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for possessing HTs?**

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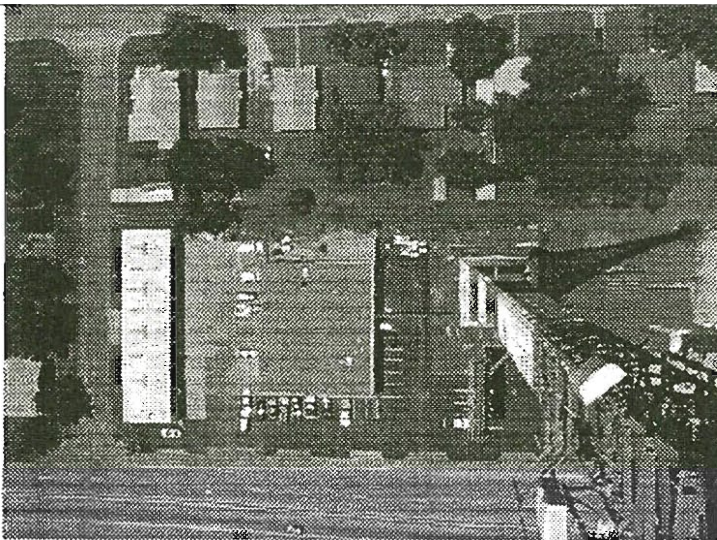
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October Meeting announcement:

Bring your S.H.O.T. (10-10) certificates to the October meeting! Allen Mattis N5AFV will be doing a 10-10 presentation, and would like folks who have certificates to bring them to compare how they've changed over the years.

A Special Thanks to the First Colony Church of Christ for the use of their facilities which make this newsletter possible.



Hip to be Square...

Hi all,

This month's photo comes from Dave Hammer, W3DH. This is a unique photo of a tower in Ft. Worth that Dave worked on. It is about 600' tall and is (as if you couldn't tell) a self-supporter. It is also a "Square" tower (also unique). Notice that the tower expands at the top as well as the bottom.

Thanks for the photo Dave!!

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PSN Check-ins for June 1997

By Jackie, KC5OHJ

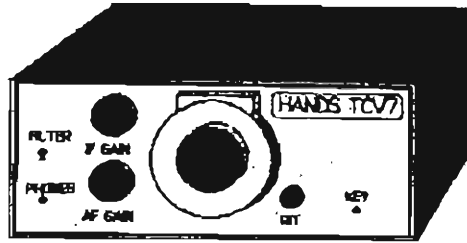
Here are the PSN check-ins for August 1997:

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8/11/97 - 24
8/18/97 - 41
8/25/97 - 35

73 de KC5OHJ

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Every Meeting a Hamfest

Don't forget!

The monthly meetings are a perfect time to bring your junk box to trade with other hams who bring their Junk Box! Remember, one ham's junk is another ham's Junk!

- 4th 7:30 p.m. - B-VARC Board Meeting
- 9th 6:00 p.m. - VE Testing
- 11th 7:30 p.m. - B-VARC Regular Meeting
- 27th - Last Sunday Luncheon - TBA

Public Service Events!

- Alamo warm-up ride on **Sunday, Sept. 14** at West Oaks Mall contact Mike Hardwick N5VCX at 713-771-4625
- Alamo Challenge on **Oct 11 & 12, Sat & Sun**. This is a two-day event, 40+ hams needed! 2-Day ride to San Antonio.
- 1997 Wings over Houston Airshow **Sept. 26th, 27th, and 28th** at Ellington Field. Contact Bill Terrell W5DNE at (281) 338-2918 or Email at bbtcar@ghg.net.

MARATHON WARMUP SERIES

- **Oct 19, 1997** Gables Residential 20K Championship - Contact Steve Dunkelberger 713-781-6703 or Dunk@ix.netcom.com
- **Nov 16, 1997** HMSA Classical 25K Contact Allen Mattis

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- **Dec 7, 1997** All-Tel SLT First Colony 30K
Contact Scott Pederson, ki5dr at (713)460-5852.
- **January 18, 1998** Houston Marathon.
Contact Carl Hacker KB5LDY.
- **April, 1998** MS-150 2 day ride from
Houston to Austin (The "Big" One!) Contact
Bret Prichard 713-526-8967

Technical Corner

- Yagi Antenna construction from Old TV
antennas--Rick--W5RH

Don't forget the swap table, too!

Meeting Program

Program for September is:

- 'Radio Restoration' by Dan Cox K8WOZ
Dan will show us the ins and outs of vintage
radio restoration. Dan has restored a radio
specifically for this presentation and has
documented the restoration process. This is one
presentation not to miss. Don't be the one to
say, "I should have been there". Come out and
support Dan and B-VARC.

B-VARC RAG CHEW NET CHECK-INS
3.960MHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 8:00PM
by Sam
Wilson, N5CPA

Just WHAT IS the Rag-Chew Net? Well, it's a
chance for you to get on the low bands and hang
out with other B-VARC members, as well as
hams from around the south central US! What??
Don't have voice privileges? Got a short-wave
receiver? Dial in and listen, then check in using

our Rag Chew Hotline announced at the
beginning of each net.

07/02/97 N5CPA (NCS), KKSX, KA0TEN,
KC5JRL, KB5PAJ, KI5SC, K5LJ, K5FZ,
KJ5SS, W5GHK, KG5KV, N5UOG, KB5V,
W5GBR, W5IHY.

(15)

07/09/97 N5CPA (NCS), N5UOG, W5EFB,
KJ5SS, K5LJ, W5GHK, KE5SR, W5GBR,
N5VXU, W5IHY, KC5JAR, KG5KV, KB5V,
K5VRJ, KM5HP. (15)

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KJ5SS, N5OAC, KI5SC, KB5PAJ,
KB5VTB, KE5SR, KK5NU, KC5KGJ, W5TEM,
W5IHY, N5KXU, KG5KV, N5ECP. (16)

07/23/97 N5CPA (NCS), W5EFB, W5TTL,
KM5DG, WD4MZV, K5LJ, W5GHK, KE5SR,
KI5SC, KB5PAJ, K5VRJ, W5IHY, KJ5SS,
N5VXU, W5TEM, KE4ZOM, AB5BA. (17)

07/30/97 N5CPA (NCS), KJ5SS, K5LJ,
NM5K, WN5A, N5OAC, K5VRJ, W5TEM. (8)

73 de N5CPA, Sam



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President's Message for September



QST! QST! QST! Hello fellow hams. The school season is back upon us and things are starting to get back to the annual routines. It should provide some good opportunities for hamming experiences.. between buddies, family members and even new friends.

No better opportunity for giving back to our hobby than public service events. See the column elsewhere in this newsletter for specific upcoming events. These runs and bicycle events really do depend (yes depend!) on the communications provided by amateur radio operators. It provides you with several options: local VHF operations in the fun runs and marathon warm-ups and more prolonged experiences in the bicycle events. In previous years, BVARCians have led the pack in this effort. Recently, however, our PS Leaders (Scott, Mike, Steve, et al.) have had to literally BEG for participants. Why, you say? Maybe because we are just too busy. I cannot believe it is because we do not care. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, try

to participate in at least ONE event this fall. I personally plan to do so. It will be time well invested!

The CHILI cook-off is planned for November which is also ELECTION Night. Start planning your chili recipe now and earnestly consider the possibility of placing your name in nomination for one of the elected officer position.

See you down the band (or on the repeater).

73
de N4SKR

B-VARC 1997 A.R.R.L. Field Day By Allen Brier N5XZ (ex-WB5BIR)

The 1997 Field Day at Katy Park was a great success! Not a success if you measure it by the total number of attendees or operators (down from last year.) Nor was it a success if you measure it by the number of points made (also down from last year.) The real successes of our Field Day this year were the young hams and ham wanabees who were there. We had at least two young hams (including on YL) operating radios and getting a thrill out of making HF contacts! We had a lot of other interested youngsters there (I can tell by the pictures of them that were given to me at the Ice Cream Social.) We even had a small group of Cub Scouts show up to see what Ham Radio is all about. If we can get just a few of the young people in attendance to get a spark from HF operating and decide to get a license or upgrade, then, by all means, Field Day was a great success!

Now the breakdown of scores:

(-up means up from last year; -dn means down from last year)

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80 Meter CW: 51-up; Phone: 16-up
40 Meter CW: 136-up; Phone: 75-up
20 Meter CW: 27-dn; Phone: 64-up
15 Meter CW: 14-up; Phone: 0-dn
10 Meter CW: 1-up; Phone: 19-up
Novice 10 Meter Phone: No logs were turned in
for the Novice Station - a real shame.
QRP/Solar Power: 57-up

Total CW 229-dn; Total Phone 238-up)

In addition, we earned 700 Bonus points from: 2
generators (200 points); 100 points each from:
Media Publicity; Location in Public Place;
Information Booth and QRP/Solar Power.

Total for the 1997 B-VARC A.R.R.L. Field Day
is 2092 points - down from last year.

Somehow, I thought more contacts than that
were made. However, those were all the logs that
I received at the club meeting following Field
Day. I would hate to think that not all the logs
were turned in. I thought we had a Novice station
set up...but there were no logs turned in for it.
Two years ago, we lost most of our Novice logs.
In the future, I think more care needs to be taken
to make sure that all logs are accounted for. It's
not fair to the club or the operators if logs are
lost or simply not turned in to the person
collecting them at the end of the contest...

Once again, I think one of the best parts of Field
Day was the food! Jack WN5A and Randy
"where's the mayonnaise?" AK5G did an
absolutely great job of cooking up hot-dogs and
hamburgers with some delicious meat provided
to us a great price from KM5ID who works at
the new Kroger store on Sweetwater and '59. I
musta had three or four hamburgers, they were
so good!

Unfortunately, I had to miss most of Field Day
this year due to business commitments.
However, Gailen, N4SKR graciously took over
the job of coordinating the event at the last
moment. I really regretted not being there,
however, I did get some operating in on Saturday
night. The bugs weren't as bad as usual this year
and we has absolutely beautiful weather (aside
from the heat) so some things improved.
(Someone suggested that we should petition the
ARRL to allow bonus points for each degree
over 90...I think that's a great idea!)

Since I was not there most of the time, it is hard
for me to know what everyone did to thank them.
However, I think special thanks should once
again go to Gailen, N4SKR for taking over the
duties of Field Day Chairman at the last minute.
I would also like to thank Dwayne, KC5YTA
and Al, KK5W for providing air-conditioned
pop-up campers. Those are lifesavers in
Houston's June weather. Special thanks of
course goes to the cooks, the antenna crews,
those who brought equipment and especially the
operators! Thanks again to everybody for their
help, their hard work and for the good times!

73 Allen Brier N5XZ (ex-WB5BIR)

(By the way, if you have any comments, you can
call me at 342-1882, fax me at 342-0940, page
me at 605-5738 or send me E-Mail via
CompuServe at 74323,1140; or the Internet at
BriTech@compuserve.com.)

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS - WHY?

By Mike Hardwick, N5VCX

In this day and age communications have
become a major part of our lives. The e-mail,
cell phone, pager, wireless cable, direct
broadcast satellite, high definition television
markets are expanding at a rate that has never

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all use RF frequencies or channels. From the expansion of the AM broadcast band at 1.7 Mhz to the point to point microwave paths at 38 Ghz, the need for more RF channels are expanding. We, as amateur radio operators, need to be aware of these continued need for RF spectrum. Some time in the near future, there will be push to convert current amateur frequencies to commercial use. Past actions will tell us the future as in the loss of a portion of the 220 Mhz band. Amateur radio has a very valuable area of spectrum and we need to protect it. We have to remember why we have these frequencies: 1. to improve and advance the "art" of communications - this is toward the technical end (commercial interest are about 30 years ahead of us and I don't believe we will ever catch up) and 2. serve the public.

Serving the public is what I feel is amateur radio's main goal in this day and time. Bringing experienced operators to public service events, natural disasters, large community events is something amateur radio can be very proud of. The need for amateur radio to get involved with the community is something that should be on everyone's mind if they want the hobby to continue. Giving something back to the community is something that we all need to think about doing. Whether working at Thanksgiving feast or as a reserve police officer, all these things help the community. I feel that using a hobby that I like as a means to help the community is a wonderful way to give something back. This is why I feel that public service events are a perfect way to do two things - keep amateur radio alive in the area that it is meant for and a way to stay involved with the community.

I did not mean for this to sound like me standing on a soap box but I feel very strongly about this and I hope that a concentrated effort of having

amateur radio coming out the shadows and into the light of community service will allow for the hobby to continue. Even though I have a area of selfish concern on where the hobby should go, I feel that any exposure of service in any area, not just bike rides or marathons, but city functions - Houston International Festival or The Houston Rodeo or The Clute Mesquite festival is where the hobby should be seen.

I hope my "yelling on the street corner" hasn't hit a nerve. I hope that it has caused a light to turn on and maybe a way to bring the community service back into amateur radio. Whether talking to some one in another town or in another country or in outer space, amateur radio can be a bridge and very strong one, if we let it!

HOUSTON SHOT NEWS

by Al Mattis - N5AFV

Ten Ten International will hold an election for officers and directors in 1998, and nominations are now open. The following officers will be elected: president, vice president, secretary and 5 directors. Any member wishing to run for office or nominate someone for an office is asked to contact Al Britton, N6TXT, the chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Larry Berger, WA2SUH, was recently appointed to the Ten Ten International Board of Directors. Berger, who lives in Merrick, NY, will fill the remaining term of Garry Cameron, VE6ACM, who recently resigned in order to spend more time on interests outside of ham radio.

Ten Ten International held its national convention July 11-12, 1997 in Council Bluffs, IA. Those who attended had a wonderful time, and a number of attendees claim that this was the best Ten Ten International convention ever held.

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The convention net had approximately 100 members check in, and they were all at the convention - the band was not open when the net was held. Convention activities also included a banquet, forums, an auction, and a hospitality room with chapter tables. A number of photographs from the convention have been made available on the Internet by Jeff Ritter, N5VAV, at <http://www.flash.net/~n5vav/97conv.htm>.

Linda Barnes, KJ4FM, a member of the Ten Ten International Board of Directors, has a reputation for running into problems when she travels. Linda's luggage often finds its way back home on a different airplane. This time Linda missed her flight on the way home from the convention, but at least she was not separated from her luggage. Linda is also the new editor of the 10-10 International News. Chuck Insande, W6YLJ, who has been editor for the past five years, recently decided to step down from the position, and Linda volunteered to be the new editor.

While at the Ten Ten International convention, Mike Davidson, N5MT, took the opportunity to get a Ten Ten number for NM5H, club station for the Methodist Hospital ARC. The Houston SHOT chapter is pleased to welcome NM5H as the newest local member of the chapter.

Visit the Houston SHOT chapter home page at <http://www.clarc.org/shot/> when you get on the Internet. The site contains information about the chapter, past editions of the Houston SHOT News, and the Ten Ten DX column written Mike Davidson - N5MT, the SHOT chapter head. The chapter thanks Bruce Paige - KK5DO, for constructing and maintaining the page, and the Clear Lake Amateur Radio Club (CLARC) for providing space on their server for the page.

Houston SHOT member Fred Jones, KC5AC, was active in local chapter activities for many

years. Fred moved to Arizona a few years ago, and is now back on the air. He would like to work any Houston SHOT members, so look for him when the band is open to Arizona.

The annual Ten Ten Paper Chasers Bash will be held August 13-17, 1997 at the Circus Circus Casino and Hotel in Reno, NV. Attendees should ask for a room on the second floor of the Main Tower when they make reservations. Tom Frazee, A45ZO, from the Sultanate of Oman, has announced plans to attend this year's Reno Bash. Tom, whose US call sign is WA7QED, is one of the DX members of the Houston SHOT chapter.

Remember that 28.170 MHz is used by many Ten Ten members as a CW calling frequency. The frequency of 28.335 MHz is used by many Ten Ten members while mobile.

Paper chasers continue to be active on 28.345 MHz and 28.375 MHz during band openings. The occurrence of summer E-layer propagation has brought more activity to the band. The Steel City (IL), Peach State (TX), Route 66 (IN) and Pirates of the Mississippi (IL) chapters have announced specials for paper chasers to promote activity when the band is open. Ten Ten members were saddened to learn that Ed Corliss, K5DIT, of El Paso, TX has become a silent key. Many SHOT members have worked Corliss (Ten Ten #50) during periods of short skip in the summer E-layer propagation season.

Ten meter propagation continued to show improvement during the past month. Besides the summer E-layer propagation, there were a number of openings between Europe and the eastern United States. Frequent Latin American contacts were reported by Houston stations. Even though the current low of the solar cycle continues to linger on, there are signs that propagation is improving.

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Remember, the Houston SHOT (Space Houston On Ten) net meets every Tuesday evening at 8 PM local time on 28.488 MHz. All amateurs are welcome to check in, even if they do not have a Ten Ten number. If you are not a member of Ten Ten International and wish to join the organization, please check in to the net. There are a lot of exciting activities in Ten Ten, and many friendly people can be found on the ten meter band.

JOTA

The Scout/Ham Radio Jamboree On The Air will take place this year on October 18th and 19th. (Yes, it conflicts with the Houston Ham Convention). I am looking for hams that would like to participate either at their homes by inviting Scout troops to visit or at a remote site by volunteering their time.

I will be publishing a listing of stations in Houston that will be on the air in the next newsletter. B-VARC hams will then be able to pass out this information when asked by a local Girl/Boy/Cub Scout group how they can participate.

Call me if you need further information or you would like to get on the list.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair

The Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America is holding a merit badge fair on Saturday, October 25th. I am looking for a few volunteers to assist me in setting up a station early that morning. The station would be in operation later that day for completion of the merit badge requirements.

Give me a call if you can help.

Rick WSRH. (713) 774-5102 or
nexus15@flash.net

Amateur Radio NOVICE/TECH THEORY CLASS

The First Colony Church of Christ
3119 Sweetwater
Sugar Land, Texas

Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Classes will prepare the student to PASS the Novice and Technician Theory test. If interested, please contact Pete Norris, KJ5SS, (281) 342-9089

Scanner Jack's Corner

By Jack, KB5TMY

This month, Jack has a few miscellaneous frequencies he's found -

- Alvin PD and EMS have gone 800MHz trunked: 868.0875, 867.0625, 866.4625.
- Katy VFD new frequencies: 151.115 (repeater output) - Input 159.075.
- Hedwig Village FD: 155.595.

Public Service Corner

By Scott Pederson, ki5dr

Well, it didn't take long. Attached is an Email I received concerning a bill, which proposes to BAN communications receivers. Read on...

LEGISLATION WOULD BAN RECEIVERS; OUTLAW MONITORING

WASHINGTON + Representative W. J. "Billy" Tauzin (R-LA), chairman of the House Commerce Subcommittee on

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Telecommunications has introduced a bill to outlaw listening to a variety of non-broadcast radio transmissions. Dubbed the Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1997 (H.R. 2369 I.H.), the bill could prevent the manufacture of non-broadcast band, general coverage radios, and possibly make possession of existing radios prima facie evidence of a crime. If enacted, U.S. restrictions on radio reception would become some of the most repressive in the world. The bill makes the mere act of intercepting a radio communication illegal. Unlike present regulations, no attempt to divulge or publish the content of the communication is necessary.

The proposed law and another bill (H.R. 1964) sponsored by Representative Edward Markey (D-MA), also directs the Federal Communications Commission, which reviews all electronic devices sold in the U.S., to refuse certification of radios capable of receiving Commercial Mobile Radio Service frequencies. Such frequencies are interspersed throughout the radio spectrum, making it all but impossible for manufacturers to make certifiable equipment for unaffected frequencies.

Scanners are affected, along with amateur and short-wave radios equipped with general coverage receivers, business and police band radios, even some car radios. As written the law makes no provision for existing radio equipment. It remains unclear whether the millions of existing receivers would become illegal to possess or be "grandfathered" in.

Virtually everyone who owns a receiver is affected. Members of the press, businesses, hobbyists, and the public at large will be completely banned from listening. Amateur radio operators, the Military Affiliate Radio Service, the Civil Air Patrol, shortwave listeners and weather spotters may find themselves unable to modify or legally use their equipment. Police officers and fire fighters, who make up the vast majority of scanner owners, would no longer be able to monitor other agencies as they have in the past, and over time will be unable to purchase

inexpensive receivers, even if they are authorized to possess them.

Critics charge that the Committee has been unduly influenced by contributions from the telecommunications industry, citing Federal Election Commission reports for 1995-96 which show that Tauzin and other committee members accepted a total of \$467,000 from individuals and organizations who stand to benefit from this legislation.

The law has also sparked civil liberty concerns. In other countries, similar laws have set precedents that eventually led to bans or restrictions of broadcast receivers. Already, this bill would violate congressional assurances made in the precedent-setting Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, that reception of public safety and private land mobile frequencies would never be prohibited.

House Bills 2369 and 1964 are currently in committee. Hearings on the bills will be scheduled after the committee returns from break September 2, 1997. Industry watchers believe that, barring public intervention, both bills have an excellent chance of passing. Concerned citizens are encouraged to contact their representative immediately and let them know how you feel about this legislation. While you are at it, let the committee members know, too. It may still be possible to stop the bill in committee.

For further comments regarding H.R. 2369 I. H. visit www.grove.net.

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Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

September 4, 1997

A quorum of the Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on September 4, 1997. This was the ninth meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order by President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, at 7:30 p.m.

The following Board Members and guests were present: Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, Bud King -- N5UOG, John Dryton -- KM5HP, Terry McCoy -- W5TEM, Claude Sessions -- KSHFY, and Rick Hiller -- W5RH by proxy.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, gave the report for Program Chairman, Rick Hiller -- W5RH. He stated that September's meeting would be about rebuilding old radios by Dan Cox -- K8WOZ. The Technical Corner for September would be about making ham antennas out of old TV antennas. October's meeting will be about 10 meters, presented by Allen Mattis -- N5AFV and Mike Davidson -- N5MT. The Technical Corner will be about 10 meter antennas. The Product Corner will be about 10 meter radios presented by Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR. November's meeting will be the annual Chili Supper and election of officers. John Dryton -- KM5HP, will present the Product Corner for November. December's meeting will be Home Brew Night, coordinated by Rick Hiller -- W5RH. Gailen stated that a coordinator for the Chili Supper was needed.

Corresponding Secretary, John Dryton -- KM5HP, reported that he was keeping the roster current. He also gave a treasurer's report for August 14, 1997. This showed a bank balance of \$ 2,193.39, cash \$ 57.47, C.D. \$ 1,760, for a total of \$ 4,730.86.

Board Member, Terry McCoy -- W5TEM, had nothing to report.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, stated that he felt next year's Board would need some direction from this year's Board regarding the scheduling of meetings for next year. Reservations are set for the first Thursday of the month, but the nights available in the second week of the month vary from month to month. One solution, he said, is to hold the regular meeting on the first Thursday and the Board Meeting on the second Thursday. He made a motion to state this problem in the President's Message and as a

separate column in the newsletter, with this issue to be voted on in the November elections. This motion was approved unanimously.

Board Member, Bud King -- N5UOG, presented a report on the current plans for the 1998 B-VARC Awards Banquet to be held January 8, 1998. He stated that H.E.S.S. had a new location at 5430 Westheimer and had photographs of the new building. He said he had reserved two rooms, a bar area and a banquet room. He presented a menu with prices and stated that we had a choice of two entrees. After some discussion, two entrees were selected. These were: Chicken Napoleans (Sautéed Chicken Medallions with Portobella Mushrooms, Cheddar Cheese Grits, Grilled Tomato, Asparagus and Madeira Wine Sauce), and 12 Oz. Prime Rib (Served with Horseradish Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Garden Vegetables, and Natural Au Jus). All Entrees are served with salad, dessert, coffee (regular and decaf) and iced tea. A cash bar will be available. The cost will be \$ 20.00 per person, with the club underwriting the balance. A vegetarian entree will also be available.

President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, said that Banquet tickets will be sold at the November and December meeting, with the cutoff date being the December meeting. He stated that the Banquet will begin with a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30, dinner at 7:30 and awards presentation at 8:30. He expressed his appreciation to Bud King -- N5UOG for all his work in planning this event. He stated that an Awards Committee needed to be formed. The awards to be presented are: Special Appreciation Award, Dr. Bill Award, Loop and Zepp Award and the Order Of The Key Award. He stated that the Dr. Bill Award is for outstanding service in the volunteer examiner program. He suggested contacting Harold Parker -- ND5F for recommendations for this award. The Loop and Zepp Award is for promotion of operations and dedicated activity on HF bands. The Special Appreciation Award is for anyone who has made a special contribution to B-VARC this year. The Order Of Key is for exceptional service and commitment to the goals of B-VARC, someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the progress of the club. He emphasized that all nominations would be accepted, but the Board would make the final decision. He also stated that all nominations must be submitted in writing. John Dryton -- KM5HP, volunteered to head a committee to accept the nominations and compile a list of nominees. He stated that the Nominations Committee for next year's officers would consist of three Past Presidents in chronological order. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President, Gailen Marshall -- N4SKR, at 8:00 p.m.

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The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (B-VARC) was originally organized in 1978, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford, when required. Since that time, B-VARC has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active HAM radio club in the Southwest Houston area.

Today, B-VARC is truly a general-interest club with an impressive record of Public Service. The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the Commitment to service with the coveted status of Special Service Club. We are proud of our members who represent the finest in Amateur Radio. Membership is not limited to licensed operators, but is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, at the Sugar Land Community Center. Talk-in assistance is available in the 145.470, and 444.550 MHz repeaters.

To obtain information about the club, its activities, or about joining B-VARC, contact Scott Pederson, KI5DR, at (713) 460-5852.

B-VARC Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 4th Board of Dir. Meeting
BMOTA 7:30 p.m. MERA Repeater 145.470
Open to all B-VARC Members

Thursday, September 11th B-VARC Meeting
7:30 p.m. Sugarland Community Center

B-VARC Eating Schedule

Saturdays-7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Location: New York Coffee Shop, 9720 Hillcroft
@ S. Braeswood

Also VICTOR'S DELI, SUGAR CREEK AND 59 South in Sugarland

3rd Friday dinners - 6:30 p.m. SHARP! Location TBA

Last Sunday Lunches - 2:30 p.m. Location TBA

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