



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, as well as information about joining the club, contact Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN, at (713) 859-6512.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

From: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 1630
Missouri City, Texas 77459



Renew your Membership for 1994 if you haven't already!!

B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 10 7:30 pm	General BVARC Membership Meeting - Sugar Land Community Center
Friday, May 5 7:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting Sugar Land Community Center

Allen Mattis N5AFV
5314 Wigton Drive
Houston, TX 77096



B-VARC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 7:30 PM A.R.E.S. Net 147.30	4 7:30 PM 34-94 Swap Net 146.94 8:00 PM Fort Bend County Emergency Net 145.49 9:00 PM BVARC Net 145.47 & Linked Repeaters	5 8:00 PM 10-10 SHOT Net 28.488 10:00 PM AMSAT 147.10	6 8:00 PM B-VARC Rag Chew 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	7 7:30 PM B-VARC Board Meeting: Sugar Land Community Center	8	9 7:30 AM B-VARC Breakfast 8:30 AM CW on 147.32 9:00 AM Hou. Emer- gency Management NET 146.84 (9:30 on 3.905)
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Please report any changes or corrections to Kelley Hughes, N5ULZ, 499-9806

Notes From the President

by Doug Holley, KE5SR

Our February weather caused many problems for our BVARC general meeting; yet, March and April are so fully scheduled with events and activities, we wonder how we can keep up.

At our March 10 meeting, we had the honor of having our Army M.A.R.S. team provide the program. Our special thanks go out to Bill Morgan, AB5FF, Ken Winkler, KA5ARU, Jim Fauver, NY5H, and Lance Gordon, W5UNY, all of ARMY M.A.R.S.. Until the presentation, I had little knowledge of any of the M.A.R.S. programs, but was greatly enlightened and inspired by the presentation. A special thanks to their entire team for their time and information.

Also at the March meeting, the membership voted to amend the club by-laws, raising the annual general membership dues from \$12 to \$16 per year. Nearly 3/4 of the members voted in favor of changing the by-laws dues requirement. If you have already paid your \$12 for 1994 dues, don't worry about any additional dues. All dues will still be prorated quarterly as before, and additional family members will remain at \$2. Judging from the dues rates of the different club newsletters we receive, I think our \$16 is less than most of the other area clubs.

By the time this newsletter will be out, we will have had our K-to-Run Run, our M.S. walk, our Bluebonnet ride, and our BVARC campout. I apologize that these announcements were late and I promise to keep you better informed in the future. We did not prepare our yearly events calendar until the March 3 Board meeting.

Of importance, and it's not too late, BVARC is starting a Novice/Technician theory class March 21 at Strake Jesuit School. The classes will begin promptly at 7:00 PM, so all interested parties please plan to attend. Lots of individual help will be available, so we look forward to seeing you there. After the conclusion of the theory classes, those interested in continuing with the five and thirteen WPM code classes can continue.

Other coming events include Allen Crons, our ARRL Area Section Manager speaking at our program for the April 14 general meeting. I think this will be very informative and hope you can attend.

April 23-24 we have our big MS150 Bike Ride coming up. This ride is from Houston to Austin with an overnight stopover. I made this ride once and found it fun and rewarding—and I almost died! So be in good shape, because this is a serious ride.

The Pearland Hamfest will be held April 30. I have little details yet, but Claude Sessions, K5HFY, is your information contact on details. May 1st we have the ALA ride coming up and you need to contact Mike Hardwick, N5VCX for details.

BVARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS
3:00 MHz 8:00pm Wednesdays
Compiled by Mel Thatcher, KB5ION

March 2, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), WN5A, K15SC,
KB5PAJ, WA5OEN, N5YKR, N5RNR,
N5CPA, N5UJG, KE5SR, W5EFB, N5OAC,
W5J73TW, KB5ZRV, N5AFV, WB6RJA

March 9, 1994

N5CPA (Net Control), W5GHK, K15SC,
KB5ZRV, KE5SR, KB5ION, W5EFB,
KD4KEP, K5KND, K5SW, AB5OK, KB5PAJ,
N5YKR, WN5A, N5UJG

March 16, 1994

WN5A (Net Control), W5EFB, KB5ION,
W5IHY, KB5TIB, W5GHK, K15SC, KB5PAJ,
AB5OK, KB5LFU, KE5SR, N5CPA

March 23, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), N5AFV, K15SC,
KB5PAJ, N5OAC, N5CPA, N5ECP,
WA5OEN, K5SW, W5EFB, W5GLD, AB5OK,
KB5ZRVIAA, W5IHY, N5KQJ, WN5A

March 30, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), N5OAC, K15SC,
N5CPA, KE5SR, KB5PAJ, W5GLD, W5EFB,
WA5OEN, K5KQV, W5IHY, N5KQJ

Field Day this year will be held June 25-26 at Bear Creek Park, Pavilion #3. If water is a problem at this site, an alternate nearby site has been reserved. The alternate site will be Katy Park, Pavilion #3. Both sites have trees, cover, and restrooms. Katy Park is located at 24927 Morton Ranch Road near Bear Creek.

73's and good DX,
Doug Holley, KE5SR

I Speak - .- .-

Randy Pollard, AK5G

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B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting

March 3, 1994

by Bud King, N5UOG

A quorum of the BVARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on March 3, 1994. This was the third meeting of the Board for the 1994 calendar year. The following Board members were present: Doug Holley, KE5SR; Mel Thatcher, KB5ION; Betty Wilcox, WA0TEN; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Victor Richard, N5NAS; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS; and Bud King, N5UOG.

President Holley opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The minutes of the February Board meeting were submitted by Bud King and unanimously approved. The Club Treasurer, Sam Wilson, reported a balance of \$3,861.04 in the treasury as of February 28. The Treasurer's report was also unanimously approved.

Mel Thatcher reported on the activities of the Wednesday night "Rag Chew Net". On Wednesday the Net was held simultaneously on two separate frequencies by Mel and Sam Wilson. A total of 17 check-ins made the efforts of the two net controllers worthwhile.

Vincent Orlando stated that the Club membership had reached 178 as of March 3, 1994.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, Chairman of the BVARC Public Service Committee presented the Board with an up to date report on the activities of the committee. A schedule containing information on the events that are to be held in 1994 was included with the report. The new BVARC banner was turned over to Mike.

Doug Holley informed the Board that Marnie Kronberg, Lou Kronberg's XYL, had passed away. The Board expressed its deepest sympathy to Lou and his family.

The following events and dates were discussed:

BVARC Campout - April 9 & 10, site to be announced on the Monday Night Net.

Field Day - June 25 & 26, at Bear Creek Park, Pavilion #3.

Ice Cream Social - July 14, General Membership meeting.

BVARC Picnic - October 29, at The Doug Holley residence.

Chili Supper - November 10, General membership meeting.

Annual BVARC Dinner - Date and site to be announced.

Novice, Technician, and Code classes - Dates and sites to be announced.

The Board voted to remove an At-Large member due to his being unavailable to perform the duties of his office. The meeting was adjourned by Doug Holley at 9:15 PM.

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HEATHKIT SERVICE SOURCE

by Jack Van Demark, WN5A

I was doing some research on Heathkit service for amateur radio equipment and discovered that all Heath ham gear can be serviced by:

RTO Electronics

9046-3 US 31

Berrian Springs, MI 49103

Phone: (616) 473-3201

This could be of use to a great many hams that own older Heath gear and were wondering who could or would provide them with service and repair. Berrian Springs is just outside Benton Harbor where Heathkit operated for over 40 years.

73 de Jack WN5A

