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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 John at 281-530-0432 for information

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

November Chili Supper

The November meeting is time for the Annual Chili Supper Event and BOD elections.

Please contact Kevin Foto, KD5O, for information and coordination of chili and trimmings.

His email is foto@texas.net and phone 281-277-5886

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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Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, 2-Year-Director, n5vcx@worldnet.att.net
Paul Gray, 3-Year-Director - N0JAA, n0jaa@aol.com
Larry Jacobson, Past President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com

Prez Sez:

Last night was the PACE Presentation at Fort Settlement Middle School in Sugar Land. PACE is a Fort Bend ISD program to expose students to interesting hobbies and professions. BVARC had 2 tables full of equipment and information regarding our club and the hobby in general. The exhibit was well received with many interested students stopping by. I would like to thank Cameron, Bud, Scott, Curtis, Curtis Jr. and my wife for their time and efforts which made this exhibit possible.

Last months presentations on Quads and Yagis by Ross Lawler and DX by Charles Frost were very informative. We need more members to step forward and provide quality technical presentations. Thanks again for your presentations.

November is Chili Supper and Board Elections Month. The best chili entry will win a prize. We still need more volunteers to bring chili and toppings. So far the response has been poor. If you wish to bring chili or anything else to the next meeting, please contact me by phone or email at kd5o@texas.net.

December is Homebrew Month. The winning homebrew project entrant will win a new Alinco HT. If you have a project in process, please finish it in time for the December contest at the General Membership meeting.

I hope to visit with you at the next meeting.

73,

Kevin Foto/KD5O

B-VARC HAS AN ELMER, ROSS LAWLER, W5HFF

Ross, W5HFF, has agreed to be the *ELMER* for the club. He will help prospective hams and new members get started in Ham Radio and the club. His email is w5hff@juno.com and phone is 281-342-3340.

Many thanks to Ross for this undertaking.

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,

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Nov	8	Chili supper and Board elections	1	13
Dec	11	Home Brew Night	18	11
Jan	4	Banquet	TBA	TBA

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**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-N0JAA, Past President Larry Jacobson-K5LJ, Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman-K5LKJ, 1-Year Director Robert Moore - KK5UO

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Allen-KD5IIT: Bill was not able to attend the meeting due to personal reasons.

Corresponding Secretary Report by John Whiteman-K5LKJ: As of July 11th 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: (The report is available from Rex for members.) 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-N0JAA: 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.

1-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-KD5IUI.

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Board of Directors Meeting - August 2, 2001

President Kevin Foto called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

President Kevin Foto-KD5O, 2-year board member Mike Hardwick - N5VCX, Treasurer Rex Ritz - KC5EEU, Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman-K5LKJ, 1-Year Director Robert Moore -KK5UO, Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IUI

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Allen-KD5IUI: Reviewed the June 2001 BOD minutes. Motion made by Robert Moore and seconded by Mike Hardwick to approve June 2001 BOD minutes and motion carried unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary Report by John Whiteman-

K5LKJ: As of August 2nd the club had 124 members with 58 in the ARRL, 16 life members and 11 family members. Possible changes and updates of the roster were discussed. Individual club member index cards for sorting and keeping member statuses up to date were discussed. Kevin Foto made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Bill Allen and motion then passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: (Member may obtain a copy of the report from Rex.) All accounts are current. Robert Moore made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by John Whiteman and motion then passed unanimously.

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

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Presidential Report by Kevin Foto-KD5O: The President discussed how well the field day event went. The club discussed arrangements and handling the additional details for this years banquet. Next years possible locations for field day were discussed. The BVARC and MERA associations pertaining to the club were discussed. It was decided that the club would amend its literature and/or announcements to state as follows: "The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club would like to thank the MERA repeater association for the use of its equipment ". He stated that he has turned in all needed field day reports and information to the ARRL. Ice cream social details were discussed. John Whiteman made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Bill Allen and motion then passed unanimously.

1-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 Morse code class this fall and possibly a code class if there is enough interest. John Whiteman made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Kevin Foto and motion passed unanimous

Public Service Update by Mike Hardwick-N5VCX: Mike was asked for local repeater statuses and discussed

possible repairs and current status of the MERA associations' repeater, which we are allowed to use. He also gave a report on the overall successful report of recent event. Web updates for future events should be posted soon. He stated he was looking for assistance for future events and to contact him if you are able to help. Kevin Foto made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Bill Allen and motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn by Robert Moore and seconded by John Whiteman. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IUU

SCANNER JACK'S Corner by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

Here are some items you must look for when you buy a scanner.

- 1 frequency range
- 2 all trunk tracker scanners will do conventional scanning but not at the same time
- 3 selectivity
- 4 sensitivity
- 5 is it a dual or a triple conversion
- 6 antenna the higher the better

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RESULTS OF THE October 9th 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, October 9, 2001 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
Mark Winslet, KM5WR

One examination element was administered during the evening to a single applicant, who was unsuccessful in obtaining a passing score. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 0%.

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.

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MONDAY NIGHT PSN check-ins (KC5VYZ net control)

8/13 - 17 - Bruce
8/20 - 28 - Jack
8/27 - 24 - Doug
9/3/ - 22 - Cam
9/10 - 26 - Bruce
9/17 -20 - Jack
9/24 - 25 - Doug
10/1 - 17 - Cam
10/8 - 24 - Bruce
10/15 - 30 - Jack
10/22 - 26 - Jack

B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for August 2001 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 the telephone number announced at the beginning of each net.

9/05/01--N5CPA (NC), K5CEK, K5LJ, K5JWM,
N5VXU, WA4KSM, WB5SRN, KK5UO. (8)
9/12/01--N5CPA (NC), K5CEK, KE5SR, WB5SRN,
K5VRJ, AB5BA, KK5UO, KD5FDN, KB5F. (9)
9/19/01--N5CPA (NC), K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5JWM,

KB5F, WB5SRN, K5CEK, KE5SR, N5VXU, KD5FDN.

(10)

9/26/01—N5CPA (NC), K5CEK, KE5SR, N5VXU,
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KM5SV. (11)



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CC&R's submitted by Allen, N5XZ

The following was copied from the ARRL Newsletter

==>ARRL MEMBERS' HELP NEEDED WITH CC&R EFFORT

ARRL is encouraging members to write their members of Congress in an effort to build awareness in Congress that private land-use regulations have become a real problem for many Amateur Radio operators. ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, says support from the amateur community will help to backstop the League's efforts to meet with elected representatives and staffers on Capitol Hill to discuss possible legislation. "In the meantime, we continue to prowl the halls of Congress in search of supporters!" Mansfield said. As condominium complexes and planned communities proliferate, covenants, conditions and restrictions, or CC&Rs, have become a growing obstacle to amateurs who want to erect antennas. At its July meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted a goal of legislative action to help overcome the restrictions that CC&Rs impose on Amateur Radio antennas. Amateurs who are affected by CC&Rs—or who know someone in their Congressional district who is—are invited to adapt the ARRL's sample letter to their own situations and consider sending it to their Congressional representative. A sample of the letter is on the ARRL Web site

<<<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/ccr-sample-letter.html>>>.

To find a Senator's mailing address, visit the US Senate Web site

<<<http://www.senate.gov/contacting/index.cfm>>>. To find a Representative's mailing address, visit the US House of Representatives Web site,

<<<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>>>.

Those writing are requested to share their correspondence with Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, Legislative and Public Affairs Manager, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111; n1mza@arrl.org.

C'mon guys and gals, we need your help. (Even y'all who have problems with the ARRL.) This doesn't affect all hams directly, but it sure does affect a lot of us! I think it does affect all hams indirectly by making it so much harder to erect outside antennas on their homes, which I feel is one of the main problems contributing to the decline in the ham radio population. It may be a long shot or a long time, but please start sending snail mail, email, telegrams, and phone calls to your representatives! I think now is an excellent time to get their attention, with the aftermath of the Sept. 11th bombing just behind us. I think they might just have their ears tuned to anything that would be of help in case of a disaster in their home district.

Please forward this to every ham you know, bring it up in club meetings, include it with your QSL cards, etc. whatever it takes to get the word out and the letters to Washington DC.

For those of you in Texas, here are our Senators:

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Representatives can be found at the address above by your city, county or zip code.

Thanks and good luck to all of us!

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