



# BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

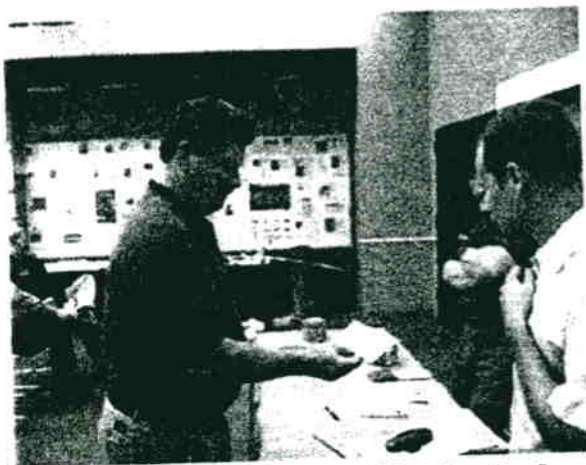
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## Bylaws Revisions Pass

All of the bylaws changed proposed in the previous newsletter passed at the December 12th membership meeting. A summary of the changes follows.

1. Reduction of At-Large Board of Director from 3 members to 2 members.
2. Change the term of the officers to 2 years having staggered periods. Beginning in 2003 the office of President, Recording Secretary and one of the At-large directors will be elected. The following year the election will be for Vice President, Corresponding Secretary/Treasury, and the other At-large Director.
3. Include the Past President as an At Large director.
4. Add a student membership to the classes of members with reduced membership dues.
5. Allow for a yearly review of the Life Membership rate by the board.
6. Increase the Individual membership dues to \$20.00 per year.



## Eight Hams Bring Projects to Home Brew Night

The unusual location of the Ft. Bend County Library did not deter BVARC hams from showing off their creativity with a variety of projects ranging from a homemade AM receiver to a code practice oscillator Rick Hiller, W5RH

won the prize for best project with his 40 meter delta loop and narrow band filter.



## Time Running Out for Award Nominations

Nominations for the following awards need to be made as soon as possible so that the board may consider each.

- The Order of the Key
- The Dr. Bill Award
- The Loop and Zepp Award

Any member of the club may make nominations for all Awards in writing to any board member.

## Public Service Events

*By Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, President*

If you are interested in any of these events, give me a call and I will send you the information on the event. Call me at 713-771-4625 or e-mail [n5vcx@worldnet.att.net](mailto:n5vcx@worldnet.att.net).

### HP Houston Marathon

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

Sunday, January 19, 2003

140 hams needed

**And don't forget the MS150 Bike Ride**

<http://www.ms150.org>

Saturday/Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13, 2003 120 hams.



## 2002 Club Officers:

President:  
Mike Hardwick, N5VCX  
n5vcx@worldnet.att.net

Vice President:  
Robert Moore, KK5UO  
kk5uo@hal-pc.org

Treasurer:  
Rex Ritz, KC5EEU  
icrex@yahoo.com

Corresponding Secretary: Cameron  
Mitchell, K5CAM  
k5cam@arrl.net

Recording Secretary: Bill Allen,  
KC5IIU  
william\_allen@csicontrols.com

One-Year Board Member: John  
Gilmore, AC5TL  
johnnygilmore\_1999@yahoo.com

Two-Year Board Member: Paul Gray,  
N0JAA  
n0jaa@aol.com

Three-Year Board Member: Ross  
Lawler, W5HFF  
w5hff@juno.com

Past President:  
Kevin Foto, KD5O  
foto@texas.net

## Club Happenings:

General Meeting  
Second Thursday each month-

Board of Directors Meeting  
First Thursday of each month at the  
Sugar Land Community Center

Volunteer Examiner Program  
BVARC administers Amateur License  
Exams on the 2nd Tuesday of each  
month at the HCC Scarcella Technology  
Campus, 10141 Cash Rd. in Stafford.  
Contact John Moore, KK5NU

Eating Schedule  
Third Friday Dinner at 6:30.  
Location announced in the calendar.

Saturday morning breakfasts -  
7:30 AM Viking Den,  
Hwy 90A in Stafford  
7:00 New York Coffee Shop

## Minutes of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting (UNAPPROVED)

December 5, 2002

**Attendees:** President Mike Hardwick-N5VCX, 3-Year Director /Club Elmer Ross Lawler-W5HFF, Past President Kevin Foto-KD5O, Corresponding Secretary Cameron Mitchell -K5CAM, Vice President Report by Robert Moore-KK5UO, Dave Scott -W5DZC, Jack Roberts -KB5TMY, Treasurer Rex Ritz -KC5EEU, Joe Morgan -K5JWM, 1-Year Director John Gilmore-AC5TL, Ron Eisenbrey -AB5WG, Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IIU

President Mike Hardwick called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum.

Treasurer Report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: Insurance details were discussed and decided upon. 2002 audit schedule was discussed

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Allen-KD5IIU: Reviewed the June 2002 BOD minutes. Motion made by Rex Ritz and seconded by Robert Moore to approve August 2002 minutes with corrections. Motion then carried unanimously. June and October minutes were tabled until next meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Report by Cameron Mitchell -K5CAM: Roster Details were discussed. Membership is as follows: 123 actual paid up to date with 82 members in the ARRL, 17 Life members and 138 newsletters sent out. Roster details were discussed. Club community Center reservations were discussed.

Vice President Report by Robert Moore-KK5UO: Nothing to report at this time.

3-Year Director Ross Lawler-W5HFF: There were general discussions about potential club events and activities

2-Year Director Paul Gray-N0JAA: Not present due to personal reasons.

1-Year Director John Gilmore-AC5TL: Nothing to report at this time.

Past Presidential Report by Kevin Foto-KD5O: Discussed some of the concerns with the club and ways to address the issues and opportunities.

Field Day: The report was tabled until the next meeting.

Current President Mike Hardwick: Thanked past board member for their service as well as welcoming new members to the board.

**Old Business:** There were discussions regarding the possible prizes and gift certificates for the "Home Brew" meeting. There were discussions about banquet details. There were discussions regarding election of additional at-large officer. Details and nominations for awards for the year 2002 were discussed.

**New Business:** Programs for February 2003 were discussed.

Emergency business: The club by-laws were discussed in detail and a decision was made to try and address the changes prior to the next BOD coming into office

Motion was made to adjourn by Ross Lawler and was seconded by Robert Moore. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IIU

## THE BVARC Rag Chew Net

By Joe Morgan, K5JWM

December 2002

PLEASE NOTE FREQUENCY CHANGE TO  
3910 KHz

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00PM, Joe Morgan, K5JWM, Net Coordinator

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.

11/06/02-N5CPA,K5JWM,K5CEK,WB5SRN,K5HFY,  
K5LJ,KD50,K5LKJ,K5VR,AB5BA,WA5VRB. (11)

11/13/02-K5JWM, K5CEK, N5CPA, WA5VRB, K5LJ  
KB5F, K5HFY, WS1C, NM5K, N5BMD, K5LKJ  
N5VXU, KK5UO, WB5VYR, AB5RJ. (15)

11/20/02-K5JWM,K5CEK,KE5SR,N5CPA,N5HQM  
K5VRJ,W5GHK,K5HFY,KB5F,AB5BA,K5LJ,N5XPW  
K5LKJ,WB5SRN,NM5K,WB5VYR,K5LBU,KD50.  
(18)

11/27/02-K5JWM,K5CEK,KE5SR,N5CPA,KH9AE  
WA5VRB,K5HFY. (7)

## Amateur Radio Testing

### Results of the December 10th Testing Session

by: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, December 10th, 2002 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

#### Members Of The VE Team:

- Ron Eisenbrey, AB5WG
- Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
- John Moore, KK5NU

Seven examination elements were administered during the course of the evening to six applicants. Three unlicensed candidates passed the Technician license exam with the total passed elements being 3. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 43%.

Congratulations to the following who passed an exam; and/or upgraded:

- H. Robert Lao, KD5UJU, Technician
- Chris L. Goodwin, KD5UPM Technician
- David E. Hawthorne, KD5UPL Technician

- Jose Roys, KDSUPK, Technician
- Lawrence C. Schwing, III KD5UPJ, 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 everyone at HCC Scarcella Technology Center for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

## BVARC Public Service Net

Doug Woodruff, KC5VYZ - Coordinator

The BVARC Public Service Net meets every Monday night on 145.47 (123 PL) at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Check-ins and that night's net control:

11/25 19 Joe, K5JWM  
12/2 24 Claude, K5HFY  
12/9 27 Kevin, KD50  
12/16 23 - Joe, K5JWM  
12/23 19 Doug, KC5VYZ

## Scanner Jack's Corner

by Scanner Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

Here are the D.P.S. frequencies

CH1 154.680 HOU CAR TO DISP.  
CH2 155.460 HOU. DISP. TO CAR  
CH3 154.950 CAR TO CAR  
CH4 155.370 INTER-CITY  
CH5 155.505 TX RANGERS  
CH6 154.695 PIERCE CAR TO DISP.  
CH7 15.445 PIERCE DISP. TO CAR  
CH8 155.535 PIERCE RICHMOND REPEATER  
CH9 159.090 TX RANGERS  
CH 10 154.665 PIERCE HOU. DISP TO CAR  
CH 11 155.475 TX RANGERS  
CH 12 158.730 AUSTIN  
CH13 159.210 HOU. TX CITY REPEATER  
CH14 154.920 CAR TO DISP HOU. PIERCE  
CH15 156.210 T.A.B.C.  
CH16 154.905 T.A.B.C.  
CH 17 156.060 T.A.B.C.  
CH18 159.0975 TX RANGERS  
CH 19 159.150 TX RANGERS  
CH20 159.2175 HOU TX RANGERS  
CH21 155.4675 HOU TX RANGERS  
CH22 155.5125 TX RANGERS

#### 800 MHZ ID'S

10928 HARRIS CO  
3536 FT. BEND CO  
NEW BRAZORIA CO GOES ON HARRIS CO TRS  
23952 BRAZORIA CO SO



## Home Brew Night, Dec. 14, 2002

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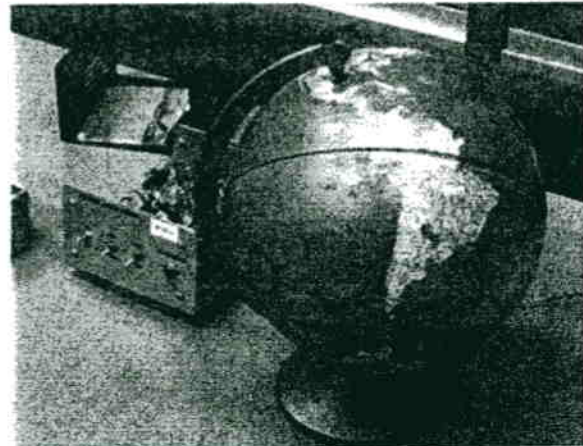
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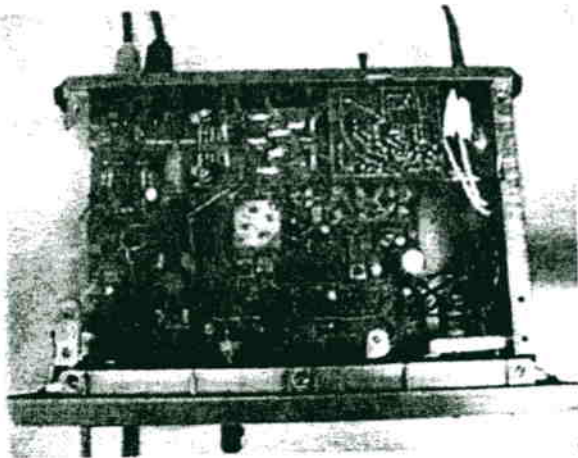
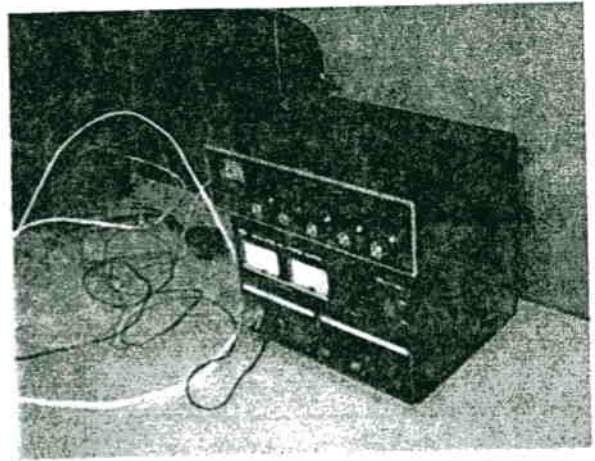
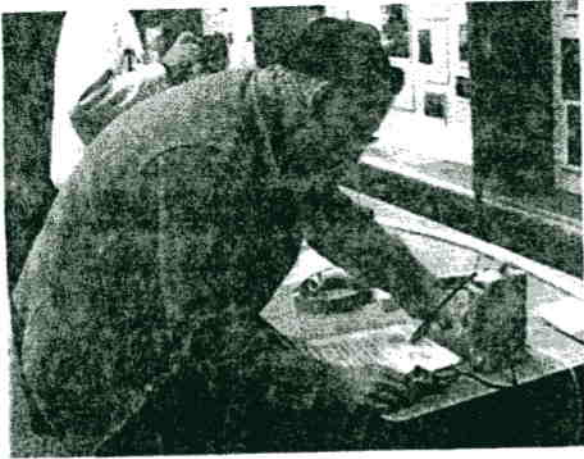
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Dec. 14, 2002**

