


THE B-VARC BULLETIN

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<p>Houston Ham Help Line 24-Hours 281-495-3495</p> <p>Get information about local clubs and testing sessions.</p>	<p>Membership renewal information:</p> <p>Members whose membership has expired or is near expiration will find their membership date highlighted on the mailing label.</p>	 <p>http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc</p>
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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 style="text-align: center;">A Special Thanks to the First Colony Church of Christ for the use of their facilities which make this newsletter possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Also, Thanks to Claude Sessions, K5HFY, for being in charge of production.</p>	<p>Board of Directors: 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>

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Looks like it's that time of year once more -- and time is the only thing that appears to never stand still.

Phase 3D launch awaits sometime in the next century (even tho it sounds far off, be assured it is not); JAWSAT launch delayed; no word yet from the FCC on Report and Order in "1998 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 97" (WT Docket 98-143) -- known to us as the Amateur Licensing restructuring issue and on it goes.

It's truly been a fun and fast year for me -- seems like only last week that I/we started all this.

Hope you all can make the B-VARC Annual Awards Banquet on January 7th; as you know that's just around the corner now. I'll try and have some kind of report to the membership on the "State of B-VARC", and yes we're progressing along nicely, even if it does seem to be awfully slow.

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Looking over my lists for this past year, I'm simply astonished and amazed at what we have accomplished. And thanks are due to a lot of the membership for their involvement in making things happen. Untold hours of time and effort went into all of those happenings and events that make up your club. Monthly membership meetings, membership "Hot Dog Socials" before meetings, Saturday AM breakfasts, Monday and Wednesday nite nets, Code and Theory classes, Public Service events participation, our funtime "June Field Day" event - and for results look in the current December issue of QST - we're way up in the 3A section with 4,010 points total, our "Ice Cream Social" and Chili Supper/Annual Election meeting, to say nothing of a very successful "Squirrel Season" -- and it's still open.



Membership is slowly and steadily increasing, even with the toll that our Silent Keys seem to have taken this year.

And the membership participation is a mirrored reflection of

all of the club activities as they all just don't happen by themselves. Thanks to all of you for a truly great and wonderful year -- lets get behind the incoming Officers and Directors and see if we can make this next one, the first of the new millenium, just as successful.

And thanks also to my Officers and Directors, they have all had just a little bit to do with it all too.

73 de John Moore, KK5NU

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Schedule of BVARC Activities

January 2000

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

Public Service Events:

1/16/2000

Houston Marathon. Carl Hacker,
chacker@utsph.sph.uth.tmc.edu

3/2000

Bluebonnet Bike Ride

4/15-16/2000

MS150 Houston to Austin Bike Ride. Mike Hardwick,
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Board Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club December 13, 1999

President John Moore called the meeting to order at 7:38pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president John Moore - KK5NU, vice president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, treasurer Louis House - KD5GM, recording secretary Doug

Woodruff - KC5VYZ, corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, one year board member Claude Sessions - K5HFX and two year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR. Those not in attendance were past president Bruce Paige - KK5DO and three year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO. Guests were Mike Hardwick - N5VCX and Anita Kirk.

Recording secretary report by Doug. The November BOD minutes were opened for amendment and correction, and none was given. Larry made a motion to approve the November BOD minutes and seconded by Darrell. The motion passed unanimously.

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Corresponding secretary report by Irv stated that current membership consist of 145 members including 13 life members. Since the first of the year we have added 40 new members which 14 are from being sent a newsletter from a various mailing lists.

Treasurer report by Louis. A detail of the treasurer's report can be obtained from the treasurer. All accounts are up to date through December 13, 1999. The club is solvent. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Irv and seconded by Darrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice president report by Larry. Nothing new to report.

President report by John. New information has been updated for club information to the ARRL and renewed the ARRL information to designate and maintain B-VARC as a special services club. The contacts and information has been updated on the club web page. An email from Harold Parker - ND5F was received making note that the correct designation for the club is B-VARC to include the hyphen.

Old business: No old business.


New business: Claude made a motion to appoint Louis House as the club treasurer, seconded by Irv. Motion passed unanimously. An email was sent out explaining the three awards and to find out if anyone on the board has received any nominations for these awards. December 15 at midnight will

be the cutoff for award nominations.

Motion was made to adjourn by Larry and seconded by Darrell. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ

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RESULTS OF THE DECEMBER 14 AMATEUR EXAMS

by: Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, December 14, 1999 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

V. E. TEAM:

Cass Germany, KG5IT
Harold Parker, ND5F
Randy Pollard, AK5G

ASSISTANTS:

John Moore, KK5NU

A total of 13 exams were administered during the evening to 8 applicants. Four (4) unlicensed candidates received their new Technician licenses. Two (2) others upgraded with a total of 11 elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 85%

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

Tim Brown, KD5ELA - Advanced
 Lester Gradwohl - Technician
 Joseph Hardy - Element 2
 Raymond Johnson Jr. - Technician
 Randall Johnston - Technician
 John Koppenhaver, N0BNA - Advanced
 Clarence Shaw - 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.

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

11/15 - 27 Doug
 11/22 - 25 Cam
 12/6 - Doug - 18
 12/13 - Doug - 16
 12/20 - Doug - 29

**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for November 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.

11/3/99--N5CPA, K5CEK, KK5XR, W5GHK, KM5DG, W5RIY, KC5RRU, KM5QT, KB5PGY/MOBILE5,

W5RRR/KB5PGY FROM JOHNSON SPACE CENTER. (10)

11/10/99--N5CPA, KM5DG, KK5VE, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KK5UO, W5RIY, K0RKT, KM5QT, WB5VYR. (10)

11/17/99--N5CPA, W5GHK, K5LJ, W5EFB, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5VXU, WB5IIB, WB5VYR, KG5KV. (10)

11/24/99—WN5A (NCS), W5EFB, N5VXU, K5CEK, KK5VE, W5GHK, AB5OK, K5VRJ, WB5VYR, KM5DG, K5LJ, W5TEM, N5KBW, AB5BA, KM5RO, N0DAV. (16)

NOTE -Many thanks to Jack, WN5A for calling the net in my absence!

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

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Here are the Coast Guard Freqs for SWL's:

	Shore	Ships
Air	5.696	
Air	8.8983	
Wx	4.426	
Wx	6.501	6.200
Wx	8.764	8.240
Wx	13.089	12.242
Navy	8.971	
Navy	11.267	
	2.182	Distress Calling
	2.670	Wx
	17.314	
Air	15.088	
Air	8.980	

Here are the freqs. to be used when your ship or boat is in distress. Use these freqs. for help on F. M.:

CH 06	156.8	Distress and Calling
On H. F.:		
	2182	Distress and Calling

Here are the Coast Guard Freqs. to call for Help:

	C. G.	Ship TX on
CH 406	4.426	4.134
CH 601	6.501	6.200
CH 816	8.764	8.240
CH 1205	13.089	12.242

Here are the High Sea and Marine Telephone Operator main freqs.

	WLO	Ship TX on
CH 506	6.517	6.218
CH 824	8.788	8.274
CH 829	8.803	8.264
CH 830	8.806	8.282
CH 1212	13.110	12.263
CH 1225	13.149	12.302
CH 1226	13.152	12.305

WOO KMI and WOM have shut down.

All U.S. Hams Must Register in the ULS (reprinted from CLARC RAG)

The FCC encouraged all amateurs to register for the ULS now. Before filing an application, renewing or modifying a license, or applying for a vanity call sign, all amateurs first must register--even though they are already in the FCC database as licensees. Except for applications filed through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator, applications filed by anyone not already registered in the ULS will be dismissed. Applications filed through a VEC automatically register the applicant in ULS.

Individuals eligible to hold a Social Security Number must provide this number--which the FCC refers to as a Taxpayer Identification Number or TIN--in order to register in the ULS. Once the TIN is registered, applicants may register a call sign.

Although the ULS is primarily designed to provide electronic filing for Amateur Radio applications, hams do not have to have Internet access to register or use the ULS. Applicants use ULS Registration Form 606 for both electronic or manual registration. The form asks for information that sometimes may not apply to individual amateur registrants.

To register electronically, visit <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/> and click on "TIN/Call Sign Registration." A paper Form 606 (TIN Registration Form) that can be mailed to the FCC is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html> or from the FCC's Forms Distribution Center, 800-418-FORM (3676). Amateurs should complete and submit the Form 606. Most hams can disregard the "Contact Information" section, unless they use a third party, such as an attorney, to deal with the FCC on their behalf. The electronic Form 606 includes an error-checking page that points out any errors the registrant has made. Applicants should fix all errors before submitting the form.

Paper forms may be faxed (717-338-2693) or mailed to the FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245.

Note: Web access should be available in 6 months - currently you have to dial a 1-800 number to update your license.

T-shirts

1. (around a picture of dandelions) I Fought the Lawn and the Lawn Won
2. So Few Men, So Few Who Can Afford Me
3. I Suffer Occasional Delusions of Adequacy
4. God Made Us Sisters, Prozac Made Us Friends
5. If They Don't Have Chocolate In Heaven, I Ain't Going
6. At My Age, I've Seen It All, Done It All, Heard It All... I Just Can't Remember It All
7. My Mother Is A Travel Agent For Guilt Trips
8. I Just Do What The Voices Inside My Head Tell Me To Do
9. (Worn by a pregnant woman) A Man Did This To Me, Oprah
10. If It's Called Tourist Season, Why Can't We Hunt Them?
11. Senior Citizen: Give Me My Damn Discount
12. Princess, Having Had Sufficient Experience With Princes, Seeks Frog
13. No, It Doesn't Hurt (on a "well-tattooed gentleman")
14. (on the back of a passing motorcyclist) If You Can Read This, My Wife Fell Off
15. I Used To Be Schizophrenic, But We're OK Now
16. (Over the outline of the state of Minnesota) My Governor Can Beat Up Your Governor
17. Veni, Vedi, Visa: I came. I Saw. I Did a Little Shopping.
18. What If The Hokey Pokey Is Really What It's All About
19. I Didn't Climb to the Top of the Food Chain to Be a Vegetarian
20. (on the Front) Yale Is Just One Big Party (on the back) With a \$25,000 Cover Charge
21. Coffee, Chocolate, Men...Some Things Are Just Better Rich
22. Liberal Arts Major...Will Think For Money
23. Growing Old is Inevitable; Growing Up is Optional
24. IRS-Be Audit You Can Be
25. Gravity...It's Not Just a Good Idea. It's the Law.
26. If You Want Breakfast In Bed, Sleep In the Kitchen
27. Wanted: Meaningful Overnight Relationship
28. The Old Pro...Often Wrong...Never In Doubt
29. If At First You Don't Succeed, Skydiving Isn't For You
30. Old Age Comes at a Bad Time
31. In America, Anyone Can Be President. That's One of the Risks You Take.
32. First Things First, but Not Necessarily in That Order.
33. (Printed upside down) If you can read this... put me back on my barstool.

