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CALENDAR

B-VARC Public Service Net -- Mondays, 9 PM, 147.60/00 MHz.
Ft. Bend County RACES Net -- Tuesdays, 9 PM, 146.16/76 MHz.
West Houston RACES Net -- Sundays, 8 PM, 146.07/67 MHz.
Next B-VARC: Regular Membership Meeting -- May 14, 1981.
 Transmitter Hunt -- May 16, 1981.
 Board of Directors Meeting, June 23, 1981.
Field Day -- June 27-28, 1981.
ARRL West Gulf Division Convention -- Oklahoma City, July 24-26, 1981.
ARRL National Convention 1983 -- Dates and places in Houston to be announced.

MINUTES OF LAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The following minutes of the April, 1981 regular membership meeting were submitted by the Club Secretary:

The meeting was brought to order by Club President Richard Shankle N5KV with a standing roll call. In the absence of the Club Treasurer, his report was given by Vice President Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ, which report showed a balance of cash on hand amounting to \$501.96. The Secretary read the minutes of the March 1981 regular membership meeting and they were approved.

Minutes of Last Membership Meeting (Cont. from Page 1)

Len Bigelow NØACD of the Robindale Suburban Radio Club in the Minneapolis area, our sister Club, was introduced and spoke briefly about the Robindale group.

Henry Freedenberg N5HF reported that he and Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ were coordinating Field Day plans with the Texas Instruments group and that the combined activity would be held at the Ft. Bend County fairgrounds. He said that details would be finalized and reported on at the May 14 meeting.

Dick WD5CTQ solicited help on his ad hoc committee which has been assigned the job of making a Club response to FCC Docket 80-279 which is a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to restate the amateur rules in so-called "plain language". This proposal is full of sneaky sleepers, not the least of which is the wholly erroneous and downgrading definition of an amateur radio operator. The current issue of WORLDRADIO has a page 1 article on the subject with the headline: DANGER IN NEW FCC RULES.

Cathy Schneider KA5BNC reported on difficulties being experienced by the organizing committee for the Club's Scout Explorer Post. She outlined the committee's further plans to accomplish the organization of the post.

It was announced that two of our "call pending" members are pendings no longer. They are Paul Burger KA5LCF and William Franz KA5LBZ. Welcome to the fraternity, fellers!

Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH announced he now is producing mailing labels for the BULLETIN and solicited advice whenever changes occur so that his file can be kept up to date.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned and Richard Bach WDØGIV, assisted by Tom Casey WA5ACF, described and passed around for inspection various types of regular and specialized coax connectors. Program Chairman Larry Charson N5BYJ had planned a PL-259 connector attachment contest with some very nice and worthwhile prizes. Efforts to enroll entrants were unsuccessful and the contest portion of the program was cancelled.

- Phil Steinbach WB5SUR, Secretary

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the first weekend in October (October 2-4), Houston Ham Conventions, Inc. is sponsoring Houston Com-Vention 81. This is the Texas State Convention for 1981.

As most of you know, Houston Ham Conventions is a non-profit group of hams that serves as the coordinating group to stage these conventions. However, it is the Houston area amateur radio clubs that actually host this convention. This year, as last year, Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club has been asked to assist in the convention. In the past, B-VARC has helped with manpower. This year, in addition to manpower, I would like to see us support the

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From the President (Cont. from Page 2)

convention with a donation as well as with an activity.

Both of these topics will be discussed at the up-coming meeting on May 14. Hope to see you all there.

73,

Richard N5KV

VP QS0
May 1981

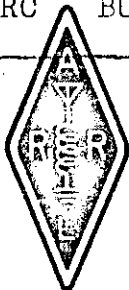
One year ago, in May, the hopes, dreams, and indeed large portions of pocketbooks spent some 30 seconds on board a rocket, only to end up in the south Atlantic a tragic failure. He was OSCAR 9, or as to more commonly referred, Phase III of the AMSAT Program. All was not lost though, because AMSAT had the foresight to order duplicate hardware, and Phase III will fly -- this time, Phase IIIb, in February of 1982.

The European Space Agency has granted AMSAT space on board an Ariane L7 spacecraft for February 24, 1982, and work is underway for preparation. Phase IIIb represents the next giant step in the OSCAR Program. This month's presentation at the BVARC Club meeting will be an overview of OSCAR and will include a rundown on Phase III. I hope that all of you will attend.

73, Dick Bigelow

WD5CTQ

Ed. Note -- Because of the information contained therein, reproduced as pages 4, 5, and 6 of this BULLETIN is the April news letter to affiliated clubs from Ray Wangler W5EDZ, Director of West Gulf Division of ARRL.



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April Newsletter - To Affiliated Clubs

During the Board of Director's Meeting in Orlando, Florida in March we approved a membership dues increase effective July 1, 1981. The American Radio Relay League is confronted with the same problems from the economy that you and I are aware of each day, namely an inflation rate of 12 to 16% for the year 1981 and not much encouragement from the federal government for improvement in 1982. You see these increases on a continuing basis when you go to the grocery store, to the gasoline station, to the clothing manufacturers, etc. All items and services you purchase in your normal activity you see increasing in cost. The management and finance committee carefully reviewed our projected income versus expenses, with an inflation rate of 12% for the coming year. The only conclusion that could be derived from this careful analysis of our income versus expenses was the requirement to increase membership dues beginning July 1st to \$25.00 per year.

The amateur radio frequencies that we are privileged to utilize should be very precious to us and should deserve an investment on our part, not only in the purchase of fine solid state equipment that many of us now operate on the air, but we must invest some dollars in the future by supporting the one organization with the sole purpose of representing and defending our cause in Washington on a daily basis. We, on occasion, fail to recognize that there is a greater need today than ever before in our history to present a strong and unified front to the Federal Communications Commission. The amateur radio community is continually being challenged by various facets of the communications industry to take from us the frequencies we now enjoy, and use them for commercial purposes. This continual diligence on the part of the ARRL to detect and respond to various petitions submitted by these agencies to the FCC is costly and time consuming. A staff must be maintained to support this effort through our Washington activities. We have Mr. Perry Williams spending most of his time at the FCC offices in the Washington area. The ARRL, through this continuous representation by Mr. Williams, has been very influential in setting aside undesirable changes to amateur radio. It is very questionable how long amateur radio would continue to exist were it not for the ARRL.

All members are encouraged to recognize this need to support our organization by retaining their membership. Do without some little luxury if need be, and each of us continue to set aside two dollars each month to cover our membership in the next year to remain with the American Radio Relay League. Amateur radio needs your membership in the ARRL; talk it up to your friends and encourage all members of your radio club to support the league through individual membership in the years to come.

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West Gulf Division April Newsletter (Cont. from page 4)

Work is continuing to improve communications between you and your director. The board meeting, the activities with the finance committee, along with my work obligations have caused me to get behind in the printing of the maps as I had planned. The July Newsletter will include the maps with details on the proposed structure of the program for your consideration. The plan is to have assistant directors in each of the locales of one or more affiliated clubs so that no one will have to travel more than a few miles to meet with his/her clubs. In the larger cities as Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, etc., more than one assistant director may be assigned to visit certain clubs in a section of the city on a regular basis. In most cases, this will be the clubs in which he/she is a member. There will be no provisions for travel reimbursement.

Minute 103 from the board meeting in Orlando should be published in the May issue of QST. This Motion was presented to include a summary of Mr. Perry William's activities in the Washington area with the Federal Communication Commission to be included at least monthly in the Director's Letter List A. The material published in this Director's Letter is of general information for all members in the West Gulf Division, and will go to each of the assistant directors. This procedure will give them current information to keep all affiliated clubs knowledgeable of the happenings in amateur radio and Washington. The work that Mr. Williams is doing on our behalf is excellent, and it is desirable that our members realize that this is an ongoing program of representing amateur radio to the FCC.

Minute 77 from the board was a Motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Butler. This Motion called for the adoption of a statement of policy regarding the FCC proposal for the Plain Language Rewrite of Part 97. Please review this recommendation, as it is desirable that you know the board's position on this subject. The current license manuals contain a copy of the complete Part 97. Should you desire to comment on the proposed Plain Language Rewrite from the FCC, please file eight copies with the FCC office and one additional information copy to the American Radio Relay League, attention Mr. Perry Williams, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111.

Motion 126 from the board refers to HR Bill 2203, relative to the use of volunteer services from the amateur radio community to assist the FCC in certain areas of monitoring frequencies and giving novice examinations. This Bill should be supported, and each club is asked to forward a letter to Representative James Collins, Room 2419, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. If you are not familiar with this Bill, you may contact your representative and obtain a copy from him. This Bill will legalize the procedures for radio amateurs to give the novice examination, and to assist the FCC in other areas as an unpaid volunteer.

The West Gulf Division Convention is the high point of our activities within the division, and will be held in Oklahoma City. The members in the Oklahoma area are working diligently to put together a very fine program of technical sessions sessions, followed by a banquet and dance on Saturday evening. Mr. Harry Dannals, president of American Radio Relay League will be the banquet speaker, and will be present with me at the ARRL Forum on Sunday morning. Please make your plans now to attend for an enjoyable weekend in Oklahoma City, and I look forward to meeting with many of you during the convention. See the attached program for the preliminary details and registration information.

73's
Ray Waugler

WEST GULF DIVISION CONVENTION



HAM HOLIDAY 81

JULY 24-26, 1981

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 PRESIDENT, ARRL

DEALERS DISPLAYS
 INDOOR FLEA MARKET
 LADIES PROGRAMS
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WOUFF HONG

PRIZE DRAWING SUNDAY NOON
GRAND PRIZE: KENWOOD TS-830S
 PRE-REGISTRATION PRIZE: ICOM 260

SPECIAL PRIZE: IC 2 AT
 SHERATON-CENTURY HOTEL NEXT DOOR WITH COVERED PARKING
 AND WALKWAY TO MYRIAD.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO FLEA MARKET
 AND ALL FUNCTIONS.

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR WEST GULF DIVISION CONVENTION/HAM HOLIDAY 81.
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_____	TOTAL PRE-REGISTRATION	\$6.00	_____
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	TAX AND TIP INCLUDED	TOTAL	_____

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NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome the following new members who joined us at the April meeting. They, together with others who've joined us this year, have a red and blue border on their name badges. Introduce yourself and make 'em glad to be with us!



NØACD	Len Bigelow	KA5KVD	Ed Truitt
N9BNX	Jeff Salmons	K5MUG	Greg Fifield

1981 ROSTER

The four new names listed above appear on Page 6B of the Roster and a copy is inclosed with this mailing. Please insert it in your roster.

In addition, please make the following changes in your roster:

- Page 2 - WD5DRB - change zip code to 77489.
Page 3 - WB5FIV - change home phone number to 995-C029.
- WB5FYV - correct call is WB3FYV.
Page 4 - KA5HZP - change call to KC5HZ.
- WA5OEN - change zip code to 77489.
Page 6 - W5VXD - change first name to the letter J.
- K5ZC - Jay has a new address and home phone number. They are:
10555 Turtlewood Court, #707
Houston 77072
Home fone 530-2334
- Paul Burger - He's received his ticket. His call is KA5LCF.
- William Franz - He's received his ticket. His call is KA5LBZ.

Lest You Forget!

Remember that B-VARC gets \$1.50 if you renew your ARRL membership through the Club; also for any new membership handled through the Club. Call our Treasurer, Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN, for details if you're not already familiar with them.

NET CONTROL OPERATOR SCHEDULE, MAY - JUNE

5/4 N5HF 5/18 KA5F 6/1 WA5OEN 6/15 W5UBD 6/29 WD5CTQ
5/11 WD5CTQ 5/25 WD5HEH 6/8 WB5SUR 6/22 N5HF

ON THE APRIL 27 MONDAY NITE NET, it was reported -----

By Dick WD5CTQ -- that he will be our speaker at the May 14 meeting and will talk about AMSAT -- the OSCAR program. He promises every thing you need to know to get started in the OSCAR program. It will be an elementary presentation but will be good information for the newcomer and refresher material for the old timer in the program.

By George N5AUV -- on the interim 2-meter repeater. He's in the process of converting from tube to solid state equipment. It will be open with a 144.850 MHz input and 145.450 MHz output, and he believes it can be in service in about 60 days.

By Richard WD0GIV -- announcing a new 2-meter in the Houston area. It's an open machine with a 147.165 MHz input and 147.765 MHz output.

By Dick WD5CTQ -- that he needs some help from hams with HTs in a cub scout activity for a couple of hours on June 27 starting at about 10 AM. If you're not involved in Field Day activities and can help, give him a call. His phone numbers are in your roster.

Ed. Note ----- If you haven't been checking in on the Monday nite nets, you're missing some goodie bits of information!!

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY -- Make the best of it this day - it could be your last one. Ask Beth!!