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NOTES ON THIS SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUE

Just after the July issue went to press, the BULLETIN received a mailing which contained timely and topical information in the form of a newsletter from Ray Wangler W5EDZ, Director, ARRL West Gulf Division. Since it is desirable to get information contained therein to Club members prior to publication of the August issue of the BULLETIN, Ray's newsletter is being reproduced in the following pages.

In addition, the Texas VHF-FM Society News was received in the same mail with convention and hotel registration information for VHF '81, and these are being reproduced for the benefit of Club members.

If this supplemental issue reaches you before the picnic on July 11, we hope to see you there. If it does not, we hope you came and had a good time!!

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OFFICIAL JOURNAL

NEWSLETTER TO ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS

JULY 1981

The highlight of our activities for this year will be the West Gulf Division Convention to be held in conjunction with Ham Holiday 1981 on July 24, 25, 26 at the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City. The headquarters hotel for the convention is the Sheraton-Century Center Hotel located at Broadway and Main. You may call in your room reservations at 1-800-325-3535. Be sure to reference the ARRL-Ham Holiday Convention, as special room rates have been made for our meeting. All members in the West Gulf Division should have received a copy of the Collector and Emitter concerning the West Gulf Division Convention. Please review pages 23 and 29 for registration information and the program.

There has been some interest in having the Federal Communications Commission examiner present on Saturday to give the license examinations. It is desirable to have the FCC present, but I am sure you are aware that their cut back in travel funds prevents them from participating in our conventions. The FCC will not be in Oklahoma City. The ladies activities are listed on page 23 of the C and E. I look forward to meeting with you while at the convention this year, and just a reminder that the president of the American Radio Relay League, Mr. Harry Dannals, W2HD will be with us in the ARRL booth, banquet and forum. Look forward to seeing you for a weekend of amateur radio fellowship.

Special facilities at the West Gulf Convention have been arranged by the committee for parking of RVs and mobile homes. Please review the maps that have been included with this mail out to give you information on where these parking facilities are located. The downtown map shows the location of Myriad Convention Center. One area for parking mobile homes is directly across the street to the south, which would be on the south side of Reno Street. There will be no facilities provided at this location, and there is no cost. Provisions have been made for parking approximately 100 mobile homes at a site located three blocks east of Myriad, located at the corner of Reno and North Walker Streets. The cost for parking in this location will be \$1.00 per day. No facilities will be furnished, but there will be security provided. This will be on a first come basis. Arrangements have been made for parking at the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds which are located on the second map and is immediately west of North May and north of Intersection 40. Electricity will be provided at this location and the cost will be \$5.00 per day. This area is about 3 1/2 miles west of the Myriad, and is not shown on the localized downtown map.

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In line with previous discussion in my Newsletters, I have the desire to improve communications from the members and the affiliated clubs within the West Gulf Division to the vice director and the director through a system of dividing the division into small sections. Each section will have representation at their meetings at least quarterly for discussion of current activities with feedback to your director. Please review the enclosed maps of Texas and Oklahoma with the red outlines of the various areas or sections. Note: We have no clubs in the Oklahoma Panhandle and it was temporarily omitted. We may alter the boundaries later, as the boundaries are not sacred in any manner. The boundaries are designed to center around various affiliated clubs and/or major cities to have assistant directors to be available to the members and back to me. We have a number of volunteers to serve as assistant directors, and we have room for more to help this program get fully implemented. If you are in an area that is not represented by an assistant director, it only means I am looking for someone to volunteer to help. It also takes time to get appointments processed and the certificates mailed. There will be additions until all areas will have an assistant director. The major cities as Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Oklahoma City and Tulsa may have several assistant directors, so that no one assistant director will be over burdened with the requirement to meet with the clubs in his locale.

Beginning with the first Tuesday in July, July 7th at 7:45 p.m.-0045Z on 3961 KHz, I will be on the frequency with the assistant directors to discuss this program and current items of interest to amateur radio in the West Gulf Division. This meeting on Tuesday night for the assistant directors will be a formal net and roll call will be taken of those present. It will not be a requirement that the assistant directors meet every Tuesday night, as there will be occasions that I will be away and the vice director will be asked to conduct net. The purpose for the net is to establish a time when we can get together to discuss things that are needed, or should you need some information concerning the activities in the division. This will be a weekly net for the present.

We now have 111 affiliated clubs within the West Gulf Division, but there are two or three clubs that have incorrect mailing addresses. Those of you responsible to disseminate newsletters and other information through your clubs, please try to keep the club mailing information correct at ARRL headquarters. If you have a change in club mailing address, please let ARRL know immediately. This Newsletter is available to reproduce any or all parts as you may wish to include in your club newsletter. There are no restraints on reusing any of the information that is disseminated to you for your membership's knowledge.

By now most of you will have heard that the American Radio Relay League has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission the week of June 15th to give an extension for response to the Plain Language Rewrite of Part 97 of the Amateur Rules and Regulations. The FCC has granted this request and has extended the reply time to August 21st. Your response should be based on your review of the proposed document, and what you feel should be done with the

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document in the best interest of amateur radio. This would include a complete rewrite of certain sections, clarification of certain paragraphs that do not reflect the true purpose and meaning of amateur radio, or your recommendation that it be set aside, and the rules and regulations as they are now in existence be retained, and only those parts which are in need of better explanation be reworked with assistance from the ARRL. The important thing is that you let your voice be heard by sending an original and nine copies to the FCC, so that they have enough for each of the eight commissioners along with a file copy. I suggest the extra copy be forwarded to ARRL or to me. I am interested in your opinions and desires concerning anything that relates to amateur radio.

Senate Bill 929 was submitted by Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, and the members of the Communication Sub Committee. This Bill applies to the Amateur Radio Service and Private Land Mobile and Fixed Services Act of 1981. This particular Bill is worthy of our review and consideration in that it allows the amateur radio community to work with and assist the FCC in the following areas: It will grant the FCC the power to regulate or prohibit the delivery of radio frequency transmitting equipment to those not possessing a license to operate that equipment. It will exempt amateur radio transmission from the secrecy provisions of Section 605 of the Communications Act. It will extend amateur radio license terms from 5 to 10 years. It will permit the FCC to utilize volunteer licensed amateur radio operators for the purpose of monitoring violations of our amateur radio rules and regulations. It will legalize the giving of novice exams by higher classed amateur radio license holders. The above comments on S929 is a summary of an abstract, and if any of the clubs are interested in the complete information on this Bill, I will be happy to forward it to them. If you favor this brief outline of things that I have mentioned, you should respond to your Senators for Texas and Oklahoma expressing your wishes and desires for this Bill to be supported.

The next meeting of the board of directors of the American Radio Relay League will be held in Newington, Connecticut on September 9, 10, 11, 1981. I would invite those of you reading this Newsletter to consider things in amateur radio that need to be addressed at the board meeting. What new policies should we put before the board of directors for continued growth and future improvement in amateur radio. Are there things that are no longer necessary to meet the challenges of amateur radio in the future. Where are the deficiencies in amateur radio that board support would be desirable for reemphasizing or reinstating. What can be done to expand the experimental areas of amateur radio which seem to be going out of style due to the new technology of micro circuits and integrated circuit technology. This technique of very specialized materials has been a discouraging factor to many of the members in amateur radio that previously were very active builders and experimenters. A specialized newsletter is being considered at headquarters to address specialty areas. This may be something that will benefit those members that want to experiment. You must remember that many of the new innovations in the field of electronics were originated through the efforts of amateur radio operators and their inventive genius and willingness

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to experiment. They tried something different from the routine, and came up with a new mode of communication. It is secondary of course to emergency communications, but it is one of the things that we have been strong in in the past and we certainly don't want to let fall by the wayside.

Please correspond with me direct or through your clubs to let me know of your interests and ideas. The next Newsletter will devote more space to the restructuring of the division, and your local assistant director who will be meeting with you. Look forward to meeting with many of your clubs in the weeks and months to come so that we can discuss the various aspects of amateur radio for the future.

73's,

(ED Note - Oklahoma City Downtown  
Locator Map on Page 8)

*Ray Wangler*  
Ray Wangler

# VHF '81

## 1981 State Convention Texas VHF FM Society Hotel Registration:

Texas VHF-FM Society, Aug. 14-16, 1981

*Please Reserve: (Indicate Number of Rooms Required)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Occupancy (1 person)

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy (2 people)

*Circle preferred accommodation and rate below.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests: \_\_\_\_\_

### King or Double Double

Single ..... \$42

Double ..... \$50

### Lanais (pool area)

Single ..... \$52-55

Double ..... \$64-67

### Executive King

Single ..... \$62

Double ..... \$74

*Suites and VIP floor rooms are available on request.*

*\$12.00 per additional person in room. Children free of charge in the same room as their parents.*

If a room is not available at rate requested, reservations will be made at next available rate. Room(s) will be held until 6 p.m. unless exact arrival hour prior to 9 p.m. is indicated. If arrival is after 9 p.m. reservation must be guaranteed by deposit or one of the following credit cards: Mastercharge, Hilton, American Express or Visa. All reservations must be received 2 weeks prior to arrival. Requests received after that time are subject to availability.

(Name of Card and No.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CLIP AND MAIL THIS DIRECTLY TO:

Reservations, Hilton Inn, 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin, TX 78752

VHF '81 (Cont.)

## Convention Registration:

VHF '81 CONVENTION & 2ND ANNUAL CENTRAL TEXAS SUPER SWAPPFEST

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE \$5.00 (\$6.00 DOOR) \_\_\_\_\_

RIVERBOAT RIDE AND BAR-B-Q\* \$27.50 (PER PERSON) \_\_\_\_\_

VHF-FM SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP \$3.00 (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA PRIZE TICKETS \$1.00 DONATION (EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

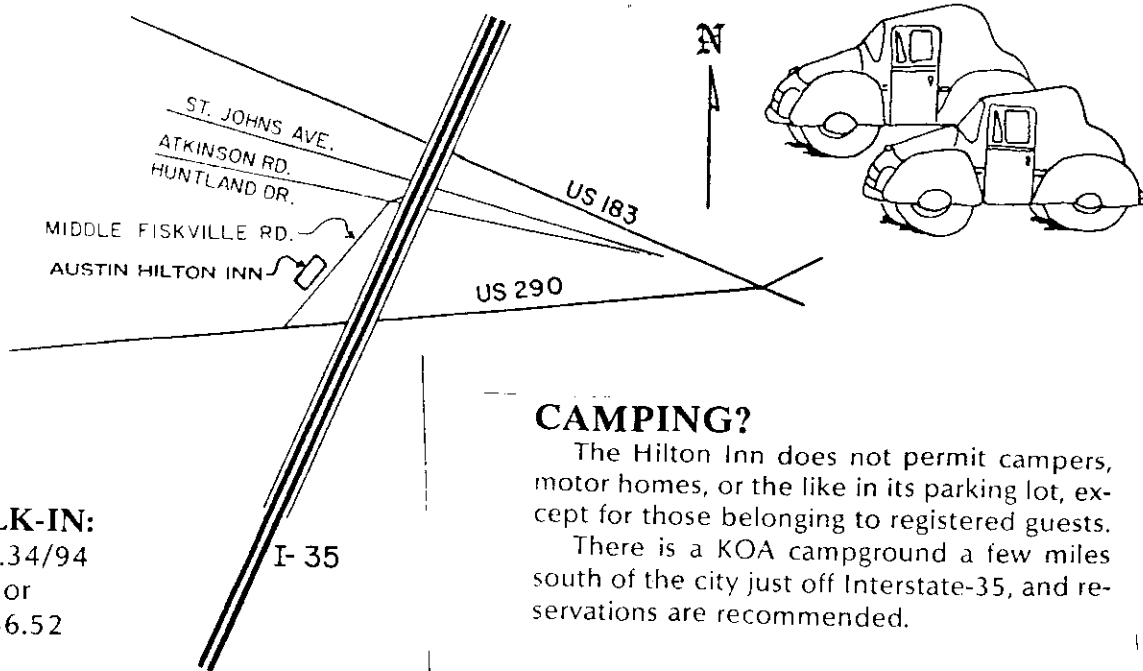
CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

VHF '81, BOX 13473, CAPITOL STATION, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

\* By advanced registration only. No tickets sold at the door.

# VHF '81: A SUPER EVENT

MAP & TALK-IN FREQUENCIES

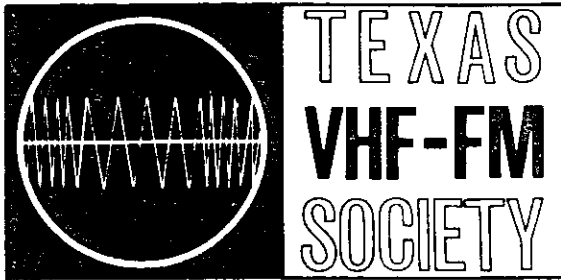


**TALK-IN:**  
146.34/94  
or  
146.52

### CAMPING?

The Hilton Inn does not permit campers, motor homes, or the like in its parking lot, except for those belonging to registered guests.

There is a KOA campground a few miles south of the city just off Interstate-35, and reservations are recommended.



Now in its 16th year, the *Texas VHF-FM Society* provides many services and functions for those interested in VHF and UHF FM operation.

Its most well-known service has been the coordination of frequencies for the scores of repeaters around Texas in an effort to prevent overlap and duplication that could result in chaotic conditions.

The society has developed a voluntary spectrum management for 10, 6, and 2 meters and 220 and 450 MHz. It has won widespread acceptance.

As a statewide body with a membership of almost 1000, the society is actively promoting expansion of the *Texas Intercity Relay System*

(TIRS) -- a network of VHF and UHF repeaters linking cities to provide public service and disaster communications.

The society is an umbrella group through which local clubs and repeater organizations may exchange technical information and ideas. It publishes a bulletin quarterly which offers numerous technical articles, news of changes in repeater locations and frequencies, and other items.

A revised repeater roster is published by the society annually, with changes noted in the bulletin.

Twice each year, the society holds conventions. The winter meeting is devoted to technical topics primarily, while the annual summer gathering is more of a 'fun' function.

Membership in the *Texas VHF-FM Society* is open to all licensed amateurs. Fill in the blank below, check the appropriate box on the convention registration form to indicate your new membership, and include the dues amount in your check for convention registration. And don't forget to attend the society's general meeting Sunday (see program for time and place).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

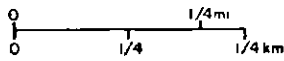
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

New \$3.00       Renewal \$3.00       Life \$45.00

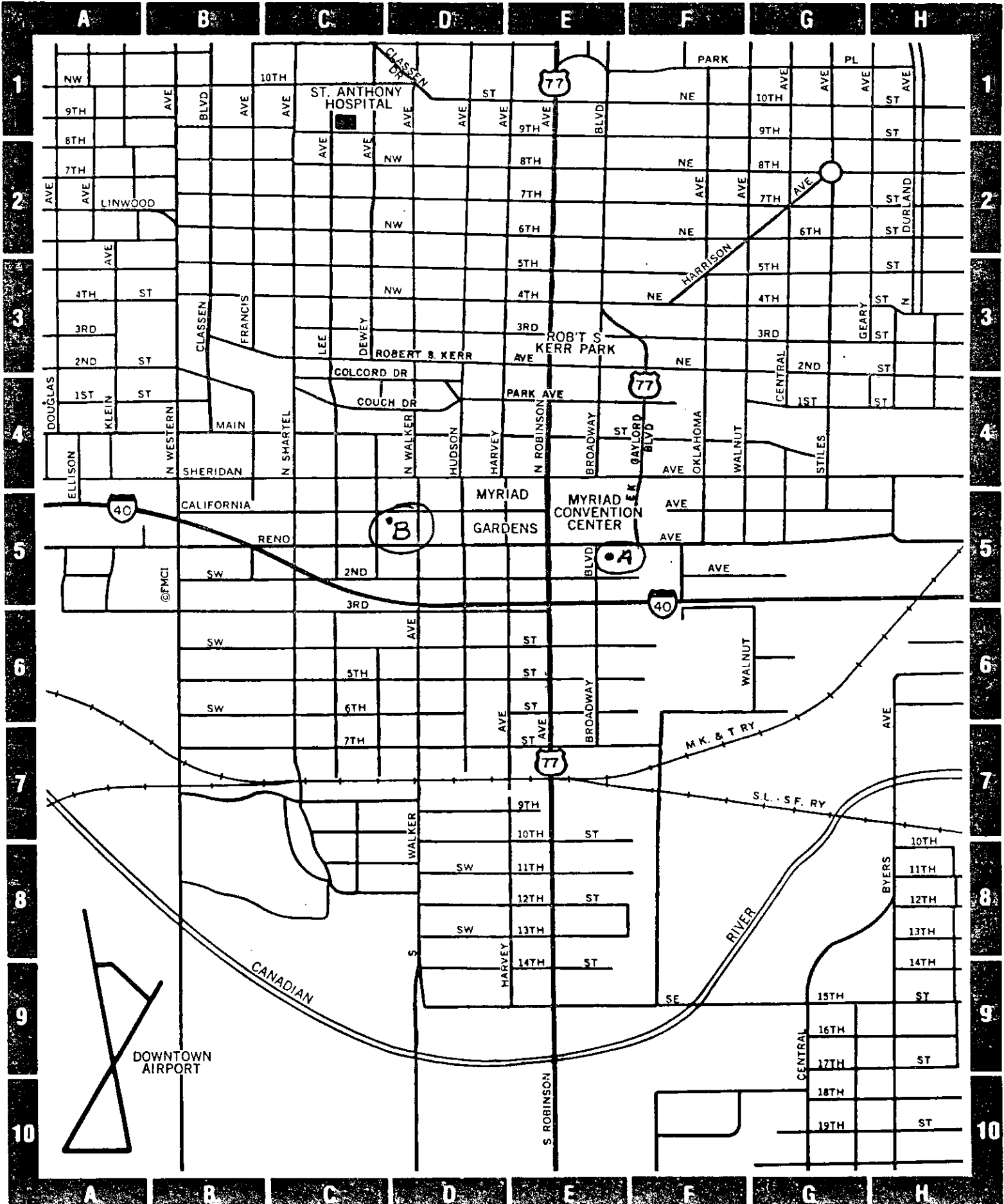
Family \$1.00 -- If family give name and call of primary membership

Are you presently a paid-up member of the ARRL?       Yes       No

If yes, do you regularly renew your membership so that you consider yourself a permanent member?       Yes       No



# Oklahoma City Downtown Locator Map Z







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