


<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>Awards Banquet</p> <p>Members are encouraged to make nominations for awards to club members to be presented at the Awards Banquet on January 4, 2002.</p> <p>For a brief summary see p. 4 or check the B-VarC web for complete details.</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 John at 281-530-0432 for information

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<p>Many thanks to John Moore for printing this month's issue and to Claude Sessions for production</p> <p>Club Membership Application on last page.</p>	<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>Kevin Foto, President - KD5O, foto@texas.net Claude Sessions, vice-president - K5HFF, claudes@juno.com Bill Allen, Recording Secretary - KD5IU, william_allen@csicontrols.com John Whiteman, Corresponding Secretary - K5LKJ, jw@heatingtapes.com Rex Ritz, Treasurer - KC5EEU, icrex@yahoo.com Robert Moore, 1-Year-Director - KK5UO, kk5uo@hal-pc.org 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</p>

DECEMBER MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX

Parking in the rear --

Notes from the President --

Préz Sez:

The November Chili supper brought out many tasty chili pots. Harry Hammond and his wife ran off with First Prize for their chili entry. I hope that everyone enjoyed the food as much as I did.

Larry Jacobson ran the slate of 2002 board nominees. No new candidates were nominated and the general membership voted in the new board members for 2002.

Our December meeting will conclude the year with Homebrew Night. Please bring any kit or home project you have recently completed. First Prize winner will receive a new HT.

The Annual Awards Banquet is coming up on January 4th of 2002. This years Banquet will again be held at the Old San Francisco Steakhouse. Interested parties can RSVP for the occasion by contacting any board member. Rex Ritz will also be available at the December meeting to take reservations. The food choice is between London Broil steak and shrimp/chicken medley.

Happy Holidays and 73,

Kevin/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,
Scarcella Technology Center**

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Dec	11	Home Brew Night	4	11
Jan	4	Banquet	TBA	TBA

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BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Board of Directors Meeting --October 4, 2001

President Kevin Foto called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. with a quorum:

Those in attendance were:

President Kevin Foto-KD5O, Treasurer Rex Ritz - KC5EEU, Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman-K5LKJ, 1-Year Director Robert Moore -KK5UO, Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, 3-Year Director Paul Gray-NOJAA, Ross Lawler -W5HFF, Curtis Barber Sr. - KD5JXH with visitor Elizabeth and Curtis Barber Jr. - KD5KTT.

Past President Larry Jacobson-K5LJ was not able to attend due to business reasons.

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Allen-KD5HU: Was not present due to personal reasons

Corresponding Secretary Report by John Whiteman-K5LKJ: As of October 4th the club had 129 members with 74 in the ARRL, 16 life members and 11 family members. Changes and updates of the roster were discussed. John expressed his interests in expanding some of the clubs emergency operations as well as an interest in making more contacts with other clubs. A discussion on creating a committee for new member and visitors to the club was initiated. An Elmer program for club members was

discussed and Ross Lawler-W5HFF volunteered to be the clubs Elmer.

Treasurer Report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: The details of the Treasurer's Report may be obtained from Rex. There was a discussion on changing the date of the BVARC banquet being held on Friday, January 4, 2002. It was decided there would be a straw vote to decide on the final date. An additional club meeting for December/January was discussed. All accounts are current. John Whiteman made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Robert Moore and motion then passed unanimously.

Vice President Report by Claude Sessions-K5HFY: Was not present due to personal reasons

Presidential Report by Kevin Foto-KD5O: Discussions on the details of the upcoming FT. Bend County PACE presentation were discussed and it was decided that this issue would be brought up during the next general club meeting. Kevin expressed a great thanks to all the board members especially the member whose efforts consist of the majority of the board's duties.

1-Year Director Robert Moore - No report at this time

3-Year Director Paul Gray- N0JAA there were discussions on field day locations and a motion was made to put the deposit down on George Bush Park. The motion was made by Claude Sessions and seconded by Rex Ritz. Paul expressed an interest in having the club special committee members voted on prior to the 2002 Board of Directors change.

Also Curtis Barber Jr. KD5KTT approached the Board of Directors and asked for a vote on the advertisement proposal he presented to the club at the previous Board of Directors meeting. The board decided that the scouts do not benefit from this as much as others and it was declined. The board did discuss ways assist the boy scouts in helping members attain their merit badges. It was also asked to Curtis Jr. if the club could set up a booth or table at the boy scout expo in behalf of Curtis's scout group to introduce ourselves to as many scout groups as possible. The decision will be made by Curtis Jr's scout group and he will return with their answer.

Motion was made to adjourn by Robert Moore and seconded by John Whiteman. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IU

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Board of Directors Meeting -September 6, 2001

President Kevin Foto called the meeting to order at 7:17

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-KD5IU, 3-Year Director Paul Gray-N0JAA, Vice President Claude Sessions, Past President Larry Jacobson-K5LJ, Ross Lawler -W5HFF, Curtis Barber Sr. -KD5JXH and Curtis Barber Jr. -KD5KTT

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Allen-KD5IU: Reviewed the July and August 2001 BOD minutes. Motion made by Kevin Foto and seconded by John Whiteman to approve July 2001 BOD minutes and motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Kevin Foto and seconded by Mike Hardwick to approve August 2001 BOD minutes and motion carried unanimously.

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Corresponding Secretary Report by John Whiteman-K5LKJ: As of August 2nd the club had 124 members with 66 in the ARRL, 16 life members and 11 family members. Changes and updates of the roster were discussed. Handling received individual and club QSL cards were discussed. Larry Jacobson volunteered to coordinate this effort for the club. A sixty dollar donation to add to the general memberships donation of forty dollars initiated by Allen Brier-N5XZ for the Ollie Middle School Ham Club was voted on by a Quorum consisting of President Kevin Foto 2-year board member Mike Hardwick, Treasurer Rex Ritz - KC5EEU Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman, 3-Year Director Paul Gray-N0JAA. Allen Brier-N5XZ initiated this donation. It was noted that Charles Frost-K5LBU may use this donation towards guy wires for the Schools amateur station.

Treasurer Report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: The Treasurer's Report is available from Rex. Rex stated that he would like the roster to be able to sort by zip code. Rex stated that the BVARC banquet will be held on Friday, January 4, 2002. All accounts are current. Claude Sessions made a

motion to pass the report and was seconded by Robert Moore and motion then passed unanimously.

Vice President Report by Claude Sessions-K5HFY: Newsletter stamps were discussed. More items for the Various club events were discussed. After 7 years Claude has decided not to run or accept another nomination for board membership. Claude Sessions work for the club has been of exceptional benefit to the club and he will be missed.

Presidential Report by Kevin Foto-KD5O. The new ARRL membership package was discussed. The ARRL package and commission changes are still under discussion. An Alinco 2m HT was announced for a grand prize on the upcoming mobile installation contest and other event details were discussed

1-Year Director Robert Moore -KK5UO: Robert gave a report and answered questions on club amateur radio license classes. He had expressed an interest in giving a Morse code class this fall but there was not enough interest.

New business: A Mini Ham Convention was brought up for KD5IDU and discussed. W5LLU announced a need for help on a tower he is trying to get up and to contact John Whiteman at 713-783-4718 if any one was able. Ross Lawler -W5HFF asked for help for Rick Hiller on the upcoming events.

Old business: Curtis Barber Jr.KD5KTT approached the Board of Directors with a advertisement proposal to the club in through the Boy Scouts of America and the proposal was discussed and is still under consideration.

Motion was made to adjourn by Claude Sessions and seconded by Robert Moore. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm

SCANNER JACK'S Corner by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

Here are the frequencies for Montgomery Co. T.R.S.
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RESULTS OF THE November 13th 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, November 13, 2001 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
Mark Winslet, KM5WR

Two examination elements were administered during the evening to two applicants, one was successful in passing Element 3. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 50%.

Benjamin F. Secore, Jr. - KB5VYZ - Element 3

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

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MONDAY NIGHT PSN check-ins (KC5VYZ net control)

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
 10/29 - 24 - Doug
 11/5 - 25 - Cam
 11/12 - 24 - Jack
 11/19 - 16 - Jack

B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for October 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.

10/03/01-N5CPA, K5CEK, K5JWM, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5VXU, KB5F, KI5DR. (8)
 10/11/01-N5CPA, K5CEK, KE5SR, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5JWM, KD5FDN, KI5DR, KK5W, N5PAY. (10)
 10/17/01-N5CPA, K5CEK, W5IZP, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5JWM, WN5A, WB5SRN, KB5F, WC5S, N5VXU, N5YME. (12)
 10/24/01-N5CPA, K5JWM, KB5F, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WC5S, K5LJ, W5GHK, KD5FWD. (10)
 10/31/01-N5CPA, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5VXU, K5LJ, K5LBU, N5VXU. (8)



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JOTA 2001 - Rick Hiller, W5RH

The weekend of October 20th and 21st brought excellent weather and more importantly excellent propagation. The annual Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) took place and Boy Scouts the world over had a chance to talk to each other via Amateur Radio....and talk they did. The Scouts of Troop 80 in Sharpstown with the help of Ross, W5HFF;

Troop 80 St. Francis de Sales

44th World JAMBOREE

e Scout On the Air / Sur les Ondes

20 October 2001
 21 octobre



Name	Frequency	Signal Report	FIS TX/RX
Date	Time	Mode	



Troop 80 - St. Francis de Sales
 Sam Houston Area Council
 Houston, Texas USA

Tom, KD5FDN; Scott, KB5FBA and Rick, W5RH contacted stations on 3 continents and the International Space Station.

Troop 80 turned this year's JOTA into an opportunity to promote merit badge classes for Electricity, Electronics and Radio by focusing their October troop meetings on introductions to the merit badges. Hands on classes for these merit badges took place at the Troop 80 Scout House on JOTA weekend. Many of the 18 Scouts attending the JOTA campout completed at least one of the badges and got a great start on the others --13 completed Radio. The final part of the Radio merit badge is an introduction to Amateur Radio. The Scouts helped to set up and take down the antennas and other equipment. Plus, they then got to use the stations to speak with Hams and Scouts in the USA, Canada, Japan, England, Belgium, Luxemburg, Cook Islands, Germany, and others.

The pictures from JOTA show Ross, W5HFF tuning his 706 for a couple of Scouts; Tom, KD5FDN showing the Scouts how to assemble a Cushcraft R7 Vertical and Scout, Jeremy Simpson, talking to GB2BSA in England on Sunday morning.

Join the BVARC Listserve to keep up with club activities and more:

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club has it's own listserver that is served thru the Clear Lake ARC server. The address to use to subscribe is:

Majordomo@clarc.org - Place nothing in the "Subject" line of the message. The body should be in the following format:

subscribe bvarc (<address>)

Subscribe yourself (or <address> if specified) to the list.

For example:

subscribe bvarc joesmith@usa.net

will subscribe Joe Smith with an eMail address of joesmith@usa.net to the mailing list from any system that Joe Smith originates the message from.

The items contained in () are optional. Do *not* include the () around the command.

The mailer also understands the following commands:

unsubscribe bvarc (<address>)

Unsubscribe yourself (or <address> if specified) from the list.

which (<address>)

Find out which list(s) you (or <address> if specified) are on.

who bvarc

Find out who is subscribed to the bvarc list.

info bvarc

Retrieve the general introductory information for the bvarc list.

help

Retrieves the general help message for the mailer system.

end

Stop processing command (useful if you add a signature).

All commands should be sent in the body of an eMail message to:

Majordomo@clarc.org

Once you're subscribed to the list, any message you send to the list address (bvarc@clarc.org) will be broadcast to all of the current subscribers of the list.

Enjoy --

de John Moore, KK5NU



Chili Supper Pics



More pics at
<http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc/PaceJota.htm>

AWARDS Banquet on January 4

See the B-VARC web site for more details. (Contact any board member for nominations or suggestions.)

The Order of the Key ... recognize the BVARC member who has made outstanding contributions to the progress of the club.

Zepp Award ... recognize BVARC members for their efforts to promote operation on the high frequency (HF) bands.

Dr. Bill Award ... may be presented each year to the BVARC member recognized as the outstanding participant in the BVARC Volunteer Examiner Program.

The third of the series The 30K Warm-up Run, is coming up the first weekend of December and I am needing several more volunteers for this event. With over 1800 runners and the event being held in a sub-division, many operators are needed. Come on out and help with the event continue the tradition.

Here is some information for you to keep in mind.

Regular monthly Tailgates:

1st Sat- Dallas Tx Jim Geer WB5LXZ jggeer@swbell.net

3rd Sat- Humble/Kingwood Tx Herb KF9RX kd9rx@pdq.net
145.430(-)

The next get together will be December 15th. Beginning next year the schedule will be quarterly since the once a month was a little much. There are no fees or charges for the tailgate. Just come only the parking lot of the law office building that is one block south and one block east of the Humble city cafe in Humble. Informal talk-in is on the local repeater, 145.430 minus offset with no tone. Someone is always on the repeater.

Herb

KF9RX kd9rx@pdq.net

3rd Sat. Tandy Parking lot on North Main St & Terminal Rd across from Meacham Field in Fort Worth, Texas.
(Thanks Betty)

4th Sat- McKinney, Tx Ed Padget KK5WT ar1.net

Here are a few interesting sites:

<http://www.phonebookofbrazil.com/>

<http://computingcentral.msn.com/internet/speedtest.asp>

Here is something to think about, how, if at all, has amateur radio affected you?

Have a good holiday and remember to put your radio and license to a very good use.

Thanks,

Mike Hardwick
N5VCX

December

30K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Sugarland

December 2, 2001

Mike Hardwick - N5VCX

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January, 2002

San Antonio SWAPFEST'02 and Texas VHF-FM Society Winter Mtg

January 12, 2002

Little Joe's Country Gold
7405 Old Pearsall Rd.
San Antonio, Texas
Royce KASOHJ - 210-680-0432
E-mail Address(es): swapfest01@juno.com

Houston Marathon - Houston

<http://www.compaqhoustonmarathon.com/compaq.htm>

January 20, 2002

Carl Hacker - KB5LDY

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Feb 3, 2002

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Exams in A.M.

Jeff N5MNV 255-6753

n5mnw@ar1.net

Helicopter Landing Zone Training

9AM Shoreline Christian Center

Feb 9, 2002

Dan KC5SWU Motorcycle Support Team

mstaustin@juno.com

Home: (512) 280-6702 Pager: (512) 307-8301

Motorola Marathon

Austin, Texas

February 17, 2002

APRS and voice ops

km5ct@ar1.net

Brenham Bluebonnet Swapmeet

Washington county fairground

March 30, 2002

lindan@industryinet.com

Belton Ham Expo

hamexpo@tarc.org <http://www.tarc.org>

April 13, 2002

Mike LeFan, WA5EQQ

MS150 Houston to Austin Bike Ride

<http://www.ms150.org>

April 20 & 21, 2002

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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. New members and prospective hams should contact the Club's "Elmer", Ross, W5HFF at 281-342-3340 or w5hff@juno.com.

B-VARC Meeting Schedule

The next general membership meeting is Thursday,
December 11, 2001.

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.

3rd Friday dinners - Because of the timing and season, there will be no 3rd Friday
Night Dinner in December.

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