


THE B-VARC BULLETIN

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ARRL Membership - Members are urged to renew their ARRL membership through BVARC, allowing the club to take advantage of reduced insurance rates. Contact Irv, KK5QQ at 281-437-6755 for information

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<p>A Special Thanks to the First Colony Church of Christ for the use of their facilities which make this newsletter possible.</p> <p>Also, Thanks to Claude Sessions, K5HFY, for being in charge of production.</p>	<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>John Moore, President - KK5NU, jwm@hal-pc.org Larry Jacobson, Vice-President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com Doug Woodruff, Recording Secretary - KC5VYZ, dwoodruff@houston.geoquest.slb.com Irv Smith, Corresponding Secretary - KK5QQ, kk5qq@aol.com Gene Russell, Treasurer - N5XGT, hbrussell@aol.com Louis House, Asst. Treasurer - KD5GM, tsingwu@juno.com Robert Moore, 3-Year-Director - KK5UO, kk5uo@hal-pc.org Darrell Kirk, Two-Year-Director - KC5JAR, darrell@ev1.net Bruce Paige, Past President - KK5DO, kk5do@amsat.org Claude Sessions, 1-Year-Director - K5HFY, claudes@juno.com</p>

In Memory

Howard Zeh, WA5ZRG, passed away in his sleep of congestive heart failure on Easter Sunday, April 4, 1999. He was 72. Among his survivors is his wife Norma. He had been a B-VARC member for several years. Many of us recall pleasant eyeball QSOs with him at the meetings.

Gene Russell, N5XGT, passed away as the result of complications from a stroke on November 4, 1999. He was 74, and was a retired chemical engineer. Gene had stepped up when nominees for B-VARC treasurer were being sought this time last year, and had been on the job only a few months when he suffered his massive stroke. He is survived by Betty, KC5YPE, also a club member. Betty and Gene also had a ham son, James A. Russell, KE7ZK.

Notes from the President - November 1999

The annual Chili Supper/Annual Election of Officers and Directors has come and went -- If you missed it, sorry about that. All in attendance seemed to have a good time. And thanks to Kevin Foto, KM5TO for coordinating the event.

On a rather sad note -- we have two more Silent Keys from among our membership. Howard Zeh, WA5ZRG, passed away in his sleep on Sunday, April 4th; we have just been advised, and our Treasurer, Gene Russell, N5XGT, died on the morning of November 4th.



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We've now finished both of our Novice/Technician series of classes; thanks to Louis House, KD5GM and Bud King, K5CEK for our code class presentation, and to Robert Moore, KK5UO and Ross Lawler, W5HFF for our theory classes. Hopefully we'll see a repeat of these two fine entry level courses in the next year; and, may also see some class presentation in the area of General/Advanced theory as well. Also, thank you to the First Colony Church of Christ, Sugar Land for the use of their super class room facilities.

Almost last call for nomination for Annual Awards to be presented at the B-VARC Installation/Awards Banquet to be held on January 7, 2000. If you wish to submit a nomination, contact any of the current Officers or Directors to place the name of your nominee(s).

And, for information - tickets to the Annual Banquet contact our Assistant Treasurer, Louis House, KD5GM eMail to: tsingwu@juno.com or contact Louis by sMail at P.O. Box 270221, Houston, TX 77277-0221. The menu is in the same format as last year, with your choice of steak or chicken for the entree; the price is \$22 per person with your club making a small subsidy for each one.

Also, in late breaking news, from the ARRL comes word that we may well see the FCC's long awaited Report and Order in "1998 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 97 (WT Docket 98-143" -- know to us as the Amateur Licensing restructuring issue -- possibly by the year's end. Stay tuned to the web as our B-VARC Homepage will attempt to have the details as they are released. Whatever it is, chances are that it won't be popular with all segments of the amateur radio community; such is change and progress.

73 de John Moore, KK5NU



GEORGE DiLETTA, KD0RW
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Schedule of BVARC Activities

December 1999

- 2 - General Meeting
Ham Related Web sites
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ

- 13 - BOD Meeting
- 14 - VE Test

January 2000

- 7 - General Meeting, Awards Banquet
Old San Francisco Steak House
- 11 - VEC Exam
- 13 - Board of Directors meeting

(see the December 1998 issue for a long-term schedule.)

Public Service Events:

12/5/1999:

30K Marathon Warm-Up Race in First Colony, Sugar Land.
Mike Hardwick, home: 713-771-4625, work: 713-463-0022
ext. 221, n5vcx@worknet.att.net

1/16/2000

Houston Marathon. Carl Hacker,
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3/2000

Bluebonnet Bike Ride

4/15-16/2000

MS150 Houston to Austin Bike Ride. Mike Hardwick,
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BVARC's Novice - Tech Theory Course

B-varc put on an radio course for Novice-Tech. Robert Moore, KK5UO and Ross Lawler, W5HFF were class instructors for a six week course. there were four students: J.B.Heard, His Brother Arjay Heard, Mr. and Mrs Paul Ruiz. We had a good time teaching at First Colony Church of Christ, thanks to Claude Sessions, K5HFY. We met at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM and sometime to 9:00 on Thursday night. Congratulation to all students , keep up the good work.

Robert B. Moore , KK5UO

BVARC Election Results:

Elected to the B-VARC BOD:

1. President
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ <k5lj@nstci.com
2. Vice-President
Glen Jenkins, WB4KTF <wb4ktf@pipeline.com
3. Treasurer
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM <mitchl@hal-pc.org
4. Recording Secretary

- Doug Woodruff, KC5VYZ
dwoodruff@houston.geoquest.slb.com
5. Corresponding Secretary
Irv Smith, KK5QQ <kk5qq@aol.com
 6. 3-Year Director
Mike Hardwick, N5VCX <n5vcx@worldnet.att.net

With the following holdovers members:


7. 2-Year Director
Robert Moore, KK5UO <kk5uo@hal-pc.org
8. 1-Year Director
Darrell Kirk, KC5JAR <darrell@ev1.net
9. Past President
John Moore, KK5NU <jwm@hal-pc.org

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Board Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club November 15, 1999




President John Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president John Moore - KK5NU, vice president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, assistant treasurer Louis House - KD5GM, recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ, corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, 3rd year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO, one year board member Claude Sessions - K5HFY. Those not in attendance were two year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR and past president Bruce Paige- KK5DO. Guest was Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM.




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Recording secretary report by John Moore. The October BOD minutes were opened for amendment and correction, and none was given. Larry made a motion to approve the October BOD minutes and seconded by Irv. The motion passed

unanimously.

Corresponding secretary report by Irv stated that current membership consist of 143 members including 14 life members. Since the first of the year 21 members have not renewed and have added 34 new members.

Treasurer report by Louis. A financial statement can be obtained from the treasurer for members if requested. The CD will come up for renewal in February 2000. All accounts are upto date through November 15, 1999. The club is solvent. The City of Sugar Land was sent a \$20.00 donation check as a show of courtesy for a booth in their Halloween Carnival.

Vice president report by Larry. Larry has acquired Carl Hacker for the February program on APRS. Larry will discuss ham information on the internet for the December meeting.

President report by John. A sad report on the most recent silent keys, Howard Zeh - WA5ZRG passed away on Easter Sunday and Gene Russell - N5XGT the current club treasurer passed away on Nov. 4, 1999.

Old business: The board had tabled a discussion of advertising the club in the World Radio's Visit your Local Radio Club listing for \$65.00 for a year. With this the club will receive 8 subscriptions for the magazine which can be used as desired. Doug made a motion to pay the \$65.00 fee, seconded by Claude, motion passed unanimously.

New business: Robert made a motion to accept the election results of the BOD officers for 2000, seconded by Doug and the motion passed unanimously. The new BOD members will be instated at the annual BVARC banquet on January 7. Awards nominations are still being accepted. The next BOD meeting will be Monday December 13, 1999. The FCC has informed the ARRL that it is still moving forward with license restructuring and should have a ruling before the end of the year.

Motion was made to adjourn by Larry and seconded by Doug. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ

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RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 9th AMATEUR EXAMS

by: **Harold Parker, ND5F**

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, November 9, 1999 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

V. E. TEAM:
Harold Parker, ND5F
Lanny Poteet, KB5VTB
Jim Wilson, N5YR

ASSISTANTS:
Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Cass Germany, KG5IT
Randy Pollard, AK5G
Don Schexnailder, AB5IV

A total of 15 exams were administered during the evening to 8 applicants. Two (2) unlicensed candidates

received their new licenses: 1 Technician and 1 General with a total of 8 elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 53%

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

John Gilmore, KK5VX - Element 4B
Raul Ruiz - Element 2
Timothy Tate - Technician
Mark Winslet - General and Element 1C

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.

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**Monday night PSN check-ins
(KC5VYZ net control)**

10/11 - 20 Doug
10/18 - 23 Cam
10/25 - 19 Doug
11/1 - 21 Doug
11/8 - 23 Doug
11/15 - 27 Doug
11/22 - 25 Cam

**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for October 1999
by Sam Wilson, N5CPA**

3.960MHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 8:00PM

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 the telephone number announced at the beginning of each net.

10/6/99--N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, KM5DG, W5GHK, N5OAC, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KI5SC, KB5PAJ, WB5VYR, WA5ABS, N5VXU. (13)

10/13/99--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5LJ, KK5W, KA0TEN, N5VXU, KM5DG, KI5SC, KB5PAJ, W5GHK, AK5G, NM5K, W3TXV, KK5XR, W5HFF, N5OAC. (16)

10/20/99--N5CPA, KE5SR, K5CEK, K5LJ, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5VXU, W5GHK, W5RIY, WB5VYR. (10)

10/27/99--N5CPA, KM5DG, KD5FWD, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5LJ, AB8CC, N5VXU, WB5FRO, KG5KV, W5HFF. (11)

**SCANNER JACK'S Corner
by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY**

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Here are the frequencies that aircraft used for Wings over Houston on Saturday, 16 - 17 October 1999 (All frequencies AM Mode):

253.5	Ellington Tower and Air Boss
125.3	Air Boss
126.05	Tower
122.95	Pilots
275.8	Ground
	Ground
135.575	ATIS
	ATIS
128.85	Life Flight

Here are the Power of Houston frequencies and ID's:

460.450	H.P.D. Command Post
460.425	City-wide P.D. Post
453.675	A.3 EMS Command Post
123.025	H.P.D. Fox and News Choppers
938.250	Security and Workers
938.2375	Security and Workers
938.875	Security and Workers
938.8875	Security and Workers
938.9875	Security and Workers

Add these frequencies to the Alief Clodine TRS:

867.4500	New
868.3250	
868.7625	Simulcast to Alief Clodine TRS

Power of Houston used these:

15344 Harris Co. Special Events ID.
864.0125 Metro Trans Frequency for Special Events

H. L. P. Reliant Energy ID's
2864, 2928 Timer and Workers
2960, 3024 Clean Up After the Show

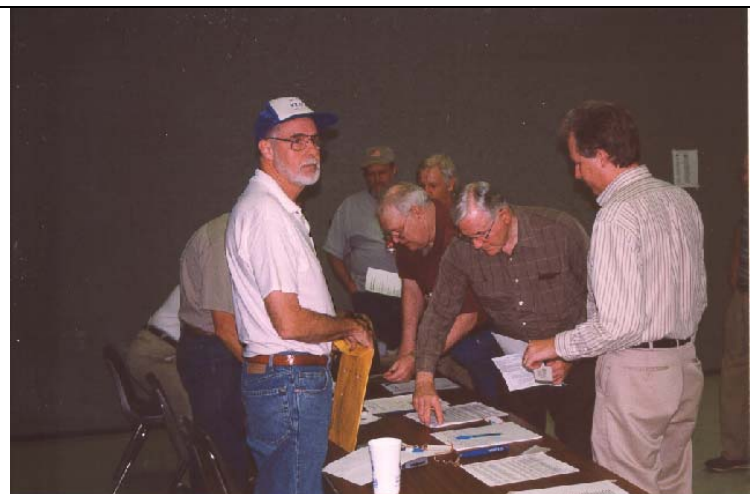
**New and Old Members
by Irv, KK5QQ
Corresponding Secretary**

We have several old-timer members who have rejoined this year. (Carl AB8CC and Steve WA5G are past presidents.)

Carl Cunert AB8CC
Brenson Abbott KF5VZ
Beth Brown N5PKW
Don Brown W5DRB
Steve Schuster WA5G
Michael Scism W5VM

These are the brand new members so far this year.

Dennis Bradley N5TZ
Erica Temple
Gene Doremus KD5FWD
Ian Mayer
Janet Richardson
John Thuren AA5T
Ken Richardson KD5ILT
Kurt Mayer KD5FZV
Lee Smithson
Mark Winslet
Michael Brown N5QMG
Raul Ruiz
Robert Buntzel KD5FGG
Roger Clayden KC5KRD
Tony Smithson KN4TX





These pics will be available on the website:

<http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc/bulletin.htm>