON	S. TEXAS EMERGENCY	10-X HOUSTON SHO	BVARC
RACES NET	FT BEND CTY ARES	NET 8 PM 28.688	CW NET
8:00 PM	8:30PM 145.47/85		3.740
146.06/66 MHz	BVARC PUBLIC SVC	AMSAT NET 10 PM	BVARC
	9:00PM 145.47/85	144.85/5.45 MHz	8:30 P
22	23	24	25
WEST HOUSTON	S. TEXAS EMERGENCY	10-X HOUSTON SHO	BVARC
RACES NET	FT BEND CTY ARES	NET 8 PM 28.688	CW NET
8:00 PM	8:30PM 145.47/87		3.740
146.06/66 MHz	BVARC PUBLIC SVC	AMSAT NET 10 PM	BVARC
	9:00PM 145.47/87	144.85/5.45 MHz	8:30 P
29	30		
BVARC FIELD DAY	S. TEXAS EMERGENCY		
BRAZOS BEND	8 PM 145.47/4.87		
STATE PARK	FT BEND CTY ARES		
WEST HOUSTON	8:30PM 145.47/87		
RACES NET	BVARC PUBLIC SVC		
8:00 PM	9:00PM 145.47/87		
146.06/66 MHz			

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ESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
: 5	: 6	: 7	
LOW SPEED:	BVARC BOARD OF		BREAKFAST BUNCH
7:45 PM :	DIRECTORS		HOLIDAY INN
lz :	MEETING		S.W. FREEWAY &
AG CHEW :	7:30 PM		WEST BELFORT
3.962 Mz:			8:30 AM
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: 12	: 13	: 14	
LOW SPEED:	BVARC GENERAL		BREAKFAST BUNCH
7:45 PM :	MEMBERSHIP		HOLIDAY INN
lz :	MEETING		S.W. FREEWAY &
AG CHEW :	FELLOWSHIP 7 PM		WEST BELFORT
3.962 Mz:	-CALL TO ORDER-		8:30 AM
:	7:30 PM	:	:
:	:	:	:
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: 19	: 20	: 21	
LOW SPEED:			BREAKFAST BUNCH
7:45 PM :			HOLIDAY INN
lz :			S.W. FREEWAY &
AG CHEW :			WEST BELFORT
3.962 Mz:			8:30 AM
:	:	:	:
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: 26	: 27	: 28	
LOW SPEED:			BVARC FIELD DAY
7:45 PM :			BRAZOS BEND
lz :			STATE PARK
AG CHEW :			BREAKFAST BUNCH
3.962 Mz:			HOLIDAY INN
:			S.W. FREEWAY &
:			W. BELFORT 8 AM
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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 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.

Reported by Stu Lamkin WB5IGG

#### 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

24' Two-Section, 1-1/2" Galvanized pipe mast.  
(New - never used).....\$25.00

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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.

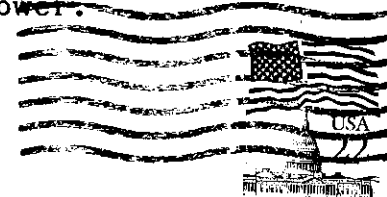
For more detailed information about the club and any of its activities, call Stu Lamkin WB5IGG at (713) 777-3345.

Don't forget Field Day, June 28 & 29, BVARC will be located at Brazos Bend State Park, contact Allen Mathews KA5TJS for information (home) 409-372-5259 (work) 713-781-8871. We still need some items and some help for field day .

Fort Bend County Emergency Management practice drill Poly-5 scheduled for June 12, 1986.

The owners of the repeater on 444.15 have invited us to use their machine, transmit 5 KHz up with 103.5 tone squelch. The repeater is located on the channel 11 tower.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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