



BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



AMATEUR RADIO FOR SOUTHWEST HOUSTON AND FORT BEND COUNTY

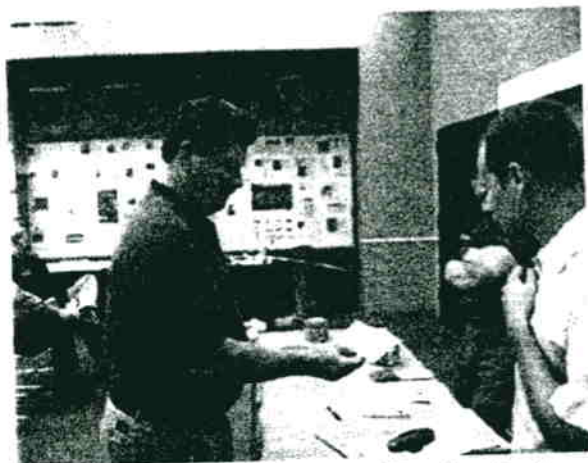
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Bylaws Revisions Pass

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.

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 12th & 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,KD5O,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,KD5O.
(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, KD5O
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

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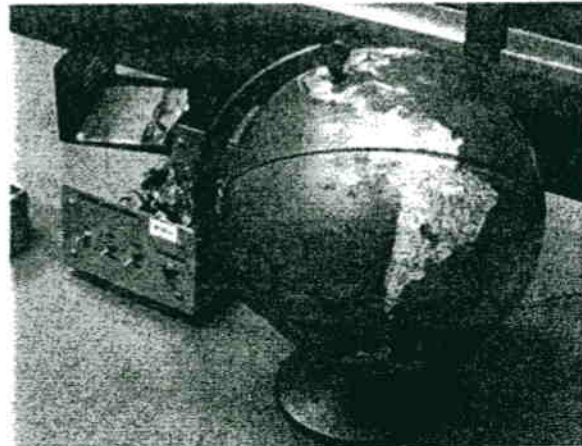
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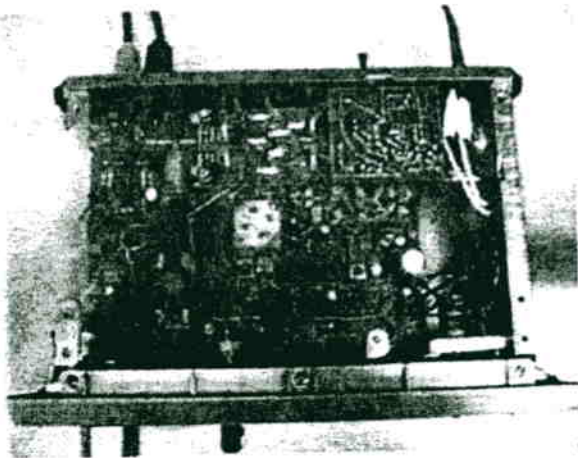
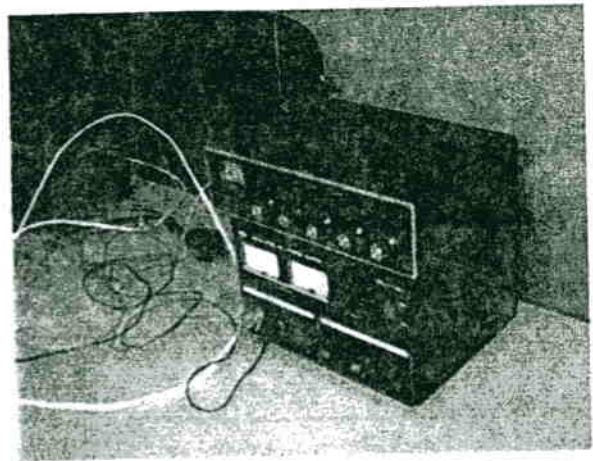
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**Home Brew Night,
Dec. 14, 2002**

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2003 Membership Application

Check One:

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Roster Update ONLY

Regular membership dues are \$20.00 a year. Lifetime Memberships are \$100.00. Additional family members may join B-VARC for only \$2.00 a year each with no additional copy of the newsletter.

Name: _____ Call: _____

Additional Family Members: _____ Call: _____

Additional Family Members: _____ Call: _____

(Note: If this is a renewal, please indicate only changes in personal information. Thanks.)

Address: _____ Day Phone () _____

Zip+4: _____ Eve Phone () _____

e-mail address: _____

Main area of interests in amateur radio: _____

License Class:

☐ Novice ☐ General
☐ Technician ☐ Advanced
☐ Tech+ ☐ Extra
☐ Former Ham ☐ Not Yet a Ham

ARRL Membership?

☐ Life
☐ Annual
☐ Not a member

I agree to observe the By-Laws of Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club and rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

Signature: _____ Call: _____ Date: _____

Remittance:

Regular Membership _____ + Family Membership _____ = \$ _____

BVARC "LIFE MEMBERSHIPS" at \$100/Person _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and write your call sign, if any, on your check. Send this form and your check or money order to:

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 1630

Missouri City TX 77459-1630

B-VARC Calendar - January 2003

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 HF Net 8:00 pm 3960 +/-3KHz	2 BOD Meeting 7:30PM	3	4 See *below
5	6 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	7	8 HF Net 7:00 pm 3960 +/-3KHz	9	10 B-VARC Banquet - 7:00 pm	11 See *below
12	13 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	14 VE Session 6:30 pm	15 HF Net 7:00 pm 3960 +/-3KHz	16	17 See **below	18 See *below
19 HP Houston Marathon	20 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	21	22 HF Net 7:00 pm 3960 +/-3KHz	23	24	25 See *below
26	27 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	28	29 HF Net 7:00 pm 3960 +/-3KHz	30	31	

*Every Saturday: Breakfast at the Viking Den (7:30) & the New York Coffee Shop (7:00)

**Third Friday Dinner: None this month.

B-VARC Calendar - February 2003

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					1	2 See *below
3	4 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	5	6 HF Net 7:00 pm 3960 +/-3KHz	7 BOD Meeting 7:30 pm	8	9 See *below
10	11 Net 9:00 pm 145.470	12 VE Session 6:30 pm	13 HF Net 7:00 pm 3960 +/-3KHz	14 Club Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16 See *below
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The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) was, organized in 1978, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford, when required. Since that time, BVARC has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active Amateur radio club in the Southwest Houston and Fort Bend county areas.

Today, BVARC is truly a general interest club with an impressive record of Public Service. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the clubs commitment to service with the coveted status of Special Service Club. We are proud of our members who represent the some of 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 (PL 123.0) repeaters. membership dues are \$16 annually.

BVARC sponsors ARRL-VEC license exam sessions on the second Tuesday of each month. BVARC also conducts a Public Service Net at 9 pm. each Monday on the Memorial Emergency Radio Association's 145.470 and 444.55 repeaters.

To obtain information about joining BVARC or its activities, contact Cameron Mitchell at 281-565-4665. New members and prospective hams should contact the Club's "Elmer", Ross, W5HFF at 281-342-3340 or w5hff@juno.com.

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B-VARC Awards Banquet --
Friday, January 10th, 7:00 pm
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Southwest Freeway outbound
between Gessner & Bissonnet



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