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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

The Department of Public Safety and the State Division of Emergency Management have planned the "Hurricane Poly IV" exercise for 9:00 am on June 13th. The exercise will center around an approaching hurricane and is designed to strengthen our programs and preparedness. It will be an excellent test of our ability to provide that necessary link with the local emergency management personnel during these critical times. I encourage each of you to contact your local A.R.E.S. and R.A.C.E.S. leaders to offer your assistance and again make this valuable exercise a successful training event.

Our 1985 Field Day activities will again be held at the Brazos Bend State Park. It is a beautiful site and there are some ambitious plans being made to make this Field Day the best ever! We have invited a new Novice Class group to join us and operate during their first Field Day. They are recent graduates of the Heathkit Novice Classes and Heathkit is providing them with a complete Novice station for these activities. It should be lots of fun and I am certainly looking forward to it. Several B-VARC members have indicated that they are preparing for some serious operating and are planning for some high scores with lots of contacts. We will need many operators to keep all the rigs on the air, so plan to be with us on June 22nd and 23rd for an enjoyable weekend of operating.

73: Harold, NDSF

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 2, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, Harold N5DF, in the offices of Vic K5KNH. Present were Bobby WA5CAC, Ken KA5DKS, Harold N5DF, Steve KE5SC and Allan KA5RXX.

The minutes of the April Board meeting were read.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Harold reported for Paul, N5FQS, that the May program will be given by Frank Wyatt of the Texas DX Society, a slide show of a trip to Desecheo.

TRAINING - Bobby reported there will be two HF rigs at Sharpstown, one on RTTY, and at least one on 2 meters and one on 440. Field Day reservations have been made; we can go to the same location as last year. Bobby will get publicity for Field Day, for which we get points, such as a Mayoral Proclamation. Allan has a 42 inch box fan, hardware cloth protected, which we can use for FD. Field Day rules will be reviewed at the next two meetings. Harold stated that Chris Phillips, WB8TSW, of Heathkit is teaching a Novice class and wants to set up a Novice station at our Field Day location. The Board wants to encourage them to do so. Bobby will contact Chris of Heathkit. Steve reported the Novice class concluded last week; 3 of 7 starters finished class and got licenses. April VE team consisted of Keith, KA5F, Steve, KE5SC, and Bobby, WA5CAC. The tests went very smoothly. There were 18 applicants with 3 no shows.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES - Roger, WA5RNL, can no longer bring us the ARRL bulletins. Walter, W5GAZ, will copy the bulletins. Allan is putting together a club card, he has some material to be printed on the card.

Harold reported 35 check ins on the April 15 net. He also mentioned that the March of Dimes went well this year, there were about the same number of walkers as last year over a 12 mile course. It started about 10:00 a.m. and was over by 4:30 p.m. The MS 150 Bike Tour critique was held May 1. There were about 30 amateurs who participated in the Bike Tour. It was reported that Stu, WBSIGG, has filed with the ARRL the annual Affiliated Club report. It was also reported that Steve, WA5QEN, has written a nice 8 1/2" x 11" handout. Allan will print them for us.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 9, 1985

The General meeting of BVARC was called to order by Harold, ND5F at 7:35 pm Local time with a standing roll call. The following announcements were brought before the members.

Paul Brooks, N5FQS - The N5DQR 442.5 repeater is now up and running with autopatch.

Kenny Manchester, KASUPB - Reported on the excellent turnout for the Sharpstown Mother's Day Activity. 158 pieces of traffic were handled; 78 in Texas, 80 out of state. NTS gave special thanks to BVARC for its efforts.

Ed Harwell, W5WVX - The re-registration of all ARES members is proceeding. All Hams wishing to become involved with ARES should contact Ed for additional information.

Steve Schuster, KE5SC - The Recently completed Novice Class produced 3 new licensees. The next novice class is tentatively scheduled for Fall.

Bobby Webb, W5CAC - Field Day preparations are on schedule and the plans will be finalized at the June meeting. Heathkit has volunteered to equip a novice station if we have interest.

Tom, K5CNU - The film "Hurricane" is available for showing. The need for communicators and escorts for Mr. Hanson was announced. Hanson is the Canadian who is wheelchairing around the world. He will be in the Houston area the week following Memorial Day. All interested Hams should contact Tom Sellers, K5CNU.

Carl Cunert, W88SVR - The Picnic will be held on July 20 at Doug Holley's, KE5SR home in Rosenberg.

Kenny Manchester, KASUPB presented the Outstanding Member Award to Roger Messick, KA5NTY. The Outstanding Radio Operator Award was given to Dick Hagerman, W85SRN. Congratulations to Roger and Dick.

With no further business to transpire, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The program for the evening followed a brief break. Two members of the Texas DX Society, Tom KD5SP and Frank KC5M gave an excellent slide show on their DXpedition to the island of Desecheo off the NW coast of Puerto Rico.

Submitted by Steve Schuster, KE5SC and Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG.

WERE THERE ON MAY 9, 1985 - WHERE WERE YOU

WA5CAC	ND5E	N5GZW	WBQK	KA5SMD	W5WVX
K5CNU	ND5F	N5HFH	KA5QXI	WB5SRN	
N5DAQ *	KA5FDK	N5HMH *	WA9RDV	WB8SVR	Guests:
K5DRG	N5FQS	WD5HQU	KA5RXX	KA5TJS	Charles Reese
KA5DUU	KA5GYG	WA5OEN	KE5SC	KA5UPB	John Keker
N5ECP	KA5GTU *	KA8OHW	KA5SGM	KA5VTY	

* non-members

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 15, 1985

(NO REPORT RECEIVED FOR MAY)

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET (144.870 / 145.450 MHz)
 6/3 WA5CAC 6/10 KA5UPB 6/17 WB5YLB 6/24 N5FLQ
 7/1 KE5SC 7/8 WA5CAC 7/15 KA5UPB 7/22 WB5YLB 7/29 N5FLQ

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW (3.960 MHz)
 6/5 WB5IGG 6/12 WB5IGG 6/19 WB5IGG 6/26 WB5IGG

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED (3.740 MHz:)
 6/5 N5FLQ 6/12 N5FLQ 6/19 N5FLQ 6/26 N5FLQ

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2 WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET 8 PM 156.07/67	3 FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET 8:30 PM-144.87/5.47 BVARC PUBLIC SVC. NET 9 PM 144.87/5.47	4 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	5 SLOW SPE 7:45 PM BVARC RA 8:30 PM
9 WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET	10 FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET	11 HURRICANE "POLLY IV" EXERCISE 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET S. TEXAS EMER. NET AMSAT NET	12 SLOW SPE BVARC RA
16 WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET	17 FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET	18 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET S. TEXAS EMER. NET AMSAT NET	19 SLOW SPE BVARC RA
23/30 23 - FIELD DAY, BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK 23/30 - WEST HOUSTON R.A.C.E.S. NET	24 FT.BEND COUNTY A.R.E.S. NET BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET	25 10-X HOUSTON SHOT NET S. TEXAS EMER. NET AMSAT NET	26 SLOW SPE BVARC RA

B-ARC HAMS LEND WELCOME SUPPORT TO M. S. 150 BIKE TOUR

April 20th dawned and the drizzle was just starting to fall on a group of sleepy-eyed hams gathered at Denny's on Hwy 8. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and pots of coffee were being consumed by this somewhat solemn group. B-ARC was again answering the call for communications assistance but this time it was to be a two day affair, the "M.S. 150 Bike Tour".

The morning bore several surprises. The weather was not cooperating. The light drizzle was changing to rain as we left the restaurant and later would change to severe thundershowers. Lloyd WDSHEH and Sallie KASRXW had planned to ride motorcycle mobile but after several miles they were forced to return home for a dryer means of transportation. The airborne UHF repeater was forced to land in Bellville only a short time after departing Hobby Airport. And to further complicate matters, the 145.47 repeater had decided not to work that morning.

Arriving at the starting point, we began to make job assignments including a few thrown in by the M.S. people just for good measure. Plans were discussed about what repeaters to use and as the first riders departed, so did the B-ARC volunteers.

The folks in Katy graciously allowed us to take over their repeater which worked well all the way to the lunch stop in Bellville. Then, thanks to a very cooperative ham club in La Grange, we were able to utilize their machine for coverage from Bellville to La Grange. With Kenny KASUPB in La Grange and Ron KASGYG in Bellville messages were easily relayed over the entire route.

The rest of us served as net controls, lead and follow vehicles, rovers and rest stop volunteers, many times being the only personnel at the rest stops. We also acted as transports for water, snacks, bikes and personnel as well as a sag wagon whenever possible. Many riders complimented our group saying it was a "great relief" just knowing that communications were so readily available, and that our group's smiling faces served as great morale boosters.

The last riders approached La Grange around 5:30 pm and day one was drawing to a close.

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M.S. 150 (cont. from p.7)

Day two began with many of the same sleepy faces consuming vast quantities of coffee at the Bon Ton Restaurant in La Grange. Some of the old faces from day one were replaced with new ones and we again had a full crew of volunteers.

This time the weather was a little more cooperative, with only an occasional shower dotting the route. While the blue skies were a welcome sight for our volunteers, the bike riders didn't share our enthusiasm. It seemed the strong winds that helped blow out the thundershowers were now blowing strong in the riders faces. This made for a slower and more difficult ride.

Kenny assumed the mid-point in Bellville. But as luck would have it, the God of Propagation did not smile on the UHF communications as he had the day before. The range of both the La Grange and Katy repeaters fell short of Bellville forcing us to rely on relays via H.F. So with mobile and fixed HF and VHF we again followed the patterns of day one.

As 6:00 pm approached, the last riders neared the final rest stop. The M.S. people had requested that we hold all riders there for transport to the finish.

Many of us felt as tired as the riders, but we all had a sense of pride and accomplishment in a job well done. Our critique revealed many complaints and suggestions (96 to be exact) for improving the next such ride but everyone agreed that for the first time, we did an exceptionally good job.

I would like to extend my personal thanks and gratitude to all those who helped because your support made this project a success.

73; Roger Messick K5NTY

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S D A Y	T H U R S D A Y	F R I D A Y	S A T U R D A Y
			1 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN S.W. FRWY & WEST BELFORT 8:30 AM
CW NET 3.740 HEW NET 3.960	6 BVARC BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30 PM	7	8 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN
CW NET HEW NET	13 HURRICANE "POLLY IV" EXERCISE BVARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -FELLOWSHIP 7:00 PM -CALL TO ORDER 7:30	14 TELECONFERENCE NET	15 BREAKFAST BUNCH HOLIDAY INN
CW NET HEW NET	20	21	22 BREAKFAST BUNCH ARRL/VEC LICENSE EXAMS, MO. CITY MUNICIPAL BLDG. 8:00 A.M.
CW NET HEW NET	27	28	29

NEW MEMBERS

Y'all welcome the following new members who joined the Club at the May membership meeting. If you haven't already, introduce yourself and help make them glad they're now one of us.

Will Findley - 9013 Lugary, Houston, Texas 77074. His home fone is 777-2586 and his work number is 795-4411, extension 7059. He was a member of the last Novice Class and his call is pending.

Tom Sellers, K5CNU > - He holds a General class license and she has a
Bernice Sellers, KA5FDK > Tech license. They live at 2121 Fountainview Dr.
#32, Houston, Texas 77057-3632, and their home
fone number is 780-3585. Both belong to ARRL.

ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

In addition to adding the above to your Roster, please make the following changes thereto:

Charley Fritze - - - - - his new Novice call sign is KA5VTZ and his new
home fone number is 974-6381

Kenny Manchester, KA5UPB - delete work fone number

Wade Eilers, WN5TEN - - - delete work fone number

Bob Haase, NSAER - - - - - change work fone number to 591-8143

Roger Messick, KA5NTY - - new work fone number is 932-9663

Laura Carter, KA5SGM > - - change Laura's last name to Yates. Their new
Steve Yates, KA5DUU > address is 3210 Keywood LN., Katy, TX 77449.
Their home fone is 578-6321, and his work number
is 391-1896.

Lloyd Phelps, WDSHEH > - change home fone to 438-9611
Sallie Phelps, KA5RXW >

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

When any of your Roster info changes (callsign, address, fone number, etc.), please call Kenny Manchester KA5UPB promptly and give it to him. His fone number is 772-1604.

BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOROLL

A. Houston Marathon, Jan 6
 B. Fleet Feet Fun Run, Mar 9
 C. Bayou City Fun Run, Mar 23

D. Houston Festival, Mar 23-24,30-31
 E. MS 150 Fun Run, Apr 20 & 21

Jerry Albright, WDSHQ - E
 Jim Arnold, WSRNK - E
 A. J. Blackwell, WB5YLB - E
 Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG - E
 Carl Cunnert, WB8SVR - E
 Ray Dillard, KA5QXI - B,C,E
 Wade Eilers, WN5TEN - E
 Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C
 Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B
 Mel Godbold, KD5YA - E
 Steve Gottlieb, WA5DEN - E
 Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C
 Allan Hanus, KA5RXX - E
 Ed Harwell, W5WVX - E

Jon Hill, N5BHQ - B,C
 Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,E
 Vic LaRocca, K5KNH - E
 Kenny Manchester, KASUPB - B,E
 Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,D
 Roger Messick, KA5NTY - E
 Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B,E
 Lloyd Phelps, WDSHEGH - E
 Sallie Phelps, KA5RXW - E
 Jeff Salmons, N5ECP - E
 Steve Schuster, KE5SC - B,D,E
 Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A
 Bobby Webb, WA5CAC - B,D,E

ANYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THESE EVENTS AND IS NOT INCLUDED, PLEASE CALL ALLAN HANUS, KA5RXX. ALSO, LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SIMILAR SERVICE EVENTS THAT WE HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED.

FIELD DAY (from p. 2)

We are planning to start setting-up the stations at 8:30 am, Saturday, June 22nd. You are cordially invited to help us set up the site as we are planning to have quite an antenna farm this year. In addition, the Heathkit store on the West Loop is providing a complete novice station. If you know of any Novice/Technician folks that would like to operate Field Day, please ask them to come on down.

The official starting time is 1 pm Saturday afternoon, and we will be operating until late Sunday morning. We have made arrangements with Park officials to allow amateurs participating in Field Day to gain access to the park after hours. If you plan to come to the site during the hours of darkness, please call in on the MERA repeater for instructions.

Since this is a state park, regulations prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages. You are, however, encouraged to bring soft drinks and snacks, and Vic, K5KNH, will have his famous BAR-B-Q Saturday afternoon.

We would like to see a big turn-out for Field Day this year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist, please give me a call.
 73; BOBBY WA5CAC

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Following are the next Volunteer Examiner amateur license exams scheduled for this general area that we have been able to identify. Call the Public Information Contact (Item D for each session) for specific information about each session. In the listings, the information is as follows:

- | | A. SPONSORING GROUP | C. SESSION SITE |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | B. SESSION DATE(S) | D. WHO TO CALL FOR INFORMATION |
| 1. | A. BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. | |
| | B. June 22, 1985 | |
| | C. Missouri City Municipal Building, Missouri City, Texas. | |
| | D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, fone 713-777-3345. | |
| 2. | A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY | |
| | B. July 20, 1985 | |
| | C. American Red Cross Headquarters, Houston, Texas | |
| | D. Frank Robichaux N5EJX, 713-931-9091 | |
| 3. | A. BRAZOSPORT ARC | |
| | B. August 3, 1985 | |
| | C. Brazoswood High School, Clute Texas | |
| | D. Steve Ray KA5KRI, 409-238-1312 | |
| 4. | A. BAY AREA ARC | |

This VE Team conducted its first exam session on April 21, 1985 at San Jacinto Junior College in Deer Park Tx. At this writing, no specific future exam session has been scheduled, but we understand the group will be holding exams in the future. Call Jim Graham K5KUZ at 713-479-4430.

Specific schedules will be listed in this space each month as the information becomes available on a timely basis.

HEY THERE, Y'ALL

If'n you don't already know, Madison Electronics has a new address and phone number. You'll find them in the block below. To help you locate them the first time you try, they're 1 block north of Alabama and 6 blocks north of the Sears store.

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*                               MADISON ELECTRONICS SUPPLY                               *
*      3621 Fannin                Houston, Texas 77004                713-520-7300                *
* 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, KSAAD                                                    *
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FOR SALE ATARI 800XL Computer, COMMODORE 1702 Color Monitor, INDUS Disk Drive, several pieces of business software. Ron Bolyard 342-1365

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

He who complains about the way the ball bounces is usually the one who dropped it.

-- CCWA 40-Meter Mail

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