

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

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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.

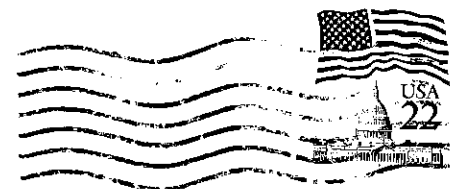
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Past Presidents

Jerry Albright, WD5HQU	1978
Wade Eilers, WN5TEN	1979
Bob Spradling, WSUBD	1980
Richard Shankle, NSKV	1981
Dick Bigelow, WD5CTQ	1982
Steve Gottlieb, WASOEN	1983
Ron Bolyard, KASGYG	1984
Harold Parker, ND5F	1985
Steve Schuster, WASG	1986

Order of the Key

Bob Spradling, WSUBD	1980
Stu Lamkin, WBS1GG	1981
Ron Bolyard, KASGYG	1982
Wade Eilers, WN5TEN	1983
Steve Gottlieb, WASOEN	1983
Allen Hanus, KA5RXQ	1984
Harold Parker, ND5F	1984
Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN	1985
Vance Patterson, N5FLO	1985
Ray Dillard, W5AF	1986

Silent Keys

John Amarin, NSISW	Bill Campbell, N5EUL
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Our President Says

by George Jolly, ND5E

I'd like to take a few moments to say 'Thank You' to the American Radio Relay League. The League's volunteers have provided B-VARC with many services without which we could not be the success we have been.

It's hard to list all the benefits we receive from the League, but a few include: video library, national newsletters, group insurance, Volunteer Examination Support, Emergency Communication support through sponsorship of ARES, free literature for handing out at public events, government liason. And, of course, QST magazine every month to members.

Many of you may not see these League benefits directly, but your club officers do, and in this way we pass them along to the entire club. Remember, the League is not just Newington, Connecticut. The League is all of us who volunteer in the Field Organization, from the Emergency Coordinators to the Volunteer Examiners. There's room for all to get involved.

I'll have ARRL membership forms at the November meeting for those of you who would like to join. Your support keeps amateur radio alive, and reaffirms our Special Service Club commitment. Besides, the club gets a commission when a new ARRL member joins through the club!

November is election month. I hope you've been considering who you would like to nominate at the meeting. The nominating committee has been hard at work producing their slate, but your nominations from the floor are equally important to the process.

We have also received a petition for by-laws amendment, which is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin. This petition offers three alternatives for the same amendment. As last month, the vote will be taken on paper ballots.

All three alternatives will be voted simultaneously on one ballot, but the counting of the votes will be prioritized by alternative as specified in the petition. This will save considerable time in the voting process.

We will be voting on this issue at the regular membership meeting on November 12, 1987, prior to conducting the officer elections. This meeting will be held in the Missouri City Fire Station on FM 2234 at 7:30 pm. We begin gathering and setting up at 7:00 pm. I hope we will have a large attendance for this very important meeting.

Our by-laws do not contain any implementation delay for amendments. Therefore, any amendments passed at a regular membership meeting take effect immediately.

Our picnic is coming soon, on November 7. I hope you can all come - it's always such fun at Doug's place. In fact, the rest of 1987 will be quite busy with a variety of fun-runs supported by B-VARC. Let's all get involved and have a great time.

73 de ND5E

Fall Annual Picnic

by Laura Yates, KA5SGM

B-VARC is having it's annual fall picnic at Doug Holleys place on Saturday, Nov. 7th (rain date Saturday, Nov. 14th). It's always been a lot of fun in the past and this year will be no exception.

I'll be organizing the food effort again this year so please call and tell me what you can bring! Doug and Wade will provide the Bar-be-que but we, the members, need to bring everything else.

We need salads, side dishes, covered dishes, snacks (chips, dip, etc.), and desserts (cake, pie, brownies, cookies, whatever your specialty).

PLEASE call and tell me what you can bring. My phone number is (713)578-6321.

The price will be three Dollars for adults and a Dollar and fifty cents for children.

Hope to see you there!

Results of the October 13th Exams

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday, October 13th, 1987 at the Strake Jesuit School in Houston

The V.E. Team:

Henry Morrison, K5RIY
George Jolly, ND5E
Harold Parker, ND5F
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG

A total of nineteen (19) tests were administered during the evening to nine (9) applicants. Of those, we have three new Novices and two upgraded their license with a total of ten elements passed. The overall pass rate for the evening was fifty-three percent.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE FOLLOWING WHO QUALIFIED FOR A NEW LICENSE, UPGRADED OR PASSED EXAMS.

Mike Eason, N5KRU - General
Cindy Hammer - Novice and Technician
Fred Creel - Novice
Frank DeArmas - Novice
Roland Torres - Novice
Arvin Gardner, KA5EIK - Element 4A
Lee Roy Lance - Element 2

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

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 address is:

Robert K. Ricketts, N5JKD
7302 Corporate Dr. # 1602
Houston, TX 77036

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!

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:

1. Contact that person and get their approval and willingness to run.
2. Suggest your choice to the nominating committee.
3. 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.

Westside Social Report

by Bill Kemp, KG5CB

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, the Westside Social will be held on the third Thursday in November and December.

The November social will be held on the 19th, and we will be showing the new ARRL video, "The New World of Amateur Radio", courtesy of Ralph Check, KB5DNT, who downloaded it with additional unedited clips off his home dish.

Please invite a friend, especially a non-ham, to come out and enjoy the show and meet with your fellow hams for an evening of good fellowship and snacks.

Remember, we get together at the Bear Creek Park Community Center at 7:30 p.m., and several of us meet at Luby's for dinner about 6:00-6:30 p.m. prior to going over for the fun!

"This is 911. What's the Emergency?"

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"I need an ambulance" I replied, and in about two seconds a man said "This is your nearest fire station. What's the nature of the problem?" When I answered that my wife was showing signs of an impending heart attack he told me "We'll be there in two or three minutes and an ambulance will be there in another two or three minutes."

First came four Emergency Medical Technicians who peeled off a fire truck and ran into the house. They put her on oxygen and started taking vital signs, almost before she realized what was happening!

And in another two or three minutes they were joined by two Paramedics who had arrived in a City of Houston Emergency Service Ambulance!

Have you ever asked, while watching a TV scenario like this, and then the ensuing ride to the hospital with the Paramedics talking via radio with the hospital emergency room doctor and following his treatment orders, "Is this all staged?"

My wife can tell you that all this is exactly what happens, including the doctor's question "What's your ETA?"

We're thankful to say that we don't know whether the symptoms were misleading or if, by our recognizing the signs and calling 911, she came under expert medical care in time to avert the problem.

You can be sure that we are believers in the fantastic response of the Houston 911 Emergency System to our call for help.

Honor 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. GAC-LDK 20K
- J. Diamond Walk
- K. Village Five

Albrecht, Carl	KA5QLQ - E
Arnold, Jim	W5RNK - E
Blackwell, A.J.	WB5YLB - I
Borg, Gerry	N5APW - B,C,D,*,E,F
Dillard, Ray	WA5F - A,B,C,D,*,E,G,I
Dunkelberger, Steve	N5JBL - A,B
Dyer, Dave	KA5UXP - E,F,H,I
Dyer, Karla	N5LGS - F,H,I
Eason, Mike	N5KRU - E,F
Ferguson, Mark	WZ5T - F
Freidenberg, Henry	N5HF - A
Gottlieb, Steve	WA5OEN - E
Hagerman, Dick	WB5SRN - A,B,C,D,*,H
Jacobs, Donna	KB5DVR - F
Jacobs, Travis	N5DON - F
Jolly, George	ND5E - B,C,D,*,E,F
Jolly, Kathy	KA5WHK - D,*
Kana, Mike	KA5WOT - D,F
Kemp, Bill	KG5CB - E,F
King, Suzanne	KB5BAY - D,*,E,F
Lamkin, Stu	WB5IGG - A
Mattis, Allen	N5AFV - E
Messick, Roger	KA5NTY - A,D,*
Miles, Bub	W5DYN - F
Miles, Stephen	KB5DVY - F
Nance, Herb	N5GZW - D,E,F
Overacker, Larry	KB5AKS - E
Parker, Harold	ND5F - A,E
Patterson, Vance	N5FLQ - F
Ricketts, Robert	N5JKD - C,D,*,E,F,G,I
Ross, Joe	AA5BD - A,B,C,D,*,E,F
Rumsey, Johnny	WD5GQD - C
Scism, Mike	WV5M - E,F
Sellers, Tom	K5CNU - A,G,H
Steets, Jack	WA5HZM - E
Van Demark, Jack	WN5A - E,F
Wentworth, Gregg	WD5CNM - G
Yates, Laura	KA5SGM - F
Yates, Steve	KA5DUU - F

The following describes the By-Law amendments that will be voted on during the November general membership meeting.

Please vote FOR or AGAINST all three propositions. They are a prioritized set of alternatives. The first one that passes (if any) will be taken as the voted amendment, working from number I upward. For example:

If PROP I passes, then PROP II and PROP III will be ignored.

If PROP I fails, and PROP II passes, then PROP III will be ignored. Of course, if all fail then no change has been made.

PROPOSITION I

ARTICLE II SECTION A of the By-Laws be REPLACED IN ITS ENTIRETY with:

Article II Section A

The officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; each of whom must be a member of the Club, and must have been both a member of the Club and an FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operator for a period of at least one (1) year at the time the elections are held (or at the time appointed to fill an unexpired term).

PROPOSITION II

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The President of the Club must additionally hold an Amateur Radio Operator License of General Class or higher.

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All officers of the Club must additionally hold an Amateur Radio Operator License of Technician Class or higher, except that the President must hold a General Class or higher License.

November 1987

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 West Houston RACES Net, 8 PM 146.06 -.6 Diamond Walk at Astrodome. Meet 8AM. Ray, WA5F	2 Ft Bend Co ARES 8 PM 145.25 -.6 B-VARC Public Service 9 PM 145.47 -.6	3 10X Houston SHOT Net 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT Net 10 PM 145.45 -.6	4 B-VARC Rag Chew 75 Mtrs SSB Net 8:30 PM 3.960	5 B-VARC Board Meeting	6	7 B-VARC Picnic at Doug Holley's Meet 12:30 Midnight Bike Ride - Early Sunday Morning
8 West Houston RACES Net, 8 PM 146.06 -.6 Interfaith Fun Run 12:30 PM Mike Eason, N5KRU	9 Ft Bend Co ARES 8 PM 145.25 -.6 B-VARC Public Service 9 PM 145.47 -.6	10 10X Houston SHOT Net 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT Net 10 PM 145.45 -.6	11 B-VARC Rag Chew 75 Mtrs SSB Net 8:30 PM 3.960	12 B-VARC General Membership Meeting. Fellowship 7 PM Call to Order at 7:30 PM	13	14 Second of Three Marathon Tune-up Runs. I-10 at Mason Rd. Call Allen Mattis, N5AFV
15 West Houston RACES Net, 8 PM 146.06 -.6 SHOT BBQ Bash at Bear Creek Park Shelter #4	16 Ft Bend Co ARES 8 PM 145.25 -.6 B-VARC Public Service 9 PM 145.47 -.6	17 10X Houston SHOT Net 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT Net 10 PM 145.45 -.6	18 B-VARC Rag Chew 75 Mtrs SSB Net 8:30 PM 3.960	19 West Side Social 7 PM at Bear Creek Civic Center. Dinner at Luby's 1 Block north of Clay rd. 6 PM	20	21
22 West Houston RACES Net, 8 PM 146.06 -.6	23 Ft Bend Co ARES 8 PM 145.25 -.6 B-VARC Public Service 9 PM 145.47 -.6	24 10X Houston SHOT Net 8 PM 28.488 AMSAT Net 10 PM 145.45 -.6	25 B-VARC Rag Chew 75 Mtrs SSB Net 8:30 PM 3.960	26 TURKEY TURKEY T TURKEY TURKEY TURKEY TURKEY A Y TURKEY TURKEY EY TURKEY TURKE KEY TURKEY TURK	27 ALKA SELTZER ALK ALKA SELTZER AL ALKA SELTZER A R ALKA SELTZER ER ALKA SELTZER ZER ALKA SELTZER	28
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November 1st

Diamond Walk at Astrodome starts at 8 AM on north side of dome. Meet at 7:30 for setup. For more info, call Ray Dillard at (713)467-9245

November 7th (or 8th??)

Midnight Bike Ride. Last year about 4,200 folks showed up. Sag wagon and EMS personnel will be present. For more info, Call Kurt Freiberger, W85BBW. I don't have phone number.

November 7th

Picnic at Doug Holley's place. Enclosed in bulletin is a map on how to get there. Talk in on 145.47. We'll meet around 12:30 PM and eat bar-be-que at about 2:00 PM. Rain date is November 14th.

November 8th

Interfaith Ministries and Food Bank Fun Run/Walk starts at 12:30 PM at Breaswood and Hillcroft. For more info, call Mike Eason, N5KRU at [home] (713)665-4810.

November 14th

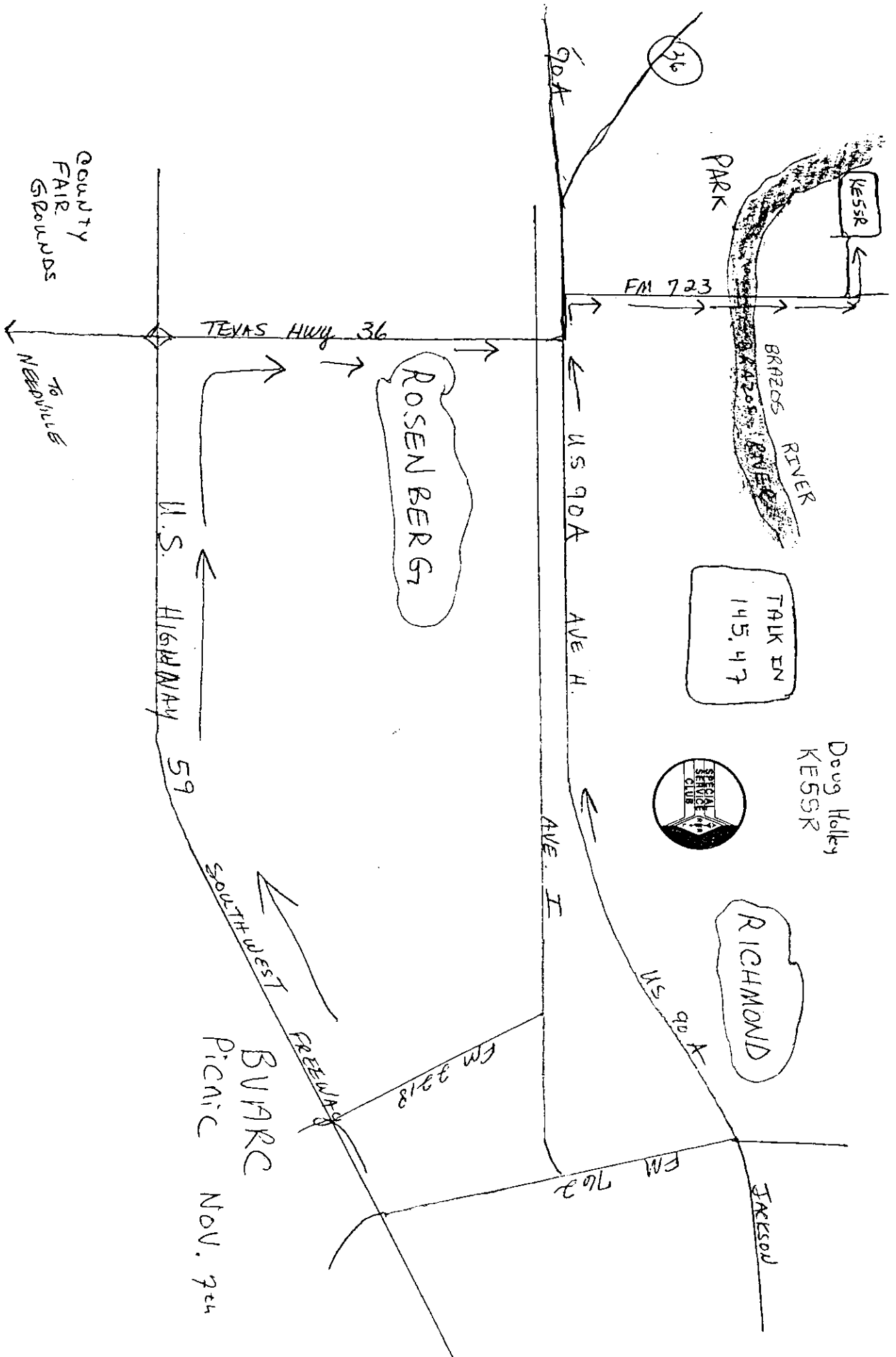
25K Tune up run for Tenneco Marathon. More information will be available at November general membership meeting.

November 15th

SHOT bar-be-cue bash at Bear Creek Park shelter # 4. Call Stu Lamkin, W851GG at (713)777-3345 for time. Door Prize drawing.

November 19th

West Side Social. Meets at 7:30 PM for fellowship. Meet at Luby's at 6:30 for dinner. Luby's is one block north of Clay Road on Hi-way 6 on east side.



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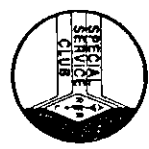
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Doug Holley
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RICHMOND

FM 3218

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