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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

As stated last month in this bulletin, I said that I hoped that we would have some information on our SSC status. Sorry, but no word has been received from the SSC coordinator, therefore I have nothing to report. I just hope that the paper work is moving along efficiently.

Last weekend was our Field day activity, and I believe that we can call it a success, even though the participation was low. Garry, KA2GRS reported that we had made approx. 285 contacts with 50 of them being CW contacts. An excellent score for the total of 3 stations and 7 operators that were working the mikes and dupe sheets. Good show to those that helped to make this field day a success for BVARC. This month is the picnic that will be held at N5EUC's Rosenberg home on July 21. Those interested in participating, please notify Wade Eilers or Carl Cunert to make your reservations. The fees for this year are \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Carl and Wade need a count so that they can order the proper amount of supplies and food.

CUL and 73's for now and I will see everyone at the next meeting.

Ron KA5GYG

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

VP-QSO

I enjoyed seeing many of the B-VARC membership at our Field Day site and wish the entire membership could have attended. I know that they would have enjoyed it. We had a beautiful camp site at the Brazos Bend State Park with lots of shade and parking. Our many thanks go to Garry, KA2GRS, for the fine job of organizing and implementing the program and to Louis, KD5GM, for his assistance in locating the site.

We operated three radio stations from two verticals and in inverted vee and everyone seemed to be caught up in the "contest" atmosphere of seeing who could have the most fun. I particularly enjoyed watching some of our Novice and Technician members work the HF fone bands for the first time.

There are many of us who would like to go back to Brazos Bend State Park for our 1985 Field Day. Early discussion and decisions would allow us to reserve some screened-in facilities in the camping areas of the park for next year. The Park Rangers were very friendly and interested in our operations and gave us the "key" to the park so we could come and go throughout the night.

Thanks again to everyone who participated by furnishing their time, muscle, food, operating skills, camping gear and radio equipment as it was a memorable 1984 Field Day for B-VARC.

Doug Holley, N5EUC, and his family will again host the B-VARC Picnic on July 21st at his home near Rosenberg and will be an opportunity to enjoy the bar-b-que with all the trimmings prepared by Wade, WN5TEN. This is intended to be a family affair so please plan to bring the entire family to enjoy the beautiful setting along the river, the good food and the fellowship. Please make your reservations at our next membership meeting or call so there will be plenty of food for everyone.

I encourage all the Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairmen to attend the regular Board Meeting at 7:30 PM on July 5th and want to remind everyone of the General Membership Meeting on the 12th.

We need your support for the B-VARC nets on Wednesday nights. Please mark your calendars and check-in with us on the Slow Speed CW Net on 21.165 MHz at 8:00 PM. You will find that Vance, N5FLQ, will work a code speed that you are comfortable with and it will be great practice for you. We would also like you to come up to the B-VARC Ragchew Net on 28.700 MHz fone at 8:30 PM for an informal chat with some of the membership. Hope to see you there!

Harold, ND5F

QST: B-VARC FAMILY PICNIC!

Don't forget the B-VARC Family Picnic July 21 at Doug Holley's home near Rosenberg. Tickets for this annual fun-filled Bar-B-Que are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Serving will begin around 4 p.m. RSVP at the July meeting to Carl or Wade so party planners can buy enough meat. Maps will be distributed at the meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JUNE 7, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Ron, KA5GYG, at 7:30 PM in the offices of Vic, K5KNH. Present were Bob, N5AER, Ken, KA5DKS, Lloyd, WD5HEH, Sallie, KA5RXW, Vic, K5KNH and Steve, WA5OEN.

All present were asked if they had anything to discuss. Lloyd, WD5HEH, reported that he had talked to Don, K5AAD, at the Dallas Ham Com and that Madison Electronics Supply is interested in purchasing a full page ad in the B-Varc Bulletin. Lloyd made the motion that we sell such an ad to Madison and Steve, WA5OEN, seconded the motion, which carried. Lloyd gave a verbal Treasurer's report of about \$800.00 in the treasury.

Sallie, KA5RXW, stated that we had lost publication privileges at Lubel's. Steve and Vic, K5KNH, both stated that either of them can publish the-bulletin. Bob, N5AER, then gave a report of coming programs: June, Don Busick K5AAD, July, Dick Hawkins W5DWI, August, Ray Wrangler W5EDZ, and in September, Ron Bolyard KA5GYG will have the program. It was mentioned that Henry, N5HF, had expressed an interest in putting on a transmitter hunt during the Houston Ham Com in October.

Ron, KA5GYG, reported that he had talked to Ray Wangler, ARRL West Gulf Division Director, at Ham Com in Dallas about our lost Special Service Club application. We will resubmit the application. The question of acceptable spelling of the Club name was tabled until more are present for discussion. Ron stated that he had called all board members by telephone and all agreed that \$50.00 be donated to the American Heart Association in memory of Bob Spradling, W5UBD, a past president of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. Ron and Stu, WB5IGG, had been to Bob's home and inventoried his spare parts and accessories. It was suggested that the inventory be brought to a membership meeting and auctioned off, the proceeds of which to be returned to Mona Spradling, Bob's widow. Bob was the registered agent for B-Varc and MERA. It was suggested that Mark, KA5NYI, might act in our behalf in that capacity. Ron will ask Mark to be chairman of an Audit Committee and also to assist in handling our financial affairs, such as short term investments, etc. Lloyd suggested the club establish a Life Membership Program. Lloyd will work on a hands on check-in type message center for the Houston Ham Com. The consensus was that we could handle 2 Ham Com activities, that is, the transmitter hunt and the computerized message center. Ron will contact the Ham Com Chairman.

We were asked to start considering candidates for the Order of The Key Award. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Y'all welcome the following new member(s) who joined us at the last Club meeting. They and others who've joined us this year wear red-bordered name badges. If you have not already done so, introduce yourself and let them know how glad you are they've become one of us!

Bobby Webb, WA5CAC
7303 San Simeon
Houston, Texas 77083
Home = 568-2688 Work = 977-1020



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 14, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Ron, KA5GYG, at 7:40 PM. A sitting roll call followed, and Jeff, N5ECP, was introduced as a visitor.

Committee reports followed. Ron announced that he had maps to the Field Day site. The Club will reimburse Field Day participants for the \$2.00 park entry fee. Garry, KA2GRS, reported that we have shelters and all equipment necessary for Field Day. Carl, WB8SVR, gave a picnic report. Wade, WN5TEN, has secured a picnic location at Doug Holley's, N5EUC, which is an ideal location. The picnic will be held in July. Stu, WB5IGG, stated that a firm number of picnickers be established so that purchase of supplies could be done.

Program Committee report, Bob, N5AER, stated that Don, K5AAD, was sick and could not be present for this evening, but will appear later. Madison Electronics Supply is going to move. If our club has a "Garage Sale" of equipment they choose not to move, the club could participate in the profits from the sale. Also, Madison will assist us as Volunteer Examiners. July program will be Dick Hawkins, W5DWI, of the Harris County Civil Defense, who will give a Sky Warn program. In August will be Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, ARRL West Gulf Division Director. In September, Don, K5AAD, will speak and later, Ron, KA5GYG, will speak on oil exploration. Geroge, ND5E, is working nights and was not present to give a report on Net Activities. Ron, KA5GYG, stated that Mark, KA5NYI, had consented to act as Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee. Emmett, KZ5I, will publicize Field Day and meeting programs.

Under new business, Bobby Webb, WA5CAC, was reported as a new member. Stu, WB5IGG, reported on the Volunteer Examiner program. By mid July the ARRL will have the paper work done and will be designated Volunteer Examiner by the FCC in all 13 Areas. Later the ARRL will send questionnaire packets to all volunteers to be filled out and returned for examiner selection. It was also stated that Ham Com will be the first full weekend of October. Ron, KA5GYG, reported that the Club had donated \$50.00 to the American Heart Society in memory of Bob Spradling, W5UBD, a past president of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

It was reported that Henry, N5HF, wants to run a walking transmitter hunt at Ham Com this year. A computerized check-in will be run by Lloyd, WD5HEH, along with a room with computers running ham radio application programs. Carl, WB8SVR, asked for volunteers for the Ham Com hospitality table. Steve, WA5OEN, suggested that the club could use the "can" collected money to rent a table at the flea market. Steve will coordinate the flea market tables at Ham Com. Ron, KA5GYG, stated that he had W5UBD's surplus equipment and asked who would like to run an auction. Jay, K5ZC, and Lloyd, WD5HEH, quickly volunteered. The auction will take place at the club picnic in July. Treasurer's report, Lloyd, WD5HEH, reported \$756.24 in the treasury before any bills were paid tonight. Membership, Sam, N5CPA, reported 76 members after Bobby, WA5CAC, joined.

Larry Charson, N5BYJ, a member of our club, now lives and works in Minneapolis. Steve, WA5OEN, will give us his new address. Steve went on to relate the incident of an FCC citation for operating 100 cycles out of band on 14.350.1. The incident took place while operating a station in Baton Rouge as a guest. The FCC Monitoring Station in Grand Island, Nebraska observed the incident. Another incident was related which took place in 1969 while in the Navy. Not all stops on a cruise were reported to the FCC. Muirl, W8QK, then related an incident of a citation he had recently read about.

Ron, KA5GYG, reported that we are in the process of reapplying for the designation as a Special Service Club. The original application has been lost. Ron talked to Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, about this matter in Dallas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Following the business meeting, Ron, KA5GYG, gave an excellent program on oil exploration. He spoke briefly on the direct methods (geological) and in greater detail on the indirect (geophysical) methods. He promises a program of greater detail at a later date.

WE WERE THERE on June 14, where were you?

KA5GYG	N5CPA	N5GTF	WB5SRN	KA5SGM	KA5DUU	N5FLQ	N5ECP
K5ZC	W5RNK	N5AER	WA5OEN	WB5IGG	KA5DKS	KZ5I	WD5HEH
KA5RXW	WB8SVR	KA2GRS					

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 15, 1984

Balance as of March 15, 1984 \$1211.42

RECEIPTS:

BVARC Patches	17.50
ARRL Renewal	110.00

Total	1338.92

EXPENSES:

Houston Ham Convention (Seed money)	100.00
Allan Hanus (Address Labels)	15.10
Lloyd Phelps (Postage)	29.00
ARRL	94.00
Stu Lamkin (Bulletin)	10.64
Bank Activity Charge	1.90

Balance as of April 15, 1984 1088.28

Submitted by Lloyd Phelps
Treasurer WD5HEH

QST, QST, QST, This is _____ (acting) Net Control for this session of the Southwest Area A.R.E.S. Net for Fort Bend and adjoining counties. This Amateur Radio Emergency Net meets every Monday evening at 8:30 PM local time.

The purpose of this net is to exercise the communications abilities of the Amateur Radio Community to provide a necessary link between Missouri City, Richmond/Rosenberg, Stafford, Sugar Land and the surrounding areas in times of need. ARES is sponsored by the ARRL but League membership is not required for registration in the group.

There is a place in ARES for every amateur regardless of class of license, equipment or personal circumstances. There are no prerequisites nor obligations incurred by checking in to this net.

This is a directed net. Please address all calls through Net Control.

There will be a brief standby for any emergency or priority traffic.

I will now accept checkins from amateurs with call suffixes:

A Alpha through J Juliet
K Kilo through Q Quebec
R Romeo through Z Zulu.

Are there any checkins A Alpha through Z Zulu?

Are there any new checkins to the net?

Proceeding with business. Announcements from Fort Bend County ARES Emergency Coordinator Ed Harwell, W5WVX.

Are there any other announcements for the net?

(Net program, if any planned.)

Are there any late checkins?

With the Southwest Area ARES Net for Fort Bend and adjoining counties, this is _____ clear and returning this repeater to normal amateur use.

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

At the July membership meeting, Dick Hawkins of Harris County Civil Defense will present a film and talk on Skywarn. As the thunderstorm and hurricane season is back upon us, this will be a timely and interesting presentation.

At the August meeting, Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, our ARRL West Gulf Division Director, will update the Club on the latest League and regulatory happenings.

In September, Don Busick, K5AAD, from Madison Electronics Supply will update the Club on what we can expect from the manufacturers in the way of new equipment.

Bob Haase, N5AER

B-VARC Public Service Honor Roll

- A. Houston Marathon: January 15, 1984
- B. Bayou City Fun Run: March 24, 1984
- C. Houston Festival: March 24, 1984
- D. Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association: April 7 & 8, 1984
- E. Bellaire Fun Run: April 8, 1984
- F. Reeking Regatta: April 14, 1984
- G. Rainbow Festival: April 14 & 15, 1984
- H. Fleet Feet Fun Run: April 28, 1984
- I. March of Dimes Walk: April 29, 1984
- J. Sharpstown Mall: May 5, 1984

Chris Armatta, N5GQK	A,B	Sallie Hanus, KA5RXW	E
Mike Armatta, N5APC	A,B	Ed Harwell, W5WVX	I,J
Pat Armatta, N5GIK	B	George Jolly, ND5E	J
Carter Beghtol, KD5XX	E	Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG	A,E,H,I,J
A.J. Blackwell, WB5YLB	E	Vic Larocca, K5KNH	J
Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG	I,J	Larry Levy, WD5DRB	E
Paul Brooks, N5FQS	B,D,E,H,J	Garry Maynard, KA2GRS	D,F,H,I,J
Henry Freedenberg, N5HF	A,J	Jay Maynard, K5ZC	A,C
Linda Freedenberg	J	Kaye Maynard, KA2GRW	J
Mel Godbold, KD5YA	J	Ken McAninch, KA5DKS	E,H,J
Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN	E,I,J	Harold Parker, ND5F	A,B,E,F,H,I,J
Bob Haase, N5AER	J	Lloyd Phelps, WD5HEH	E,I
Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I	Muirl Robinson, W8QK	J
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Bob Grady N5DQR
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777-3345

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Muirl Robinson, W8QK
776-3067

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Harold Parker, ND5F
464-9044

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- o G4MH minibeam 3-band antenna, 1400W PEP capacity.
- o CDE H-III, CD-44 rotator.
- o Ten-Tec Omni D HF xcvr, 160-10 M, with power supply-speaker.
- o Kenwood TS-530S HF xcvr, 160-10M.
- o Kenwood TL-922A linear amplifier, 2KW PEP, 160-15 M.
- o Dentron Clipperton linear amplifier, 2KW PEP, 160-10 M.
- o Palomar PT-2500A tuner, 2KW PEP, 1.8-30 MHz.
- o Miscellaneous: Palomar M-827 PWR/SWR meter, Palomar Pre-amp 1.8-54 MHz. Kenwood MC-50 mic, C.I.R. 444 mic, MJF-202B noise bridge, B&W 593 coax switch, B&W low loss filter, Sigma RF-2000 SWR meter, BHC dual 12/24 clock.

Stu Lamkin WB5IGG
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Allan Hanus KA5RXX
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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.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them
--Henry David Thoreau

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