## **Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club**

# The Monthly Publication of the BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Serving Fort Bend and Harris Counties

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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 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, please call Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, at (713)777-3345.

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#### **Our President Says**

by: George Jolly, ND5E

Our first volunteer examination session at Strake Jesuit School was held on September 8. It was a great success. The facilities are just excellent. We are very fortunate indeed to have the use of Strake Jesuit for our novice classes and examinations. We are most grateful to Vincent Orlando. WA5ETS, for extending opportunity to us.

Our first Hamfest was held on September 12, and was also a great success. We gained four new members, and a number of students for our Novice class. In spite of the rain in the afternoon, everyone seemed to have a good time. The Meadows Shopping Center has invited us back to hold another one.

At our September regular membership meeting, Mike Eason, N5KRU, gave a very interesting program on photography. It was really fun to see and hear about some quite professional equipment and its use. Thanks, Mike, for a great show.

#### **Fun Runs**

Fun-Run activity is on the increase. Robert, N5JKD, will be publishing a calendar of these events in the Bulletin.

#### Ham-Com

On October 10, 1987, we will again be assisting the Ham-Comvention with their swap meet area. A few people will be needed early that Saturday Morning (by 6:30 AM) to assist in the people flow within the swap meet

#### SkyWarn Program

On October 16, 1987, the Houston Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the National Weather Service in its presentation of the SkyWarn program. It will be held at the HARC building at 7011 Lozier. This program is open to the public, and starts promptly at 7:30 PM. A lot of new information will be presented. If you need directions, I'm sure Ray, WA5F, would be glad to assist.

#### Submitting Articles for News Letter

by: Robert Ricketts, N5JKD

Most of the items published in our monthly newsletter come from you, our club members. Because of this, it's important to help supply articles for publication or the newsletter will be pretty shallow.

You are encouraged to contribute anything that you feel would be of interest to our club. Don't feel that what you have to say is unimportant. If you have something you want to say, then please do say it!

There are several ways to submit articles for publication. You can mail the article directly to me at the address listed below. You can give the article to me at any meeting. Or, if you have a computer (any model) and a modem, you can call my BBS (Bulletin Board System) and upload the article as a text file.

My mailing adderss is:

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If you wish to upload an article to my BBS then please call my modem number, (713)270-7408, and set your communications program to eight data bits, one stop bit, and no parity. 300/1200/2400 BPS is supported. Several file transfer protocols are available as well as ASCII.

If you have never called my BBS before, then please follow the newuser procedure. You'll see what to do once you call in.

The publication deadline is the third Thursday of each month. Please have the article in my hands by that time.

Thanks in advance for your help!

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## Westside Social Report

by: Bill Kemp, KG5CB

The first B-VARC Westside Social was held on Thursday, Sept. 24th at the Bear Creek Park Community Center. Over 25 people attended the first event, and it seemed to be a great evening for everyone. We had several "new" faces in the crowd and everyone enjoyed the format and especially the cakes and brownies!

Greg Smith, KB5PE, gave a very interesting program on the emerging technology in commercial communications and Steve Yates, KA5DUU, showed us his latest mini-antenna for 20 meters. We even had a chance to see the famous mobile repeater of Robert Ricketts, N5JKD!

Our October program will feature Walter Holmes, WD5GAZ, who will tell us about the latest happenings in packet radio. Please join us for the Oct. 22nd social and bring along your latest project for everyone to see. If nothing else, bring some good old fashioned brownies or your best tasting cake or pie!

#### **Election Notice**

by: Steve Schuster, WA5G

The election for new officers for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will be held at the general membership meeting on November 12. The nominating committee for this election is already at work to prepare a list of candidates for you. If you would like to nominate someone for the ballot, contact Steve Schuster WA5G, Harold Parker ND5F, or Ron Bolyard KA5GYG. They are the three past presidents on the committee. They are in the roster and awaiting your requests.

## **Honer Roll for September**

by: Ray Dillard, WA5F

#### Legend:

- A. Houston Tenneco Marathon
- B. Azalea Run
- C. Bayou City Fun Run
- D. MS-150 Bike Tour Saturday \* Sunday also
- E. Mothers Day
- F. Field Day
- G. Fall Festival
- H. Terry Fox 5K
- I. GAŔC 20K
- J. Diamond Walk
- K. Village Five

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Thanks to all who have helped!

## Equipment for Sale/Swap/Purchase

Kenwood TL-922A amplifier, 2KW PEP. \$800 firm. Please call Bobby Webb, WB5B at 353-9791 ext. 7715 between 8am and 5pm.

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Nominations for a Club member to be a candidate for the Order of the Key Award must be made in writing, addressed to the Board of Directors and be in the hands of any member of the Board not later than one week prior to the December meeting of the board. The nominations should state the reasons why the nominee has earned the award. The president polls each of the Board members personally and only if he knows the results. The awards, if any, will be presented at the Club's annual banquet in January.

This award is unique to B-VARC. It was conceived by a Club member and first bestowed on Bob Spradling, W5UBD for his dedicated service to B-VARC.

The Club's roster includes the impressive list of recipients of the "B-VARC Order of the Key". Hopefully, it will inspire you to join the ranks of those who have done the most to make the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club what it is today.

#### Results of Sept. 8th Exams

by: Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC once again sponsored the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday, September 8th, 1987 at the Strake Jesuit School in Houston:

V.E. Team and Assistants:

Henry Morrison, W5RIY George Jolly, ND5E Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG Robert Ricketts, N5JKD Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of thirty-five (35) tests were administered during the evening to seventeen applicants. Of those, thirteen upgraded their license with twenty-seven elements passed. The overall passing rate for the evening was seventy-seven percent.

CONTRATULATIONS TO ALL THE FOLLOWING WHO UPGRADED AND PASSED EXAMS!

Paul Kirkland, KG5AW - Extra
Gilliam Moates, W5KOD - Extra
Kevin Biekert, KB5AQV - Advanced
Gregory Treece, KA5WKK - Advanced
Greg Combs, N5KND - General
Marlyn Cooper, KA5QYY - General
James Mangold - General
Clarence Richardson, KA5YFU - General
William Stroope, WD5ICM - General
Kenneth Myers, KB5DGB - Techincian
Arthur, Reubens, KB5BUU - Technician
Larry Mitschke - Technician
William Eckel - Novice
Robert Biekert - Element 4B

Thanks again to everyone for all the great help, especially to Vincent, WA5ETS, for making this site available for the Tuesday night exams every month.

#### By-Law Amendment Proposals

by: Robert K. Ricketts, N5JKD

I hereby submit two proposals to amend the By-Laws as follows:

- o Increase dues to \$12.00 per year for full membership.
- o Institute lifetime memberships.

#### PROPOSITION I

For increasing the annual dues to \$12.00, I propose that the following amendments be made to the By-Laws:

Article VI, Section A, Paragraph 1 should be amended to read as follows:

1. "Individual membership shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00)".

Article VI, Section A, Paragraph 2 should be amended to read as follows:

2. "Family membership shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) for the first member, plus Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each additional family member".

#### PROPOSITION II

For instituting a lifetime membership, I propose that the following amendments be made to the By-Laws:

Article VI, Section A, Paragraph 3 should be inserted to read as follows:

3. "Individual lifetime membership shall be determined to be a multiple of the annual dues as specified in ARTICLE VI, Section A, Paragraph 1 of these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall determine the multiplier, but it shall never be less than Ten (10)".

Article I, Section C shall be amended as follows:

 In the opening sentence, replace "two" with "three" so as to read "There shall be three classes of membership as follows:"

Add a new paragraph (three) as follows:

2. "Individual lifetime memberships."

#### **By-Laws Proposals**

by: George Jolly, ND5E

On September 8, 1987 I received and acknowledged a petition for changes to the By-Laws of the Club. Article IX of the By-Laws specifies that such petition must be received by the President at least thirty days prior to a membership meeting, and the proposed amendments be published in the meeting notice for that meeting. This issue of the Bulletin is that meeting notice.

On October 8, 1987, the second Thursday of October, a regular membership meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will be held. During this meeting the membership will vote on the two proposed amendments. Anyone who is a current, paid-up member at the START of that meeting will be eligible to vote.

In order for the vote to take place, we must have a quorum of our membership, which Article V specifies as twenty-five percent (25%) of our then-current membership. In order for a proposed amendment to be adopted, Article IX requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present.

The text of these amendments will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.

## **Meeting Locations**

by: George Jolly, ND5E

It seems that the city of Missouri City will be holding two Citizen's Police Academy classes each year now. This means that for six months of the year the City Council chamber will not be available to us for club meetings. As I write this, Ed Harwell is exploring our options for an alternate meeting site. The location of the October meeting will be at the Missouri City Fire Station on the second floor. The Fire Station is located across the street from the Missouri City Hall Council Chambers. There will be another meeting up there also in one of the other rooms so we should take care to be quiet and courteous.

Those of you who were present at the September meeting know the loss of the Council Chamber caught us by surprise. In fact, during the meeting a motion was made (but failed to pass) to move the October meeting to Bear Creek Park. As things stand, your Board of Directors has stated a policy of providing a social evening at Bear Creek Park, while maintaining our regular membership meeting in the Southwest Area.

We believe that B-VARC can grow to serve a larger area IF THE DEMAND DEVELOPS, without abandoning our traditional geographic area. If you have opinions on this subject, please take the time to drop me (or the Board Member of your choice) a note and let us know. It is my opinion that this question is important enough not to be decided carelessly.

#### Officer/Director Elections

by: George Jolly, ND5E

At the November regular membership meeting, on November 12, 1987, the second Thursday in November, we will again be holding our annual Officer and Director elections. I strongly urge all members to attend and make your votes count.

If you wish to nominate anyone, follow this procedure:

- Contact that person and get their approval and willingness to run.
- 2. Suggest your choice to the nominating committee.
- Come to the November meeting and nominate your choice from the floor.
- 4. Vote as you wish.

Our nominating committee this year is:

Steve Schuster WA5G Harold Parker ND5F Ron Bolyard KA5GYG

These are, of course, our three immediate past presidents.

## **B-VARC** Order of the Key

by: Harold Parker, ND5F

In November of each year, it's time for B-VARC members to make noninations of candidates for the "B-VARC Order of the Key Award". Candidates should be only those who have made significant personal contributions to the Club during the year or over an extended period of time.

This prestigious award is made only to B-VARC members by the general membership and who receive unanimous approval of the Board of Directors. This distinction can only be earned by voluntary service for the advancement of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

The following standards are diligently applied to all prospective recipients as the means of preserving the meaning and importance of this very special award.

- The extra special effort or extraordinary performance by a member after volunteering for a special task or project. Such a significant service to the Club could take place over a relatively short period and represent loyalty or effort that is normally "beyond the call of duty".
- The performance of sustained outstanding and dedicated voluntary service to B-VARC over an extended period of time.