

# B-VARC

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B-VARC ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 14, 1985

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Our Club has set an all-time record in 1985 in membership growth and schedule of activities. We have much talent and interest among our members, and it's up to all of us to find those who can and will help maintain B-VARC's reputation as the best ham club in the area.

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To spear-head this activity, the Club's By-Laws provide for a Nominating Committee chaired by the immediate past president. This year Ron Bolyard KA5GYG has the job. This committee's responsibility is to present to the membership at the November meeting a recommended slate of a single candidate for each officer position and a 3-year term At Large Director after nominations from the floor have been called for and made.

If you would like to serve in the Club in 1986 in one of these positions, offer your candidacy to the Nominating Committee and then to the November membership meeting. Don't be bashful!

If you would like to have a fellow Club member in one of those positions, first obtain his consent, then offer his or her name to the Nominating Committee and then again to the membership when nominations from the floor are called for.

The Club's membership includes more than one person who could and would carry on the Club's growth and activity pattern in 1986.

IT'S UP TO US!

## YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

by Harold, NDSF

The 1985 Houston Ham-Com and B-VARC's first raffle are now history . It was a great show! B-VARC had a very busy schedule and our many thanks go to all those who helped with the activities - especially Henry N5HF, for organizing the Hidden Transmitter Hunt; Kenny NZ5I, for the Ham-Com parking; Jack KF5CP, for the beautiful signs; Steve WA5OEN, for the Flea Market tables; Joe KA5GTU, for the Raffle tickets and the hopper and Allen KA5TJS, for handling the Raffle ticket sales. We appreciate the time that so many of you gave during the events at Ham-Com. The winning ticket for the Kenwood TS-430S was drawn at 11:00 am Sunday morning and was awarded to Paul K5RDD, from Galveston. Kathy KA5WHK, provided Paul with the winning ticket and will receive an honorary B-VARC membership for 1986 for her efforts. We thank everyone who supported the Raffle and wish you better luck next year. We will announce the results of the "Super Salesman" contest at the October Membership meeting and present the \$50.00 cash prize to the B-VARC member who sold the most Raffle tickets.

Our guest speaker at the October Membership meeting will be Ray Wangler W5EDZ, our ARRL West Gulf Division Director from San Antonio. Ray will be with us for the evening discussing the ARRL's activities and I hope everyone will be with us to welcome Ray to B-VARC and hear his most interesting presentation.

The business portion of the October Membership meeting will be devoted to B-VARC's annual election of officers and I sincerely hope that all our membership can attend and participate in the selection of the leaders for 1986. Your presence will also show your support for the newly elected officers. It is very important to me that you select leaders for the next year who will continue the programs and activities which have helped B-VARC be so successful during 1985, so please consider your candidates wisely.

It will soon be time to pay our 1985 membership dues. Our objective in the past

was to have all the membership dues paid by the December meeting so the new Roster for 1986 can be published and distributed at the banquet in January. Please send your dues payment to George ND5E, our new Treasurer or bring them to the meeting with you so you can be sure to be included in the new Roster. If any of your information has changed, please let us know so everything will be correct in the new edition. It takes a lot of time and effort to produce this outstanding publication, so please get your dues in early along with any changes that are necessary.

We are fortunate to have the use of the facilities at the Missouri City Municipal Building. The Council Chamber is perfect for our membership meetings and the Training Room is ideal for our volunteer examinations. Please make a special effort to thank Chief Les Guillot whenever you see him for making us feel so welcome. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the membership meeting on October 10th.

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VP-QSO

by Steve, WA5G

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WENT BY SO FAST FOR ME THAT IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WERE ONLY A COUPLE OF DAYS BETWEEN LABOR DAY AND HAM-COMM. I HOPE EVERYONE GOT TO GO TO HAM-COMM THAT WANTED TO. FOR A SMALL CONVENTION, I THOUGHT IT WAS RATHER NICE. HOWEVER IT JUST WASN'T THE SAME WITHOUT THE OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET AND THE MOBS OF PICKUPS AND VANS WITH THE TAILGATES DOWN READY TO DEAL. I HAVE HEARD NO COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON IT, BUT I WILL PASS THEM ON WHEN I DO.

NEXT MONTH, I WILL BE SPORTING A NEW CALLSIGN. SO WILL A FEW OTHERS. I HEAR THAT WASCAC WILL GET A NEW CALL ALONG WITH KA5QXI. RIGHT NOW WSYI SAYS THAT IT TAKES NINETEEN WORKING DAYS TO TURN A LICENSE AROUND IN GETTYSBURG THESE DAYS. ADD 1-2 WEEKS FOR THE VE PROGRAM. PLEASE WISH US WELL ON THE CALLS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1985

Present: NDSF, NDSE, KE5SC, KA5GYG, W5RNK,  
KD5XX, NZ5I, KA5GTU, KF5CP, KA5RXX  
Minutes taken by NDSE.

ND5F called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

ND5F noted that the published minutes of the general membership meeting on July 11, 1985 contained an error. Roger K5NTY, reported on the MS-150 bike tour, not Roger, W5ARNL.

The publication committee report from KA5RXX indicated that the bulletin has been typeset and should be produced soon. NZ5I initiated discussion of the format of the bulletin, saying he liked last month's format. The discussion indicated that there is no cost savings for one format over the other. ND5F announced that W5SIGG will reimburse the printer for last month's issue (\$ 25.00) and invoice the club later.

The registered agent and registered office of BVARC will be transferred to ND5E. ND5E was directed to learn whether or not donations to the club are tax-deductible, and to what extent. It was decided that ND5E still request copies of missing bank statements from the bank in order that a proper audit be possible. An audit committee will be formed in the November timeframe.

The Cellar Door where our last banquet was held has closed, so a new location will need to be found.

KA5GTU reported that about 800 raffle tickets were picked up at the last meeting and about 200 more have been picked up since. KA5TJS will be compiling a computer log of ticket sales. KA5GTU will build a barrel to hold the tickets for the drawing. Discussion about pricing tickets revealed that the TDXS tickets are on sold in books of 20 for 21 dollars. A motion by NZ5I seconded by KA5RXX to leave our current prices of 1 ticket for 1 dollar and 12 tickets for 10 dollars unchanged PASSED without opposition. A motion by NZ5I seconded by W5RNK to also allow selling 6 tickets for 5 dollars PASSED without opposition. It was reiterated that the winner need not be present at the drawing, nor need be a licensed amateur. It was also reiterated that a prize of 50 dollars will be awarded to the person selling the most tickets for the raffle.

KF5CP reported that the two large signs are ready, one for the flea mart, one for the main lobby. These signs are 22 inch by 44 inch. There will also be three "Ham-Com Parking" signs for the parking area. These are smaller pedestal signs. NZ5I is in charge of the parking effort. KE5SC reported that he had talked to Jim Rogers about parking and the transmitter hunt, but no discussion had been made about a table for the lobby.

KF5CP reported on programs for the next meetings. September will be W5GAZ demonstrating packet radio. October will be Ray Wangler, ARRL West Gulf Division Director, although complete confirmation of this is not yet in hand.

ND5F reported that our volunteer examination program has been very successful so far. He has a report in this month's bulletin. Also, volunteers for examination session liaison are needed for next year.

KE5SC reported that at this time no Novice classes are planned.

NZ5I reported that no activities have been reported to him. He will remind the club of our awards. He also reminded us of the informal CW gathering on 14.130 at 9:30 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays. NZ5I also offered to provide contest and propagation information for the Bulletin to raise interest in contesting and DXing within the club. KF5CP suggested that the club participate in contests as a group, similar to the field day operation.

KA5GYG reported that he found two other past presidents for the nominating committee. Jerry Albright is moving away from the area.

W5RNK is assembling another repeater to replace the MERA machine.

ND5F reported that NSAER is moving, and has offered a tower and beam to the club. Discussion ensued about the difficulties of transporting and storing these. Also noted was that the club has no permanent location for storing or using club property. A mini-warehouse was suggested as a possibility, but no price information was known.

ND5F adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 1985

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 PM BY HAROLD PARKER ND5F. THERE WAS A STANDING ROLL CALL.

UPGRADES AND NEW CALLS WERE ANNOUNCED. KASUPB IS NOW NZ5I AND N5FNA IS NOW ADVANCED CLASS.

GEORGE, ND5E READ THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPT. 5TH BOARD MEETING.

NZ5I SUGGESTED A DISCUSSION ABOUT ACQUIRING A PLACE TO STORE CLUB PROPERTY.

ND5F MENTIONED CORRECTIONS ABOUT MS-150 RUN. THE 'ROGER' WAS KASNTY, NOT WASRNL.

ND5E READ THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND REPORTED AN INTEREST IN HAVING SOME NEW BVARC PATCHES MADE. K5CNU WILL INVESTIGATE THE PATCH ISSUE. NZ5I OFFERED TO INVESTIGATE VESTS AND T-SHIRTS FOR BVARC.

KAS7JS REPORTED TOTALS FROM TICKET SALES. K5CNU MOVED THAT AN AWARD BE GIVEN TO THE PERSON THAT SELLS THE WINNING TICKET. THE AWARD WOULD BE FREE 1986 DUES. THE MOTION PASSED.

WBSIGG ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE TABLE AT HAM-COMM. KF5CP ASKED FOR FLEA MARKET VOLUNTEERS. NZ5I ASKED FOR PARKING VOLUNTEERS. VOLUNTEERS WERE LISTED ON THE BLACKBOARD FOR HAM-COMM ACTIVITIES.

NC5A SUGGESTED SELLING TICKETS AT THE HARC AUCTION. ND5F REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT THE FLEA MARKET AT HAM-COMM.

NZ5I MOVED THAT WE HAVE A LONGER HALF-TIME PERIOD TO COVER ALL THE ACTIVITIES.

K5CNU REPORTED THE PRICE OF A STORAGE FACILITY. W5RNK OFFERED A POSSIBLE STORAGE FACILITY. NZ5I SUGGESTED USING A NOTE IN THE BULLETIN TO HELP INVENTORY BVARC PROPERTY. KASGYG SUGGESTED APPOINTING A PERSON TO INVENTORY THE PROPERTY.

N5FAB TOOK RECEIPT OF A SWAN TRANSCEIVER FROM W5ALG FOR USE AT THE ROSENBERG EOC. W5WVX ANNOUNCED THAT A HEATHKIT SB-101 TRANSCEIVER WAS DONATED BY KASOCW TO BVARC FOR ITS USE. K5CNU ANNOUNCED A WALK-A-THON FOR JUVENILE DIABETES ASSN. ON OCT. 6TH. HE IS ALSO GOING TO DO ROUTE WORK FOR A 25,000 MILE WHEEL CHAIR EVENT. K5CNU ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THERE MAY BE A NOVICE CLASS AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE BY WB8TSW. KASQXI VOLUNTEERED TO COORDINATE THE JD WALK-A-THON. NSDQR ANNOUNCED NEW OFFICERS FOR RACE INC. THEY ARE: KF5CP, CHAIRMAN, KNSX AS VICE CHAIRMAN, AND ND5E AS TREASURER. ND5F ANNOUNCED THAT KASGYG HAS NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1986 OFFICERS.

W5RNK MOVED TO ADJOURN.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM.

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 \$ Also, a \$5 discount is yours if yu're \$  
 \$ over 64 or under 18. Call Club \$  
 \$ Treasurer George Jolly ND5E, at \$  
 \$ 663-6443 for details. \$  
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WE WERE THERE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1985 --  
 WHERE WERE YOU ?

NC5A	N5GZW	KE5SC
N5AFY	N5HFH	KE5SR
K5CNU	NZ5I	KAS7JS
KF5CP	WBSIGG	KESUP *
WD5CVK *	WBSIJS	KASWEA
NSDQR	WB5LI	KASWGJ
ND5E	WD8LQT	KASWHK
KAS5EIK *	KASOBE *	KASWVT
ND5F	KASQLQ	W5WVX
N5FLQ	KASQXI	KD5XX
N5FNA	W5RNK	WB4ZJV *
WD5GAZ	WBSRTT *	George Harris *
KASGYG	KASRXX	Jo Ann Grady *

\*= visitors

(Editor's Note: due to an oversight, the June Treasurer's Report was not included in last month's Bulletin with the other months' Reports we published that were not previously available.)

TREASURERS REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING  
JUNE 15, 1985

Balance as of May 15,1985	681.55
RECEIPTS	
Membership dues to date	60.00
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Total	741.55
EXPENSES	
Stu Lamkin (Bulletin expense)	74.41
Returned check and fee	10.00
Harold Parker (Ham-Comm ad)	250.00
Joe Ross (Field-Day equip.)	108.79
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Balance as of June 15, 1985	298.35

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1985

Balance as of August 15, 1985	377.97
RECEIPTS:	
Raffle Seed Money	350.00
(from Stu Lamkin, WBSIGG)	
Raffle Ticket Proceeds	387.00
Membership Dues to date	28.00
(including 1 for next year)	
Sale of patches to NZ5I, W5RNK	5.00
ARRL bonus	10.00
(for recruiting two new members)	
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Total	780.00
EXPENSES:	
refund of overpaid dues	2.00
Madison Electronic Supply	601.73
(TS-430 for raffle)	
bank charges	10.00
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	613.73
Balance as of September 15, 1985	544.24

HAM-COM RAFFLE PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Our winner was Paul Ramirez, K5RDD, of Galveston, who purchased his ticket from Kathy, KA5WHK at our flea market table. The following is a balance sheet for the raffle project, as of the time of this writing.

RECEIPTS		
Prior to Sept. membership meet.	110.00	
At the Sept. membership meeting	297.00	
At Ham Com: Saturday	Cash	967.50
	Checks	109.00
Sunday	Cash	139.00
	Checks	20.00
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Total Receipts		1642.50
EXPENSES:		
Purchase of the Kenwood TS-430S	601.73	
Ad. the Ham Com Flyer	250.00	
Prize to the best salesman	50.00	
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Total Expenses		901.73
Net Profit from the Raffle:		740.77

We should all be sure to thank Stu, for providing the seed money that made this effort possible. Stu is truly a friend of B-VARC. Also, our thanks go to Don Busick K5AAD, of Madison Electronic Supply for making the Kenwood convention discount available to our club, and for his encouragement and advice. Finally, thanks to YOU for making BVARC so much fun.  
by George W. Jolly, ND5E, Treasurer

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HIDDEN TRANSMITTER HUNT AT HAM-COM

B-VARC again sponsored the hidden transmitter hunt at the 1985 Ham-Com. Henry N5HF, and his very able crew provided a challenging "hunt" for several contestants on Sunday morning. The transmitters were hidden inside the Stoffers Hotel and the hunters were turned loose for the walking transmitter hunt. Mike, KC5CP, won the first prize by finding all the well-hidden locations in just a little over an hour. It was a challenging hunt and everyone who participated had a great time. Many thanks to the entire group who helped with the event: Joanne K5HOY, Ray K5EST, John WA9RDV, Clint N5FNA, Ray KA5QXI, and Bob KE5IC. GREAT JOB!!

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

2M - BVARC PUBLIC SERVICE NET  
( 144.870 / 145.470 MHz )

10/7 - WB5YLB            11/4 - NZ5I  
10/14 - N5FLQ           11/11 - N5FLQ  
10/21 - KE5SC           11/18 - KE5SC  
10/28 - KF5CP           11/25 - KF5CP

75 M - BVARC RAG CHEW ( 3.960 MHz )

10/2 - 10/9 - 10/16 - 10/23 - 10/30  
WB5IGG

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED ( 3.740 MHz )

10/2 - 10/9 - 10/16 - 10/23 - 10/30  
N5FLQ

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PROPAGATON FORECAST (October 1985)

by Kenny, NZ5I

Well folks here is the first of my newest bright ideas! I thought that just maybe someone in the club might like to have some propagation information. So, for another attempt at something different here's the scoop. For the month of October we can expect the following:

Condition	Days of the month
Above Normal	4,9,31
High Normal	5,8,15,21-22
Low Normal	3,6-7,10,13-14,16-17,20,23,25-26,29-30
Below Normal	2,11-12,18-19,24,27-28
Disturbed	None

I believe that this little chart really comes in handy for getting the real poop on the day I can monitor WWV broadcasts. With the latest info obtained I can know for sure whether or not I'm wasting my time or not.

Geomagnetic Activity	Range		Solar Flux Range	
	K	A	65-80	80-100
Quiet	0-1	0-3	Above Normal	Above Normal
Quiet	1-2	3-7	High Normal	Above Normal-High Normal
Unsettled	2-3	7-15	Low Normal	High Normal
Active	3-4	15-27	Low Normal - Below Normal	Low Normal
Minor Storm	4-5	27-48	Below Normal-Disturbed	Below Normal-Disturbed
Major Storm	5+	48+	Disturbed	Disturbed

Well there you have it. Two major DX contests are going to be happening in the months of October and November. They are the CQ World-Wide DX contests. Some ops feel like these are the Grand daddys of them all. Foryou non-contester types, this will be an excellent time for you to pick up incredible numbers of juicy DX contacts. The Phone contest is on Oct 26-27 and the CW is Nov 24-24 0000Z Sat to 2400Z Sun. Here is some suggested listening times for different areas of the world: (Local Time)

20 Meters

0400-0700    Conditions should be good in all directions Europe, N.Africa, Middle East, Mediterranean, Asia, Far East, Pacific Islands, New Zealand, Australia, Caribbean, Central and most of South America.  
1600-1900    Same as above, but you gotta get up early! Try forty meters a little right now too.

These are the times when things are really happening and the exchanges are wham bam thankyou mam, so be ready to get in and get it out. 73 DE NZ5I SK EE

NEW MEMBERS

And here are five more new members who,ve joined the ranks since our last issue went to press. They are:

Terry Harrison KBSUE --  
 9639 Springview Lane, Houston, TX 7708  
 Phones: Home 462-5825; work 462-6139  
 Advanced Class and is a member of ARRL

Beth Lorenz KA5VTY ----  
 6300 Dumfries, #242, Houston, TX 77096  
 Phones: Home 988-2082; work 790-5063  
 Novice Class. Not yet a member of ARRL

Allen Mattis N5APV ----  
 5314 Wigton, Houston, TX 77096  
 Phones: Home 721-3637; work 591-5385  
 Advanced Class and is a member of ARRL

Jim Pettitt WA5YKR ----  
 3919 Coleridge, Houston, TX 77005  
 Phones: Home 665-2338; work 669-1412  
 Extra Class and is a member of ARRL

Craig Van Der Smissen WB5IJS -  
 8323 Wilcrest Dr. #3004, Houston, TX 77072  
 Phones: Home 879-8999; work 699-1412  
 Tech Class. Is not yet a member of ARRL.

They'll be sporting red-bordered badges. Look'em up, introduce yourselves, and help make them glad they're now one of us!

NEW MEMBER PACKETS

If you are a new member to B-VARC this year and for one reason or another have not received a New Member packet in the mail or in person, please contact Kenny Manchester NZ5I, at 772-1604 in the eve hours. I apologize but evidently I have missed a few!

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NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN !!!

The nominations committee for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club is now accepting nominations for the slate of officers for 1986. Any member may nominate another member for any of the four available elective offices, which are President Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a 3 year Board member.

Any member wishing to place a name into nomination is encouraged to call Ron Bolyard KA5GYG. At the regular meeting in November, I will submit the list to the membership for consideration, open any nominations from the floor and hold the election by show of hand. All members are encouraged to attend and voice their opinion through their vote.

Tnx Ron KA5GYG. Call 342-1365 after 7PM.

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ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

Here are some changes in the second edition of the Club's 1985 Roster that have come to attention since press time. Please make these changes in your Roster so it will be up to date.

1. Mike Anderson - received his TECH ticket, his call is KA5WVT
2. Charles Barker - change spelling of first name to Charlie
3. John Donahue KA5SMO - change callsign to KF5CZ
4. Clint Gilliland N5FNA - change TECH Class to ADVANCED Class
5. Walt Holmes WD5GAZ - change work fone to 347-1325
6. Kenny Manchester KA5UPB - change callsign to NZ5I and class to EXTRA.  
 change work fone to 347-1525
7. Vance Peterson N5FLQ - change license class to GENERAL
8. Lloyd Phelps WD5HEH - change work fone to 347-1525
9. Chris Phillips WB8TSW - delete work fone number
10. Al Embry N5HFH - change address to: 12023 Bissonnet #320, Houston, TX 77099  
 change work fone to: 495-4012
11. Steve Schuster KE5SC - change class to EXTRA and callsign to WA5G
12. Ray Dillard KA5QXI - change class to EXTRA and callsign to WA5F
13. Steve Claypool KA5VSH - change class to TECH

WHEN YOU HAVE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ROSTER INFORMATION, PLEASE GIVE IT PROMPTLY TO STU LAMKIN WB5IGG at 777-3345.

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. Rainbow Festival, Apr 13
- F. M.S. 150 Bike Tour, Apr 20 & 21
- G. March of Dimes Walk, Apr 28

- H. Sharpstown Mall, May 4
- I. Wheelchair Marathon, May 29
- J. Whitewater Race, June 1
- K. Polly IV Exercise, June 13
- L. SARDA Exercise, June 15
- M. Field Day, June 22
- N. Confederate Air Force, Aug 24 & 25

Jerry Albright, WD5HQU - F  
 Bill Alexander, K5DRG - F,H  
 Chris Armatta, N5GKQ - A  
 Mike Armatta, N5APC - A,K  
 Pat Armatta, N5GIK - A  
 Jim Arnold, W5RNK - F  
 A.J. Blackwell - WB5YLB - F,H  
 Ethyl Bolyard - F,H,M  
 Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG - F,G,H,M  
 Roger Bryant, WA5RNL - K  
 Jerry Caudill, N4IVI - M  
 Phil Cooper, WB5LIZ - K,M  
 Carl Cunnert, WB8SVR - F  
 Ray Dillard, KA5QXI - B,C,F,H,M  
 Wade Eilers, WN5TEN - F  
 Al Embry, N5HFH - B,C  
 Henry Freedenberg, N5HF - A,B  
 Hy Gordon, NC5A - D,G,N  
 Irene Gordon, N5AYX - G,N  
 Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN - F,H,M  
 Dick Hagerman, WB5SRN - A,B,C,E,H,I,J,K,M  
 Dan Hanby, KA5WIZ - M  
 Allan Hanus, KA5RXX - F,M  
 Ed Harwell, W5WVX - F,H,K,M  
 Jon Hill, N5BHQ - B,C

George Jolly, ND5E - H  
 Kathy Jolly, KA5WHK - H  
 Kevin Knox, KA8OHW - M  
 Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,F,K  
 Barbara LaRocca, KA5MPG - H,M  
 Vic LaRocca, K5KNH - F,H,M  
 Ken McAninch, KA5DKS - H  
 Kenny Manchester, KA5UPB - B,F,H,K,M  
 Jay Maynard, K5ZC - A,D  
 Roger Messick, KA5NTY - F,G,M  
 Herb Nance, N5GZW - M  
 Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B,F,G,H,K,L,M  
 Vance Peterson, N5FLQ - M  
 Lloyd Phelps, WDSHEH - F,G  
 Sallie Phelps, KA5RXW - F,G  
 Chris Phillips, WB8TSU - M  
 Carolyn Rich, KA5UPO - H  
 Muirl Robinson, W8QK - M  
 Joe Ross, KA5GTU - M  
 Lee Schull, KA5WJB - M  
 Steve Schuster, KE5SC - B,D,F  
 Bernice Sellers, KA5FDK - I,M  
 Tom Sellers, K5CNU - I,K,M  
 Ed Truitt, KD5JC - A,G  
 Jack VanDemark, KA5SQS - G,H,M  
 Bobby Webb, WA5CAC - B,D,F,H,M,N

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.

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**VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAMS RECOGNIZED**

Each month we plan to recognize those individuals who have given their time and effort to participate in the B-VARC sponsored V. E. program so that others like ourselves may have the opportunity to become hams.

Exam #7 - August 24,1985:  
 Team: Bobby WA5CAC, Steve, KE5SC;  
 Harold ND5F  
 Assistants: Carter KD5XX, Bill WA1CXI,  
 George ND5E, Stu WB5IGG and  
 Pat Webb

Twenty tests were given to eleven applicants, with ten upgrading for a passing rate of 55%.

**B-VARC VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM STATUS**

B-VARC has provided licensing and upgrading opportunities to a total of 99 candidates during the first seven months of our V.E. Program. We have administered 150 exams, with 53 upgrading their licenses, for an overall passing rate of 53%. Our many thanks to all who have helped!

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B U Y -- S E L L -- S W A P M A R T  
 FOR SALE ATARI 800XL Computer, COMMODORE  
 1702 Color Monitor,INDUS Disk Drive,  
 several pieces of business software.  
 Ron Bolyard 342-1365



VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Following are the Volunteer Examiner amateur license exams scheduled for the rest of 1985 in this general area that we have been able to identify. Call the Public Information Contact Station (Item D for each session) for specific information about each session. In the listings, the information is 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.  
 C. Missouri City, Texas.  
 D. Stu Lamkin WB5IGG, 713-777-3345
2. A. HOUSTON ECHO SOCIETY  
 B. November 16, 1985  
 C. Houston Red Cross, SW Frwy, Houston  
 D. Alan Cross, WA5UZB 847-9183
3. A. BRAZOSPORT ARC  
 B. November 2, 1985  
 C. Brazoswood High School, Clute TX  
 D. Steve Ray KA5KRI, 409-238-1323
4. A. BAY AREA ARC  
 B. None currently scheduled  
 D. Jim Graham, K5KUZ 713-479-4430

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CONTESTS (de NZ5I)

My head is still pounding, concentration nil, and my ego a little bit dampened. I participated in the National Contest Journal Sprints the last two weekends. September 8th being the CW event and

CONTESTS (cont.)

September 15th being the Phone event. Whew! Let me tell you these are incredibly difficult contests to score high in. Not to mention winning!

In this particular contest, the entire event lasts only 4 hrs. You must try to work as many stations as humanly possible, once for each of the 20, 40, and 80 meter bands. The exchange is your call, his call, serial number of the QSO, your name, and your state. (wonder why they dont require our underwear size!) If you are the CQing station, you must forfeit the frequency to the station whom you just made contact with, and vice versa. You must move at least 5 KCs away from that frequency. If you are just answering CQ calls, then you must move at least 1 KC away after each QSO. The multipliers are each state or country in North America. Multipliers can only count once. But you may work the same fellow once on each band.

Sound easy? Well it isn't! Oh, by the way the record, I am told, is 374 in the CW event. Thats 1 about QSO every 40 seconds! I dont even know what the record is for the phone event.

Contests are excellent for picking up your CW speed. The CW events are generally at about 30-40 wpm. This may sound fast, but you know what the exchange is going to be and you pretty much have no trouble copying 5 - 10 wpm faster than your capable of. My CW proficiency has picked up amazingly well because of the contests I have entered. Another big benefit of contesting is the paper collecting by way of foriegn QSLs. Many different ops overseas operate only for contests and therefore this is the only means you may have to pick up a rare one. If you work a popular worldwide contest such as CQ-WPX, and use your call sign the entire contest, you'll be amazed at how many DX QSL cards appear in your mail box.

Contests may not be your bag, but you never know if you don't try! If you don't like CW then enter the phone event and see how you do. If you wish just hop in there and throw your call around a few times to get the feel of it. For you guys who think your good.....the NCJ SPRINT tells no lies! I'm thinking about publishing more on the subject of contests in the bulletin if you like the idea tell me so. If you need help tell me that too.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

WEEKLY NETS: SUNDAY - West Houston RACES 8:00 pm 146.07/67  
MONDAY - South Texas Emergency 8:00 pm 144.87/5.47  
- Fort Bend County ARES 8:30 pm 144.87/5.47  
- B-VARC Public Service 9:00 pm 144.87/5.47  
TUESDAY - 10-X Houston Shot 8:00 pm 28.688  
- Amsat 10:00 pm 144.85/5.45  
WEDNESDAY - Slow Speed CW 7:45 pm 3.740  
- B-VARC Ragchew 8:30 pm 3.957  
- Houston/ Harris County  
Emergency 8:30 pm 146.25/85

MEETINGS: 1ST THURSDAY  
EACH MONTH - B-VARC Board of Directors 7:30 pm

2ND THURSDAY  
EACH MONTH - B-VARC General Membership  
Fellowship - 7:00 pm  
Call to order - 7:30 pm

EXAMS: 4TH SATURDAY  
EACH MONTH - See schedule elsewhere in this issue

SOCIAL: SATURDAYS - Breakfast Bunch 8:30 am  
Holiday Inn, S.W. Freeway & West Belfort

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: A newspaper, which consists of just the same number of words,  
whether there be news in it or not ... may, likewise, be  
compared to a stagecoach, which performs constantly the  
same course, empty as well as full.

----- Tom Jones

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