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YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS

by Harold ND5F

B-VARC sponsors the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Program by offering Amateur Radio License Exams on the fourth Saturdays of every month. Their exams are open to anyone wishing to obtain a new amateur license or upgrade to a higher class. These exams are given in the Training Room of the Missouri City Police Department at the Municipal Building where B-VARC holds monthly membership meetings. Chief Guillott has made these facilities available to us throughout 1985, and we have again requested use of these excellent facilities through 1986.

that the FCC did for many years - except we are in the relaxed atmosphere of Missouri City where there is plenty of parking and an opportunity to visit with friends while trying to relax before the tests.

Applications for each of the examinations are accepted until one week before the test date. This allows time for the majority of the work that is required to

(see PRESIDENT p. 7)

VP-QSO

by Steve Schuster, WA5G

The Federal Communications Commission has appointed many groups to coordinate the Amateur examinations and we at B-VARC have selected the ARRL as our "Volunteer Examiner Coordinator" or VEC. The ARRL/VEC prepares all the written examinations and code tapes each month for us, and sends them to our Test Session Liaison, an ARRL accredited extra-class examiner who has volunteered to be responsible for the integrity of the entire exam by supervising each of the exams, along with two other accredited examiners. It is their ultimate responsibility to insure that everything is proper and that the test session operates in a smooth and orderly manner. The "Liaison" returns all the examinations to the ARRL/VEC after being satisfied that all the tests were graded accurately and all the forms have been completed properly. This same team issues the "instant upgrade certificates" to those who qualify so they can have immediate access to their new license privileges. We provide the same service

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION'S DIAMOND WALK ON OCTOBER 6TH. THEY WERE WB5IGG, WA5F, AND NS5FNA. WE ALL HAD A GOOD TIME AND WERE GIVEN SOME KIND WORDS FROM THE SPONSORS OF THE EVENT. IT REALLY HELPS THE CLUB LIVE UP TO ITS STATUS AS A SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB WHEN THINGS GO SO SMOOTHLY.

I ALSO WANT TO PUT IN PRINT HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF RON BOLYARD KA5GYG FOR MAKING THE BOLLY'S YARD RBBS AVAILABLE TO US SO WE MAY UPLOAD OUR MATERIAL TO THE BULLETIN. IT TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT WITH A FIRM COMMITMENT TO OUR CLUB TO MAKE THAT SERVICE AVAILABLE DAY IN AND DAY OUT! THANKS, RON!

ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK CLINT GILLILAND NS5FNA FOR TAKING A STAB AT A NOVICE CLASS.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 1985

WE WERE THERE ON OCTOBER 10, 1985 --
WHERE WERE YOU?

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. A standing roll call followed with 47 members and guests present. Three new calls were recognized; Ray WA5F, Steve WA5G, and Kenny NZ5I.

Dick WB5SRN, asked about the next novice class. Harold ND5F, responded there is no definite date. Stu WB5IGG, encouraged all members to get involved in teaching a novice class. Jack KF5CP, Clint N5FNA, Kenny NZ5I and Carl KA5QLQ, all volunteered to teach.

Harold ND5F, spoke concerning Ham-Com.

George ND5E, also reported on Ham-Com. The Club raffle netted \$740 profit. Paul Ramirez K5RDD, won the TS-430S. 1,889 tickets were sold for \$1,642.00. Club balance in the bank is \$1,429.00.

The prize for selling the most tickets went to Clint N5FNA, who sold 317 tickets

Ray WA5F, thanked those who helped with the Diamond Walk to aid the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Muirl W8QK, reminded the Club of the 1985 Scout Jamboree On The Air, Saturday, October 19th. Doug KE5SR, reported Hams will be inviting Scouts and Scout Units into their homes to observe Hams in action.

Kenny NZ5I, discussed propagation forecast.

Ron KA5GYG, spoke concerning the election of officers at the November meeting and the roll of the nominating committee.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Following the business meeting, Jack KF5CP, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Roy Wangler W5EDZ, West Gulf Division Director, who gave a most interesting and informative talk. His wife, Geannine, accompanied him.

NCSA	N5FNA	KA5RXX
N5AFV	N5FSS	KE5SR
N5AYX	WA5G	WB5SRN
WA5CAC	KA5GTU	KA5TJS
KF5CP	N5GZU	KA5VYL *
N5DAQ *	K5HOY	KA5WJA
KASDKS	W5SHRI *	W5WVX
K5DRG	W5ASHZM *	WB4ZSM *
KA5DUU	NZ5I	
W5EDZ *	WB5IGG	* John Amarin
K5EST	W8MHB	* Brian Campopiano
KA5F	KA5NTY	* Andrew Chester
ND5E	WA5OEN	* Steve Dunkelberger
ND5F	W8QK	* Greg Gatterson
WA5F	KA5QLQ	* Ron Nance
N5FLQ	W5RNK	* Jim Slaughter

* guests

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING
OCTOBER 15, 1985

Balance as of Sept. 15, 1985	544.24
RECEIPTS:	
Raffle Ticket Proceeds at Ham-Com	1235.50
Membership Dues (some for next year)	81.00
Arrl Renewal (K5EST, K5HOY)	2.00
Total	1318.50
EXPENSES:	
Repay Stu Lamkin for Raffle Seed Money	350.00
Prize to Clint Gilliland as Best Salesman (Raffle)	50.00
Repay Stu Lamkin for Bulletin Expenses	147.69
Repay Steve Gottlieb for Flea Market Tables	16.00
Paper for the Bulletin	10.00
Bank Service Charge (August)	4.44
Total	578.13
Balance as of October 15, 1985	1284.61

Submitted by George W. Jolly, ND5E,
Treasurer

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

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

11/4 - NZ5I	12/2 - NSFLQ
11/11 - NSFLQ	12/9 - WA5G
11/18 - WA5G	12/16 - KF5CP
11/25 - KF5CP	12/23 - WB5YLB
	12/30 - NSFLQ

75M - BVARC RAG CHEW (3.960)

11/6 - 11/13 - 11/20 - 11/27
WB5IGG

80M - BVARC SLOW SPEED (3.740)

11/6 - 11/13 - 11/20 - 11/27
NSFLQ

20 MHZ BAND PLAN HAS ARRIVED IN HOUSTON !
by Steve Schuster WA5G

YOU TWO-METER BUFFS OUT THERE MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT MANY OF THE REPEATERS ON THE 146-148 SECTION OF THE BAND ARE GOING THROUGH SOME CHANGES. YES, THE 20 KHZ SPACING PLAN IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN HOUSTON. IT IS GOING TO CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS WHILE IT IS BEING DONE. HOWEVER, THIS HAM THINKS IT IS A GOOD PLAN. WE FOLKS ON THE MACHINES IN THE 145 MHZ SUBBAND DON'T HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT. THANK GOODNESS! FOR THE RECORD, SOME MACHINES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MADE THE SWITCH ALREADY. THE KATY REPEATER W5HZ/R IS NOW ON 147.200 UP 600 KHZ. THE WA5BUV/RPT MACHINE IS NOW ON 146.96 DOWN 600 AND THE WB5NVH/R MACHINE IN THE ALVIN AREA IS NOW ON 147.22 UP 600 KHZ. THAT FINE MACHINE IN CLEVELAND, TEXAS KBSNX/R IS NOW ON 146.90 MHZ DOWN 600. LOOK FOR MANY OTHER CHANGES SOON.

NEW NOVICE CLASS

Fourteen enthusiastic future ham radio operators met their instructors at the Club's latest Novice class on Wednesday, October 23, 1985. In addition to meeting their instructors, the students heard from Susan Grimes KA5WEB, herself a graduate of the Club's last Novice class and a candidate for the next step on the ham license ladder -- Technician. We hear she will then go for her General ticket so that when son Greg leaves the nest for some other QTH, they'll be able to communicate in a way not possible by correspondence.

The future hams are:

John Amarin	Jim Horn
Trudie Amarin	Roy Howerton

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN !!!
by Ron Bolyard, KA5GYG

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.

342-1365 after 7PM.

by Clint Gilliland, N5FNA

Walt Bates	James Marshall
Andy Chester	Tom Martin
Steve Dunkelberger	Rick Meyer
Greg Gatterson	Ron Nance
Carol Hollingshead	Dennis Williams

As this is being written on Saturday the 26th, we understand we may have some additional students at our second meeting next Wednesday who were not able to come to the first class session. We hope so because at the next meeting we will begin to march toward the 5 WPM Morse Code capability which is the first requirement for a Novice license.

We'll keep you posted in the next two issues of the Bulletin.

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
- O. Diamond Walk, Oct 6

Jerry Albright, WDSHQU - F
 Bill Alexander, KSDRG - F,H
 Chris Armatta, NSGKQ - A
 Mike Armatta, NSAPC - A,K
 Pat Armatta, NSGIK - A
 Jim Arnold, WSRNK - F
 A.J. Blackwell - WBSYLB - F,H
 Ethyl Bolyard - F,H,M
 Ron Bolyard, KASGYG - F,G,H,M
 Roger Bryant, WASRNL - K
 Jerry Caudill, N4IVI - M
 Phil Cooper, WB5LIZ - K,M
 Carl Cunnert, WB8SVR - F
 Ray Dillard, WAF - B,C,F,H,M,O
 Wade Eilers, WNSTEN - F
 Al Embry, NSHFH - B,C
 Henry Freedenberg, NSHF - A,B
 Clint Gilliland, NSFNA - O
 Hy Gordon, NC5A - D,G,N
 Irene Gordon, NSAYX - G,N
 Steve Gottlieb, WAOEN - 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, NSBHQ - B,C

George Jolly, ND5E - H
 Kathy Jolly, KA5WHK - H
 Kevin Knox, KA8OHW - M
 Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG - A,F,K,O
 Barbara LaRocca, KA5MPG - H,M
 Vic LaRocca, KSKNH - 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, NSGZW - M
 Tilton Oakley, W5OUG - O
 Harold Parker, ND5F - A,B,F,G,H,K,L,M
 Vance Peterson, NSFLD - M
 Lloyd Phelps, WDSHEH - F,G
 Sallie Phelps, KA5RXW - F,G
 Chris Phillips, WB8TSU - M
 Carolyn Rich, KA5UPD - H
 Muirl Robinson, W8QK - M
 Joe Ross, KA5GTU - M
 Lee Schull, KA5WJB - M
 Steve Schuster, W5G - B,D,F,O
 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.

ROSTER ADDITIONS - CHANGES - DELETIONS

Only three to report in this issue:

1. Clint Gilliland NSFNA - work fone is 462-5545
2. Bobby Webb WA5CAC - he's sporting a new Extra Class callsign. It's WB5B
3. Allan Mattis - correct callsign to N5AFV
 - correct work fone to 591-5585

If you're receiving your issue of the Bulletin a week later than anyone else, it's probably because you've moved and didn't give us your new address. Please report any change in Roster info promptly to Stu Lamkin WB5IGG at 777-3345.

NEW MEMBERS

And here the seven new members who joined B-VARC at the October meeting:

Andy Chester (callsign pending)
15203 Ridingwood
Missouri City, Texas 77489
Phones: Home 437-0298; Work 476-6493
Now going for first license; not yet a member of ARRL.

Steve Dunkelberger (callsign pending)
8600 South Course Dr. #605
Houston, Texas 77099
Phones: Home 530-2565; Work 241-2017
Now going for first license; not yet a member of ARRL.

Greg Gatterson (callsign pending)
15207 Ridingwood
Missouri City, Texas 77489
Phones: Home 437-8439; Work 235-7837
Now going for first license; not yet a member of ARRL.

Fred Juch KASWJA
9827 Knoboak
Houston, Texas 77080
Phones: Home 465-0360; Work 443-5329
Novice Class and is a member of ARRL

Ron Nance (callsign pending)
330 Fair Oak Dr.
Stafford, Texas 77477
Phone: Home 499-6305
Now going for his first license; not yet a member of ARRL.

Alexander Redchuk N5DAQ
2927 Lakeview Dr.
Missouri City, Texas 77459
Phone: Home 438-8680
General Class and a member of ARRL.

Jack Streets W4SHZM
5609 Whitehaven
Bellaire, Texas 77401
Phone: Home 665-6915
Advanced Class and a member of ARRL.

They too will be wearing new member (red-bordered) badges, so bid them welcome and make 'em glad they're one of us!

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 #8 - September 28,1985
Team: Hy, NC5A; Ray,W4SF;
Randy, AK5G
Assistants: Irene N5AYX; Stu W4SIGG
Steve W4SG; Harold ND5F

Nine tests were given to eight applicants with four upgrading for a passing rate of 56%.

B-VARC VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM STATUS

B-VARC has provided licensing and upgrading exams to a total of 107 candidates during the first eight months of our V.E. Program. We have administered 159 exams, with 57 upgrading, for an overall passing rate of 53%.

Our many thanks to all who have helped!

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73, Don Busick, K5AAD
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VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PRESIDENT (from p.1)

Following are the Volunteer Examiner amateur license exams scheduled 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 Freeway, Houston
 D. Alan Cross, WA5UZZ 847-9183

3. BAY AREA ARC

This group has already scheduled an exam session on January 26, 1986 at the San Jacinto College in Deer Park, Texas. Beginning in November 1985, they will offer Novice Class exams immediately before their regular monthly meetings. For further information on the Bay Area Volunteer Examiner Team sessions 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.

B-VARC ORDER OF THE KEY

In November of each year, it's time for Club members to make nominations of candidates for the B-VARC Order of the Key award. Candidates should be only those who have made significant personal contributions to the Club during the year or over an extended period of time.

This prestigious award is made only to B-VARC members by the general membership and who receive unanimous approval of the Board of Directors. This distinction can

be completed and made ready for each candidate prior to the exam day, and greatly reduces the time and effort that would otherwise be required on exam day. The enormous task of preparing for each exam is placed on the "Test Session Contact". It is his responsibility to send out information and answer inquiries from all those interested in taking a particular exam. He receives all the reservations and prepares everything in its proper form for the team of examiners on test day. We have been very fortunate to have Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, act as our Contact on a permanent basis since B-VARC's program began. Stu is dedicated to the VE Program and works diligently toward organizing the session for each month's examinations.

The three-man team of certified examiners is usually backed up by four to eight assistants who help in a variety of ways to make the overall operations on test day as efficient and smooth as possible. There are no license requirements for the assistants who help out on exam day - but the examiners must hold either Advanced or Extra Class Licenses and be accredited by the ARRL as a Certified Examiner.

Many of B-VARC's members and several visitors volunteer their efforts on a regular basis and are responsible for the success of this program. Each month you will see these individuals recognized for their services in the B-VARC BULLETIN along with the results of their exam. Please call any of us if you would like to become a part of this program. WE NEED YOU!

only be earned by voluntary service for the advancement of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

The following standards are dilligently applied to all prospective recipients as the means of preserving the meaning and importance of this very special award:

1. The extra special effort or extraordinary performance by a member after (see ORDER OF THE KEY p. 8)

ORDER OF THE KEY (from p. 7)

volunteering for a special task or project. Such a significant service to the Club could take place over a relatively short period and represent loyalty or effort that is normally "beyond the call of duty".

2. The performance of sustained outstanding and dedicated voluntary service to B-VARC over an extended period of time

Nomination for a Club member to be a candidate for the Order of the Key must be made in writing addressed to the Board of Directors and be in the hands of any member of the Board not later than one week prior to the December meeting of the

Board. The nomination should state the reasons why the nominee has earned the award. Awards, if any, will be presented at the Club's annual banquet in January.

This award is unique to B-VARC. It was conceived by a Club member and first bestowed on Bob Spradling W5UBD for his dedicated service to B-VARC.

The Club's roster includes the impressive list of recipients of the B-VARC Order of the Key. Hopefully, it will inspire you to join the ranks of those who have done the most to make the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club what it is today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

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

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** THOUGHT FOR THE DAY **
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** Good judgement comes from experience and **
** experience comes from bad judgement. **
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** --- Ziggy **
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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 Fort 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 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.

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