



Minutes of February Meeting (Cont.)

and production of the 1982 roster could not be completed until necessary information was in hand.

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG reported that the President had asked him to inform the meeting that he had two recommendations to make for consideration in planning the Club's Field Day activities: (1) that a site be located which was easily accessible to the public for PR purposes, and (2) that only two HF stations be operated, one of them for phone and the other to be available for CW use to whatever extent desired, and that also a 2-meter station be in service. He also recommended that detailed planning be accomplished in advance with respect to rigs, antennas, auxiliary power, operating schedules, etc.

The Bellaire run, boat regatta, and preliminary plans for the Sharpstown Center May 1 activity were discussed by Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN.

The March of Dimes WALK AMERICA walkathon, at which the Club has been asked to furnish communications, was discussed by Ed Truitt KD5JC, coordinator for communications.

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG announced that an attendance register would be at the door at all meetings and asked members to sign out as they leave, completing the information requested on the sheet.

Mark Schneider WB5RDK reported on his use of the 145.45/144.85 repeater pair and his conversation with Dick Fenner W5AVI, who is the volunteer coordinator of repeater frequencies under the sponsorship of the Texas VHF-FM Society. It developed that there has been considerable misunderstanding and lack of communication within our ranks on this subject.

Joanne Morphew K5HOY announced that there appeared to be a 150' tower in Richmond, apparently owned by the county, that might be available at little or no cash cost except for the removal thereof.

The business before the Club having been accomplished, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned and turned over to Ron Bolyard KA5GYG, Program Chairman, who, in turn, introduced the speakers for the evening, our own J. Leeds W5VXD and Ray Morphew K5EST. They gave us a very interesting and informative description of the quantities of electricity to produce various levels of shock, and what happened to the human body as a result.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Period Feb.-12, 1982 - Mar. 11, 1982

Beginning balance		\$372.98
Receipts:		
Club dues	\$ 95.00	
ARRL renewal dues	25.00	
Donuts	<u>3.37</u>	123.37
Disbursements:		
Supplies and postage		<u>27.40</u>
Ending balance		<u>\$468.95</u>

Harold Parker KC5HZ, Treasurer

CPR POST MORTEM

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG

Sixteen people participated in the CPR course on March 13 which covered cardio pulmonary resuscitation and the Helmrich method for rescuing a choak-  
ing victim. My thanks to Mike Armatta N5APC for his excellent presentation. All of us now feel we can handle these two techniques for keeping someone alive until complete life support personnel can get on the scene and take over in an emergency.

Mike has volunteered to give this course twice a year, not only for those who have not had such instruction previously but also as refresher courses for those who have.

We will schedule a class some time this fall, and anyone interested in attending is invited to call me at 342-1365 and get on the enrollment list.

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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE WORKS

Ron Bolyard KA5GYG

- APRIL -- 4/3 - Beginning a 5-week course in Advanced First Aid. Call Mike Armatta at 495-1170 or Ron Bolyard KA5GYG at 342-1365 for place and time. If unable to attend first session, call and make arrangements for late start.
- 4/8 - Regular membership meeting, 7:30 PM. Speaker: Mike Blair N5MB on "How Much Should I Worry About SWR?". Come and get in on the ensuing discussion if you don't agree with him.
- 4/25 - March of Dimes WALK AMERICA walkathon, 8 AM - 5 PM between Missouri City, Sugar Land, and Stafford. Supervision by Stafford and communications by B-VARC with Ed Truitt KD5JC coordinating communications. Call him at 499-8746 and get on the team. We need you!
- Blue Bonnet Trail Mini Convention, sponsored by Brenham ARC. No date set yet and continuation of planning will depend upon show of interest by hams within 50 - 75 mile radius of Brenham. For more information call Ron Bolyard KA5GYG at 342-1365.
- MAY -- 5/1 - Send-a-radiogram-to-Mom display and demonstration, 10 AM - 7 PM at Sharpstown Center. Houston Area Traffic Net will participate. This will be a first for B-VARC, and, we believe, for any mall in this area in the last 10 years.

Steve Gottlieb WA5OEN is coordinating arrangements. All him at 437-3586 and get in on it. You'll be glad you did!

--In the Works (Cont.)

MAY -- 5/13 - Regular membership meeting, 7:30 PM. Speakers: Dick Bigelow WD5CTQ and Steve Gottlieb WA5CEN on "SWL Listening". There's a lot more to this activity than you think!

JUNE -- 6/5-6 - Coronado 15 District Championship Regatta, sponsored by Lake Houston Sailing Club. We did such a good job on this last year, they want us back! Call Dick Hagerman WB5SRN at 729-2516 for assignment.

-- 3rd weekend - Field Day. Call Henry Freedenberg N5HF for information and participation.

6/10 - Regular membership meeting, 7:30 PM. Speaker: Woody Woodward WB9CYI on "Code Instruction Meets the Computer Age".

ED note - Don't forget the fellowship period at each regular membership meeting starting at 7 PM. Also, the door prizes. Hal Fuglaar N5BXP in charge.

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OUR PRESIDENT SAYS .....

Sorry I had to miss the March meeting, gang, but it does happen to all of us from time to time, what with business, family, etc., etc., etc. I understand that our Vice President Joanne K5HCY did a splendid job filling in, and to her I say -- Thanks!. The question of attendance is a good one, though as it seems (perhaps erroneously) that most members make meetings by exception, rather than miss by the same reason. When asked on the air or in person, one often hears "Was it last Thursday? Gee, I forgot."

The same goes for nets. In spite of an 11 element beam, I still can't hit 60/00 from my side of town, but I do listen. How about you? Are most of you listeners, too? We get about 20 people per meeting and 12 to 15 per net. It's not strange to me that the same voices on the nets match the same faces at membership meetings.

When we got going for '82, we questioned the membership about what they wanted to see. So, far, at least 8 out of the top 10 responses have been or are being addressed. Where are you? The programs are better and more varied. There

Our President Says (Cont.)

are more activities. If everyone waits for the Board to do it for them, we'll get nowhere. If you have an interest, and don't see it happening, then start it yourself. Any homebrewers listening?

73, Dick WD5CTQ

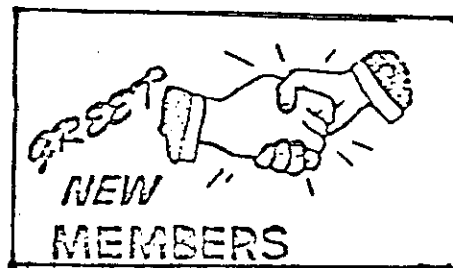
NCS SCHEDULES FOR APRIL - MAY

2 meters --	4/5 WD5DRB	4/12 N5DWP	4/19 KC5HZ	4/26 WA5OEN	5/3 WD5DRB
	5/10 N5DWP	5/17 KC5HZ	5/24 WA5OEN		
10 meters --	4/7 KA5GYG	4/14 N5CIQ	4/21 WA5ACF	4/28 WA5OEN	5/5 KA5GYG
	5/12 N5CIQ	5/19 WA5ACF	5/26 WA5OEN		

REMEMBER -- The Club gets \$2.00 if you renew your ARRL membership or join the League through the Club. Call Club Treasurer Harold Parker KC5HZ at 464-9044 for details.

New members who've joined B-VARC this year can be identified by the red and blue borders on their badges. Introduce yourselves and make 'em glad they're with us!

Our latest new member is Paul Weber W5QBE.



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## Tornado Safety Tips

### TAKING SHELTER SAVES LIVES

Your family's survival in a tornado may depend upon your taking some basic steps of preparedness now -- before the storm warnings are issued.

The safety experts say that tornado shelters save lives, and they suggest that every family should have a shelter selected in advance. If a tornado warning is issued, you won't have time to look for a protected area.

All members of a family should know where to take best shelter in a home -- away from windows, doors, and outside walls. Go to the basement. If you have no basement, go to a first floor bathroom, closet, or an interior hallway at the center of the home. If possible, get under heavy furniture or cover your head with blankets and pillows.

If you live in a mobile home, tornado experts advise that you may be in grave danger, since such dwellings do not stand up to the tremendous force of a tornado. Plan to quickly evacuate your mobile home during a tornado warning period, seeking shelter in a nearby building or in a ravine, ditch, or culvert.

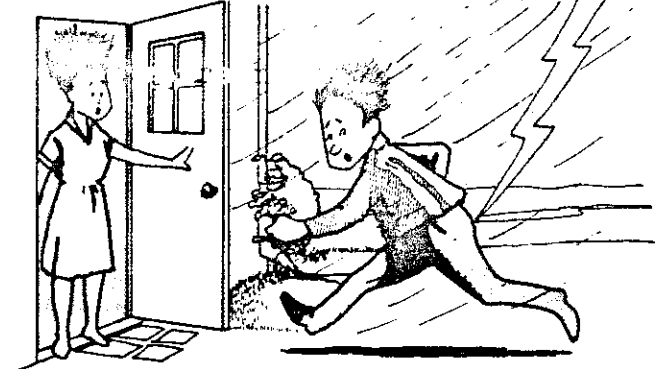
Some people have constructed underground tornado or bomb shelters outside but adjacent to their homes. Such shelters provide the maximum protection.

If you live in a tornado-prone area, be prepared. Hold a tornado drill in your home periodically, so all members of the family know where to go and what to do during a tornado warning period. Your first drill may also show you the need for storing some items in or near your shelter area, such as a battery-powered radio and some extra batteries, so you can monitor the latest weather reports.

Other items you may select for your shelter might include a first-aid kit, any special medication, a supply of bottled water, and food that would not require cooking.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

TORNADOES ARE FREQUENTLY ACCOMPANIED BY LIGHTNING. IT CAN BE A KILLER TOO. HERE ARE A FEW TIPS:



- GET INSIDE A BUILDING.
- IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE WITH NO TIME TO GET INSIDE, GO TO A LOW PLACE, BE ALERT TO FLASH FLOODS.
- AVOID TALL, ISOLATED TREES IN OPEN AREAS, FARM EQUIPMENT, MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES, GOLF CARTS, AND OTHER METALLIC ITEMS.

The survival kit for the home should be designed for use during and after any severe weather, such as a tornado or winter storm. You could find yourself isolated and your home without power. Proper preparations could let you be totally independent and capable of surviving for a few days without outside assistance.

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### CARS ARE UNSAFE IN TORNADOES

Tornadoes and automobiles don't mix! (ED note - Remember the Houstonian who tried to outrun the tornado in southeast Houston 2 or 3 years ago -- and lost?) In fact, research from one recent killer tornado showed that most of the deaths occurred in and around automobiles. These vehicles are so light that the powerful winds of a tornado can toss them around like a child's toy, battering them against buildings and the earth until they are unrecognizable.

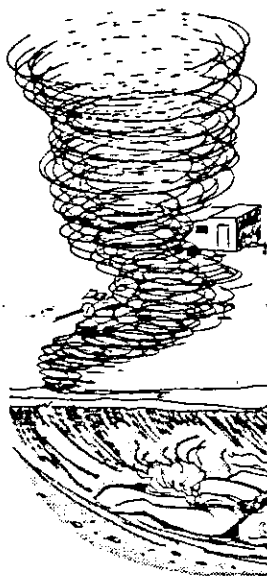
Tornado experts advise that if you are in an auto when a tornado is spotted, immediately leave the vehicle and seek shelter in a nearby substantial building. If no buildings are nearby, take cover by lying flat in a ditch or depression. Protect your head with your hands and arms. Do not attempt to evacuate by jumping in your car to leave the area.

As it touches down, a tornado is not always recognizable, for it may be obscured by rain or darkness.

The distinctive, funnel-shaped cloud associated with a tornado writhes and twists, throwing debris in all directions, actually lifting cars, trucks and mobile homes into the air. Tornadoes are produced by violent thunderstorms, and may be preceded by large hail.

Tornado funnels vary from a few feet to over a mile in width. The average is  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide. A tornado can stay on the ground for from a few seconds up to three hours, covering a few yards, or more than 200 miles.

## DID YOU KNOW ?



DURING A TORNADO YOU SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING: IF YOU ARE IN A MOBILE HOME OR CAR, LEAVE IT AND FIND SHELTER IN A BUILDING, OR LIE FLAT IN THE NEAREST DITCH, RAVINE OR CULVERT WITH YOUR HANDS SHIELDING YOUR HEAD.

Tornado Safety Tips (Cont.)

After a tornado, continue to refrain from driving because of the danger of downed power lines and sharp debris littering the streets. Roads must be left clear for emergency vehicles.

The most practical assistance a citizen can render after a tornado is to stay away from a disaster scene and allow authorities to perform their work without the problems of the curious.

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1982 ROSTER

The Club's 1982 Roster is in process of being printed. Unfortunately, it probably will contain some typos (Ye Olde Editor isn't the best typist!) and other incorrect information because it was decided to produce it using member information sheets from prior years -- and in some cases, no information sheets at all, because some members have overlooked sending in updated sheets with current information.

Please, therefore, when you receive your '82 Roster, inspect it and furnish corrections to Stu Lamkin WB5IGG.

An information sheet inclosed with your copy of this BULLETIN means that we do not have at hand any information sheet from you, and we ask that you complete it and return it as indicated thereon immediately to be included in a compilation of interests and other data on Club membership.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

People who know everything really annoy those of us who do!

--Anon.