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## **About the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club**

First organized in 1977, the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club has been a gathering place for local Ham Radio Operators in Southwest Harris County, Fort Bend County and surrounding communities. Using various activities, the club has something to offer ham operators no matter what their persuasion. For prospective new amateurs, the club regularly schedules classes for those interested in obtaining their novice license. All persons; men, women and children are cordially invited to come to a meeting and see what we are all about. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Missouri City Police Station, 2 miles south of South Main on FM 2234.

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**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND - it's worth \$2.00 to the Club treasury if you join or renew your ARRL membership through the Club; and there's a bonus to you if you personally are over 64 or under 18. Call Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH, Club Treasurer, at 438-2088 for details.**

**YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS:**

Now is the time for all BVARC members to begin preparing themselves for the numerous activities that are being scheduled and will be coming in the very near future. The Sharpstown Mall Send-a-message-to-Mother for Mother's day is coming up on Saturday May 5. This is becoming BVARC's traditional annual event and it is an event that the Mall does not want to see die. All interested members (and non-members of course!) are invited to contact the co-chairmen of the Special Events Committee and let them know that you wish to participate. Watch and listen to the bulletin and the nets for future announcements on upcoming activities.

I was sure sorry that I was unable to be at the last meeting, but my profession required that I be out-of-town and I once again missed the excellent presentation of Bill Cordell. One day I will hear his dissertation.

CUL at the the regular membership meeting as well as the weekly Monday night nets.

73's RON KA5GYG

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**VP-QSO:**

March was an active month for the Public Service Activities for 1984 with the Bayou City Fun Run and the Houston Festival beginning. April and May will bring us several events which will require the participation of many communicators for a successful operation - the Reeking Regatta, the Rainbow Festival and the Fort Bend and Houston March of Dimes Walks.

BVARC members traditionally participate in most of these activities to help the officials and event directors maintain control of the events and to provide a service to the public who participate in each of the activities.

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This is an excellent way for us hams to be visible to the general public and I encourage all of you to contact one of our activity chairmen to volunteer your services. It's a lot of fun putting your radio equipment to work in your community and you don't have to have any experience to participate - just that desire to help out.

As your BVARC Special Service Club Coordinator, I have nothing new to report on the status of our Special Service Club Application. Our application was received and we are anxiously awaiting for the notification that it has been approved. I will keep everyone informed concerning the status of the application.

This space is an excellent way to keep the BVARC membership informed on our activities and I encourage all the Committee Chairmen to make effective use of the newsletter for presenting their ideas, plans and schedules of upcoming activities.

As you all know, I have been searching for ways to contact prospective Club members and as an experiment I recently sent out several copies of the March issue of the BVARC BULLETIN to the new Novices in the Houston Area. I selected the most recent callsigns that appeared in the Spring Supplement to the Amateur Callbook. Along with the newsletter went a special invitation to visit our meetings and join the activities of our Club. I am looking forward to some response from these new Hams and if this practice is successful, I will try to make this a scheduled mailing each quarter as the Supplement is received. Again, I will keep you all informed of the results of the mailing, and encourage everyone to try to think of some ways to make BVARC more visible to the general public so we can attract them into Ham Radio.

73's and I'll be looking forward to seeing you all at the April meeting.

Harold, NDSF

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 1, 1984**

The meeting began about 7:45 in the offices of Vic, K5KNH. Ron, KA5GYG, read a letter from Missouri City about helping to clean up the city April 7. The President also stated that George, ND5E, had rewritten the net preamble and had done a very good job of it.

Ron, KA5GYG, will have to be out of town on business on the day of the regular March membership meeting and suggested the following items be mentioned at the March 8 membership meeting: organization of a slow speed CW net, the possibility of perhaps buying equipment for the club for Field Day with proceeds from the Ham Com seed money, inquire of Lloyd, WD5HEH, about the audit and ask for a repeater report from Jim, W5RNK. Also, bring up bulletin advertising, mention that we should patronize advertisers and, inquire about the Special Service Club certificate. Another order of business will be the status of club sponsored classes and too, discuss the Sharpstown Mall activity.

Harold, ND5F, spoke briefly of his trip to Austin, and then the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Ken McAninch, KA5DKS, Secretary

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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 8, 1984**

In the absence of our President, Ron KA5GYG, the meeting was called to order at 7:40 by our Vice President, Harold, ND5F. As is the custom, there followed a standing roll call. Seven guests were present.

The minutes as published in the Bulletin were approved, however, Louis KD5GM stated the minutes did not reflect his resignation from the Contests committee. The Treasurer's report was also approved as published in the Bulletin. The Treasurer, Lloyd, WD5HEH, also reported that an additional \$200 had been received from the seed money from Ham Com making a total received from Ham Com of \$800. He also reported the annual audit is being done.

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Bob, N5AER, reported on upcoming programs; in April there will be a film on railroading. He then solicited suggestions.

Dick, WB5SRN, then commented on future Special Events: March 24 the Bayou City Fun Run, also the 24th and 25th, the 30th and 31st will be the Houston Festival. Volunteers for this event may call Dick Hawkins, W5DWI at 222-3901. The "Reeking Regatta" will be April 14.

Steve, WA5OEN, talked about the Sharpstown Mall Event. This pre-Mothers Day event is very well received by the Sharpstown Mall people. Last year over 350 messages were sent to over 40 states and several foreign countries. We have the same location as last year, near Walgreen's, a very high traffic area. Steve, WA5OEN stated he had 9 coffee mugs left for sale.

Lloyd, WDSHEH, reported his computer bulletin board needs work, he is working on it.

There was nothing to report from the Emergency Communications Committee.

George, ND5E, spoke of the CW rag chew net and wants suggestions as to best days and times. He passed out printed questionnaires prior to the meeting requesting this information.

Mike, KA3JJF, stated that the Tech/General class is to start the 28th in the Fire House. It will meet for one hour each week over a period of 8 weeks. This is a theory only class, no code. Muirl, W8QK, will also be teaching a Novice class on either a Monday or a Tuesday.

Jim, W5RNK, reported no change in the repeater situation.

Sallie, KA5RXW, asked for committee chairmen to submit reports for the newsletter.

Sam, N5CPA, of the Membership Committee reported 15 new members this year, making a total membership of close to 80.

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Stu, WB5IGG, had nothing new to report concerning the library.

Harold, ND5F, had no new news about the Special Service Club membership.

Under new business, Carl, WB8SVR, circulated a container for donations for a BVARC Hospitality Room at Ham Com. Everett suggested we accept donations, was immediately solicited for a donation and just as promptly donated a generous contribution. Others followed suit.

The business meeting then adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Bill Cordell, WA5AXG, gave a talk including excellent slides of the Senior Road Tower. It was an excellent talk, well received and stimulated many questions.

Following the program, Steve, WA50EN, reported all coffee mugs had been sold.

Submitted by Ken McAninch, KA5DKS, Secretary

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**FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

April 12, 1984 -- Arrangements have been made with Union Pacific to show The Last of the Giants at the regular membership meeting. This color film tells about the largest of the great steam locomotives, known as the "Big Boys". These behemoths of the rails were over 50 yards long, weighed 1-1/4 million pounds and used 12,000 gallons of water an hour. On level ground, they could pull a loaded five-mile-long train. This should be a very interesting and informative program.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 15, 1984**

Balance as of February 15, 1984 \$1130.45

**RECEIPTS:**

Membership dues to date	\$8.00
ARRL Membership renewals	52.00
Ham-Com Seed Money Refund	200.00
Ham-Com Mug Sales	45.00
BVARC Patch	5.00
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Total	\$1440.45

**EXPENSES:**

Sallie Hanus (Bulletin)	\$38.87
Art Copy (Envelopes/Badges)	18.50
ARRL (W5WVX, KD5GM & KA5SSG)	48.00
Sam Wilson (Postage)	3.41
Stu Lamkin (ARNS & Code Keys)	18.25
Everett Westbrook (Mug Seed Refund)	100.00
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		5/7	KA2GRS	5/14	ND5E	5/21	N5GTF	5/28	KD5GM

10M BVARC Rag Chew Net Control Schedule

4/4	N5HF	4/11	KA5GYG	4/18	WB5IGG	4/25	K5EST
5/2	N5HF	5/9	KA5GYG	5/16	WB5IGG	5/23	K5EST
5/30	N5HF						

In the near future (perhaps before you read this), we will initiate a Slow CW net in a Novice/Technician band. Many thanks to all of you who have given me such good input on this. At first we will probably only schedule one night per week, probably on 15 meters. Later we might add additional schedules if demand permits.

73, George Jolly, ND5E

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**WE WERE THERE** on March 8, 1984! Please join us at our next meeting on April 12th at the Missouri City Municipal Building on FM 2234, across from the Fire Station. We'll start gathering at 7pm with the call to order about 7:30pm.

ND5F	KA5DKS	N5AER	W5SHEH	KA5RXW	KA5RXX
KA5F	N5FQS	W5WVX	KA5DUU	KA5SGM	N5FLQ
KC5GR	K5EST	K5HOY	N5GTF	ND5E	WB5SRN
KA2GRS	N5CPA	W8QK	N5HF	WB8SVR	N5DB
N5BHQ	N5BOK	K5DRG	WD5CLD	NG5C	N5DQR
KD5GM	KA5SMO	KD5XX	W5RNK	WB5IGG	WA5OEN
N1ATR	Everett Westbrook				

Guest: J.P. Jones, Carol Hollinshead, Dave Bethke, Bill Alexander, Bill Ossenfort, Anthony Tacobucci

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**FROM THE COMPUTER CORNER**

Update on the Blue Ridge Remote Computer and Bulletin Board.

A Bulletin Board is now available on the Blue Ridge System. To access the system, first dial 438-2247 with your modem software, and when a connection is established, press RETURN or ENTER on your computer keyboard to get the system to respond with a welcome message. After the welcome message, enter the command BBS at the A½ to access the Bulletin Board. After a few seconds delay, the Bulletin Board will respond with its welcome message. It will then ask for your name, and if you are a new user, it will ask you to input a password. No validation of password is required before you can enter messages. After you pass that obstacle, the system will ask you for a command. If you do not know what all the letters mean when it asks for a command, enter a ? for the command, and the Bulletin Board will respond with definitions for the single letter commands. At this time, you should now be in the Bulletin Board, and will be able to READ messages, ENTER messages, and just generally have fun. If you have difficulty accessing the Bulletin Board, call me on the phone at 438-2088, so long as it is before 10:00 PM, and I will help you out with any problems that you may have.

Also, when you first log on, if you are not familiar with CP/M commands, enter the command HELP CPM at the A½, and the system will explain a little about CP/M and what some of the commands are and how to use them. However, some of the commands have been either removed to avoid accidental erasure of certain files, or replaced with "special" routines that do basically the same as some of the normal CP/M commands, but are unique to remote computers such as this.

Until the next time, have fun with your computer and modem, and I hope to "see" you on some of the boards around town, especially on the Blue Ridge System.

BYE

Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH, Blue Ridge RCP/M Sysop

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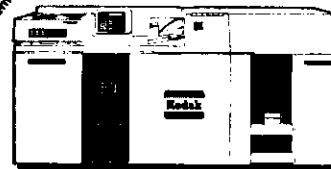
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- B. Bayou City Fun Run: March 24, 1984
- C. Houston Festival: March 24, 1984

Chris Armatta, N5GQK	A,B	Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN	A,B,C
Mike Armatta, N5APC	A,B	Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG	A
Pat Armatta, N5GIK	A	Jay Maynard, K5ZC	A,C
Paul Brooks, N5FQS	B	Harold Parker, ND5F	A,B
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF	A	Ed Truitt, KD5JC	A

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The highest service we can perform for others is to help them to help themselves.

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