### Membership renewal information:

Members whose membership has expired or is near expiration will find their membership date highlighted on the mailing label.



http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc

ARRL Membership - Members are urged to renew their ARRL membership through BVARC, allowing the club to take advantage of reduced insurance rates. Contact John at 281-530-0432 for information

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B-VARC General Meetings are now on the second Thursday of each month!!!

### Hot Dawg

Hot Dogs and Drinks for Members - FREE
Come one, come all to the BVARC monthly meeting and join us
for Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks. Starting with the June meeting
you can visit with your friends and enjoy a hot dog and drink on
the club. Servingstarts at 6:30pm and goes until 7:30pm. There is
no charge for club members. We will have mustard, catsup,
onions and pickle relish as dressings for your dogs.

Many thanks to John Moore for printing this month's issue and to Claude Sessions for production

> Club Membership Application on last page.

#### **Board of Directors:**

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Paul Gray, 3-Year-Director - NOJAA, n0jaa@aol.com Larry Jacobson, Past President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com

### Notes from the President - August 2001

Prez Sez:

We had a decent turn out at the August Ice Cream Social. Orin Snook, KB5F and family arrived with the winning homemade ice cream entry and won first prize. The winners received two \$15.00 gift certificates to Lopez Mexican Restaurant in Stafford. Thanks again to all who contributed the tasty treats.

Mike Hardwick passed the hat seeking donations to help Frosty with funding for his Ollie Middle School Amateur Radio club for kids. A total of \$40.00 was collected from the general membership and the Board voted to pitch in \$60.00 to up the donation to an even \$100.00.

Has anyone been on the HF bands lately? It seems that this sun spot cycle is turning out to be a real dud. I have taken advantage of a few good openings on 6 meters lately. Looking toward the fall I am cautiously optimistic that conditions may improve somewhat.

November is Chili Supper month. It is also time to vote on a new Board of Directors. If you are interested in a board position or wish to nominate someone to a position please contact Larry Jacobson, K5LI.

The December meeting is Homebrew Night. If you have any Amateur Radio projects or kits that you have recently built, please submit them. All contestants will have a chance to win prizes.

The September General membership meeting will include a planned presentation on the Bailoon Launch by Bill Allen KD5IIU. I hope to visit with you all over a Coke and Hotdog.

73s until then,

Kevin/KD50

### SCHEDULE OF BVARC Activities

#### VE Sessions Change of Location:

The ARRL VEC amateur license tests which are given by B-VARC on the second Tuesday of each month has been moved to:

Houston Community College, Scarcella Technology Center 10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX

Parking in the rear -

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Sept	13	Balloon Launch (KD5IIU)	6	11
Oct	11	DX presentation and Quads and Yagis	4	9
Nov	8	Chili supper and Board elections	1	13
Dec	11	Home Brew Night	- 18	11
Jan	4	Banquet	TBA	TBA

Members who have club equipment are urged to contact a board member so that Club equipment can be cataloged and stored. Also, we would like to have some shelving if anyone wishes to donate it to the club. Thanks.



HOUSTON, TX 7708

# PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT CALENDAR FROM MIKE HARDWICK, NSVCX

Here is the list of public service events and other ham radio related events that will be going on in the greater Houston area for the rest of the year. If you are interested in working an event, give me a call or drop me an e-mail and I will fill you in on the event.

There are several events needing coordinators. If you are interested, please let me know so I can get you in contact with the event officials.

Come on out and put your radio and license to a very good use.

Northwest Cycle Club Bike Race - Chapel Hill, Texas http://www.northwestcyclingclub.com/chab/Racing/Chappell%20Hill%20Race-flyer 2001.html
September 9, 2001
Mike Hardwick - N5VCX
E-mail Address(es): n5vcx@worldnet.att.net

Katy Amateur Radio Society Antique Radio and Swapfest http://members.aol.com/KARSradio

September 15, 2001 Charles - KK5MS

E-mail Address(es): karsradio@hotmail.com

Sealy Crossroads Bike Ride - Sealy, Texas http://www.bicycletexas.com/sealycrossroad.htm September 29, 2001

Dan White - W5AOV

E-mail Address(es): dan.white@argolink.net

Cy-Fair Lions Biking for Sight - Montgomery, Texas http://pages.prodigy.net/cbmartin1/ September 30, 2001

Mike Hardwick - N5VCX

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Belton Ham Expo - Temple Amateur Radio Club - Belton, Texas

http://www.tarc.org/hamradio/hamexpo/oct2001early.html October 6th, 2001

254-773-3590

E-mail Address (es): hamexpo@tarc.org

Bike to the Beach MS150 - San Antonio to Corpus Christi http://www.ms150.org/

October 6 & 7, 2001 Alfred Horn - SARO

E-mail Address(es): diamondw@swbell.net

MADD Country Classic Bike Ride - Montgomery, Texas http://www.woodlandscyclingclub.org/~maddcrc/

October 7, 2001

Rud Merriam - K5RUD

E-mail Address(es): rmerriam@usa.net

Alamo Challenge Bike Ride - Houston to San Antonio http://www.alamochallenge.com/

October 13 & 14, 2001 Bill Wilson - KA5GHI

E-mail Address(es): ka5ghi@aol.com

CLARC's Hamgest 2001 - Clear Lake City, Texas http://www.clarc.org/hamfest.htm

October 20th, 2001

John Taylor - KD5IHO

(713) 504-1403

E-mail Address(es): kd5iho@swbell.net

Wings Over Houston Air Show - Ellington Field http://www.wingsoverhouston.com/

October 20 & 21, 2001

Bill Terrell - JSC/Air Show

E-mail Address(es): bill.b:terrell1@jsc.nasa.gov

20K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Houston http://www.houston20k.com/

October 21, 2001 Mike Hardwick - N5VCX

E-mail Address(es): n5vcx@worldnet.att.net

Novemberfest Bike Ride.- Sealy, Texas http://www.cri-usa.org/cri.htm November 3, 2001 Robert Temple - WD5DBZ E-mail Address(es): Robert.B.Temple@usa.conoco.com

25K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Houston http://www.rrca.org/clubs/data/1065.htm November 11, 2001 Mike Hardwick - N5VCX E-mail Address(es); n5vcx@worldnet.att.net

30K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Sugarland December 2, 2001 Mike Hardwick - N5VCX E-mail Address(es): n5vcx@worldnet.att.net

Houston Marathon - Houston http://www.compaqhoustonmarathon.com/compaq.htm January 20, 2002 Carl Hacker - KB5LDY

E-mail Address(es): chacker@sph.uth.tmc.edu

Here are some websites that might be of interest:

http://www.txvhffm.org/hamfests.asp http://www.wirelessweek.com/index.asp?layout=static&pa ge=Industry\_Layoffs\_Wa tch&doc\_id=31024 http://www.starband.com http://www.electrojunk.com/links.htm

What have you done for the hobby today?

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JULY 11, 2001

President Kevin Foto called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

President Kevin Foto-KD5O, Treasurer Rex Ritz -KC5EEU, 3-Year Director Paul Gray-NOJAA, Past President Larry Jacobson-K5LJ, Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman-K5LKJ, 1-Year Director Robert Moore -KK5UO

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Aflen-KD5IIU: Bill was not able to attend the meeting due to personal reasons

Corresponding Secretary Report by John Whiteman-K5LKJ: As of July 11<sup>th</sup> the club had 129 members with 78 in the ARRL, 16 life members and 12 family members. New club rosters were presented and there will be a roster out for all members to verify their roster information at the next general meeting Larry Jacobson made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Robert Moore and motion then passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: Rex reported the field day pins are in and the pins will be distributed at the next club meeting. There was also one new life member. All accounts are current. Larry Jacobson made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Rex Ritz and motion then passed unanimously.

Vice President Report by Claude Sessions-K5HFY: Claude was not able to attend the meeting due to personal reasons

Presidential Report by Kevin Foto-KD5O: The President discussed how well the field day event went. He stated there would be a Balloon Launch Team ("BLT-18") show for September. The clubs next field day location and details was discussed. The Board discussed numerous items. John Whiteman made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Rex Ritz and motion then passed unanimously.

At Large Report by Paul Gray-NOJAA: Paul gave a brief overview. Ways of recognizing individual and group accomplishments were discussed. It was decided that field day announcements would be made at the next general meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Foto and seconded by Robert Moore and motion then passed unanimously.

I-Year Director Robert Moore -KK5UO: Robert gave a report and answered questions on club amateur radio license classes. He expressed an interest in giving a TECH class this fall and possibly a code class if there is enough interest.

Motion was made to adjourn by Larry Jacobson and seconded by Kevin Foto. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IIU.

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

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RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 14TH
B-VARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION
BY: JOHN MOORE, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2001 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

### MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW Larry Jacobson, K5LJ John Moore, KK5NU

Six examination elements were administered during the evening to five applicants. Two unlicensed candidates received their new Technician licenses; one Technician and one Tech w/HF upgraded to General, with the total

number of elements passed being 5. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 83.33%.

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

John D. Baker

- Technician

James L. Hibbetts

- Technician

James A. King

- KD5LUQ - General

Monroe E. Smith

- KD5KDQ - General

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 everyone at HCC Scarcella Technology Center for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

..... 73 .....

John Moore - KK5NU

# MONDAY NIGHT PSN check-ins (KC5VYZ net control)

5/25 - 25 - Doug

1/9 - 30 - Bruce

7/16 - 26 - Jack

7/23 - 28 - Doug

7/30 - 21 - Doug

8/6/ - none

8/13 - 17 - Bruce

8/20 - 28 - Jack

8/27 - 24 - Doug

# B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for July 2001 by Sam Wilson, N5CPA

3.960MHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00PM ←PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM 8:00 TO 7:00

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 harns from around the south central US! WHAT?? Don't have voice privileges? Got a



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short-wave receiver? Dial in and listen, then check in using the telephone number announced at the beginning of each net.

7/04/01—K5CEK, K5JWM, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5HFY, N5VXU, WC5S (7)
7/11/01—K5CEK, KE5SR, N5VXU, KB5F, KE4NT, K5LBU, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WC5S, K5JWM, (10)
7/18/01—K5VRJ, K5JWM, K5LBU, KB5F, WC5S, K5LJ, KC5HNJ, KE4NT. (8)
7/25/01—K5CEK, KE5SR, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WC5S, N5VXU, K5LJ, K34NT, K5JWM, K5LBU. (10)
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#### Club Links

Some web page links to clubs in the Southeast Texas area — Cameron Mitchell

(Not all active)

Brenham ARC:

http://www.alphal.net/~barc
Texas DX Society:
http://n5uh.tech.uh.edu/~tdxs
Houston Echo Society:
http://www.qsl.net/echo
Northwest ARC (Houston):
http://www.w5nc.org
Johnson Space Center ARC
http://www.w5rrr.org
COMPAC Radio Club:

http://www.houston-intranet.com/~cpqbam Katy ARS:

http://members.gol.com/karsradio

Stephen F. Austin ARC (Bellville area):

http://users.argolink.net/danwhite/W5SFA/W5SFA\_index

Hou-Texins ARC (Stafford):

http://www.hal-pc.org/~tiarc/

Brazos Valley ARC:

http://www.hai-pc.org/~bvarc

Tidelands ARC (Texas City Area):

http://www.tidelands.org

South East Texas ARC (Tomball):

http://setac.homestead.com/setachome.html

Victoria ARC:

http://www.viptx/net/varc/

Clear Lake ARC:

http://www.clarc.org

(Please advise of additions. Thanks.)

#### Antique Radio Festival and Ham SwapFest

Katy VFW Hall and Parking Lot (Air Conditioned Hall!)

September 15th 8:00am - 3:30pm

(Vendor and table setup 7:00am-8:00am)

Talk-in Frequency: 147.200+ (no tone)

Admission: \$1 at the door Tables \$10 Tailgate Space \$5 (Electricity available)

Refreshments Available Coffee, Doughnuts, Cold Drinks

More information and updates available at: http://members.aol.com/KARSradio

Contact Charles, KK5MS at: 713-202-9898 Or Karsradio@Hotmail.com

### From Paul L. Gray, Jr., NOJAA Field Day Committee Chairman

The following Field Day participants have not claimed their 2001 Field Day pins. I will have the pins at the next meeting.

Henry Calk, Jr.

WBSIIB

Dennis Harper

KC5QDN

Mark Keith Brian LeVack NM5K KB5ESE

Jeffrey Paul Lanny Poteet

KD5LYZ **KB5VTB**  Claude Sessions, Jr. Al Zermeno

K5HFY KK5W

Betty Zermeno

KAOTEN

### FCC INVITES 60-METER PETITION COMMENTS (ARRL Newsletter)

The FCC is accepting comments on the ARRL's petition seeking the allocation of 5.250 to 5.400 MHz to the Amateur Service on a domestic (US-only), secondary basis. The Commission put the proposal on public notice this week and assigned a rulemaking number, RM-10209, to the proceeding. Comments are due by September 12, 2001.

Interested parties may comment on the proposal using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (EFCS) <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html">http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html</a>. Commenters should reference "RM-10209" in their postings. Even if the FCC eventually okays the petition, it's likely to be several years before the new band actually becomes available.

In its petition, the ARRL told the FCC that the new band would aid emergency communication activities by filling a "propagation gap" between 80 and 40 meters, particularly for emergency communications during hurricanes and severe weather emergencies. The ARRL also said a new 150-kHz allocation at 5 MHz also could relieve substantial overcrowding that periodically occurs on 80 and 40.

The ARRL has proposed that General class and higher amateurs be permitted to operate CW, phone, data, image and RTTY on the new band running maximum authorized power. No mode-specific subbands were proposed. If allocated to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis, hams would have to avoid interfering with-and accept interference from-current occupants of the spectrum, as they already do on 30 meters.

The ARRL said that its successful WA2XSY experimental operation between 1999 and this year has demonstrated that amateur stations can coexist with current users and that the band is very suitable for US-to-Caribbean paths.

A copy of the ARRL petition is available on the ARRL Web site.

<a href="http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/5MHz">http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/5MHz</a>.

### BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - 2001 Membership Application

Regular membership dues are \$16.00/ year. Lifetime Memberships are \$160.00 Additional family members may join B-VARC for only \$2.00/year each with no additional copy of the newsletter.    Call:	Nev	Renewal	Ro	ster Update ONLY	
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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 generally 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. Membership dues are \$16 annually.

B-VARC conducts A.R.R.L. VEC license exam sessions on the second Tuesday of each month. B-VARC also conducts a Public Service Net at 9:00 P. M. each Monday on the 145.470 and 444.55 (MERA) repeaters.

To obtain information about the club, its activities, or about joining B-VARC, contact John, K5LKJ, at 281-530-0432.

### **B-VARC** Meeting Schedule

The next general membership meeting is Thursday, September 13.

Location:

7:30 p.m. Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, Sugar Land Texas

### **B-VARC** Eating Schedule

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

Also at 7:30 a. m. Location: Viking Den on 90A, Stafford.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday dinners – for September - Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant at 5423 Bellaire Blvd. at Chimney Rock, in Bellaire.- 6:30 p.m. SHARPI

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