

B-VARC BULLETIN

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 Fort Bend and Southwest Harris 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 each year conducts classes leading to amateur radio licenses, and each month sponsors a volunteer-examiner team that offers examinations in all levels of HAM licenses.

For information about the club and any of its activities, please call Stu Lamkin, WBSIGG, (713) 777-3345.

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B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thurs, October 12	General Meeting
7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station
	(Meet at Hitching Rail for BBQ @ 6:30)
Program:	Scanner Monitoring
By:	WASOEN & KBSEXM
Thurs, November 2	Board Meeting
7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>HOUSTON AREA VEEXAM INFO: STU (MBSIGG) 713-777-3345</p>	<p>FUTURE MEETINGS: NOV 2: BOARD MEETING NOV 9: GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>FUTURE B-VARC & PUBLIC-SERVICE EVENTS: NOV 4: M.S. BICYCLE TOUR NOV 5: HAM-CON</p>	<p>NOV 11: GAAC 25K DEC. 9: GAAC 30K</p>	<p>NOTE: Nets meet weekly even if not shown</p>	<p>Please send info and corrections to the (VEEXAM) 437-4803</p>	
<p>1 W/ HOUSTON RACES 1900 hrs 146 94</p>	<p>2 ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147 30 145 47 NOVICE CLASS</p>	<p>3 10 X SHOT AMSAT 2000hrs 2200 hrs 28 488 145 45</p>	<p>4 B-VARC C.W. CODE RAG-CHEW PRACTICE 2030 hrs 2030 hrs 3 960 147 32 (Busy 43 hrs)</p>	<p>5 BOARD MEETING 1950 hrs M.C. FIRE STATION #1 (KEY MAP 570-T)</p>	<p>6 LUNCH BUNCH 1130 hrs LOCAL VARIES (CHECK IN: 442.5 OR 443.15)</p>	<p>7 C.W. B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs DENNY'S 147 32 SHARPTOWN</p>
<p>8 W/ HOUSTON RACES 1900 hrs 146 94</p>	<p>9 ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147 30 145 47 NOVICE CLASS</p>	<p>10 V.E. EXAMS 1900 hrs, STRAKE JESUIT STU (MBSIGG) 777-3345</p>	<p>11 B-VARC C.W. CODE RAG-CHEW PRACTICE 2030 hrs 2030 hrs 3 960 147 32 (Busy 43 hrs)</p>	<p>12 GENERAL MEETING 1950 hrs @ MC FS #1 PROGRAM: SCANNER MOUNT OPTIONAL BBQ @ 1800 hrs * HITTING BALL STAFFORD</p>	<p>13 LUNCH BUNCH 1130 hrs LOCAL VARIES (CHECK IN: 442.5 OR 443.15)</p>	<p>14 ALL A BIKE RIDE (NSUD) GAAC 20K (MBSULB) SIDEWALK SALE @ 0900 hrs MISSION COMMUNICATIONS</p>
<p>Midnite Bike 15 Route (Lonsda)</p>	<p>16 ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147 30 145 47 NOVICE CLASS</p>	<p>17 10 X SHOT AMSAT 2000hrs 2200 hrs 28 488 145 45</p>	<p>18 B-VARC C.W. CODE RAG-CHEW PRACTICE 2030 hrs 2030 hrs 3 960 147 32 (Busy 43 hrs)</p>	<p>19 * NOTE: DINNER BEFORE GENERAL MEETING, MAY BE AT ANOTHER LOCAL CAFE, CHECK ON 145 47</p>	<p>20 LUNCH BUNCH 1130 hrs LOCAL VARIES (CHECK IN: 442.5 OR 443.15)</p>	<p>21 C.W. B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs DENNY'S 147 32 SHARPTOWN</p>
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<p>29 J.D.F. WALK (WALK)</p>	<p>30 ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147 30 145 47</p>	<p>31 10 X SHOT AMSAT 2000hrs 2200 hrs 28 488 145 45</p>				

B-VARC BOARD DISCUSSES PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES
by Allen Mattis N5AFV

At its September meeting, the B-VARC Board of Directors discussed the upcoming schedule of public service activities. This Fall we will have many activities, and hope more B-VARC members become involved in these public service events. It is also hoped that more members will volunteer to be event chairpersons. Please let WASF, N5AFV or WN5A know if you are interested in being a chairperson for a public service event.

SUGGESTIONS FOR B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT CHAIRPERSONS

- 1) If at all possible, the communications needs of the event should be discussed with the sponsoring organization's contact person several weeks before the event. Determine the kind of communications that are needed. If the desired communications are not possible from a technical viewpoint, or are not permissible under FCC rules, explain these limitations. If the contact person has not worked with amateur radio operators in the past, he/she may not be aware of what we can and cannot do. Make sure you understand what is expected of us, and that we can realistically provide that service.
- 2) Plan in advance how communications for the event will be handled. If appropriate, request a map from the contact person that shows the layout of the event. Based on this map, and your conversations with the contact person, decide where communicators should be stationed during the event. Estimate how many persons you will need, and determine if communications will require use of a repeater, or if they can be handled on simplex.
- 3) Begin to recruit volunteers to work the event. Make note of the equipment each operator has. For example, some positions can be covered by a mobile unit, and do not require that the operator have a hand held unit. Make tentative assignments based on the operator's talents, experience, and equipment. It is usually better to have a few extra operators than not enough. Situations may occur that require operators to be shifted to unanticipated locations.
- 4) Contact each volunteer to discuss their assignment. Make sure they know when and where to meet on the day of the event. It is often best to provide some sort of written material to each participant. Such material usually includes when and where to meet, talk-in and operational frequencies, a list of the volunteers and their assignments, and a map showing the layout of the event and the locations of the communicators. At the very least, the net control station should be provided with this information.
- 5) Arrive at the event site early. Make contact with the appropriate contact person(s) to determine if there have been any last minute changes that may affect communications for the event. If T-shirts or other similar items are being provided to volunteers, pick them up at this time. The event organizers will be too busy during the event to provide such items later. Make contact with the B-VARC volunteers as they arrive, and provide them with last minute instructions, T-shirts, etc.... In some of the larger events, previous B-VARC event chairpersons have found it easier for the B-VARC volunteers to assemble a short distance away from the event in order to avoid the traffic congestion. Each event is different, and prior planning pays off.

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 1989
Submitted by Brenson Abbott KF5VZ

Balance as of July 31, 1989 \$ 1,348.39

Receipts:

	BVARC Deposit	August 26, 1989	
Cash			\$ 0.00
Check #1066	Steven H Lhamon	89 Dues	\$ 6.00
Check #1365	George K. Hickox	89 Dues+ARRL(25+6)	\$ 31.00
Check #8229	George E. Walker	89 Dues	\$ 12.00
Check #1593	Stephen E. Moyhian	89 Dues	\$ 6.00
Check #3691	Ron & Sharon Grimes	(2) 89 Dues	\$ 12.00
Check #3140	Andrew J. Blackwell	89 Dues	\$ 6.00
Check #2102	Carl Albrecht	(???????????)	\$ 45.75
Check #6292	Irene Gordon	89 Dues	\$ 6.00
Total			\$124.75

Total Receipts: 124.75

Expenses Incurred:

NONE	0.00

Total Expenses Incurred	\$ 0.00

Disbursements:

NONE	\$ 0.00

Total Disbursements	\$ 0.00

Balance as of August 31, 1989 \$ 1,473.64

73, KF5VZ

Special thanks to Bill Walker, Royalton District Manager of Warner Cable, for donating the use of their copier and supplies for printing the newsletter.

RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER 12TH EXAM:

by: Harold Parker, ND5F

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

	J	A	S
	U	U	E
	L	G	P
KF 5 VZ			X
AA 5 JW	X	X	X
KB 5 JMF	X		
N 5 OFD		X	
KA 5 MCP	X		
WB 5 YLB		X	
N 5 APW		X	X
KB 5 KKY		X	X
N 5 NTO			X
KB 5 KLY *			X
WB 5 BIR			X
			X
KB 5 DNT			X
WD 5 L	X	X	X
KB 5 JOS	X		
			X
KC 5 CP			X
N 5 KXU	X	X	
KG 5 JT	X	X	
WA 5 F		X	
KB 5 ??? *	X		X
AA 5 GA	X		X
KB 5 GUY			X
N 5 LGS	X		X
WB 4 LZG	X	X	X
KB 5 KLH *	X	X	
KB 5 ICO	X	X	X
WA 5 OEN	X	X	X
WA 5 SCE	X	X	
WD 5 JLT	X		X
			X
W 5 WVX		X	
ND 5 E		X	X
KA 5 WHK		X	X
N 5 OUT	X	X	X
WB 5 IGG	X	X	X
K 5 LTW	X	X	X
			X
? 5 ???	X		
W 5 YJ			X
N 5 AFV	X	X	X
			X
KA 5 YSL	X		
W 5 RIY		X	X
AA 5 LF		X	X
N 5 GZW	X	X	X
KA 5 BZM			X
WA 5 ETS			X
KB 5 AKS	X		
N 5 NXS			X
ND 5 F	X	X	
AK 5 G	X	X	X
KG 5 KV	X	X	
AA 5 OA *	X		X
N 5 NAS		X	
N 5 JKD		X	X
N 5 NPS		X	
WD 5 GDD		X	
N 5 ECP		X	
KA 5 TUQ	X		
KB 5 ??? *	X		X
KB 5 KJK *			X
			X
KB 5 ??? *		X	X
KB 5 EXM	X		X
	X		
	X		
	X		
KA 5 SLG	X		
KB 5 ION		X	X
N 5 MPNT	X	X	X
KB 5 EGH	X		
N 5 OFE	X	X	X
WN 5 A	X	X	X
KF 5 XQ		X	

* NEW CALL TOTAL 39 43 44

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, September 12, 1989 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

- Arvin Gardner, AA5GV
- Steve White, WB5UGT
- Mike Bergeron, NS5NH
- Stu Laakin, WB5IG6
- Irene Gordon, NS5AYX
- Cass Germany, K6SIT
- Randy Pugh, K6SUJ
- Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of twenty-eight (28) exams were administered during the evening to fourteen (14) applicants. Two (2) unlicensed candidates received their new Technician License and five (5) candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of sixteen (16) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was fifty-seven (57%) percent.

Congratulations to all the following who upgraded and/or passed exams:

- Carl Albrecht, Jr., KB5KJT - Technician
- Robert Chmielewski - Technician
- Fred Diggle - Element 2
- Richard Dumas - Technician
- William Eatwell - Element 2 & 3A
- Karen Hickman - Element 2
- Terrance Onda, KB5KJS - General
- Bill Rimmer, NSLYG - General
- Karen Shorthose - Technician
- Helvin Thatcher, KB5TON - Element 3B
- Carolyn Wilson, KB5FPO - Extra

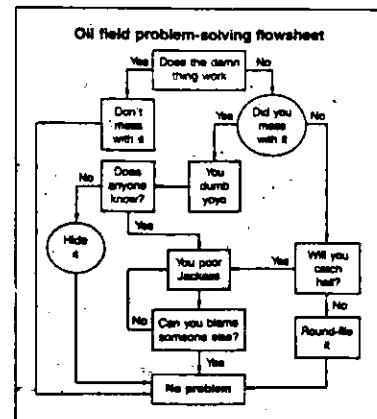
Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month.

All of us at B-VARC again thank Vincent, WA5ETS, and everyone at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

Problem Solver.

The following flowsheet, author unknown, since we think he was trying to tell us something, showed up on our desk recently. It was touted as a universal method for solving oil field or about any other business problems.

No doubt it will work, unless you get stuck in the jackass box.



1989 ACTIVITY ROSTER
 compiled by Allen Mattis NSAFV

A. HOUSTON TENNECO MARATHON	B. CHALLENGER CUP 5K
C. FINE ARTS 5K	D. MOTHER HUBBARD 5K
E. CONOCO RODEO RUN 10K	F. WOMEN'S HOSPITAL 5K
G. AZALEA RUN 5K	H. HULL AIR SHOW
I. MS-150 BIKE TOUR	J. MAGIC CIRCLE 10K
K. ALA CLEAN AIR BIKE RIDE	L. DAD'S DASH 6K
M. ARRL FIELD DAY	N. USTS TRIATHLON
O. SHAREABLE WEARABLES	P. GOLD WINGER'S RIDE
Q. TERRY FOX 5K	

Abbott, Brenson	KFSVZ	E, I
Albrecht, Carl	AA5JW	H, I
Black, Russell	KA5MCP	M
Blackwell, "AJ"	WB5YLB	B, N, Q
Borg, Gerry	NSAPW	A, B, C, E, G, H, I, M
Brown, Don	NSNTO	M
Brown, Mary Beth	KB5KKY	M
Cheek, Ralph	KB5DNT	A, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, Q
Covert, Rick	WD5L	M
Cox, Lawrence	KB5JOS	M
Dessens, Bill	NSKXU	C, G, H
Dessens, Mark	K65JT	M
Dillard, Ray	WASF	A, C, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q
Dyer, Alicia		I, M, N
Dyer, Dave	AA5GA	A, C, E, F, I, M
Dyer, Debbie	KB5GUY	A, C, I, M
Dyer, Karla	NSLGS	A, C, E, F, I, M
Edwards, Glenn	WB4LZG	A, C, D, E, H, I, K, M, N, O
Edwards, Melanie	KB5KLH	A, C, D, M, N
Edwards, Susan	KB5ICO	A, C, D, F, H, I, K, M, N, O
Eilers, Wade	WN5TEN	I
Foster, Greg	KB5IQP	H, M
Gottlieb, Steve	WA5OEN	H, M
Grimes, Ron	WA5SCE	Q
Hammer, Cindy	NSLXE	I, M
Hammer, Dave	WJSB	I, M
Harris, Ron	NSMKO	E, H
Hickox, Bill	K5BDZ	M
King, Suzanne	KB5BAY	A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I
Larkin, Stu	WB5IG6	A, M
Lance, Dave	KB5EYK	C, E, H, I
Lance, Lee	KB5EST	H
Mattis, Allen	NSAFV	B, C, E, F, H, L, M
Morrison, Henry	WSRIY	A, C, D, E, I, M, N, P, Q
Nance, Herb	NS6ZV	H, I, M
Overacker, Lawrence	KB5AKS	M
Owen, Paul	NSNXS	Q
Parker, Harold	NDSF	A, E, F, G, H, I, J, L
Pollard, Randy	AK5G	C, H, J, L, M
Prochaska, Charles	K65KV	F, M, Q
Ricketts, Robert	NSJKD	I, L, M, N, Q
Shorthose, Karen	KB5KNB	Q
Shorthose, Ron	KB5JKK	Q
Smith, Irv	KB5EXM	E, I, M
Todd-Brown, Bill	NSMPN	M
Van Demark, Jack	WNSA	D, F, H, I, J, M, O, Q
Warden, Mike	WB3HZP	A, E

UPCOMING B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR 1989
 compiled by Allen Mattis NSAFV

ACTIVITY	DATE	CHAIRPERSON
GAAC 20K	OCT 14	WB5YLB
ALAMO CHALLENGE BIKE TREK	OCT 14-15	NSJKD/KB5DNT/WASF
JUVENILE DIABETES WALK	OCT 29	WASF
MS BIKE TOUR	NOV 4	WASF
HOUSTON HAM CONVENTION	NOV 5	NDSF
GAAC 25K	NOV 11	NSAFV
GAAC 30K	DEC 9	NSAFV

B-VARC RAG CHEW NET CHECK-INS
 3.960 MHZ 8:30PM WEDNESDAY
 compiled by Allen Mattis NSAFV

AUGUST 23, 1989

NSAFV NCS, K65UJ, NSMPN, WNSA, WB5I66,
 AK5G, NSNTP, W5JNS, KASWJB, W5SXH

AUGUST 30, 1989

NSAFV NCS, K65KV, KB5DNT, NSMPN, W5RNK,
 WA5SCE, AK5G, NSNTP, WNSA, KASWJB,
 WB4LZG, KB5ICO

SEPTEMBER 6, 1989

NSAFV NCS, KB5DNT, AA5GA, KASWJB, W5RNK,
 NSMPN, WB5I66, WA5SCE, AK5G, WB4LZG,
 KB5ICO, KB5KLH, NSL6S

SEPTEMBER 13, 1989

NSAFV NCS, KB5DNT, W5RNK, NSMPN, WB5I66,
 NSNTP, WNSA, WB4LZG, KB5ICO, KB5KLH,
 WA5SCE, NSKXU, N5ECP

SEPTEMBER 20, 1989

NSAFV NCS, K65KV, WNSA, NSMPN, WB4LZG,
 AA5OA, AK5G, WA5OEN, N5ECP, KB5ICO,
 KB5KLH, WB5I66, NSNTP, WB5BIR, KB5DNT,
 NSKXU, NSNXS

VOLUNTEER EXAM SESSIONS FOR OCT. & NOV.

Following are Volunteer License exam sessions scheduled for this general area in October and November. The listing information is A. Sponsor group, B. Date & location of session, and C. Whom to call for details.

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| 1.A. Brazosport ARC
B. October 7 at Clute TX
C. Paul Webb 409-265-6439 | 5.A. Un-sponsored
B. Oct. 14 & Nov. 11
in Humble TX
C. Jim Shotwell WA5Buv
713-445-2812 |
| 2.A. Brazos Valley ARC
B. Oct. 10 & Nov. 14 in Houston
C. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG 713-777-3345 | 6.A. Un-sponsored
B. Oct. 28 in Richwood TX
c. Arvin Gardner AA5GV
409-265-0162 |
| 3.A. Houston Echo Society
B. Oct. 25 in Houston
C. Irv Block NZ5V 713-497-8750 | Note - If coming to session, call
800-324-2337 Ext. 9008
and leave name & number |
| 4.A. Sam Houston AR
B. Cleveland TX on Oct. 10
C. Sam Neal N5AF 713-592-2257 | |

NEW NOVICE CLASS

B'VARC's Fall '89 Novice License class had its first meeting at Strake Jesuit Prep. School on Monday, Sept. 11. As of the third meeting on Sept. 25 the enrollment totaled 36. They are an enthusiastic group in spite of the delay in availability of the study guide, the 8th edition of TUNE IN THE WORLD WITH Ham Radio which is now on hand. Those enrolled are:

Debra Cannon	Nick Hardy	Dawn Sinibaldi
Cheryl Carpenter	Juan Kruse	Travis Smith
Scott Collins	Thais Kruse	Brenda Waits
Ruth Decker	Michael Lay	Christopher Waits
Kirk Dixon	George McElvy	Bill Ward
Sloan Fountain	Mark McElvy	Thomas Watkins
Floyd Fox	Greg Mooney	Alan Weaver
Don Frisch	Anthony Mroczkowski	David Weaver
Jeff Garrison	Charles Pilkington	Joshua Weaver
Jim Giblin	Debbie Pilkington	Jeremy Yearout
Chris Goss	Michael Pilkington	Patrick Orlaska
Sharon Grimes	Stan Podlewski	Henry Mroczkowski

The able and dedicated instructor staff is composed of Glenn Edwards WB4LZG, Gerry Borg N5APW, and Susan Edwards KB5ICO, and will be augmented as needed and available by other Club members.

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Presidents Note:

I hope everyone is well and getting to radio as much as they desire.

It seems like only yesterday that we began 1989. Here it is October and we have been extremely busy. B-varc is sponsoring our second Novice class of the year, by the time this bulletin is mailed we will have worked 18 public service events with at least another 7 scheduled by year end and we will have conducted 10 VE sessions. Along with the regular duties associated with the operation of Houston's's finest radio club. the board has been very busy.

The events we have scheduled for the remainder of the year are some of the biggest and will require a great deal of support from our members to continue the fine job bvarc has done in the past. Among these events are HAM COM - November 3-5, three Tenneco warm-up races - Oct.14;Nov.11;& Dec.9, and the ALAMO Challenge Bike Trek October 14-15. The event chairpersons will be needing your support so please come out and help, its always fun.

Unofficially B-Varc is handling the exams this year at Ham Com. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact Harold ND5F at 464-9044.

Since Robert N5JKD resigned as recording secretary the board has done without. I am pleased to announce that Karla Dyer N5LGS will be handling the position until the end of the year.

November is election month, so start thinking of individuals that you feel would serve the club in 1990. Irv KB5EXM is running the By-laws in this issue so I will not elaborate on the process. If You are interested in running for a board position or nominating someone please get their permission first and get in touch with the nominating committee ,Dave AA5GA, George ND5E, or Harold ND5F.

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Jack WN5A