

BV ARC BULLETIN

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Issue for September 1987

The first **BV ARC HAMFEST** happens at **Meadows Center** on **Sept. 12.**

BIG PLANS FOR AUCTION

Bidding begins at 2:00 pm, Sept. 12.

You may register items for auction at the admissions or auction tables.

There are no buy-back fees. The auction fee for items selling for \$100 or less is \$1.00. For items selling for more than \$100, the fee is \$5.00.

Who's Who

In all, more than 17 members are working on our seven Hamfest committees.

Special thanks to Jack Van Demark (WN5A) and Robert Ricketts (N5JKD) for birthing the project.

Say thanks to George Jolly (ND5E), Joe Ross (AA5BD), and Bill Hickox (non-member).

Vendor admission starts at 7:00 am. Gates open for general admission at 7:30 am.

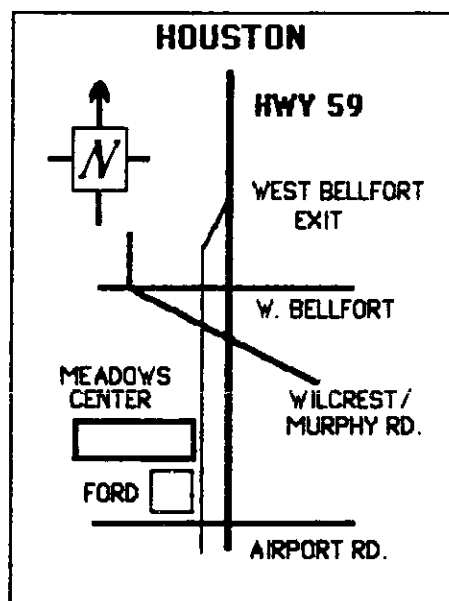
Each tailgate space costs \$8.00. This includes space for one vehicle and admission for two people.

General admission is \$1.00 per family.

If it rains at Meadows Center on Sept. 12, Hamfest '87 will be postponed until the same time on Sept. 19.

For questions about Hamfest '87, contact Stu Lamkin (WB5IGG) at (713) 777-3345.

Hamfest '87



Meadows Center

AUG. 11 VEC EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations on the new upgrades:

EXTRA

CHARLES ALLISON WBSIZF

ADVANCED

DAVE DYER KASUXP

TECHNICIAN

GLEN BAKER KB5DWJ

KATHY EASON KB5DVT

ALLAN FOX KBSNXB

BETTY TERRELL KASVGL

CASS GERMANY (AWAITING)

The V.E. team conducted the exams at the Texas Comm Center. Special thanks to Jodie (NSHQM) and Linda (NSKHO) for providing a test site and hosting the Tuesday night exams.

The V.E. team and assistants:

Harold Parker (NDSF)

Carter Beghtoi (KDSXX)

Ray Dillard (WASF)

Stu Lamkin (WB5IGG)

Henry Morrison (WSRIY)

George Walker (KQ5W).

The team administered 28 tests to 15 applicants. Overall, the applicants passed 46% of the tests elements taken.

EXAMS IN HEMPSTEAD

Congratulations to the new NOVICES,
CASS GERMANY and DICK KEMP.

Please note, this is the same Cass Germany that upgraded to Technician at the August 11 exam.... WOW!

These were the first amateur radio

exams in Hempstead. They were part of the first amateur radio class taught there. Allen Matthews (KASTJS) taught the class. Ray Dillard (WASF) and Dave Dyer (KASUXP) administered the exams.

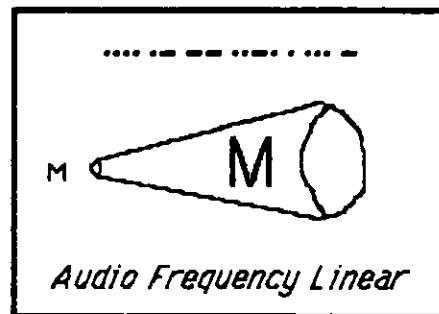
Missouri City S.W.A.T. Benefit after HAMFEST '87

The Citizens Police Auxiliary (composed primarily of graduates of the highly-successful Citizen's Police Academy) is sponsoring a Benefit Dinner and C&W Dance on Sept. 12 at the Missouri City VFW Hall.

Dinner is served from 5:00 pm to 8:00pm. The menu includes 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Beans and Bread. Iced Tea is included and Cold Beer is available. Meals can be packaged to go.

The dance is from 8:00 to midnight and features music by Isaac Payton Sweet, "The King of The Cotton-Eyed Joe.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person. For more information call 438-9595 after 6:00 pm.



Our President Says...

I would like to take a few words to thank Jack VanDemark, WN5A, for the great support he has given B-VARC. Jack has provided us building space for our Saturday exam sessions for over a year, maintained our roster/label database, and performed all the initial ground work for the Hamfest. All that and I've listed less than half the things Jack has been doing for us. Thank you, Jack.

We are all very excited about our upcoming Hamfest on September 12. Dave, KASUXP, is organizing the event, which we expect to be a great success.

Houston Ham Com-Ventions has accepted our offer to staff their swap meet at the October convention. We will need volunteers to staff the event.

Work is progressing on preparations for the B-VARC West Side Dinner. Bill, KBSCFI, is organizing this. The concept is still evolving, but at present it would consist of a dinner gathering at a cafeteria near Bear Creek Park, followed by a program presented in the Bear Creek Park Community Building.

A number of people have asked me to predict the future of the West Side Dinner. Some believe we are planting the acorn from which a new club will grow. Others fear we may move B-VARC out of Fort Bend County.

The West Side Dinner is much simpler

than this, with no political motivations at all. B-VARC shines best when it brings its members together for a pleasant chat. We view the West Side Dinner as another opportunity to meet, potentially the only opportunity for some members who live far from Missouri City.

Last year a few members (including then president WASG), made a similar attempt to increase B-VARC social opportunities. A number of us met a couple times at Texas Tumbleweeds for dinner, but in general the idea did not catch on. Perhaps with a program in the offing, a social evening will prove more popular.

Since our bylaws do not presently allow more than one regular membership meeting per month, the West Side Dinner cannot legally conduct club votes. So, the evening is guaranteed to be devoid of business and full of pleasant visiting. Please join us!

I would like to personally invite all B-VARC members to attend our Board of Directors meetings. We try to conduct these as 'brainstorming' meetings, and only take a formal Board vote when necessary (such as to appropriate funds). The discussion is always better when we have a number of Club members to join in the discussion. In my opinion it is actually vital to have additional members present to discuss things.

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(*President says...*) We need input on the location of the Board meetings. They are always held on the first Thursday evening, and are presently being held at the Bear Creek Park Community Building. The Board has not had time to discuss the long-term location of the meetings because of pressing business such as the Hamfest. So, if you have any input on this, please tell a Board member.

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Our Public Liaison Officer

What is a Public Liaison Officer? **Stu Lamkin, WBSIGG**, is our Public Liaison Officer, and as such provides a vital service not only to B-YARC, but to the entire Ham community.

The function of the Public Liaison Officer is to provide information to the general public about such amateur radio activities as license exams, novice classes, club meetings, and other such activities.

An important point to understand is that Stu's function is not merely a service to B-YARC. We consider the Public Liaison Officer to be a service which B-YARC provides to the community. Stu often refers callers to classes or examinations conducted by other clubs besides B-YARC. By publishing his phone number, Stu has become a clearinghouse for ham-related information. (It helps that Stu is so

well-known in other ham clubs, too). This is, of course, a two-way street. Any member should feel free to contact Stu about ham-related opportunities. We must all feed relevant information to him when we get it. In this manner B-YARC's service to the community will be greatly enhanced.

Youth Outreach Program

The B-YARC Youth Outreach Program is a new program being administered by Stu, WBSIGG, and Kathy, KASWHK. They hope to build an ongoing effort to present Ham Radio to the public, particularly to younger people.

We have high hopes for this effort. Stu and Kathy have already given one program which was very well received. The ARRL is providing excellent support for this effort. Our West Gulf Division Director, Jim Haynie, WBSJBP, was especially helpful in our first program.

Stu and Kathy are in the process of developing contacts leading to the scheduling of presentations. If anyone has such a contact, or is interested in participating in any way please call Stu at 777-3345.

Last Minute Notes:

Congratulations to Bill Kemp on his new call sign. KB5CF1 is now KG5CB. Ed Harwell (W5WYX) worked on the MS-150. Thanks Ed, we'll get the honor roll corrected... eventually.

BVARC HONOR ROLL

Events:

- A. HOUSTON - TENNECO MARATHON
- B. AZALEA RUN
- C. BAYOU CITY FUN RUN
- D. MS-150 BIKE TOUR-SAT & SUNDAY *
- E. MOTHERS DAY
- F. FIELD DAY
- G. DIAMOND WALK
- H. VILLAGE 5

Honors:

- DICK HAGERMAN WBSSRN - A,B,C,D,*
- RAY DILLARD WASF - A,B,C,D,*E
- JOE ROSS KA5GTU - A,B,C,D,*E,F
- HENRY FREIDENBERG NSHF - A
- HAROLD PARKER NDSF - A,E
- TOM SELLERS K5CNU - A
- STU LAMKIN WBSIGG - A
- ROGER MESSICK KA5NTY - A,D,*
- STEVE DUNKELBERGER NSJBL - A,B
- GERRY BORG NSAPW - B,C,D,*E
- GEORGE JOLLY NDSE - B,C,D,*E,F
- HERB NANCE NSGZW - D,E,F
- KATHY JOLLY KA5WHK - D,*
- MIKE KANA KA5WOT - D,F
- ROBERT RICKETTS NSJKD - D,*E,F
- JOHNNY RUMSEY WDSGQD - C
- SUZANNE KING KBSBAY - D,*E
- JACK STEETS WASHZM - E
- STEVE GOTTLIEB WASOEN - E
- JIM ARNOLD WSRNK - E
- JACK VAN DEMARK WNSA - E,F
- LARRY OVERACKER KBSAKS - E
- CARL E. ALBRECHT KA5QLQ - E
- MIKE EASON NSKRU - E,F
- BILL KEMP KGSCB - E,F
- ALLEN MATTIS NSAFY - E
- DAYE DYER KASUXP - E,F
- MIKE SCISM WY5M - E,F

- KARLA DYER KB5DYX - F
- STEVE YATES KA5DUU - F
- VANCE NSFLQ - F
- LAURA YATES KA5SGM - F
- BUD MILES WSDYN - F
- STEPHEN MILES KB5DYY - F
- TRAVIS JACOBS NSDON - F
- DONNA JACOBS KB5DVR - F
- MARK FERGUSON WZ5T - F

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

NEW WESTSIDE MEETING TO BEGIN

by Bill, KG5CB

The fourth Thursday of each month is the day chosen for the new B-VARC westside meeting to take place.

The first meeting will be held on September 24th at the Bear Creek Park Community Center, located approximately 2 mi. North of I-10 West (Katy Fwy.) on Hi-way 6. The Center is just to the right of Hi-way 6 on Patterson Rd. about 1/4 mi.

The meeting time is 7:30 p.m., and like the general meeting in Missouri City, eyeball qso's will begin around 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available, and eventually we hope to make it a dinner meeting after a few months. Luby's cafeteria is located about 2 mi. further North on Hi-way 6 for those who would like to eat and mingle with other hams before the meeting begins.

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Our September speaker will be Greg Smith, KB5PE, who will discuss the latest technology in the commercial communications field.

BEACON HUNTING ON TEN METERS

This Fall and Winter there may be some good long haul F Layer propagation on ten meters. Most beacons use relatively low power. If you can hear a beacon, you can bet the band is open to that part of the world. Beacons give you a way to compare the performance of different antennas, so you can determine which one is best for low angle DX.

Beacons continuously transmit a CW signal. The carrier (zero beat) frequency is listed in this directory. You must tune slightly off this frequency to hear a beat note.

While exploring ten meters, you might tune in on a beacon that is not listed. If so, please contact Steve Yates (KA5DUU) so he can update this directory.

BVARC CALENDAR

SEPT. 1987

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 B	4	5
6	7	8 T	9	10 M	11	12 H
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 W	25	26 T
27	28	29	30			

KEY TO EVENTS:

- B** Board Meeting
- M** Membership Meeting
- H** Hamfest
- T** V.E. Testing
- W** Westside Dinner Meeting

One more note: Beacons QSL. When you hear one of the beacons, note the signal report you would give it, along with all of the other pertinent QSL information. Most beacons are listed in the callbook. Try sending one a QSL card.

Good luck and happy beacon hunting!

TEN METER BEACON DIRECTORY...

Frequency	Call	Location
28.501	PY2GOB	Sao Paulo, Brazil
28.1780	VE3TEN	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
28.1850	OA4YHF	Peru
28.2005	KF4MS	St. Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A.
28.2015	LU8EB	Argentina
28.2025	Z95YHF	Natal, South Africa
28.2048	DLOIGI	Southern West Germany
28.2075	WD4HES	Englewood, Florida, U.S.A.
28.2075	WA1IOB	Marlboro, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
28.2081	W8FKL/4	Venice, Florida
28.2100	3B8MS	Mauritius
28.2100	K4KMZ	Elizabethtown, Kentucky, U.S.A.
28.2125	ZD9GI	Gough Island
28.2152	GB3SX	Crowborough, England
28.2166	VE2TEN	Quebec, Canada
28.2169	WB9VMT/5	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, U.S.A.
28.2200	5B4CY	Cyprus
28.2200	HG2BHA	Hungary
28.2200	W9UXO	Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
28.2250	YE8AA	Northwest Territories, Canada
28.2275	EA6AU	Balearic Island
28.2299	W7JPI	Arizona, U.S.A.
28.2300	ZL2MHF	Mt. Climie, New Zealand
28.2310	ZS3HL	Namibia
28.2329	KD4EC	Florida, U.S.A.
28.2356	YP9BA	Hamilton, Bermuda
28.2370	LASTEN	Oslo, Norway
28.2403	OA4CK	Lima, Peru
28.2425	A9XC	Bahrain
28.2425	LU8FM	Argentina
28.2425	ZS1CTB	South Africa
28.2475	EA2HB	Spain
28.2480	K1BZ	Belfast, Maine

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TEN METER BEACONS *(continued from another page)*

Frequency	Call	Location
28.2496	Z21ANB	Zimbabwe
28.2500	VE7TEN	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
28.2520	WB4JHS	Greensboro, North Carolina
28.2548	LU1UG	Gral Pico, Argentina
28.2568	DKOTE	Arbeitsgem, West Germany
28.2611	YK5WI	Adelaide, South Australia
28.2618	YK2RSY	Crow's Nest, New South Wales, Australia
28.2638	PY2EXD	Brazil
28.2641	YK6RWA	Perth, Western Australia
28.2660	YK6RTW	Albany, Western Australia
28.2700	ZS6PW	Pretoria, South Africa
28.2708	YK4RTL	Townsville, Queensland, Australia
28.2725	9L1FTN	Sierra Leone
28.2776	DF0AAB	West Germany
28.2797	YV5AYV	Caracas, Venezuela
28.2844	VP8ADE	Falkland Island
28.2846	VU2BCN	India
28.2865	KA1YE	Connecticut, U.S.A.
28.2870	W80MY	North Carolina, U.S.A.
28.2889	W2NZH	Moorestown, New Jersey, U.S.A.
28.2900	VS6HK	Hong Kong
28.2952	WB8UPN	U.S.A.
28.2961	W3VD	Laurel, Maryland, U.S.A.
28.2969	WA4DJS	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
28.2975	ZS1LA	Stillbay, South Africa
28.2997	PY2AMI	Sao Paulo, Brazil
28.3009	ZS1STB	Capetown, South Africa
28.3115	ZS6DN	Irene, South Africa
28.3255	DF0THD	West Germany
28.8878	W6IRT	California
28.8900	WD9GOE	Freeburg, Illinois, U.S.A.
28.9920	DLONF	West Germany

Many thanks to Steve Yates (KA5DUU) for compiling this directory and sharing it with us. Steve reports that he has heard 95% of these beacons at one time or another. Due to the low sunspot activity, it has been a while since he has heard some of them. However, Steve says to keep an ear open for South America, Africa, South Pacific and Australia this Fall

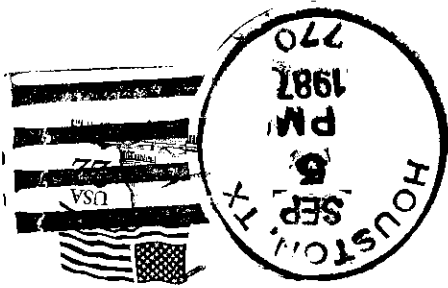
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THURS. SEPT. 24

**BEAR CREEK
COMMUNITY CENTER
7:30 P.M.**

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