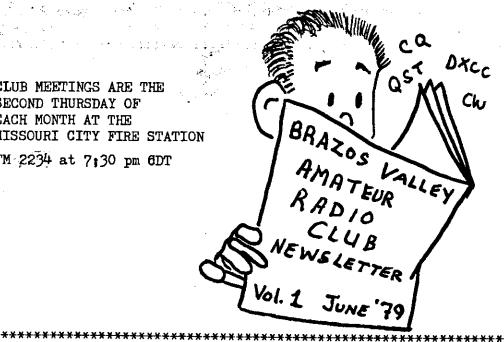
CLUB MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE MISSOURI CITY FIRE STATION

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During the weekend of june 23 & 24, the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club will host its first FIELD DAY. Our FIELD DAY site will be the FORT BEND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. details on how to get there are elsewhere in this issue. Our next meeting, this THURSDAY NIGHT, will be an organizational meeting, where equipment needs etc. will be discussed....JOIN US.

Although FIELD DAY is considered a contest in which HAMS compete for points, it has its origins as a very essential part of disaster preparedness plans of HAMS. our club was founded on the basis of providing effective emergency communications to our community, this is the best opportunity to bone up on operating skills and the chance to work together as a team, under simulated emergency conditions, and still have a lot of fun in doing so.

In order that our FIELD DAY is a success, we need people who will definitely commit themselves to about three or four hours of participation over the operating period. This invitation is open to all Amateur Radio Operators, B.V.A.R.C. members and those HAMS not members of our club (Eds. comment: yet!). So pass the word, Henry, N5HF heads up the FIELD DAY activities and needs to know when you will work with us so he can set up a schedule of operations.

SEE YOU THURSDAY NIGHT, upstairs at the fire station.

CD - EC - SKYWARN - RACES-ARES-NETS----ED HARWELL---W5WVX

EMERGENCY preparedness begins with an attitude. For myself, I consider that Amateur Radio Public Service is my way to pay the bills. I consider that I owe a debt for the priviledge of being a HAM RADIO OPERATOR. Several things are involved in being ready for emergencies. FIRST: Think emergency; by this I mean, think about all kinds of emergencies. Now do they happen? What are the consequences? How do they What can I do to help? What do I have to help with? affect me? SECOND: ACT. Make a list of 'Things I can do in an emergency", procure any equipment you believe is necessary, and of course, look at your communications equipment. Is it adequite? Can you work portable? Who do I contact or call? What do I report? THIRD: PRACTICE! it never hurts to walk through an "emergency" before it happens. FOURTH: THINK AGAIN! Have I missed anything; what procedures and equipment revisions can be made? Then make them.

Obviously these are generalities, but think of some specifics. How about a fire in the home? or roadside emergencies? Then work up to major emergencies: hurricanes, There's a start. Don't just think about what 'they' can do. who think about preparedness have the beginning of developing an attitude.

FIELD DAY is coming up---see you there

OPEN SQUELCH---HENRY FREEDENBERG---N5HF

What would you do if you were witness to a vehicular accident? What role would your 2 M gear play? How qualified would you be to render aid to the injured?

While touring the hill country Easter Sunday, we witnessed a motorcycle-truck collision, west of Austin. The two riders aboard the motorcycle were seriously injured when they were thrown from the bike.

No one at the scene of the mishap had any first aid training and no means of commercial communication was convienient. Immediate action consisted of trying to comfort the injured, divert the traffic around them, and calling in the accident into one of the Austin 2 M machines. An abulance arrived about 20 minutes later and care of the injured was taken over by trained medical staff.

First, our access to the Austin repeater The following comments deserve to be made. was delayed by a long winded local engaged in what seemed to be an interminable If you use a repeater, especially one with a wide area coverage, keep your transmissions short --- there's no telling who may have need of urgent entry. Second, after we placed our initial call, the same group of locals continued to chew If someone makes an emergency call through the repeater and indicates that there is no alternative means of communication at the site of the emergency--KEEP THE CHANNEL OPEN FOR HIM. When help arrives, you will be told when the repeater is no This is common sense! Third: Both of the injured had broken limbs and were on the verge of going into shock. Everybody knows how to get in touch with the local PD on any autopatch, but sometimes the phone number for medical help might be just Should we not also make a note of the phone number for the emergency FOURTH: --- MAYBE WE can offer a basic first aid room of one of our local hospitals? course as part of our technical program.

In balance, i would like to say that the Austin people did a fine job. They had the ear of the local police department and ambulance response time was cut. Both of the victims were expected to live. I hope that is a similar crisis occurs around here, we can perform as well.

QST DE W1AW QST DE W1AW---ARRL BULLETIN from the RTTY of John Hudelson---K5DL ANOTHER JAPANESE DEPEDITION TO OKINO TORISHIMA IS PLANNED FOR ABOUT TEN (10) DAYS STARTING JUNE 10. OPERATION IS EXPECTED ON 80 through 6 METERS SIDEBAND USING THE CALL SIGN JF1SP/7J1. QSL MANAGER IS JA1HQG

THE FCC MONITORING STATION IN ANCHORAGE, AK. HAS BEEN ISSUNG NOTICES OF VIOLATION TO AMERICAN AMATEURS WHO HAVE BEEN HEARD IN COMMUNICATION WITH RADIO AMATEURS IN THAILAND. THESE NOTICES HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN ERROR. THERE IS NO BANNED COUNTRIES LIST.

AMERICAN AMATEURS MAY PRESENTLY COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER AMATEURS IN ANY COUNTRY WITHOUT VIOLATING FCC LAWS. AMATEURS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THESE NOTICES ARE URGED TO RESPOND IN WRITING TO THE FCC WITHIN TEN DAYS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 97.137 OF THE FCC RULES AND REGULATIONS. THEY SHOULD RETURN THE NOTICE, RETAIN NG A COPY FOR THEMSELVES, ALONG WITH A LETTER WHICH INCLUDES THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION AND THE NAMES OF THE OFFICIALS WHO SIGNED THE NOTICE. THEY SHOULD ADD THAT THEY ARE AWARE THAT THERE IS NO BANNED LIST. THE REPLY SHOULD BE SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

SPECIAL THANKS TO STUART LAMKIN---WB5IGG WHO TYPED THE MAILING ADDRESS LABELS FOR THIS MAILING. STU SAYS THAT HE WILL PROVIDE LABELS EACH MONTH WITH ADVANCE WARNING. STU, MY FINGERS THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS, THE BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIC CLUB NEWSLETTER.

NOVICE NOTES --- Larry Levy WD5DRB

This column will be devoted to the needs and interests of those Novice/Technicians in our club. Contributions from all sources within our club will be credited.

With <u>Field Day</u> and <u>Straight Key Night</u> coming up within the next few weeks, we have many opportunities to get air time in real situations, not just W1AW practice. We can provide must credit for our club operating a Novice station at Field Day as well as needed logging duties for the other transmitters. Come out prepared to operate for FD. Bring what you feel you need for your comfort and efficiency of operation.

Straight Key Night is discussed on page 4. As Novice/Techs, we have used a straight key for much of our operating. Those higher classes licensees who use keyers now have to readjust. That means we will now have to be the patient listeners. Seriously, SKN can offer many new states to those striving for W.A.S. I have W.A.S. maps and application forms for any Novice/Tech who asks.

Speaking of W.A.S.---last month I offered a friendly competion between all N/T who are working W.A.S. to phone me so we can chart our successes, exchange operating hints and habits, as well as to exchange a few lies comments about the ones we missed. To date, on 15 m CW I have worked 46 states with 40 confirmed. Any one hearing either Dakota, Delaware, or Arkansas on 15 m Novice please call me (437-2876) with freq. & call.

DX for N/T on 15 m has been good lately. Prefixes heard but not all worked are: OK(CZECHOSLOVAKIA), EA(SPAIN), VK(AUSTRALIA), ZL(NEW ZEALAND), H\$\$\forall VP(SOLOMON IS.), I(ITALY), F(FRANCE), UB(RUSSIA), SP(POLAND), XE(MEXICO), VE(CANADA), VE/4U(GOLAN HTS.), J(JAPAN) D(GERMANY), PY(BRAZIL), YV(VENEZUALA), YS(NICURAGUA), KG\$\$(Guantanamo Bay), KZ\$\$(Canal Zone *) WP4(PUERTO RICO), KH\$\$6(HAWAII), and KL\$\$7(ALASKA). This list of 22 different DX-'Countries' are just the ones I've heard on the 15 m Novice segment--100kHz of frequency. Work all those and thats almost 1/4 the way to DX-CC. Think of what can be worked on the Novice segments on all four (80, 40, 15, 10 m) bands.

If you have the interest to work DX as a NOVICE a couple of operating hints. First, practice receiving CW so that your speed is about 10 wpm. The faster the better of course. Then listen selectively for a DX station rather than call CQ DX. Once finding a DX station, listen patiently and note freq. call, name, QTH, equip. QSL info. so you have it down. Also listen for sked (schedule) info, just incase you miss him. As you tune, try to adjust your receiver to hear the DX clearest so when you send this will be your transmit freq. Do not do this if the DX station specifies he cally transmits. For that freq. If your privileges allow, transmit where specified and listen where specified. Sometimes you just have to say 'schucks' and go to the next DX. Cross-mode also is permissible. If you can hear an amateur station within your operating segments, try to work it.

Most importantly, be courteous. Wait to send after the DX station clears and indicates he/she is clear. Sometimes a BK at the exchange of call signs between a DX and his/her contact will work...use good judgement here...best for a long engaged QSO or a sked that you have heard often on previous days. Persistancy can work, but only if COURTESY is also used.

***Canal Zone/KZ5 is the U.S. prefix for any American station located in the Panama Canal Zone. Since the U.S. will cede this territory October 1st, the KZ5 prefix likely were no longer exist. Work a KZ5 now and you will have a separate contact toward DX66. I have heard two or three KZ5 station on 15 m novice segment in the last two weeks. Go to it.

QST BVARC DE WD5DRB /// I have subscribed to the U.S. Callbook 1979 with quarterly suppl. Anyone needing an address can call me during the day (988-1800) or evening until 9:00p and I will bring Books or address to meeting. I NEED RECIPRICAL exchange with owner of 1979 DX BOOK...PSE.

Wanted: DE WN5TEN Wade Eilers---Used ROHN 25-G tower sections

Wanted; DE WD5DRR Larry Levy---knowledgeable HAM to help put new circuit breaker into service breaker to complete wiring of newly built ham shack

FIELD DAY- 1979---SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd & 24th--FT.BEND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

THE BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE IN FIELD DAY-1979. OUR OPERATING LOCATION WILL BE THE PUBLIC PICNIC AREA IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE FAIRGROUND FENCE. DIRECTIONS TO GET TO THE LOCATION FROM THE MISSOURI CITY / HOUSTON area AS FOLLOWS: Travel Highway 59/ the Southwest Freeway toward the SW/Richmond-Rosenberg direction. Exit the Freeway at Highway 36 and travel to the south, a left hand turn under the freeway. Continue south on highway 36 about 3 miles and the Fairgrounds will be on your right hand side.

OFFICIAL operating times of FD are 1800 UTC Saturday to 2100 UTC Sunday. That is from 1:00 pm Saturday to 4:00 pm Sunday, local time, for a total of 27 hours. This includes a three hour buffer for set-up time for those stations starting from scratch on Saturday. Only 24 hours of operation are allowed.

Each participant, at this printing, will be responsible for his or her own food/drink and other personal needs. The picnic site has bar-b-q grills, a covered shelter, and concrete picnic tables. Restroom facilities are about 150 metres away inside the fence. We are expected to have access to these most important locations.

STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT--JULY 4th-WEDNASDAY---0000 Z to 2400 Z / 8:00pm TUES. to 8:00 pm WED.

Although this is not a contest, I believe a number of both old and new brass pounders would like to receive this reminder. This 24 hour period is where participants use a straight key and just exchange friendly contacts. In lieu of a standard RST report, SKN will be used by participants to clue in passersby. Any member of the CLUB who does participate can send in to ARRL the list of calls worked and your vote for the best fist you heard over this period, not necessarily an operator personally worked. Also, you can vote for most interesting QSO and include any photos for consideration for QST publication. For this SKN, operating areas suggested are 60-80 kHz up from bottom edge of CW band on 80, 40, & 20 and 10 kHz up from bottom of Novice segments.

Club participants: Please notify me of your operation for announcement here.

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