



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, WB5IGG, (713) 777-3345.

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B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

| | | |
|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| Thurs. | June 14 | General Meeting |
| | 7:30 pm | Missouri City Fire Station |
| | | Program: Lou McFadin W5DID |
| | | "Hams in Space" |
| Thurs. | July 5 | Board Meeting |
| | 7:30 pm | Missouri City Fire Station |

Allen Mattis *N5AFV*
5314 Wigton
Houston , TX 77096

June 1990

B-VARC CALENDAR

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| 3 | 1900 Harris County RACES 146.94 | 2000 ARES 147.30 2100 B-VARC Net 145.47 | 2000 10 X SHOT 28.488 2100 Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 2200 AMSAT 145.45 | 2000 B-VARC RAG-CHEW 3,960 (Busy? +3 KHz) 2100 SPECIAL EVENT NET 147.00 | 1930 BOARD MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1 | 1 Lunch Bunch Talk In: 442.5 (PL 123) | 2 0730 B-VARC Breakfast Denny's Sharps town 2030 C.W. 147.32 |
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Info/corrections to Roland

5/31/1990

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(B - V A R C)
1990 - 1991**

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B-VARC Monday Night Public Service Net
N5APW Gerry Borg

B-VARC Wednesday Night Rag Chew-Net
N5AFV Allen Mattis

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N5OUT Dick Kruse

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARRL LIAISON

WB5IGG Stu Lamkin, Chairperson
Special Service Club
ND5F Harold Parker

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Field Day
WN5A Jack Van Demark, Chairperson
N5PRP Nick Hardy
KF5VZ Brenson Abbott

Picnics
N5NAS Victor Richard and
KB5BAY Suzanne Borg, Co-Chairpersons

Transmitter Hunts
N5JKD Robert Ricketts, Chairperson
Banquet

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

KB5EXM Irv Smith, Chairperson

FINANCE

WA5OEN Steve Gottlieb, Chairperson
B-VARC Bulletin Advertising
Other Fund Raising

MEMBERSHIP

KB5ICO Susan Edwards, Chairperson
B-VARC Roster
Name Tags and Member Packets
New Members
Renewal Members

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WA5ETS Vincent Orlando, Bulletin Preparation

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N5PRC Steve Skelton, Chairperson

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

WA5F Ray Dillard, Chairperson

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Volunteer Examination Program
ND5F Harold Parker
WB5IGG Stu Lamkin
Novice Classes
WB4LZG Glenn Edwards
N5APW Gerry Borg
Initial Coordinator - Novice Class
WB5IGG Stu Lamkin

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

by Bill Dessens N5KXU

May has come and gone. These first 5 months that I have served as your President have proven to be a busy time, but they have also been eventful. I can promise you that I never realized one could spend so much time on a hobby, but I will also say that it has been a lot of fun.

The picnic, as expected, was a great success, with some 65 people in attendance. The weather cooperated beautifully, and the setting at Doug, KE5SR, and Marie's place could not have been more perfect. They are very gracious to invite us year after year.

Field Day is coming up the last weekend in June. Jack, WN5A, and his committee are busy setting this up. Looks like someone is intent on setting some records. Just remember, you read it here first. A YL station is planned, as well as packet, novice, satellite, and who knows what else. Hang on to your hats, and stay tuned. Activities at the Houston Economic Summit Special Event Station are beginning to increase, and the B-VARC influence is obvious everywhere. About 15 or more of our members are active at last count, not including those who intend to operate a station during the event. Tune in to the net on Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM at 147.00 MHz to stay current on what's happening.

The club is once again saying "thank you" to Vincent, WA5ETS, and also to Nick, N5PRP, for volunteering to assist in the production of our *B-VARC Bulletin* each month. A lot of work goes into this, too much at the present for Roland, KB5EQH, to handle alone because of his other commitments. While on the subject, we are soliciting material for the *Bulletin*, so if anyone has a pet project, idea, or anything along these lines that they would like to publish, please let us know.

Another "thank you" is appropriate, this time to Steve, WA5OEN, for agreeing to assume the responsibility for chairing the Finance Committee. Steve has already come up with a lot of good ideas, such as advertising in the *Bulletin*, changing the format, and other ideas that are being explored. More on this as things develop.

Until next month, then.

Bill, N5KXU

JUNE MEETING

by Bill Todd-Brown N5MPN

It was announced last month in the *Bulletin* that by "Popular Demand" (2 people asked for it), yours truly would present the June membership meeting program. Well, as it now stands, that is not the case. By an even greater "Popular Demand" (3 people said "please don't"), short of our new speaker not being able to be there, yours truly will not be presenting the program.

Instead, we are honored to have had Lou McFadin, W5DID, agree to be our speaker at the June 14, 1990 membership meeting. Lou's topic will be very timely with all of the current and presently planned future events relative to "Hams in Space."

Lou has been, and is today, the motivator and guiding light of "Ham Activities" from space. Ever since the first amateur communication from space, Lou has had a hand in it. Lou was further distinguished by being asked to deliver his program at the just concluded Dayton Ham-vention. So, for those of you who were unable to "make" Dayton, be sure to attend the June 14th membership meeting at 7:30 PM in the Missouri City Fire Station.

Lou always presents a lively, informative program and who knows, maybe even you or I will come away from the meeting with the necessary understanding on how to get into one of the shuttle flights by amateur voice, packet or TV.

Y'all be there, ya hear?

73, Bill N5MPN

NOTES FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

by Allen Mattis N5AFV

Greetings to you again. The last month has gone by quickly, and it is difficult for me to believe that it is now the deadline for the June B-VARC Newsletter. It is said that time flies when you are having fun, but I can also attest to the fact that time flies when you are an officer of a dynamic organization such as B-VARC.

Some of you were lucky enough to work Geri, DK8KW on the MERA repeater when he was visiting Houston. Geri was working at the Offshore

**BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
1990 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL**

Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| A. Houston Tenneco Marathon | B. Woman's Hospital 5K |
| C. Azalea Run 5K | D. MS-150 Bike Tour |
| E. Hungry Jack 50 | |

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|---------------------|--------|-----------|
| Abbott, Brenson | KF5VZ | A |
| Albrecht, Carl | AA5JW | D,E |
| Albrecht, Carl, Jr. | KB5KJT | E |
| Borg, Gerry | N5APW | A |
| Brown, Beth | N5PKW | D |
| Cheek, Ralph | KB5DNT | A,B,D,E |
| Dessens, Bill | N5KXU | C |
| Dillard, Ray | WA5F | A,B,C,D,E |
| Dyer, Karla | N5LGS | A |
| Edwards, Glenn | WB4LZG | A |
| Edwards, Melanie | KB5KLH | A |
| Edwards, Susan | KB5ICO | A,D |
| Fox, Floyd | N5PXY | A |
| Freedenberg, Henry | K5HF | A |
| Gordon, Hy | NC5A | A |
| Gordon, Irene | N5AYX | A |
| Hagerman, Dick | WB5SRN | A,D |
| Hammer, Cindy | N5LXE | D |
| Hammer, Dave | WJ5B | D |
| Hardy, Nick | N5PRP | B,C, |
| Jacobs, Bradley | KB5JON | A |
| Jacobs, Nathan | KB5KTZ | A |
| Jacobs, Travis | N5DON | A |
| Kemp, Bill | KG5CB | D |
| Kruse, Dick | N5OUT | C |
| Lamkin, Stu | WB5IGG | A |
| Lance, David | KB5EYK | D |
| Lay, Michael | N5PTN | B,D |
| Mattis, Allen | N5AFV | A |
| Morrison, Henry | W5RIY | A |
| Nance, Herb | N5GZW | A |
| Parker, Harold | ND5F | A |
| Ricketts, Robert | N5JKD | A,D |
| Ross, Joe | AA5BD | D |
| Shorthose, Ron | N5PHL | D |
| Sinibaldi, Dawn | KB5LDJ | B,C |
| Smith, Irv | KB5EXM | D |
| Van Demark, Jack | WN5A | A |
| Wade, Don | WB5IBT | A,E |
| Warden, Mike | WB3HZP | A |

Please report corrections or additions to N5AFV

Technical Conference (OTC) at his employer's exhibit, and a number of B-VARC members, including myself, were able to meet him in person. We invited Geri to the B-VARC general membership meeting, but because he had to leave at 5 PM on Thursday in order to be in 7X-land (Algeria) the next Saturday, he was unable to accept our invitation. By the way, Geri did tell me that he had his wife, who is also a ham, will be visiting Houston next year, and

I asked him to please try to make contact with B-VARC during his visit.

While at the OTC, I couldn't help but notice that there were more exhibits than I had seen at the OTC for the past few years, and it would appear that things have improved markedly in the oil patch. That is certainly good news for Houston, but unfortunately this economic upturn has not affected amateur radio. During the last few months, we have lost most of our ham radio stores here in Houston. Competition from mail order companies has been blamed, and we may be witnessing a change in how amateurs acquire their new equipment. For those of us who have been amateurs for some time, this change will take getting used to.

Let's not forget the club's preparations for Field Day. Jack Van Demark, WN5A, and his committee are finalizing plans for this year's B-VARC effort at Bear Creek Park, which will take place June 23rd and 24th. Please contact Jack and his committee if you are interested in participating.

B-VARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS

3.960 MHz 8:00pm Wednesdays

Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

April 25, 1990

N5AFV NCS, AK5G, AA50A, N5PRC, W5IHV, WB4LZG, N5ECP, N5MPN, WB5IGG, KA5DUU, N5PRP, KB5ION, N5FLQ, KB5DNT, WB5IBT, WJ5B, WB5SRN, KG5KV, KB5ICO

May 2, 1990

N5AFV NCS, N5PRP, N5ECP, WB5IBT, AA50A, N5MPN, WB4LZG, WB5IGG, W5IHV, KF5VZ, N5PRC, KB5ION, WN5A, N5KXU, KG5KV, KI5AN, KB5DNT

May 9, 1990

N5AFV NCS, N5MPN, W5IHV, KG5KV, N5PRP, KE5SR, N5KXU, AA5LF, WB5SRN, KB5KLH, WB4LZG, WA5SCE/5, KB5ION, WJ5B, N5LXE, AK5G, AA5GA, N5LGS, AA5JW, KB5DNT/M, KI5AN, N5PRC

May 16, 1990

N5AFV NCS, N5MPN, WN5A, N5PRC, WB4LZG, WB5SRN, N5FLO, N5PRP, WA5SCE, N5KXU, KG5JT, AA5GA, WB5UUK, N5LGS, W5IHV, KG5KV, KB5KNC

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to the club members for their continued support of the club's nets. The Rag Chew Net recently set a new record for the number of stations checking in to the net during the year. During 1989, a total of 61 different stations checked into the Rag Chew Net. So far this year, 66 different stations have checked in to the

net, and the year is not even half over. Thanks to all of you for supporting our nets.

That's it for this month.

73 de N5AFV

RESULTS OF MAY 8TH EXAM

by Harold Parker ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, May 8, 1990, at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

Mark Tyler, K5GQ
Cass Germany, KG5IT
Irene Gordon, N5AYX
Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Randy Pugh, AA5OA
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG
Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of thirty-five (35) exams were administered during the evening to nineteen (19) applicants. Two (2) unlicensed candidates received their new Novice Licenses, one (1) a new Technician license and one (1) a new General License. Eleven (11) other candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of twenty-nine (29) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was an exceptional eighty-three (83%) percent! A GREAT GROUP!

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

John Bumgardner, PENDING - Technician
Brit Burk, KB5MKM - Technician
John Fisher, KB5MKJ - Technician
Stephen Giller, KB5LUZ - Technician
James Gilmore - General
Christopher Good - Novice
John Good, PENDING - Technician
Jordan Kossack, KB5MAX - Technician
Cynthia Lopez, KA5SBX - Technician
Adrian Marquez, PENDING - Technician
Wannice McCarty - Technician
Roger Pokladnik, KB5LFU - General
Charles Stevens, KA5OJJ - Element 1C
Debbie Van Demark - Novice

Vernon Wanzong, PENDING - Technician
Joseph Wilson, KB5MKI - General
Paul Woodruff, N5PMD - Element 4A

The following applicants made perfect scores on some of the examinations:

Wannice McCarty - Element 1B
Charles Stevens, KA5OJJ - Element 1C
James Gilmore - Elements 3A & 3B
Jordan Kossack, KB5MAX - Element 3A
Roger Pokladnik, KB5LFU - Element 3B

Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month. It is really a pleasure to work with all of you.

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....73....

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMS

by Stu Lamkin WB5IGG

B-VARC's Volunteer Examiner Team offers exams for all classes of Amateur Radio Licenses on the second Tuesday night of each month, the next one being on June 12. We do not accept walk-ins except under duress. To pre-register for one of our sessions, please call me at (713) 777-3345 for registration procedures.

FIELD DAY

by Jack Van DeMark WN5A

Dates: June 23 and 24

Place: Bear Creek Park Pavilion #3

This year's field day should be quite an event. We will have as many as six (6) stations operating in all modes and our designation will be 4A. Different committeemen will be putting together the different stations and arranging for maximum benefit to the club for special bonus points. Vic N5NAS will be cooking barbeque Saturday afternoon. There will be



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Well done, Don; please come back.

This short review would not be complete without due appreciation being shown to the Voracious Vicar of Vacuum Packed Coffee - Uncle Vick.

73, Bill N5MPN

ATTENDANCE ROSTER 1990
B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

| | M | A | M |
|------------------|---|---|---|
| | A | P | A |
| | R | R | Y |
| William | | | X |
| Michael Brown | | X | X |
| Marge Clarke | X | X | |
| John English | | X | X |
| Colleen Gammill | X | | |
| Jim Gilmore | | | X |
| Harry Levine | X | | X |
| Frank McCoy | | | X |
| Terry McCoy | | | X |
| Mark McElvy | | | X |
| Stan Meyer | | X | |
| Cindy Sheffield | X | | |
| John Sheffield | X | | |
| Leona Warren | | X | X |
| Fefhi Cangir | X | | |
| Jack Van Demark | X | | |
| Don Busick | | | X |
| Al Mattis | X | X | X |
| Gerry Borg | | X | |
| Dave Hammer | X | X | X |
| Joe Ross | X | | |
| Bill Hickox | X | | |
| Elton Kytle | | | X |
| Earle Herbert | X | | |
| Ralph Cheek | | X | |
| Travis Jacobs | | | X |
| Scooter Pederson | X | X | |
| Larry Levy | X | | |
| Marty Smith | | | X |
| George Jolly | | | X |
| Vincent Orlando | X | X | X |
| Irv Smith | X | X | X |
| Ray Dillard | | X | |
| Harold Parker | X | X | X |
| Randy Pollard | X | X | X |
| Dave Dyer | | X | X |
| Mike Ray | | X | |
| Deborah Dyer | | X | |
| Herb Nance | X | X | |
| Don Wade | | X | X |
| Susan Edwards | X | X | X |
| Stu Lamkin | X | X | |
| Lou Kronberg | | | X |
| Henry Bell | | | X |
| Skip Little | X | | |
| Melvin Thatcher | X | X | X |
| Greg Foster | | X | |
| Robert Ricketts | X | X | |

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|--------|-------------------|----|----|----|
| KB5JMI | Kirby Lyde | X | X | |
| AA5JW | Carl Albrecht | X | X | |
| KB5JWQ | Sid Warren | | X | X |
| KB5KLY | Don Brown, Sr. | X | X | X |
| KB5KNC | Alicia Dyer | | X | |
| N5KRU | Mike Eason | | X | |
| KG5KV | Charles Prochaska | | | X |
| N5KXU | Bill Dessens | X | X | X |
| WD5L | Rick Covert | X | | X |
| KB5LDJ | Dawn Sinibaldi | X | | X |
| AA5LF | Steve Moynihan | X | X | X |
| KB5LFU | Roger Pokladnik | X | X | X |
| N5LRC | Douglas Eggleston | | X | X |
| K5LTW | Greg Lefebvre | X | | |
| KB5LUR | Ike Herrick | | X | |
| WB4LZG | Glenn Edwards | X | | X |
| WV5M | Mike Scism | X | | |
| N5MKO | Ron Harris | | X | |
| N5MPN | Bill Todd-Brown | X | X | X |
| N5NAS | Vick Richard | X | X | X |
| W5NRJ | Bill Braunig | | X | |
| N5NTO | Don Brown | X | | |
| KA5NYI | Mark McGrath | | X | |
| WB5NZF | David Gray | X | | |
| AA5OA | Randy Pugh | X | X | |
| WA5OEN | Steve Gottlieb | X | X | X |
| N5OFE | Gary Tucker | | X | X |
| N5OUT | Dick Kruse | X | X | X |
| N5OUZ | Lawrence Cox | | | X |
| N5PAA | Larry Linzer | X | X | |
| N5PHM | Tim Stanley | X | | X |
| N5PKW | Beth Brown | X | X | |
| N5PNX | Eddie Runner | X | X | |
| N5PRC | Steve Skelton | | X | |
| N5PRP | Nick Hardy | X | | X |
| N5PRQ | James Higgins | | | X |
| N5PTN | Michael Fay | | X | X |
| N5PWH | Bill Eatwell | X | | |
| KB5PXY | Floyd Fox | X | | X |
| WB5QCI | Judith Comstock | | X | |
| WB5SHU | Clem Winford | X | | |
| WB5SRN | Dick Hagerman | X | X | X |
| N5TC | Tom Comstock | | X | |
| KB5UE | Terry Harrison | X | | |
| WA5UZB | Alan Cross | | X | |
| KF5VZ | Brenson Abbott | | | X |
| KA5WJB | Lee Shull | X | | |
| W5WVX | Ed Harwell | X | X | X |
| WB5YDD | Bill Clarke | X | X | |
| KA5YSL | Rick Meyer | X | X | |
| WB5YWS | Howard | | | X |
| WA5ZIB | Andy MacAllister | X | | |
| KF5ZL | Bob White | | X | |
| TOTAL: | | 55 | 56 | 51 |

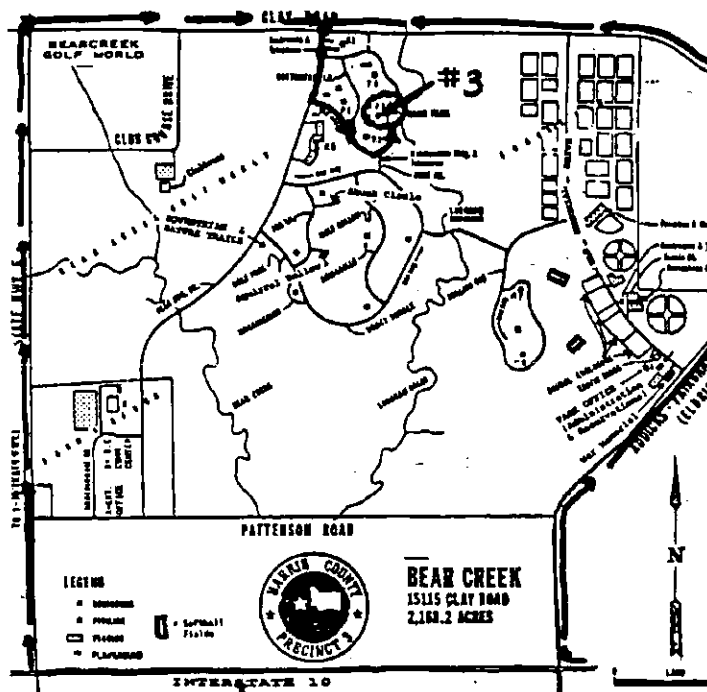
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For information please contact Nick Hardy, N5PRP at 784-3061 or myself at 495-1121 for further details or assistance.

73 and y'all come!
Jack WN5A

See map below of Bear Creek Park for field day location.



SPRING '90 NOVICE COURSE ROUNDUP

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG

Another of the Club's fine Novice Courses has been completed, and we are pleased to report that, under the guidance of Glenn WB4LZG, and Gerry N5APW, and Susan KB5ICO, the following are waiting for their new HAM TICKETS:

In the belief that the percentage of new hams will be increased, we plan to extend the course a couple of weeks beginning with the Fall '90 schedule which will have its first class meeting on Monday, September 10. More about that later.

| STUDENT NAME | LICENSE CLASS |
|-------------------|---------------|
| William Abbott | Novice |
| Jim Bledsoe | Novice |
| John Bumgardner | Technician |
| Dorothy Cooney | Novice |
| Chris Good | Novice |
| John Good | Technician |
| Fred Habib | Novice |
| A. Gerald Marquez | Technician |
| Jim Mulder | Novice |
| Mary Ann Pearce | Novice |
| Debbie Van Demark | Novice |
| Doug Vandevere | Novice |
| Vern Wanzong | Technician |

JULY SOCIAL

by Bill Todd-Brown N5MPN

This is May, soon to be June. It is hot. It is humid. It is going to get hotter and more humid. The Dog Days of another Houston summer will soon be upon us.

By the time that the July 12 membership meeting rolls around, Field Day will have happened and all that will be left of it is memories, mosquito, tick and chigger bites. So what could be more fitting to relieve the itch, relive the memories and beat the heat than an Ice Cream Social in an air-conditioned hall!

Dick, N5OUT, will be hosting, coordinating and begging for help for the July soiree. For those of you that we were unable to bring in on the last feed (March Slumgullion blow-out), please, PLEASE, PLEASE call Dick at 530-0470 and volunteer to make and bring a gallon or two of home made ice cream. Dick needs at least 10 gallons and so far only 3 people have volunteered.

We are trying hard to bring the newer members and the less active members into participation in the satisfaction of being a contributing principal in the club's activities. So, if you have a freezer, notify

Dick by phone and bring it full of your favorite flavor to the July 12th meeting.

Please, folks, not only is it a shame to see a grown man cry—it is even worse to see Dick attempt to curl into the fetal position when he is in utter frustration. So call Dick, see Dick run, see Spot run—just volunteer by calling 530-0470.

73, Bill N5MPN

• Economic Summit Special Events Station by Bill Dessens N5KXU

There has been a lot of discussion about the special events station, both within B-VARC and between and within other ham radio clubs within the Greater Houston area. Because of these discussions, and rumors, I feel that I should set the record straight.

B-VARC initially decided to look into hosting a special events station at the suggestion of Steve, N5PRC, to me, back in March of this year. I thought it was an excellent idea, and quickly communicated the idea to several other people who shared Steve's and my enthusiasm. We soon learned that Al, KK5W, at the M D Anderson club station had the same idea, and it was suggested that we combine forces and invite hams from all the surrounding clubs to participate. It was suggested that a good site would be the hospital because of their willingness to fund our efforts, and there would be no parking problem or expense to operators, in that all our covered parking tickets would be validated. Also, this club has an operating station with excellent facilities (antennas, radios, etc.) whereas most clubs do not. Together, Al, Tom, K5CNU, Elton, NO5C and I began by writing a letter to 32 Houston Area clubs with our plans and invited all clubs to work together, with **no one club or set of individuals** to stand out from the rest. This was to be an effort of and by the Houston Area ham community. We also decided to try to have a special call, W90ES, approved by the FCC. Of course, we met with very positive results and enthusiasm from area clubs, and began having meetings, formed several committees, started a net, and went to work.

We arranged a breakfast meeting with Mr. Peter Roussel who is Communications Director for the Summit Host Committee, and who is also a ham, K5JCC. He promised to help all he could. We then

found out that Mr. Roussel subsequently had a meeting with an "Executive Committee" of the Echo Society, and they decided to have their own special events station. Their president came to one of our Saturday morning meetings and, in effect, tried to persuade those present to assist Echo in their efforts, and to establish the primary station at the Kirby Mansion located at 2000 Smith Street. He indicated that parking there would be no problem in that they could obtain reserved parking for "about 2 vehicles." Knowing the traffic problems that are likely to be inherent with the enormity of an occasion such as this, we feel that this parking arrangement is woefully inadequate. At any rate, the gentleman from Echo met with considerable resistance, to say the least, from those present at that meeting, and from discussions in subsequent meetings. The general consensus is that, after all the hard work and progress that we had shown, their perceived effort to "take over" was much resented, even by other members of the Echo Society.

We still do not have a favorable response to our request for the special call, but if we don't get it, we will simply use another call. At any rate, we are definitely proceeding with our original plans, and everything will be accelerated and formed up with the next 3 or 4 weeks. We will keep you informed on the nets and at meetings.

Bill, N5KXU

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

by Bill Todd-Brown N5MPN

What can I say? We learned, we laughed, we socialized, drank coffee and had a good time. The attendance was good, we had all chairs full, some standing and some sitting on the floor. And after the conclusion of the meeting, one of the most gratifying things was the throng of people that stayed around for over an hour to chat with our speaker and socialize with each other. That is what a "Ham Club" is supposed to be like!

Our speaker, Don Busick, K5ADD, did a superb job. His knowledge of equipment is unquestioned. His "Wit and Wisdom" was magnificently attested to by the silence of interest and the laughter of spontaneity.