



# 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.

To obtain information about the club and its various activities, please call the Houston Amateur Radio Helpline (713) 488-4HAM (488-4426). For information about joining the club, contact Randy Pollard AK5G: residence 729-6484 or work 224-3930.

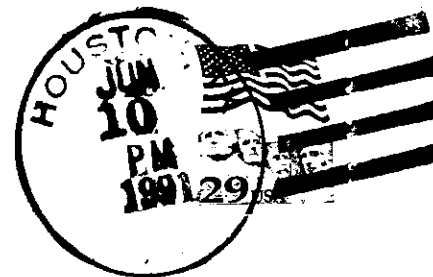
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## B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

**Thurs, June 13** General Meeting  
7:30 pm Sugar Land Community Center<sup>f</sup>  
226 Matlage Way  
*SAREX: Hams in Space*  
by Lou McFadden W5DID

**Thurs, July 4** Board Meeting  
7:30 pm Missouri City Fire Station

<sup>f</sup> See Map Inside

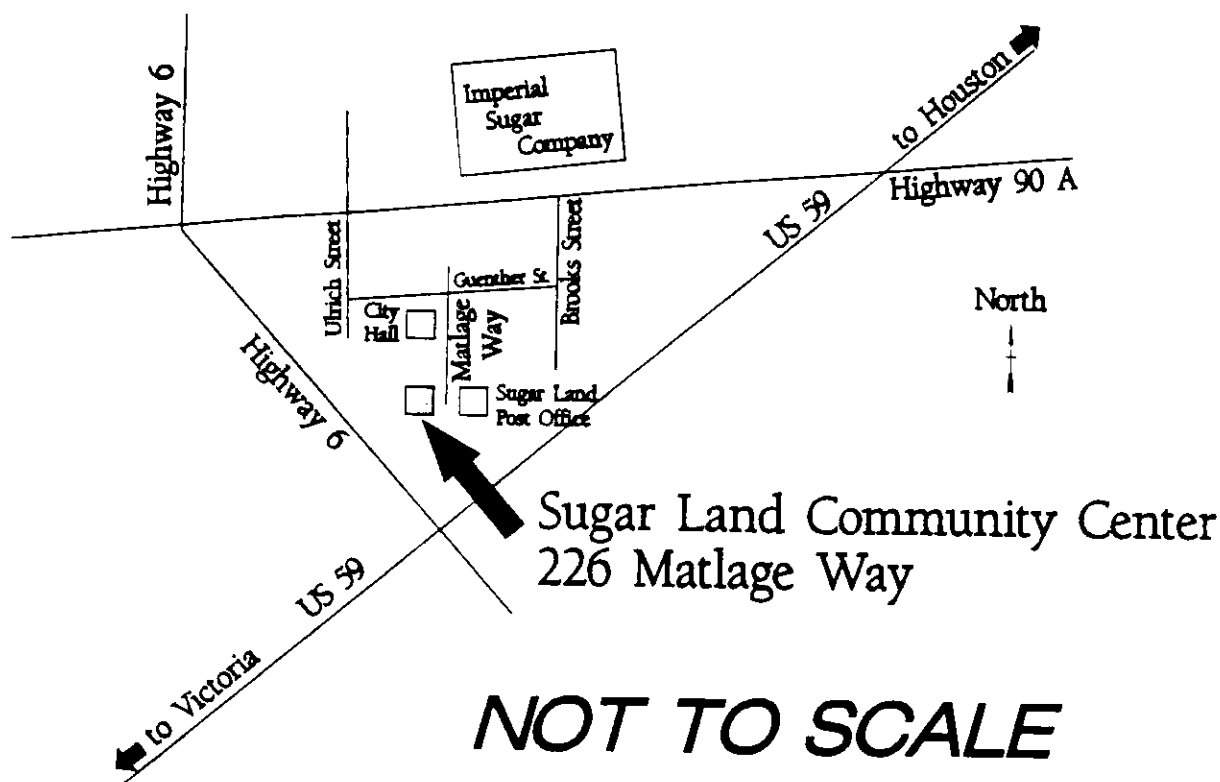
Allen Mattis N5AFV  
5314 Wigton  
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# June 1991

## B-VARC CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b>	1:30pm Texas State RACES Net 7.248 7:00pm Harris County RACES 146.94 7:30pm South Texas ARES Net 3.873	<b>3</b> 7:30pm 34-94 Swap Net 146.94 8:00pm ARES 147.30 8:00pm Ft. Bend County RACES Net 145.47 9:00pm B-VARC Net 145.47	<b>4</b> 8:00pm 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00pm Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00pm AMSAT 146.82	<b>5</b> 8:00pm B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) + 3 KHz)	<b>6</b> 6:30pm RACES AMTOR Net 7.090 7:30pm Board Meeting: Missouri City Fire Station #1	<b>7</b> Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5/145.47	<b>1</b> 7:30am B-VARC Breakfast 9:00am Houston Emergency Management Net 146.84 8:30pm C.W. 147.32
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**Please Note New Meeting Location  
Beginning June 13th!**



**Notes From The President . . .**  
by Al Mattis, N5AFV

Greetings to you again. Another month has come and gone, and we are now entering the summer period when participation in our club activities usually drops off. Attendance at meetings, check-ins to our nets, and club participation in general drops off for several months during the summer. One activity this month that I hope will actually show an increase in participation is ARRL Field Day on June 22nd and 23rd. Randy Pollard, AK5G, and his committee have been working on this project for several months, and this year's B-VARC effort promises to be a lot of fun. So plan to join us at Bear Creek Park, Shelter #3, and please bring any interested friends or family members.

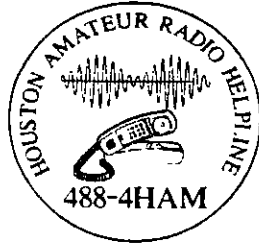
Another important Texas amateur radio event will have occurred by the time you receive this *Bulletin*. The Ham-Comm '91 Convention in Arlington will be held June 7-9th. For those of you who are members of Ten Ten International, this year's Ham-Comm will also host the third national convention for that organization. Look for me at the Ten Ten Hospitality

Room. If you are a Houston S.H.O.T. member be sure to come by the chapter table and receive a special S.H.O.T. upgrade in recognition of your attendance at the convention.

At our last membership meeting, the hat was passed to raise money for an upcoming balloon launch experiment utilizing amateur radio. Club members donated a total of \$52. B-VARC recently received a very nice letter from Burns Cleland thanking those club members who donated money to help fund the Houston Balloon Launch Team. The recent launch on May 11th was a double header. The first balloon reportedly encountered problems, hit a building shortly after release, and had a fairly short flight. The package was recovered, checked out, and re-launched aboard a second balloon later in the day. This flight reached an altitude of over 91,000 feet. Many area hams participated in tracking and monitoring the balloon.

How many of you met Jim Heil, KB5AWM, at our last membership meeting? Jim is the driving force behind the Houston Amateur Radio Helpline. The B-VARC Board of Directors recently approved club

support of this very worthwhile endeavor. The Helpline number is 488-4HAM, and it is in operation 24 hours a day. The Helpline, which provides information about amateur radio to both hams and non-hams, receives approximately 300 calls each month.



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Before I close for this month, I want to thank all the club members who have come forward to help us out. We have had a number of different members help with net control duties for the Public Service Net. At our membership meetings, many members have pitched in and helped set up and take down chairs and tables. Other members have also pitched in at various times when needed. On behalf of all the club's officers and directors, I thank you for your continued support. It is this spirit and teamwork that sets B-VARC apart from many other amateur radio clubs.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you at the June meeting.

73 de N5AFV

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### Meeting Recaps

by Steve Shirk, N5SDL

Electricity is your friend. It can also be your deadly enemy. At the May meeting, Raborn Reader showed us slides of potential electrical hazards in and around our homes and some of what will happen if we are not careful. From now on when I put up a tower, I'll be paying a lot more attention to power lines and drop lines. It is a lesson that most of us take for granted. I will have extra brochures at the June meeting.

The June meeting will be an interesting one too. Our guest speaker will be Lou McFadden W5DID to speak on the SAREX experiments for the recent Space Shuttle flights. Lou will have slides and video to show us and some very interesting stories to tell. See you there . . .

73's Steve (N5SDL)

### B-VARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS

3.960 MHz 8:00 pm Wednesdays

Compiled by Melvin Thatcher KB5ION

*May 1, 1991*

KB5ION NCS, N5MPN, N5AFV, W5IHY, WA5SCE, N5QMY, N5QCE, KB5LFU, N5KXU, WA5ETS

*May 8, 1991*

KB5ION NCS, W5IHY, N5MPN, N5FNA, N5AFV, KB5LFU, WA5SCE, N5ECP, KB5DNT, WB5SRN, KG5KV, N5QCE, N5KXU, N5RZJ, AK5G, N5SDL, N5SJQ

*May 15, 1991*

KB5ION NCS, N5MPN, KG5KV, WB5SRN, N5AFV, WB5IGG, N5PRP, KI5CE, N5ECP

*May 22, 1991*

KB5ION NCS, N5MPN, N5QCE, WB5SRN, KB5DNT, N5AFV, KC5CP, WB5IGG, W5IHY, WA5SCE, WA5ETS, N5ECP, AK5G, KG5KV

*May 29, 1991*

KB5ION NCS, W5IHY, KB5DNT, N5MPN, N5AFV, N5FNA, WN5A, KG5KV, N5QCE, WA5ETS, N5JBL

### Results of the May Amateur Exams

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were given on two occasions this past month.

Exams were administered to B-VARC's Novice Class on Monday evening, May 6, 1991, at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston by Jack, WN5A, and Harold, ND5F. Melanie, KB5KLH, assisted with the organization of the testing materials.

A total of thirty-two (32) Novice Element exams were offered to seventeen (17) members of the class. Three (3) candidates passed both Element 1A and 2 to receive their new Novice Licenses. A total of sixteen applicants passed nineteen (19) elements for an overall "pass rate" of fifty-nine (59%) percent.

Many of these candidates who passed Element 2 are looking forward to receiving their new "no-code" Technician License by passing Element 3A at the V.E. Exam Session.

Congratulations to all the following who earned a Novice License or passed an exam:

Billy Clemmons — Element 2  
 Francisco Cruz — Element 2  
 Ronald Earl — Element 2  
 Vincent Emmittee — Element 2  
 Christine Harris — Element 2  
 Janette Hays — Element 2  
 Max Hays — Element 2  
 Paula Holcombe — Element 2  
 Clifton King — Element 2  
 Thomas Kirages — Element 1A  
 Jakub Miketta — Novice  
 Gregory Reaves — Element 2  
 Cy Schaadt — Novice  
 Raymond Sells — Element 2  
 Melvin Smith — Element 2  
 Joseph Williams — Novice

Glenn Edwards, WB4LZG, and Gerry Borg, N5APW, have done another great job teaching this Novice Class and preparing another great group of new hams! Please let them know how much we appreciate their efforts.

The second series of exams was the regular monthly session given on Tuesday evening, May 14, 1991.

**The V.E. Team**

Ray Dillard, WA5F  
 Henry Morrison, W5RIY  
 Harold Parker, ND5F

**Assistants**

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW  
 Bob Brigham, N5SJR  
 Cass Germany, KG5IT  
 Irene Gordon, K5AYX  
 Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG  
 Joe Ross, AA5BD  
 Tony Stevens, N5LSQ

A total of seventy-four (74) exams were administered during the evening to forty-five (45) applicants. Twenty-three (23) unlicensed candidates received their new licenses: two (2) Novices and twenty-one (21) Technicians. Fifteen (15) were new "No-Code" licenses. Seven (7) other candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of fifty-six (56) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was seventy-six (76%) percent.

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

Randall Bonin — Technician  
 Duc Browning, N5HKZ — General  
 Francisco Cruz — Technician  
 Tony Cypert — Technician  
 Thomas Davis, W5SIB — Extra  
 Ronald Earl — Technician  
 Vincent Emmitte — Technician

Jessie Estrella — Element 2  
 Stephen Gaines — Element 2  
 George Gayle — Technician  
 Janette Hays — Technician  
 Max Hays — Technician  
 Paula Holcombe — Technician  
 Walter Hoover, KB5OVJ — General  
 George Hughes — Technician  
 Clifton King — Technician  
 Robert King — Technician  
 Karl Kinley — Technician  
 Thomas Kirages — Novice  
 Harvey Krieg — Technician  
 Mark Mapes — Element 2  
 Pat McColloster, KB5OHI — General  
 Jakub Miketta, Pending — Technician  
 Casey Mumpire — Novice  
 Marc Newman, N5SLG — Element 4A  
 Raymond Peacoe, KB5OHM — Technician  
 Steven Pittman — Technician  
 Iloe Richardson — Element 2  
 Frank Sanders, N5SPZ — Technician  
 Cy Schaadt, Pending — Technician  
 Richard Schneble — Technician  
 Ronald Schneider, N5RBC — General  
 Raymond Sells — Technician  
 Gary Seymour, WA5TQW — Extra  
 James Sumerlin, N5RKM — General  
 Reymundo Villarreal — Element 2  
 Mark Widerstrom — Technician  
 Joseph Williams, Pending — Technician  
 Jayce Wolf — Technician

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.

73's ... ND5F

**B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting  
 Action & Comments, May 2, 1991**

by Dick Kruse, N5OUT, Recording Secretary

Cash on hand in the club treasury is \$2,711.03.

Three new members have paid their dues. We now have 166 club members.

The *World Radio* magazine Gift Certificates have arrived, and a subscription will be given away at the next regular meeting.

Twelve SASE's have been sent to *World Radio* so that will send us new calls licensed in our area and change of address of existing Hams.

Information about B-VARC has been submitted for use by Ham Radio Helpline. We received a promotional brochure from them and have made 300 copies. They are attempting to get permission to place the brochures in local Radio Shack stores.

The Sidewalk Sale held on the third Saturday of each month was adopted by the club as an official B-VARC club sponsored event. Bill Hickox, K5BDZ, will be the Chairman of this monthly event.

One hundred dollars (as in past years) was invested as seed money with Houston Hamvention for the event to be held in November. A 25% return was earned last year.

A letter was received from the Fort Bend Parks and Recreation department stating that only fifty-five people and nine tables would be allowed in our meeting room at the Fire Station. Since this will not allow us to have certain functions or accomodate growth of the club, Ralph Cheek, KB5DNT, volunteered to chair a committee to look for a new meeting place. Bill Dessens, N5KXU, volunteered to assist in the search.

A letter written to ARRL requesting assistance in the organization of our club's fifteenth anniversary next year was returned with brief notes in the margins, but with no assistance offered. The intent is to make this anniversary very special.

The Rules Committee's recommendation to change the Dr. Bill award was returned to the committee for additional study. The following change will be made in the written criteria for awarding the Order of the Key award: "The Order of the Key is the highest honor to be conferred by B-VARC."

The Field Day committee is meeting May 14th. All is going well.

Due to static, the Rag Chew Net has not been going well. However, fourteen did check in one night.

The M. D. Anderson Hospital 5K Run was very successful even though it rained.

A special list will be made in the *Bulletin* to acknowledge those that participate in other Ham events even though they are not official B-VARC approved functions.

The July club meeting will be an Ice Cream Social with videos of Field Day.

A letter addressed to the ARRL from Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, was read. It contains our renewal report for continued Special Service Club status.

The Novice Class ended May 6th. Twenty-six students have been attending the class.

### 1991 B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Compiled by Stephen Dunkelberger N5JBL

- A. Houston Tenneco Marathon
- B. Woman's Hospital 5K Classic
- C. M.D. Anderson 5K Run/Walk
- D. American Lung Bike Ride

Borg, Gerry	N5APW	A,C
Chambers, Marion	KB5PAJ	B,D
Chambers, Michael	N5QCE	A,B,D
Cheek, Ralph	KB5DNT	A,B,C,D
Deaktor, Steve	WA3PMT	C
Dessens, Bill	N5KXU	C,D
Dunkleberger, Steve	N5JBL	A,C,D
Dyer, Alicia	KB5KNC	C
Dyer, David	AA5GA	C
Dyer, Debra	KB5GUY	C
Dyer, Karla	N5LGS	C
Edwards, Glenn	WB4LZG	A
Edwards, Susan	KB5ICO	A
Freedenberg, Henry	N5HF	A
Garland, Trey	KB5OEE	A
Gordon, Hy	NC5A	A
Gordon, Irene	N5AYX	A
Grimes, Ron	WA5SCE	C
Grimes, Sharon	N5RQO	C
Hagerman, Dick	WB5SRN	A,D
Harris, Ron	N5MKO	D
Lance, David	KB5EYK	C
Mattis, Allen	N5AFV	B,C
Morrison, Henry	W5RIY	A,B,D
Nance, Herb	N5GZW	A
Orlando, Vincent	WA5ETS	A
Parker, Harold	ND5F	A
Pokladnik, Roger	KB5LFU	B,D
Shirk, Steven	KB5OLF	A,C,D
Smith, Irv	KB5EXM	C
Stanley, Tim	N5PHM	A
Van Demark, Jack	WN5A	A
Wade, Don	WB5IBT	A,B
Warden, Mike	WB3HZP	A
White, Bob	KF5ZL	A
Winford, Clem	WB5SHU	A

Please report corrections or additions to N5JBL

# 1991 ATTENDANCE ROSTER B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

	M	A	J
	A	P	U
	R	R	N
Kathy Edwards		✓	
Susanna Friedman	✓	✓	✓
Clifton King	✓	✓	✓
Jakub Miketta		✓	
Terri McRae	✓	✓	
Tory Onda		✓	
Matthew Pollard	✓	✓	
Stuart Ross	✓		
Gene Russell	✓		
Ray Sells			✓
Jack Van Demark	✓		
Al Mattis	✓	✓	✓
Gerry Borg			✓
Tom Morton	✓		
Jim Heil			✓
Dave Hammer	✓		
Emmett Jackson	✓		✓
Bill Kemp	✓		
Earle Herbert		✓	
Larry Stenger	✓		
Glenn Lewis			✓
Sam Wilson	✓	✓	✓
Ken McAninch	✓		
Ralph Cheek	✓	✓	✓
Vincent Orlando	✓	✓	✓
Irv Smith	✓	✓	✓
Ray Dillard			✓
Harold Parker	✓		✓
Terry Onda	✓	✓	
Ron McDonald	✓	✓	
Randy Pollard	✓	✓	
William Wilson			✓
Herb Nance	✓		✓
Mike Strong	✓		
Gary Garrison	✓		
Don Wade	✓	✓	✓
Stu Lamkin	✓	✓	✓
Lou Kronberg		✓	
Melvin Thatcher	✓	✓	✓
Stephen Dunkelberger	✓	✓	✓
Robert Ricketts		✓	
Carl Albrecht	✓		
Fred Juch	✓		
Melanie Edwards		✓	
Don Brown, Sr.	✓		✓
Alicia Dyer		✓	
Charles Prochaska	✓	✓	✓
Bill Dessens		✓	✓
Dawn Sinibaldi		✓	✓
Steve Moynihan	✓	✓	✓
Roger Pokladnik	✓	✓	✓
Glenn Edwards	✓	✓	
Bill Todd-Brown	✓	✓	✓
Mark Fields	✓		
Vick Richard		✓	
Joe Bly			✓
Steve Gottlieb	✓	✓	✓
Stephen Shirk			✓
Dick Kruse	✓	✓	✓
Lawrence Cox			✓
Marion Chambers			✓
Tim Stanley		✓	
Harry Levine	✓	✓	✓
Steve Skelton		✓	
Nick Hardy		✓	✓
Michael Chambers			✓
Jim Gilmore	✓	✓	
Jordan Kossack	✓		
Sharon Grimes		✓	
Richard Bearden	✓		✓

N5SAX	Kevin Lyons	✓		
WA5SCE	Ron Grimes		✓	
N5SDL	Stephen Shirk	✓	✓	✓
WB5SHU	Clem Winford	✓		
N5SJQ	Paul Flesher		✓	
N5SJR	Bob Brigham			✓
N4SKR	Garlen Marshall	✓	✓	
WB5SRN	Dick Hagerman		✓	✓
N5STD	Doug Barrett			✓
N5TBI	Max North			✓
KA5TOQ	Don Schexnaider	✓		
WB5TTS	Steven Garrett	✓		
WB5VYR	Chuck Taylor	✓		
WB5YDD	Bill Clarke			✓
KA5YSL	Rick Meyer		✓	
WA5ZIB	Andy MacAllister	✓		
TOTAL:		52	45	42

## Hurricane Season is Approaching by Al Mattis, N5AFV

The 1991 hurricane season began June 1st, and we are hearing predictions of an active tropical weather season. Many amateur radio operators provided assistance to their communities during past hurricanes and tropical storms, but there are others who did not. It wasn't that these operators didn't want to help. They even volunteered on local nets to assist if needed, but some of these volunteers found their offers of assistance declined.

The problem was that these amateur operators were not affiliated with their local ARES or RACES groups. The ARES and RACES groups participate in nets and training drills year round. When an emergency situation develops, these emergency groups are ready to respond with a trained group of volunteers. It is too late to train new members when a hurricane enters the Gulf. For that reason, last minute offers of assistance from radio operators not affiliated with ARES or RACES are sometimes turned down.



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Many of these radio amateurs feel anger or disappointment when their offers of assistance are declined. I can understand their feelings from personal experience. I once volunteered to assist after a flood struck Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1978. I had only been licensed for a few months, and because I had not been active in the local RACES group, my offer was declined. I joined the local RACES group the next month.

I encourage any members of B-VARC who are not active in ARES or RACES to become affiliated with these groups. The next time our community is facing a disaster, don't feel like you are on the outside looking in. Fort Bend County, Harris County, and the City of Houston have active ARES/RACES programs, and many B-VARC members participate in them. Now is the time to become involved in these groups.

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### July *Bulletin* Deadline

Articles and other material destined to be printed in the May issue of the B-VARC *Bulletin* should be submitted by no later than June 28th. Please give such to Vincent Orlando WA5ETS; 8900 Bellaire Boulevard; Houston, Texas 77036-4699 or FAX (713) 774-6427.

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### Field Day — June 22-23

by Randy Pollard, AK5G

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will have Field Day on June 22-23, 1991, at shelter 3 in Bear Creek Park. All are welcome, and please feel free to bring interested friends.

Talk in will be on 145.47 MHz. If you would like to help with the radios, please call Steve N5PRC at 444-5824. If you would like to help with the food, please call Jack WN5A at 495-1121. In any event, plan to attend. **Radio, Food, and Fun!**

Any questions? Call Randy AK5G at 729-6484.

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Ronald McDonald House  
Demonstration Project

**DATE:** May 7, 1991

**SUBJECT:** ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

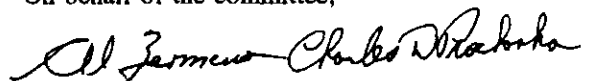
There are many worthy public service causes that require the unified efforts of the greater community of amateur radio operators. A recent example was the very successful special event station for the World Economic Summit in which over 200 licensed operators and tens of others participated in a "world class" event.

Now, plans are being drawn and arrangements made to bring the joys and benefits of short-wave broadcast reception and amateur radio communications to the children and resident families staying at Ronald McDonald Houses in the Houston/Galveston area. This demonstration project may well become an enduring public service across the nation. Our goals will be to promote education by introduction to amateur radio, provide much needed therapeutic entertainment and enhance health and welfare communications for the deserving residents of Ronald McDonald Houses. No group of citizens, other than amateur radio operators, have the special talents, training and equipment to better fulfill these needs of our fellow man.

Please join your fellow hams to plan, setup and staff the committees, work parties and operating positions needed to serve our country through helping the children and their families of Ronald McDonald Houses. If you are interested, please indicate your intentions by answering the questionnaire on the reverse side of this letter and/or attending our project organizational meeting on Saturday, June 29, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. at the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Texas. Talk-in frequency, 146.820.

The success of this project will depend on the level of participation that we, as amateur radio operators offer to the special needs of these children.

On behalf of the committee,

  
Al Zermeno, KK5W, Charles Prochaska, KG5KV

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## Ronald McDonald House Demonstration Project

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check the appropriate box(s):*

I am interested in being

- a committee member
- a work party member (antenna installation, etc.)
- an operator

I wish to participate at the

- Ronald McDonald House HOUSTON, TEXAS
- Ronald McDonald House GALVESTON, TEXAS
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to:*

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center  
1515 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77030

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