

B-VARC

BULLETIN

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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

B-VARC is busy making plans for the year as evidenced by our lengthy Board/Committee Meetings. Vic K5KNH has graciously consented for us to use his office building again this year for the meetings and we are grateful since it is comfortable and quiet and is conducive to planning our activities. We have had excellent attendance and I am pleased with the activity and great enthusiasm of our Officers and Committee Chairmen. I'm sure that you will be seeing the results of their active participation and efforts in the near future as their plans are implemented and the activities get under way.

The novice Classes that start on March 12th needs to be advertised more. We need to be talking it up on the radio and around our communities .Please take every opportunity to announce the classes at your civic meetings, at church meetings and anywhere there might be a prospect for Amateur Radio, so we can be assured of having a large class. Our special thanks to Wade, W1N5TEN and Steve, KE5SC for their ambitious schedule for these Novice Classes this year.

It's time to get your portables and mobile equipment ready. The annual Fleet Feet Five Mile Fun Run is coming up on March 9th and the March-of-Dimes Walk America will be held on April 28th. B-VARC has supported these events for the past several years and I hope we can continue to make them a success. If you haven't worked one of these events, you are missing out on a lot of fun. I hope you can be there.

73; Harold, ND5F

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, Harold, ND5F, in the offices of Vic, K5KNH. Present were Bobby WASCAC, Ken KA5DKS, Harold ND5F, Paul NSFQS, Ron KA5GYG, Vic K5KNH, Barbara KA5MGP, Allan KA5RXX, Sallie KA5RXW, Steve KE5SC, Carl WB8SVR, Kenny KA5UPB and Carter KD5XX.

The minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting were read.

Sallie reported \$712.13 in the treasury as of January 13. Harold reported there is no report on the audit and there has been no return of the Registered Representative letter.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Relations - Paul asked if anyone would care to work on publicity for the club, most of the work would be handling correspondence. Kenny asked if the club had literature for handouts. Harold reported we are working on something.

Emergency Communications - Ed, W5WVX, was not present. Ron asked if the Veterans Administration had contacted the club about handling emergency communications at the VA hospital. None had been made. Phil Cooper, W5LIZ, is the VA contact. Ron asked for the critiques to be returned and asked that the ARES team captains begin work.

Training - Bobby reported net checkins are lower, perhaps due to the frequency change. He described the new 2 meter net format which will include the West Link Report and the Official Bulletins. We lost our choice location for Field Day at Brazos Bend State Park, he went to Bear Creek Park and found a nice picnic type place, although no tent can be put up. Still looking, there is plenty of time yet. 75 meter net, a group gathers at 3.963, perhaps we should come up at this frequency.

Technical Advancement - Wade, WN5TEN, was absent but Steve reported a Novice class will begin at the Autumn Hills nursing home in Richmond on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class will run 7 to 8 weeks, Wade and Steve will teach. The club will spend a limited amount to advertise the class in the paper. Another Volunteer Examination will be held March 23.

Operating Activities - Roger, W5SRNL, is working hard to get us the bulletins, he copies them on CW.

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Membership Services - Kenny has a door prize for the meeting, courtesy of Madisons. Carl reported many compliments on the January banquet. Carl reported on Stu's, WBSIGG, idea to raffle off at Ham Com a Kenwood TS-430 rig which can be acquired through Madisons. Carl made a motion, seconded by Allan, that our club raffle a rig at Ham Com, the motion carried. Carl will be Chairman of the Raffle Committee. Carl suggested the club sponsor a Home Brew contest. Steve attended a meeting preliminary to Ham Com, which will be held September 20, 21 & 22, at a site not yet selected. This will not be an ARRL convention. The question was raised as to what type of participation we wanted to do. Steve volunteered our club for Volunteer Examinations. The next meeting to prepare for Ham Com is April 8. Steve made a motion, seconded by Kenny, that we actively participate in Ham Com. The motion carried. A \$100.00 check will be mailed to Ham Com prior to April 15. Harold gave to Sallie a check from Ham Com for \$300.00, proceeds from last years seed money. Sallie and Lloyd will have the computer bulletin board checkin again this year, also, we may have the parking lot activity. Carl will think about a Home Brew contest.

Publications - Allan has the monthly bulletin about the way he wants it. Use Ron's bulletin board for newsletter articles, leave messages for "Al" Hanus. Allan is soliciting articles for the newsletter.

Old Business: Preparations for the MS 150 Bike Tour are coming along nicely, as is the club card. Please furnish information you would like to see on the card to Allan. Lloyd will reword the amendment to the by-laws concerning dues which will be brought up at the general membership meeting.

New Business: Ron reported on some probable changes in the Fort Bend County RACES/ARES.

Announcements: Allan reported that Ron Stagno with the National Weather Service will present a program on weather February 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the Brown Auditorium of the Museum of Natural Science in Hermann Park. Ed LaRose, K55A, Affiliated Club Coordinator, wrote a letter about a 150 year celebration in Australia. The question was raised, would we like to have a sister club in Australia? Kenny will pursue this matter further.

The meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. As is the custom, a standing roll call followed. There were 39 members and guests present. Members and guests were welcomed by the President, Harold, NDSF. The Membership Chairman, Kenny, KASUPB was introduced and guests were encouraged to contact him during the break. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting were read by the Secretary and approved. The Treasurer's report as published in the February Bulletin was approved.

- Steve, WA5OEN introduced John LaRue with the Houston Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, who spoke on the MS 150 Bike Tour. Our club will provide communications Saturday, April 20, for Houston riders to La Grange and Sunday, April 21, for Austin riders to Houston.
- Steve, KE5SC, spoke on the upcoming Novice class, also the preliminary meeting April 8 concerning Ham Com which will be September 20, 21 & 22.
- Also mentioned, the Texas VHF FM Society 20 kHz band plan for the 146 - 141 portion of the 2 meter band, and also Louis Petitt concerning the moratorium on new repeater operation.
- Ed, KD5JC, spoke concerning the March of Dimes Walk America and asked our club to participate April 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The proposal of Lloyd, WD5HEH, concerning changing the by-laws with reference to dues will be held over for the next meeting. Jim, KE5HE, and Lloyd will work on the proper wording for the proposed change.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

WE WERE THERE ON FEBRUARY 14, 1985 - WHERE WERE YOU?

KN5A	*	KASF	K5HOY	WB5LIZ	*	KASRXW	WN5TEN	
WA5CAC		NDSF	WD5HQU	KASMGF		KASRXX	KA5TJS *	
N5CPA		N5FQS	KA5IMG	*	WA5OEN	KE5SC	KASUPB	
KA5CYZ		KC5GR	K4JAP	*	W8QK	KAS5MD	W5WVX	
KASDKS		KA5GYG	KD5JC		KA5QXI	KAS5QS	KD5XX	
K5EST		WD5HEH	K5KNH		W5RNK	KAS5SF	*	WB5YLB

* non-members

Guests: Rondah Irving-Phelps
John F. LaRue
Will Findley
Ann Manchester

AMENDMENT TO B-VARC BYLAWS PROPOSED

The following is a proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Club. The proposed amendment is adding paragraph 3. This amendment will be presented as a motion to be adopted at the general membership meeting March 14, 1985. Any discussion will be entertained at that time. The proposed amendment will then lay over one month and the vote will be taken at the general membership meeting April 11, 1985 to adopt the amendment.

ARTICLE VI - DUES

Section A- Membership dues for each calendar year are as follows:

1. Individual membership shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00).
2. Family membership shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00), plus Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each additional family member.
3. Any person becoming a licensed amateur radio operator for the first time, upon application, may be granted membership in the Club for the balance of that year.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1985

Balance as of January 15, 1985	712.13
RECEIPTS:	
Membership Dues to date	44.00
ARRL Dues	140.00
Ham Convention investment refund	300.00

Total	1196.13
EXPENSES:	
Kenney Manchester (Special Award Supplies)	65.89
ARRL Fees	132.00
Ham Convention Seed money	100.00

Balance as of February 15, 1985	898.24

Submitted by Lloyd Phelps WASHEN
Treasurer

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET (144.870 / 145.450 MHz)
 3/4 WB5YLB 3/11 N5FLQ 3/18 KE5SC 3/25 WA5CAC
 4/1 KA5UPB 4/8 WB5YLB 4/15 N5FLQ 4/22 KE5SC 4/29 WA5CAC

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW (3.960 MHz)
 3/6 WB5IGG 3/13 OPEN 3/20 OPEN 3/27 OPEN

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED (3.740 MHz)
 3/6 N5FLQ 3/13 N5FLQ 3/20 N5FLQ 3/27 N5FLQ

NEW MEMBERS

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

Philip Cooper WB5LIZ - 8806 Bintliff - Houston, TX 77074

ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

1. Jim Arnold W5RNK - change work fone to 331-1772
2. Henry Freedenburg N5HF - add work fone 537-7500
3. Allan Hanus KA5RXX - change work fone to 499-6889
4. Jim Jennings KE5HE - note that his residence city is shown at the top of pg.6 of the Roster.
5. Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH - change address to: 14614 Echochase Dr. Missouri City, TX. 77489, Home Fone 438-9211
6. Sallie Phelps KA5RXW - Same as for Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH
7. Kenny Manchester KA5UPB - delete work fone.

BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOROLL

A. Houston Marathon, Jan 6

Chris Armatta, N5GKQ-A	Henry Freedenberg, N5HF-A	Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A
Mike Armatta, N5APC-A	Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN-A	Harold Parker, ND5F-A
Pat Armatta, N5GIK-A	Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG-A	Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM

Each month we will list the Volunteer Examiner amateur radio exam sessions scheduled in this general area, compiled to the best of our ability as information is made available. In the listings of sessions, the information will be described as follows:

- A. SPONSORING GROUP
 - B. SESSION DATE(S)
 - C. SESSION SITE
 - D. WHO TO CALL FOR INFORMATION
1. A. BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.
 B. Fourth Saturday of each month starting in February, 1985.
 C. Missouri City Municipal Building, Missouri City, Texas.
 D. Stu Lamkin WBSIGG, fone 713-777-3345.
 2. A. BRAZOSPORT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.
 B. First Saturday of each 3-month period begining February 2, 1985.
 C. Brazoswood High School, Clute, Texas.
 D. Steve Ray KA5KRI, 319 Pine Lake Jackson, Tex 77566, fone 409-238-1312

LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

I would like to take this time to say a few words about the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. I have been a member of BVARC for almost 2 years and I've seen a lot of things happen within the club. There is a problem though, it seems that it's always the same people that are doing the work to make this a better club. This year we do have a few new faces working as committee chairmen, but the chairmen can not do all the work themselves, they need the help of the membership. I'm sure that there are things that you would like to see implemented or changed in one area or another. Well, what better way to make things happen than to get involved yourself. Let your feelings be known, you just might be surprised to find others who feel the same as you. This is your club and it's up to you to make it work. Please get involved and help to make this the best club in the Houston area.

73's Sallie KA5RXW

BVARC AWARDS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1985

FOOT 'N' MOUTH AWARD

For January - Vic La Rocca, K5KNH.

"If you guys keep mess'in around with that high frequency stuff (440 Mhz), ur testicles are gonna fall off!"

For February - Kenny Manchester, KASUPB.

(Yep Folks I was caught so gess I better fess up.)

Ron, KASGYG- " Kenny what will you do if your cockatoo's feathers completeiv fall out?"

Kenny- " Well I dunno.... Gess I'll have to eat the son of a beach. "

HI HI - I do hope you all get a chuckle out of peoples on the air screwups. If you hear a good one, let me know. Otherwise, be careful!!!

OUTSTANDING RADIO OPERATOR AWARD

January -- Vance Peterson, N5FLQ

February -- Bobby Webb, WASCAC

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD

January -- Jim Arnold, W5RNK

February -- Vic LaRocca, K5KNH

***If ur contesting, I wud very much like to know how you do. Also, I am considering a possible net for contesters and DXers alike. If you feel like this may be your cup of tea, please contact me on the air or at 772-1604 Tnx a lot es gud DX! Kenny KASUPB ***

HERALD-COASTER TELLS AREA HOW TO "HAM IT UP"

The following is a direct copy of an article appearing in the Sunday, February 24, 1985 issue of the HERALD-COASTER. This paper is published daily in Rosenberg for distribution throughout Ft. Bend County.

The article is titled "HAMMING IT UP - Radio Operators Offer Free Class".

Ham radio offers "something for anybody that is interested in the general subject of radio communications," according to Stu Lamkin.

The Houston retiree is a spokesman for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Half of the club's 70 members live in Fort Bend County.

Its leadership roster includes Vice President Stephen Schuster of Sugarland, Director Ron Bolyard of Richmond, Treasurer Lloyd Phelps and Director Allan Hanus, both of Missouri City.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3 WEST HOUSTON RACES NET 8 PM 146.07/67	4 FT.BEND COUNTY ARES NET 8:30 PM. 144.87/5.47 BVARC PUBLIC SVC. NET 9 PM 144.87/5.47	5 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET 8 PM - 28.688 S. TEXAS EMER. NET 9 PM - 144.87/5.47 AMSAT NET 10 PM 144.85/5.45	6 SLOW SPI 7:45 PM BVARC RA 8:30 PM
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		1	2 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
D CW NET - 3.740 CHEW NET - 3.960	7 BVARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM	8	9 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN ----- FLEET FEET FUN RUN MEMORIAL PARK 7:30 AM
D CW NET - 3.740 CHEW NET - 3.960	14 BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -FELLOWSHIP- 7 PM -CALL TO ORDER- 7:30 PM	15	16 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & W. BELFORT 8:30 AM
D CW NET - 3.740 CHEW NET - 3.960	21	22	23 BREAKFAST BUNCH ----- ARRL/VEC LICENSE EXAMS, MO. CITY MUNICIPAL BLDG. 8:00 A.M.
D CW NET - 3.740 CHEW NET - 3.960	28	29	30 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & W. BELFORT 8:30 AM

HAMMING (cont. from p.8)

The club was organized in 1977 primarily to provide communications service in times of emergencies. Lamkin and Bolyard said this was the prime reason ham radio operation initially began in the country in the early 1900's.

Bolyard explained emergency services is divided into general health and welfare and assisting public agencies such as police and fire departments.

The ham operator also can relay radio telegraphs or talk to operators throughout the world, he said, giving examples of what can be done.

In May, the club, operating from Sharpstown Mall, sends Mother's Day messages as part of a demonstration of its capability, he said.

Club members also participate in civic activities such as the March of Dimes and community-sponsored runs to provide assistance, he said.

To make others more aware of ham radio operation, the club is offering an eight-week tuition-free class starting Tuesday, March 12 at the Autumn Hills Convalescent Center in Richmond. For more information contact Susan Grimes at 232-2672 or 342-5493.

Successful completion of the course can lead to a ham radio novice license, one of five license classes. A renewable license is issued through the Federal Communications Commission.

What does it take to become involved?

"Like anything else, you can pay about anything you want to," he said.

"The more you want, the more it costs," he said.

When Lamkin began 15 years ago, it cost him less than \$100 to get on the air. Since then he has "put a whole lot more in" the hobby suggested by his wife.

"It depends on what you want and what you want to do," he said.

"I'm not sure a person could get by as cheaply now (as I did.)"

Bolyard said he became involved five years ago. He said his interest in radio started with working with citizen band radio. Citizen band radio offers fewer channels than amateur radio, and is more limited in power and range with its signal.

The range a ham operator has depends on his equipment and the atmospheric conditions, according to Lamkin.

Operators have call letters and identify themselves by their first names. Lamkin said they have not "descended" to the handles used by citizen band operators which he calls "undignified" for the type of organization ham radio operation is.

Lamkin calls the Brazos Valley group "a general purpose club," explaining it holds social gatherings for its members. The club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Missouri City Municipal Building on FM 2234.

For more information, persons may contact Lamkin at 777-3345 or Bolyard after 7 p.m. at 342-1365.

WESTLINK REPORTS NOW APPEARING ON WEEKLY B-VARC NET

Our regular Monday nite B-VARC Public Service Net has recently seen two new items of business. We have added the ARRL Official Bulletins and the Westlink reports.

These new features of the net have been added to keep our membership better informed of what is happening in this busy world of Amateur radio. We hope they will be an interesting addition to our regular checkins and generate some interest from the hams in the surrounding communities.

The Official Bulletins are obtained from the ARRL via their W1AW Club radio station in Newington, Connecticut by Roger Bryant, W4SRNL, our Official Bulletin Station. Roger was appointed by the ARRL Section Manager and we are fortunate that he is bringing this valuable information to us every week.

It is difficult for many of us to copy W1AW, the League's station, on a regular basis, and I don't know of any other local nets in our area who present these bulletins. I am sure that his service will be well received by those of us who enjoy staying up-to-date with our hobby.

The Westlink Report has also become a regular feature of the B-VARC Net and is provided to interested Amateur Radio Operators and others who are also interested in our hobby.

The Westlink Report is a worldwide Bulletin Service covering up-to-date information concerning the Amateur Radio Service and is obtained weekly by telephone line from Westlink's Operations in Los Angeles, New York City or Dayton facilities. The cost of the telephone calls is provided through the courtesy of Roger Shaper, W5CKC for the West Houston RACES net.

The recording is usually about ten minutes long and is updated every Friday nite, so the information is always timely for the Monday nite B-VARC net.

A variety of topics are covered by the Official Bulletins and the Westlink Reports including new or revised FCC Rules or Regulations, pending legislation, upcoming meetings, satellite news, ham operations, DX, etc.

Please help us advertise the Net and improve our checkins. The Net Control Stations should stress that membership is not required to appreciate and enjoy our activities and we are very interested in knowing who is able to hear our reports.

We would like to hear your comments concerning the addition of these new features to our Net. We hope that you enjoy them and tell others about them. Invite others to checkin with us every Monday nite at 9 p.m.

Harold, ND5F

IF YOU HAVE A PORTABLE RIG, DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT !
(It just may save your life !)

A Cessna 150, piloted by Larry Hunt WB4AYI with his wife, Judy, as a passenger, was totally destroyed (including the emergency locating transmitter) when it crashed in dense trees on the side of a mountain in the Tennessee portion of the Smokey Mountains. Fortunately, Larry had his 2 meter HT with him, and that almost certainly saved their lives.

Ed Palmer K4LSP was monitoring his local repeater at 1:45 PM and heard Larry's MAYDAY ! MAYDAY ! Larry told Ed he didn't know where he was but that he had crashed in zero visability and it was very cold. Ed told him they probably were above the freezing line and to start down the mountain to a warmer temperature.

This they did and soon they came to a small stream from which a pipe emerged. They followed the pipe to a deserted, locked trailer house. They broke into the trailer to get out of the cold. Larry hurt himself in the process and Judy took over the HT, keeping a 15 minute schedule with Ed.

Ed told her to find the electric meter and give him any identification numbers it carried. She found the meter, copied two or three sets of numbers and, with HT power growing weaker, managed to pass them on to Ed.

A network of hams started calling utility companies in the area until they located the one owning the meter. The owner of the trailer was found and when told of the situation, joined the rescue party as a guide to the trailer. By then it was dark and the temperature down to 30 deg. F.

The trailer owner called a neighbor about a mile from the site who made his way to the Hunts on foot and told them help was on the way.

By 6:45 PM Larry and Judy were in an ambulance on their way to a local hospital for a check out.

The moral of this story is -- IF YOU HAVE A PORTABLE HAM RIG,
DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT ! !

WEATHER WISE

A series of free seminars, open to the general public, on how weather effects the lives of people in the greater Houston area. These seminars are co-sponsored by the HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE, KTRK Television, KTRH Radio and your Houston area WEATHER SERVICE office.

This information is reproduced as a courtesy service to all interested persons in the Houston and surrounding areas.

These seminars will be held at the Brown Auditorium in the Museum of Natural Science at 10 AM on the dates shown below.

MARCH 16 -- A panel discussion on the magnitude of the flood problem in Harris County. James Green, Director, Harris County Flood Control District; John Casewell, Director, Houston/Harris County Office of Emergency Management; and City of Houston Councilman Dale Gorczenski. The role of city and county governmental agencies working to control and diminish the flood threat, will be examined.

APRIL 20 -- SPOTTERS TRAINING PROGRAM -- A program designed to teach people in this area how to recognize severe weather as it is developing. The severe thunderstorm and especially Tornadoes will be examined in great detail. Ron Stagno, Houston Area Weather Service Office.

MAY 18 -- The role of the media in disseminating weather information. Garvin Berry(KTRH Radio) will explain the importance of a radio station with a news and information format that serves a major metropolitan city. The PIES communication system will be discussed and the differences between radio and television weather reporting will be emphasized. Ed Brandon(KTRK-TV CHANNEL 13) will give a brief discussion of the history and role of weather reporting as a part of a television newscast. An insider's view will be presented. Explaining the content and presentation of weather on television in a major metropolitan area.

JUNE 15 -- HURRICANE PROGRAM -- This program is designed to acquaint citizen of the Houston/Harris County area with the kinds of weather associated with hurricanes and those preparations each person must consider when a hurricane threatens. Ron Stagno, Houston Area Weather Service Office.

JULY -- AUGUST -- SUMMER BREAK

SEPTEMBER 21 -- AVIATION WEATHER -- A general discussion on the kinds and severity of weather conditions that affect aviation safety will be presented by the Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center Weather Service Office.

OCTOBER 19-- LIGHTNING...THE NUMBER ONE WEATHER KILLER

Dr. Arthur Few, Rice Univ., will explain lightning, its formation, its power and its affect on man and the environment.

NOVEMBER 16-- BIO METEOROLOGY ... COLD WEATHER

Walter Henry, Dept. of Meteorology, Texas A&M, will discuss the affects cold weather has on people's behavior and actions. The talk will conclude by describing ways people may protect themselves against cold especially in a survival condition.

Submitted by Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG.


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* TO ALL HAMS---
* We carry in stock or can order for you any item you want from any major
* manufacturer of ham gear, including all line accessories and Kenwood
* service manuals.
* Call me, identify yourself and wants, and I'll quote our HOT SPECIAL
* prices available to you.
* 73, Don Busick, K5AAD
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B U Y -- S E L L -- S W A P M A R T

FOR SALE

HW-16 & HG-10 VFO \$125; SB-300 needs work \$ 75; NC-101 gen. coverage rcvr. \$50; Antennas, galore; 80 foot tower; Rotors, etc. Inquire. Antenna work done. WANTED: Remote antenna switch. Muirl Robinson, W8QK 776-3067

ATARI 800XL Computer, COMMODORE 1702 Color Monitor, INDUS Disk Drive, several pieces of business software. Ron Bolyard 342-1365

FTM 300 Hallicrafters Transceiver, 80-10 meters, 100 W output. In good condition. \$150. Call Homer Witmer, W5AOX, 461-7712.

WANTED TO BUY

WANTED: "Tower on Wheels"..portable crank-up tower mounted on trailer for emergency/portable use. Call Bobby/WA5CAC 568-2688 eves.

WANTED: A cheap computer with everything that is required to copy RTTY and CW. Call Roger Bryant, WA5RNL, 342-6045

PHONE NUMBER AND ACCESS PROCEDURE CHANGE FOR BOLLY'S YARD BBS

For all persons that have used the BBS and will use it in the future, the following changes will be effective Monday, March 4 at 7 PM:

*** NEW PHONE NO.: 341-6223 ** RING ONCE - HANGUP - CALLBACK IMMEDIATELY ***

This access procedure will allow all callers to either call for voice or call to bring up the modem. Just let the phone ring if voice contact is desired, if not, the above procedure will invoke the modem and the BBS.

All BVARC members are invited to checkin to the BBS. At the present time I will not totally dedicate the board to public access. Once again, its purpose is to help transfer information to the Bulletin editors and to aid in the passing of messages between club members as well as any interested hams. Experimentation is also encouraged, but please contact me at 341-6223 or 342-1365 prior to checking in, and I will make myself available to help.
TNX, RON KASGYG 2/26/85

***** PROCEDURE FOR ACCESSING BOLLY'S-YARD BBS *****

1. LOAD YOUR COMPUTER WITH WHATEVER TERMINAL PACKAGE YOU MAY HAVE
2. DIAL PHONE # (RING ONCE, HANG UP, CALL BACK)
3. WHEN YOU GET A CONNECT, PRESS (ENTER) TWICE, OR (CARRIAGE RETURN) TWICE
NOTE: THIS SYSTEM WILL ADJUST TO WHATEVER SPEED AND PARITY YOU'RE USING
ie. 1200,N,8,1 1200,E,7,1 300,N,8,1 300,E,7,1 etc.
4. FROM THIS POINT, JUST ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WHEN PROMPTED, AT ANYTIME IN THE SYSTEM THAT YOU ARE NOT SURE OF HOW TO ANSWER A QUESTION OR ENTER A COMMAND, JUST TYPE "H" FOR HELP, AND THE SYSTEM WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH..

***** PROCEDURE FOR UPLOADING INFORMATION FOR THE BVARC BULLETIN *****

1. FOLLOW THE SAME INSTRUCTIONS AS ABOVE FOR ACCESSING THE SYSTEM
2. WHEN YOU GET TO THE MAIN MENU, TYPE "F" FOR FILE SECTION
3. THEN "U" FOR UPLOAD A FILE
4. TYPE THE NAME OF THE FILE THAT YOU WANT YOUR FILE TO BE CALLED
5. CHOSE THE TYPE OF FILE TRANSFER (A) FOR ASCII OR (X) FOR X-MODEM
6. THEN SET UP YOUR TERMINAL FOR THE FILE TRANSFER (THIS METHOD WILL VARY FROM COMPUTER TO COMPUTER AND DEPENDING ON YOUR TERMINAL SOFTWARE
7. AFTER THE FILE HAS COMPLETELY TRANSFERED, YOU WILL BE PROMPTED FOR UP TO A 40 CHARACTER DESCRIPTION OF THE FILE..
8. THEN TYPE "Q" FOR QUIT, TO GO BACK TO TO THE MAIN DIRECTORY
9. TYPE "E" FOR ENTER A MESSAGE, DO: AL HANUS AND CHOOSE "R" FOR READ PROTECTION, AND TYPE THE NAME OF THE FILE YOU HAVE JUST UPLOADED.
10. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR MESSAGE, HIT THE ENTER KEY TWICE, AND CHOOSE "S" TO SAVE THE MESSAGE...

ABOUT THE BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Organized in 1977, the club has been growing steadily. It is a gathering place for ham radio operators in Southwest Harris and Ft. Bend Counties and surrounding communities. It is a general purpose type of ham club offering a variety of activities open to all interested persons. Membership is open, not only to licensed ham operators but also to anyone interested in the hobby. In addition to regularly scheduled monthly membership meetings, the club conducts classes leading to amateur radio licenses each year and sponsors a volunteer examiner team which offers examinations in all levels of ham licenses each month.

For more detailed information about the club and any of its activities, call Stu Lamkin WB5IGG at (713) 777-3345.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Act as if it were impossible to fail. That is the talisman which turns us from failure to success.

-- Corothea Brande

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