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OUR PRESIDENT SAYS----

Yesterday, I called the FCC with the intention of ordering a Form 610 I needed, both for myself and for the Club stock. What transpired was a conversation with one of their employees that warmed the cockles of my heart!

When I mentioned that I wanted to get several copies for our club use, she asked me what club I represented. I told her it was B-VARC, to which she replied "I've heard some real nice things about your club."

To make a long story short, after our Mother's Day activity at Sharpstown Center, they received numerous phone calls from folks who-- (1) wanted to thank us for our efforts, and (2) asked for information about our hobby and club. Unfortunately, the FCC did not have any information about B-VARC and the inquiries could not be answered by them.

Well, I basically solved that problem by giving the FCC lady my work phone number and the Club mailing address for future inquiries. She said they get many such calls the year around of the same nature, i.e. Who, Where, When, How, etc.

This all confirms the feeling that we don't toot our own horn enough. Let's kick around ideas on publicizing the Club.

Hope everybody enjoyed Field Day, and that I see y'all at the picnic.

73, Steve WA5OEN

VP QSO

Due to the absence of the "Little Yellow" forms upon which we Hams receive our confirmation of License Class, the FCC has not sent out any licenses nor any notification of this fact to those eagerly awaiting qualified Hams. It has been noted that some deserving Hams have been waiting as long as 3 months to receive their official tickets.

For those of you who are in this position or who know of someone "climbing-the-wall", hark no more! A long distance telephone call to Gettysburg is all that needs to be done. It is the understanding of this writer that the FCC will confirm your license class and call sign, and will verbally grant permission to operate a station with the appropriate class privileges!!

This is probably a temporary measure and may be discontinued at any time. I recommend and urge those that fall into this category to call Gettysburg and either confirm or deny this information. All deserving Hams await the results!

I would further suggest that you not call collect!!

73's Ron KA5GYG

MINUTES OF THE B-VARC MEETING, JUNE 9, 1983

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Gottlieb at 7:40 P.M. Guests to the club were introduced, Ray and Jeannine Wangler and Steve Ray. No upgrades nor anticipated upgrades were announced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- KD5GM made a report on Field Day. (By this reading, F-D will be history.)
- WD5HEH made a TARP report. B-VARC is the owner of a tarp, the purpose of same is to offer shelter from the wind, rain and sun. Cost: \$37.90.
- WD5DRB made a report about a new address for B-VARC. The Club now has a post office box which is checked daily. Any correspondence may be addressed to: B-VARC--- P.O. Box 1630---Missouri City, Texas 77459.
- WA5ACF suggested that the Club acquire stationery. N5BHQ volunteered to have some printed as a donation to the Club. (By now the printer will have learned of his donation.....)ND5F has the Club logo.
- WN5TEN announced that the Annual B-VARC Picnic will be 23 July at a site provided by Doug, N5EUC. A map is enclosed. Camaraderie will start about Noon; eating about 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- N5DQR made a report regarding the new repeater group (see elsewhere this issue). A repeater, controlled by though not necessarily owned by B-VARC is planned for the SW Memorial Hospital. A Club in Corsicana, Tx. is prepared to loan a complete 2-meter repeater to B-VARC and this is being pursued. The concensus is that any new repeater group will be restricted to B-VARC members. Two separate repeater groups with ties to B-VARC may occupy space at the Hospital, the 144.85/5.45 WB5RDK repeater which is privately held and a new repeater controlled by a group of HAMS who also are B-VARC members. These arrangements are so that hopefully the new repeater group can apply to the George Foundation for funding of a commercial set up.
- WD5DRB made a report of the 1st meeting of the new repeater group.(see elsewhere)
- WB5UBD reported that he has established contact with the Hospital; that the corporate papers required by the State of Texas are completed for the WB5RDK Repeater group and must be submitted to Austin; that the same formal papers for the new group await election of officers and Articles of ByLaws.

WA50EN announced that N5BYJ and XYL are proud parents for the first time. Birth of their daughter was June 1st. WN5TEN and XYL are the proud parents of their 1st daughter, second child. (Where are the cigars?)

WD5HEH stated that the Club bank account has a balance of \$325.71 at the time of the report. N5AER and W5VXD have joined B-VARC. Welcome.

ND5F made the request to ARRL members to please bring in their address labels from QST plain brown wrappers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. and the program by W5EDZ and KA5KRI would follow.

JUNE B-VARC MEETING HAS GREAT ATTENDANCE

The following is a listing, by call sign, of those who attended the June B-VARC meeting. If you were one of the many who heard Ray Wangler, W5EDZ or Steve Ray, KA5KRI present the program and you miss seeing a friend's call sign, give him/her a call and extend an invite. If you missed this meeting, you now have an idea where many of your friends and fellow HAMS spend the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Please come and join us.

WA50EN	WD5DRB	WD5HEH	KA5GYG	W5WVX	N5AER	N5BHQ	KD5GM
K5KNH	ND5F	KA5NYI	KA5BNC	WB5RDK	N5FAB	KZ5I	KA5DUU
NC5A	N5DQR	WB5IGG	KD5XX	KA5EPN	N5FDH	KA5DKS	N5AYX
W5UBD	WN5TEN	N5ANF	W8QK	WA5ACF	WB2AOK	KC5GR	WB5SRN
W5EDZ	K5EST	K5HOY	N5HF	KA5KRI	N5APC	W5VXD	KA5PWZ

Jeannine Wangler and Roby Lejeine were visitors.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 15, 1983

Balance as of May 15, 1983	360.09
Receipts:	
ARRL Memberships (3)	75.00
Membership dues to date	26.00
Total	<u>461.09</u>
Expenses:	
Stu Lamkin (Postage and Newsletter)	16.79
Lloyd Phelps (Tarpolin for Field Day)	37.09
ARRL	69.00
Larry Levy (Post Office Box rental)	9.00
Balance as of June 15, 1983	<u>329.21</u>

B-VARC BOARD MEETING, JUNE 16, 1983-----

WA50EN called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M. In attendance were:

WA50EN / WB5SRN / ND5F / WB5IGG / KA5DKS / KA5GYG / WD5DRB

WA5 OEN reported that on 13 June, he, N5FAB and W5WVX met at 10:30 A.M. with some

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B-VARC BOARD MEETING CONT.

Representatives of the Police/Fire departments of Missouri City, Stafford, and Sugarland. The meeting served as time to educate these public officials of B-VARC's public service activities and how HAM Radio can be utilized by these officials in emergency situations.

As a status report only: Mo. City has some HF equipment but needs an antenna for same. It lacks 2-meter equipment, but operational 2-meter antennas are located at the City Hall/Police station and at the Fire Station #1. Stafford has purchased an ICOM 25S with Kenwood PS (on the basis of the meeting of 13 June) and has a 2-meter station on the air. Sugarland to date has no equipment nor antennas.

WA50EN continued his report, stating that 'Doc' Estell, Chairman for Communications for the Red Cross is seeking HAMS for liaison purposes. The W5DWI Repeater, 146.25/85 machine is the official Red Cross/Civil Defense frequency. The next ARES meeting with the cities' officials will be 7:30 P.M. on 21 June at the Stafford Police Department.

ND5F asked if generators have been acquired for F-D. The answer is yes.

WA50EN reported that the IRS has sent documentation that B-VARC is a non-profit social organization. Copies were sent to Austin to the State Comptroller to try to preserve the Club's charitable status with the State.

WA50EN reported that K5KNH wrote a letter to the HAMS in Corsicana to confirm that B-VARC has the serious intent to utilize, care for, and accept responsibility of their 2-meter repeater "loaner".

WD5DRB has committed to devise a revised telephone triangle/network. DRB also will forward to W5KR club and individual activity reports for inclusion on ARRL Section News column.

KA5DKS announced that the planned programs for the rest of 1983 are:
July---Don Busick---"Whats new in HAM Radio equipment"
August--N5HF--DXing
September--"DOC" Estell--HAM Radio and the Red Cross
October, November, December--No plans yet; suggestions are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M. NO business was conducted, nor were there any motions made.

The Board thanks KA5DKS for the hospitality as he hosted the meeting.

73, WD5DRB

FIELD DAY, JUNE 25-26, 1983 -- Louis House KD5GM

Field Day '83 for Brazos Valley ARC has come and gone, to become part of our memories as a function by which we have sharpened our emergency communication skills as Amateur Radio Operators.

Surely, all will agree how efficiently our Club performed as we busily went about in the exhausting sun, raising antennas, securing shelters under which we would operate, and getting rigs on line to be ready to go at the appointed hour.

Dick, WB5SRN, showed us mobility, with the help of others, and preparedness

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FIELD DAY CONT.

to make possible the getting on the air with a full station in a little over an hour! Good show, Dick. It was quite impressive.

Frank, W5GLD, demonstrated great skill as a CW operator, and was a joy to work with.

Muril, W8QK and son, Carlos, who'll be licensed one of these days, did a fine job working 20-meter phone (mosquitos and all!) using the Club's rig and a 28' beam 3-element monobander which they supplied and erected with the help of others.

Steve, KA5DUU and YL, Laura, who also will be licensed soon, worked 10-meter QRP, catching the band open and making a goodly number of contacts. Good going, Steve and Laura!

Harold, ND5F and I, KD5GM, worked CW with Frank, W5GLD and had the pleasure of seeing a real accomplished CW operator go about it.

John, N5BHQ, found the best brisket in Texas and our gourmet chef, Larry, WD5DRB, prepared it with great excellence, the delight of which offset all the misery of the rain and lightning that plagued us late Saturday. Many thanks, guys. Ron, KA5GYG, Stu, WB5IGG, Bob, N5AER, and Mark, KA5NYI, always seemed to be in the right places during setup and operating, the kind of help you can't do without.

Saving the most important thing for last---a heartfelt thanks to Doug, N5EUC, and Frank, W5GLD, who made great efforts and spent much time to see that we had generators and fuel for Field Day this year. All else would be in vain without power. Thanks again, guys.

Others present during the weekend were Henry N5HF, Steve WA50EN, Ed W5WVX, Joanne K5HOY, Ray K5EST, Ed KD5JC, Bob W5UBD, and Keith KA5F. Hope I didn't miss any one.

Full statistics of B-VARC Field Day '83 will appear in the August BULLETIN.

CALENDAR

Next B-VARC Meeting---Regular membership, Thursday, July 14, 1983.

Directors meeting, Thursday, July 21, 1983.

Club Picnic--Saturday, July 23, 1983

Nets---B-VARC 2-M-Ft. Bend ARES, Monday 8:30P.M. }	Primary freq.	147.60/00	MHz
Public Service , Monday 9:00P.M. }	Secondary	144.85/145.45	MHz
---B-VARC 10 M- Ragchew, Wednesday, 8:30P.M.		28.700	MHz.
---West Houston RACES- Sunday, 8P.M.		146.07/67	MHz.
---Ft. Bend RACES- Tuesday, 9P.M.		146.16/76	MHz.
---Houston Area Traffic Net--M,W,F, 6:30 P.M.		147.60/00	MHz.
---Hella Hams Fone Patches for Sick Kids, Weds. 7:30 P.M.		3.955	MHz.

Conventions---ARRL National- Oct 6-8, 1983, Houston

WHAT'S AHEAD FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

For the July membership meeting-- We'll have Don Busick, K5AAD, who'll update us on amateur equipment, a subject of much interest to all of us. Maybe he'll have information on what next to expect from our friends the manufacturers.

And at the August membership meeting--- There'll be Henry Freedenberg, N5HF, a DXer of some reputation, will tell us how he does it. With what he'll tell us and advise in a forthcoming article on how to break a DX pileup, we should be able to be pretty successful in our own DX efforts.

One month later, at the September meeting--- our speaker will be Doc Estill, W5FJU, Manager of Communications for the Houston Red Cross organization.

For the last three meetings this year--- We need suggestions and volunteers.

Ken McAninch, KA5DKS

NEW REPEATER GROUP GETS UNDER WAY

On May 26, 1983, a group of HAMS met for the purpose of discussing the technical considerations of a new area repeater to be located at the Southwest Memorial Hospital. While these HAMS happen to be B-VARC members, the meeting was not represented to be a B-VARC function. This difference is being made to assert that those B-VARC members who chose not to/cannot utilize a 2-meter repeater will also have a choice as to the extent of support they may give to a new repeater, one which will be under the auspices of B-VARC, though not owned by B-VARC.

To learn more about the reasons why, W5UBD is a good source of information. Please put your questions to him or other members of this new repeater group.

At the meeting of the 26th, a motion was moved, seconded and passed with one dissenting vote. The motion accepted was "W5UBD present to the Hospital, the idea of two corporation entities. The first, under private ownership as discussed and agreed upon by WB5RDK, N5BXP, N5FAB, W5UBD, & WB5MXX, in January-February, 1983 and the second, a new corporation, under the auspices of B-VARC. Both corporations shall strive to place into operation and maintain amateur radio equipment to facilitate communications with the Hospital and amateur radio operators under emergency situation.

A second motion, moved by WB5UBD passed, again with one dissenting vote. The motion read that "...Tom Cole, WB5MXX, be offered the position of Chairman of the Board of the Memorial Emergency Radio Association (MERA).

On June 9, 1983, following the regular B-VARC meeting, the whole of B-VARC membership attending the regular meeting were invited to stay for the second meeting of the new repeater group. Twenty-two members did form the meeting and accordingly its organizational membership. Election of officers was conducted as follows:

Chairman--Tom Cole, WB5MXX (Tom accepted the offer per the 26 May meeting)

Vice Chairman-- Tom Casey, WA5ACF

Sec/Treas--Bob Grady, N5DQR

Four Trustees of the Board--Bob Spradling, W5UBD

Harold Parker, ND5F

Vic LaRocca, K5KNH

Mike Armatta, N5APC

W5UBD was also accepted as the registered agent for the new group.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible donation toward the accomplishment of this new and important Club project should make a check payable to the Memorial Emergency Radio Association and mail it to Bob Spradling, W5UBD, 12306 Dorrance Lane, Stafford, Tx. 77477. Funds are necessary to purchase the equipment required to place a repeater on the air. This repeater will serve the needs of the Club and will be an important addition to the Club's capability to provide a service to the public and aid to the hospital communication availability. The sooner we can acquire the equipment, the sooner these purposes can be fulfilled. It is planned that the Association will be self-supporting in the future.

Remember, your donation to this Association is tax-deductible.

NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome the following new members who joined at our last membership meeting. You can identify them and others who've joined this year by the red border at the bottom of their name badges. If you haven't already done so, please introduce yourself to the wearers of the red-bordered badges and make 'em glad they've joined us!!!

Bob Haase, N5AER---2314 Hilton Head Drive

Missouri City, Tx. 77459

Home fone: 438-1872, Work--656-3498

Mike Walker, N5FDH--11102 Sharpview

Houston, Tx. 77072

Home fone: 495-7397, Work--666-3222



ROSTER CHANGES

ADD: Steve Ray, KA5KRI---319 Pine, Lake Jackson, Tx. 77566
Home fone: 297-7494, Work: 238-1312
ADD: J. Leeds, W5VXD-----10807 Atwell, Houston, Tx. 77096
Home fone: 723-4485, Work: 527-8101

WE'RE GONNA PICNIC ON THE BANKS OF THE BRAZOS!!!!

We'll start cooking about noon on Saturday, July 23, for the Club picnic which this year will be held on the banks of the Brazos, courtesy of Doug and Marie Holley who have a beautiful home just north of downtown Rosenberg and whose property extends down to the river. Included with this issue of the BULLETIN is a map of how to get there, and it also gives a lot of details about what we'll have and be doing. We had a grand time last year, and this year it promises to be even better!

We'll have tickets at the July Club meeting and it would lessen the drain on the Club treasury if we can sell a bunch of them there. However, we'll be glad to take your money at the gate!!!

Y'all come on down and join the fun on the 23rd--we'll be glad to see ya!

Wade--WN5TEN

THE ARRL AND B-VARC

Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, one of our guest speakers at the June membership meeting talked of the many issues that were facing the Ham community and I wondered if any of you-like myself- were surprised at the volume and variety of the issues that are pending before the ARRL Directors.

I wonder just how long our hobby would survive as we know it today if there was not some organization representing us. Who of us could take the time to stay informed on the many issues that arise from day-to-day all across the country and be prepared to answer charges and defend ourselves and our hobby against those that would like to make our antennas disappear and use our frequencies for other purposes.

The ARRL has been the major organized effort to protect the interests of all Amateur Radio Operators and now we have the opportunity to dedicate ourselves to maintaining these high standards through participation as an ARRL Special Service Club.

B-VARC will be applying to the ARRL soon for recognition as a Special Service Club and it will require that each of us help promote Ham Radio through our various activities on a continuing basis. We will keep you informed on our progress and hope that each of you will support these efforts as we work toward meeting the requirements.

Harold Parker, ND5F

REMEMBER--- it's \$2.00 for B-VARC if you join or renew your ARRL membership through the Club. And you yourself save \$5.00 if you're over 64 or under 18. Call Lloyd, WD5HEH, at 498-2088 as to how to go about it.

B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Dick Halgerman WB5SRN---A,B,C,E,G,I,K	Ken Andrews Kc5GR---I
Harold Parker ND5F---A,B,D,F,G,I,J	Ethel Bolyard---I
Mike Armatta N5APC---A,B,H,J	Henry Freedenberg N5HF---I
Stu Lamkin WB5IGG---A,D,G,I	Hy Gordon NC5A---H
Larry Levy WD5DRB---D,G,I,J	Irene Gordon N5AYX---H
Ron Bolyard KA5GYG---G,I,J	Bob Grady N5DQR---I
Barry Brubaker N5FAB---D,I,J	Jon Hill N5BHQ---I
Steve Gottlieb WA50EN---D,G,I	Doug Holley N5EUC---J
Ed Harwell W5WVX---G,I,J	Joanne Morphew K5HOY---I
Jay Maynard K5ZC---A,C,F	Ray Morpheys K5EST---I
Tom Casey WA5ACF---I,J	Gary Richardson N5ANF---J
Louis House KD5GM---I,J	Cathy Schneider KA5BNC---G
Vic LaRocca K5KNH---D,I	Mark Schneider WB5RDK---G
Ken McAninch KA5DKS---D,I	Steve Schuster WA5RBD---I
Mark McGrath KA5NYI---D,I	Todd Stolzberg K10d---I
Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH---D,G	
Bob Spradling W5UBD---C,I	
Ed Truitt KD5JC---A,G	

EVENTS:

- A. Houston Marathon, Jan 16.
- B. Bayou City Fun Run, Mar. 19.
- C. Houston Festival, Mar 19, 20, 26, 27.
- D. Bellaire Fun Run, Mar 27.
- E. Reeking Regatta, Apr. 9.
- F. Galveston Rainbow Festival, Apr. 15, 16.
- G. Ft. Bend March of Dimes Superwalk, Apr. 24.
- H. Houston March of Dimes Walk America, Apr. 24.
- I. Sharpstown Center Mother's Day Messages, Apr. 30.
- J. Ft. Bend ARES Callup, May 15.
- K. Guadalupe River Canoe Race, June 3.

If any member has participated in any of the events listed and you are not included above, or in a similar event which could be classified as a civic event, (which would include disaster emergency communications), please inform Harold Parker, ND5F, Special Service Club Coordinator.

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73, Don Busick, K5AAD

WALK AMERICA '83-----

For the second year in a row, B-VARC operators assisted in the 35-km March of Dimes walk-America. Twelve ham operators provided communications support for the walk, which wound through the cities of Stafford, Missouri City and SugarLand in East Ft. Bend County. We had a ham at all check points and rest stops along the route, as well as a "net control" station in the Stafford P.D., and our famous "Motorcycle Mobile". We were able to use the 60/00 repeater for most of the walk, but close to the end itched to 145.45 simplex, which worked quite well. Our efforts were appreciated by the walk officials, as we helped them have a fun event without overloading the public safety frequencies.

Thanks to the following ops who helped:WB5IGG, WB5SRN, WA5OEN, ND5F, KD5JC, WD5HEH (M.M), KA5GYG, W5WVX, KA5BNC, WB5RDK, WD5DRB, AND N5COJ, who is not a Club member, but who helped out anyway.

Hopefully the March of Dimes will be able to get some kind of a party together for all who helped. Keep an eye out for details.

Thanks again, and hope to see you all out again next year!

Ed Truitt, KD5JC

NCS SCHEDULES FOR JULY-AUGUST

2M Pub-----	7/4 N5FAB	7/11 ND5F	7/18 WB5RDK	7/25 KA5NYI		
Service.	8/1 N5FAB	8/8 ND5f	8/15 WB5RDK	8/22 KA5NYI	8/29 N5FAB	
10 M Rag---	7/6 WB5IGG	7/13 K5EST	7/20 N5HF	7/27 KA5GYG		
Chew	8/3 KA5GYG	8/10 WB5IGG	8/17 K5EST	8/24 N5HF	8/31 KA5GYG	

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Use this department to list any ham-related gear you'd like to buy, sell, or swap. Give us a listing of your items by the 3rd Thursday of the month and we'll run it in the issue. If you get no results from that listing and would like to run it again, let us know.

FOR SALE--- A new and unused, still in the carton, System 36 Wilson 6 element tri-band HF antenna, with a 40 M. element. Cost new \$430, yours for \$250, a 42% savings.

Homer Witmer, W5OAX
461-7712

- FOR SALE---
1. Icom IC-701 HF transceiver, 160-10 M, dual VFOs, power supply, speaker, desk microphone, and EX-1 extension terminal. Will accept receiver preamp. All manuals.
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Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG
777-3345

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