

B-VARC BULLETIN

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BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Serving Fort Bend and Harris Counties

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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 Fort Bend and Southwest Harris 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 membership meetings, the club each year conducts classes leading to amateur radio licenses, and each month sponsors a volunteer-examiner team which offers examinations in all levels of HAM licenses.

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

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B-VARC Meeting Schedule

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| Thursday, September 8 | General Meeting |
| 7:30 pm | Missouri City Fire Station |
| Dinner: Details inside!! | |
| Program: Military Communications | |
| Thursday, September 22 | West-Side Social |
| 7:30 pm | Bear Creek Comm. Center |
| Thursday, October 6 | Board Meeting |
| 7:30 pm | Missouri City Fire Station |

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Houston, Tx 77074

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FUTURE EVENTS

September 22nd West-Side Social
"Chasing Rabbits" and Finding "Squirrels"
by: James, KASSTF
October 6th B-VARC Board Meeting
October 13th B-VARC General Meeting

B-VARC MAKES QST

The "Just-Issued" Call Sign list gave Dave Dyer's AA5AG as the last Extra-Class call issued in May. Also, the fine print on page 130 mentioned the upgrades of KB5ESL, KB5EZO & N5LDS, and credited WJ5B and N5LXE for handling Mothers' Day traffic.

HOUSTON BUSINESS CABINET PRESENTATION

by: Ron Harris, N5MKO

On Tuesday morning, July 26, 1988, B-VARC members Mike Eason (N5KRU), Bill Kemp (KG5CB), and Ron Harris (N5MKO) spoke to twenty members of the Houston Business Cabinet about ham radio as a hobby and as a vehicle for providing emergency communications. The meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Houston. They demonstrated packet radio, VHF/UHF and HF modes of communication.

Houston Business Cabinet board member Mike Ruggieri purchased the text *"Tune in the World with Ham Radio"* and code tapes Tuesday afternoon after hearing the presentation. Several other members expressed an interest in the novice class scheduled for mid-September.

The Houston Business Cabinet is a business exchange or networking club that offers members the opportunities to develop business, receive information, and gain motivation from presentations made at their weekly meetings.

WEST-SIDE MEETING

The West-Side group is alive and kicking, with Greg Smith (KB5PE) picking up the reins from Bill Kemp (KG5CB). Thanks to Bill, and the others who helped him, for getting this group kicked off and leading it during the first year of its existence.

July's speaker was Bill Hickox (K5BDZ - *Big Dumb Zebra*) who gave an interesting talk on QRP techniques. He showed many items of home-brew equipment.

The West-Side social will continue to meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday at the Bear Creek Community Center.

Notes from the President...

by: Dave Dyer (AA5GA)

Finally, room in the newsletter for my random ramblings...

I know I speak for the whole club in thanking Don and the good guys at Madison's for their ad in the B-VARC newsletter.

Special thanks to Jack Van Demark (WNSA) for his successful efforts on behalf of the newsletter committee.

If you have noticed the improvements in the Memorial Emergency Radio Association (MERA) repeater, thank Dave Hammer (WJSB) and Ray Dillard (WASF). They have been working with the 145.47 repeater trustee, Gerry Borg (NSAPW) to improve this very active 2-meter repeater.

Thank-you Stu Lamkin (WB5IGG) for helping with registration for our general class.

Congratulations to my wife, Karla (NSLGS), for passing her 13-wpm general code exam. [Sob ... just 2 days after her theory-test certificate expired!! - Ed.]

The B-VARC general class is off to a good start. We are going to have a lot of fun helping fellow hams upgrade. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article on a possible CW net.

Hard to believe it but election time is just around the corner. We have an important election issue coming up for a vote at the September meeting. See the proposal published in last month's newsletter. I think the changes proposed by George Jolly (NDSE) are excellent and will really enhance the club.

Speaking of elections: If you would like to run for office or the at-large board position, contact George Jolly (NDSE).

Just for the record. I shall not run for re-election. I believe the position of B-VARC President was meant to be a one-term office. I look forward to the opportunity to vote on the board as the past-president director.

At the August meeting, we had three requests for help with four events coming up. Three marathons and a bike-athon. You have built a reputation for providing a

communication service that enhances the management of these public service events. Now, people managing these events are seeking our help. Please volunteer. It is time well spent.

RSVP FOR FREE FOOD AT NEXT MEETING!

by: Dave Dyer (AA5GA)

Recently, 2-meter talk turned to one of my favorite subjects, food. As my mouth was watering over talk of Beans and Rice with Cornbread, Greg Lefebvre (KSLTY) made the suggestion that we "do it up right" for the next meeting.

The response to this suggestion was lost in a super-double. Somehow, while sorting out the "pile-up", Vic Richard (NSNAS) ended up gleefully volunteering to cook the beans and rice.

Greg is working on arrangements for cornbread, paper plates and plastic-ware. Rick Meyer (KASYSL) has promised the coffee pot will be back.

We need to have some idea of how many are going to be there. If you want to take advantage of the free food offer, give Gregg a call. While you're at it, volunteer to help out.

Special thanks to Vic, Greg, and Rick. Sounds like they are going to help make September one of the best B-VARC meetings of the year.

From Stu, WB5IGG:

HOUSTON COM-VENTION '88 SCHEDULED

The Houston Com-Ventioin '88 and The ARRL South Texas Section Convention are scheduled for November 11-13, 1988 at The Sheraton Crown Hotel - Intercontinental Airport - Houston. For info write Com-Ventioin '88, P.O. Box 800128, Houston TX 77280.

IS THIS A CW NET FORMING?

by: Dave Dyer (AA5GA)

Jerry Lee Lewis sang about a "whole lot of shakin' goin' on". We got a whole lot of diddy-boppin' goin' on.

It all started out with Randy (NSKWD) asking for some help with his CW. Naturally, members of an ARRL special services club like B-VARC volunteered to help.

People like Lee Schull (KA5WJB) and Jack Van Demark (WNSA) started meeting Randy on the novice bands. Things have been growing from there.

Now, there are some rules:

(1) no abbreviations:

The code tests don't use them so don't waste time practicing them.

(2) send only as fast as you think you can copy:

Remember, it's okay to say QRS (send slower). But, if you do, send it at the speed you want to receive.

(3) do not send faster than they send to you:

This is harder to do than you think. Think of this rule when someone sends QRS (see rule 2).

(4) wait at least three seconds before you start sending:

This is to give new people a chance to join us after each transmission. If a new person joins in, the next person to send should acknowledge the newcomer, send his code, and then pass to the newcomer so he can have a chance.

(5) Use numbers, punctuation, common Q-signals and procedural codes:

Face it. The numbers and punctuation are a stumbling block for people trying to upgrade. Here is a golden opportunity to get the practice you need.

If you want to join a session, tune us in. Wait for the pause at the end of a transmission. During the pause, send your call signal two to three times. Don't worry about it taking more than three seconds. When (if) we hear you, we will wait to copy your ID.

Bands being the way they are, the next person to send may not hear you. If it happens, don't worry. Just try again at the end of the next transmission.

During the gap before your turn to send, you may hear one or more people try to check in. Identify all those trying to check in, establish who sends after who, and continue.

Needless to say, the rules and these brief explanations don't cover every situation. Well, some things are best tackled on the air.

The fun usually cranks up about 8:00 to 8:30 pm on weeknights (about 10:30 am on weekends). We are staying in the novice bands so everyone can join in.

We have been very successful on 10-meters at 28.200 MHz (as many as six check-ins). We have had a lot of fun on 15-meters at 21.170 MHz. And, we have been on 40-meters at 7.120 MHz.

As you can see ... bands, frequencies, and times are still varying. If in doubt, we try to coordinate on the 145.47 repeater. B-VARC members can reach me by phone because I'm listed in the B-VARC Directory.

From Stu, WBSIGG:

ATTENTION SCOUTING ENTHUSIASTS

Once again, the Jamboree on the air (JOTA), sponsored by the World Bureau of Scouting in Geneva, Switzerland, and their amateur station HB9S, will be held on the third full weekend in October (15-16).

Calling frequencies are: 3.590, 7.030, 14.070, 21.140, and 28.190 MHz CW; as well as 3.940, 7.290, 14.290, 21.360, and 28.350 MHz phone.

In the 1987 effort more than 12,000 participation certificates, and 4500 patches were distributed, according to W.W. "Dan" Dansby, W5URI, Trustee of K2BSA, the anchor station for the Boy Scouts of America, in Fort Worth, Texas. For further information contact Dwight Gann, K5MQA, President K2BSA ARA, at 817-267-4266. Radio amateurs: Invite Scouts/Scout units to your shack for the Jamboree!

AUGUST EXAM RESULTS

by: Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, August 9, 1988 at Strake Jesuit in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

Jack Van Demark, WN5A
Greg Smith, KB5PE
Don Mayhall, N5DM
Arvin Gardner, AA5GV
Dave Dyer, AA5GA
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG
Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of thirty-three (33) exams were administered during the evening to thirteen (13) applicants. Of those, one (1) is a new Novice, one (1) is a new Technician and six (6) upgraded their license with a total of sixteen (16) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was forty-nine (49) percent.

Congratulations to all the following who upgraded and passed exams:

Larry M. Bergeron, Sr., - Element 1A
Alfred E. Fant, Jr., WB5WAF - Advanced
Peter J. Lamb - Novice
William J. Lynch - General
James E. Paul, KA9DHR - Technician
Kenneth J. Schaudt, KASUSF - General
Garry Simonton, KB5DHL - Advanced + 1C
Barbara R. White - Element 1C
Steven D. White, WB5UGT - Advanced

Many thanks to our V.E. Team Members and Assistants for all their time and effort. We especially want to thank Vincent, WA5ETS, and everyone at Strake Jesuit for allowing us to use the classroom each month for our exams.

V.E. SESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

by: Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG

Following are Radio Amateur license exam sessions scheduled to be held in this area in September and October 1988. The listing information is as follows:

- A. Sponsored by
- B. Date & Site location
- C. For details, contact

- 1) A. Brazos Valley ARC
B. September 13 & October 11 in Houston
C. Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, 713-777-3345
- 2) A. Houston Echo Society
B. September 24 in Houston
C. Irv Block, N25V, 713-497-8750
- 3) A. Sam Houston AR Klub
B. October 8 in Cleveland, TX
C. Sam Neal, N5AF, 713-222-3274

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ROUND-UP THAT GENERAL

by: Lee Lance, KB5EST

It's been a long row to hoe to Novice and Technician. You've sat through the classes every Monday night ... the radio theory and the code ... oh, the code! The code test found you grappling at every sound, translating the elusive dots and dashes to the alphabet hopefully with enough accuracy to be useful. That five minutes seemed an eternity ... waiting on the VEC team to calmly inform you that you Passed!!!!!! With 610 firmly in hand, you hurriedly made a photocopy and speed it on its way to the FCC. Weeks passed before that little white envelope arrived with your callsign and your invitation to GET ON THE AIR!!!!

That first real contact on your own was an eye-opener. Your speed ... what happened to your speed?!?! It seem different now - noise, static and California Kilowatt demons are no help. What can you do? Try voice you think ... but 10-meters is dead and only seems to be up at 3 A.M. or while you're at work. Oh well, code-only Novice bands are active. Ah, to be a GENERAL or better, then you'd have more choices (CW and voice, etc).

With a newly acquired determination, you set out to gain your GENERAL license. But how? On your own or with a little help from your friends? Help ... that's it! You call another ham. You're advised that until you get on the air and really get after the code, you'll struggle. Make at least one contact per day and don't abbreviate anything. Use numbers as much as possible. Hams you are "talking" to will catch on and do the same. Don't send any faster than you can receive but do try to increase your speed as you feel more comfortable with the code. But above all else - MAKE A CW CONTACT EACH DAY THAT YOU CAN!!!

I did that and I was getting there, but just not quite. Then the annual ARRL NOVICE ROUNDUP came around. This contest is announced in QST Magazine and takes place in JAN/FEB timeframe. Only Novices and Technicians can place in it. Well, with determination I cranked up the rig and turned around the dial. I figured I'd get some contacts on phone and CW both, but my rig had different ideas. The audio amp went out in the SSB circuit and I was relegated to CW only. After my panic subsided, I found that I could receive CW from everyone I contacted, whether Novice or Extra (you see, even the Extras will slow down for a struggling Novice). But speed, I needed speed! Determined to build it, I worked everything and everyone I could that week. Wow! To my surprise I racked up 165 QSO's and had operating time left. I had worked 44 DX stations!!! That was good enough to be STX Section Leader for 1988! (see Certificate) Was I excited! And my code? Well, the week after the contest I upgraded to GENERAL.

But Novice Roundup is only in JAN/FEB so what now? Get on the air everyday and take the B-VARC GENERAL LICENSING CLASS. It meets on Monday nights 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. And, on Sunday mornings code ragchews are taking place (coordinate on 145.47 mHz at 10:30 a.m.). For more information on the class, contact Stu or Dave.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

These comments may be chopped up as Roland cuts and pastes to put together this issue.

The addresses of various Congressmen are included elsewhere. Please take a moment to send a note to yours (a QSL card is fine!) asking them to support Senate Resolution 127 or House Resolution 317. These express the "sense of Congress" in favor of Amateur Radio. This is especially necessary now that a portion of the 220-mHz spectrum has been given to commercial interests.

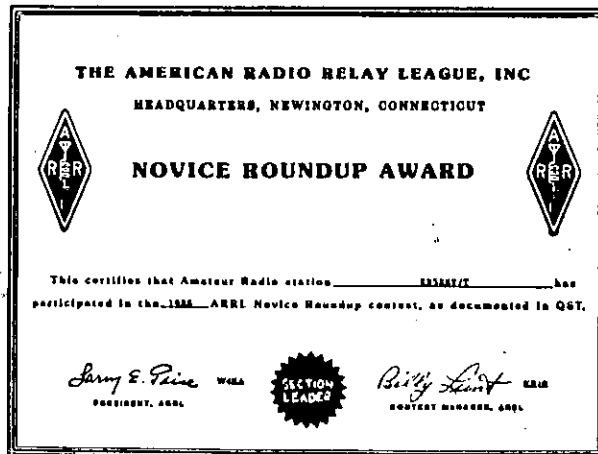
My notes also show a bill No. 87-14 as the one to support, so please call Harold Parker for more details. We have only 30 days in which to respond, so this must be done quickly!

In case you didn't know, the last name of this month's cook, Vic Richard, is pronounced "REE-shard." Now you know to expect some good Cajun cooking. (He might even use Rotel tomatoes!)

Newsletter items may be sent to me by telecopier at 940-6973.

Next month I will be on vacation, so send your news directly to Roland. Be sure to get it in by the third Thursday.

Space permitting (we had many last-minute submittals, and are limited to six double-sided pages for one 25¢ stamp), we will rerun the insert with the proposed By-Laws change. In any event, this important item will be voted upon at the September General Meeting, so study your copy from the last newsletter.



August 23, 1988

REVERSAL OF FCC DECISION ON REALLOCATION OF 220-222 MHZ.
GENERAL DOCKET 87-14

TEXAS SENATORS

The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senate
370 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

TEXAS REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Mike Andrews, District 25 (Houston)
House of Representatives
322 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Bill Archer, District 7 (Houston)
House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Jack Brooks, District 9 (Beaumont)
House of Representatives
2449 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Tom DeLay, District 22 (Sugar Land)
House of Representatives
1039 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Jack Fields, District 8 (Humble)
House of Representatives
413 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Mickey Leland, District 18 (Houston)
House of Representatives
2236 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Harold, NDSF

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SEND LETTERS, QSL CARDS AND TELEPHONE TO:

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House of Representatives
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

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ATTN: John Orlando

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman of Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee
316 House Annex II
Washington, D. C. 20515

PH: (202) 226-2424

ATTN: Gerry Salemme

Senator Ernest F. Hollings
Chairman Commerce, Science and Transportation
Room SD-508
Washington, D. C. 20510

PH: (202) 224-0427

ATTN: Ralph B. Everett

Senator Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman of Communications Subcommittee
Room SH-227
Washington, D. C. 20510

PH: (202) 224-9340

ATTN: Tom Cohen

Harold, NDSF

Greg Lefebvre, K5LTW
 (713) 771-7728 (7am » 9pm)

I have the following items for sale:

Kenwood SW-2000 SWR Meter with SWC-3 coupler.....\$ 100.00
 1.8 to 50MHz. at 2000 watts.

Commodore C-64 Software:

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| Super Log IV (4.0) from Ham Data Company..... | \$ 5.00 |
| Prop Chart (3.3) " " " " | 5.00 |
| My 64 - Computer Tutor from One Step Software..... | 5.00 |
| Wordmaster Senior " " " " | 5.00 |
| Master Word from Loadn'N'Go Software..... | 5.00 |
| Organizer - Schedule & Finance from BCI Software..... | 7.50 |
| English VII from Commodore..... | 5.00 |
| Easy Finance I from Commodore..... | 7.50 |
| Type Right from Commodore..... | 7.50 |
| VIP Terminal from Softlaw..... | 15.00 |
| F.C.M. from Continental Software..... | 15.00 |
| Baseball from Ephyx Software..... | 7.50 |
| Type'N'Write from HesWare..... | 5.00 |
| Smart 64 Terminal +3 from Microtechnic Solutions..... | 10.00 |
| ValueCalc from Melody Hall..... | 5.00 |
| The Print Shop from Broderbund Software..... | 10.00 |
| Cut & Paste from Electronic Arts..... | 10.00 |
| Homeword from Sierra On-Line..... | 15.00 |
| General Ledger from Integrated Software..... | 15.00 |
| 1650 AutoMODEM from Commodore (300 baud)..... | 20.00 |

Commodore 64 Books:

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| C-64 Graphics and Sounds (SAMS)..... | 4.00 |
| Learn BASIC Programming in 14 Days (SAMS)..... | 6.00 |
| Commodore 64 Starter Book (SAMS)..... | 7.50 |
| Cookbook of Creative Programs..... | 5.00 |

Special thanks to
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B R A Z O S V A L L E Y A M A T E U R C L U B , I N C .

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CIRCLE THE BANDS THAT YOU CAN OPERATE:

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| CW: | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 220 | 450 | 1296 |
| PHONE: | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 220 | 450 | 1296 |
| MOBILE: | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 220 | 450 | 1296 |

CAN YOUR HOME STATION OPERATE WITHOUT COMMERCIAL POWER? YES NO

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| CW SPEED? _____ WPM | OCCUPATION: | YEAR FIRST LICENSED |
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AMATEUR RADIO INTEREST:

OTHER INFORMATION:

Use this for my first name on my ID badge and in the Club Roster _____

QST mail label control # (7 digit number at top left corner or label) _____

MAIL TO CLUB TREASURER

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 1630
Missouri City, Texas 77459

Proposed By-Laws Amendments

George W. Jolly, ND5E, July, 1988

Introduction

These proposals have been broken into separate propositions, each of which can stand alone, to allow for separate voting.

This is a considerably simplified version of my previous proposal. Ballots are no longer mailed, but are delivered to a membership meeting for counting.

Absentee voting is provided by allowing another member to bring your ballot to the meeting for you, but the actual voter and the deliverer must sign the ballot for validation.

By eliminating the mail step, we shorten the time between nomination (or proposal of an amendment) and voting, which should improve things.

Many thanks to all of you for the feedback at the Board meeting and the July membership meeting which made this improved version possible.

Summary of Propositions

Proposition One: To bring the start of officer's term of office in line with present practice.

Proposition Two: To clarify the definition of the Past President Director.

Proposition Three: Proxies at Membership Meetings Prohibited.

Proposition Four: Proxies at Board of Directors Meetings Determined by Board. They are prohibited unless specifically allowed by vote of the Board each year.

Proposition Five: Reform of the Nominating Committee Role, and Provision for absentee voting in elections.

Proposition Six: Reform of the By-Laws Amendment Process, with Provision for absentee voting. Shorten proposal deadline from 30 days to 21 days.

Proposition One: To bring the start of officer's term of office in line with present practice.

• Replace ARTICLE II Section B with:

Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The term will commence on January 1 of the year following the election. Ceremonial installation of the new officers may be held at a January banquet if desired.

Proposition Two: To clarify the definition of the Past President Director.

• Replace ARTICLE IV Section A with:

The Board of Directors shall consist of all Officers of the Club, the Activities Chairman, if any, three (3) elected at large members, and the Past President Director.

Elected at large director positions shall each carry a term of three (3) years. The terms shall be offset one year apart so that each year one at large director position shall expire and stand for election. The elected at large director position shall be elected at the same time, and in the same manner, as the Officers of the Club.

The Past President Director position is an additional at large director position which is not filled by election. The Past President Director shall be chosen by soliciting in reverse chronological order the persons who served as President of the Club prior to the current President. The previous President who served as President most recently, and is willing to serve as the Past President Director, shall be chosen. If none are found, the position will remain vacant.

• Replace ARTICLE IV Section B with:

1. Vacancies of at large members of the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointments of the Board for the unexpired terms.

2. Vacancies of the Past President Director position shall be handled in accordance with ARTICLE IV Section A.

Proposition Three: Proxies at Membership Meetings Prohibited

• Replace ARTICLE V Section A Paragraph TWO with:

2. Proxies shall not be allowed for any membership vote.

Proposition Four: Proxies at Board of Directors Meetings Determined by Board. They are prohibited unless specifically allowed by vote of the Board each year.

• Add ARTICLE V Section G Paragraph Three:

3. The Board of Directors may, by a vote in which proxies are not allowed, establish a policy regarding the use of proxies in Board of Directors meetings. This policy shall automatically expire at the end of the year in which adopted. If no such policy is established, or be null and unexpired, proxies shall not be allowed in Board of Directors meetings.

Proposition Five: Reform of the Nominating Committee Role, and Provision for absentee voting in elections.

• Replace ARTICLE II Section C with:

Nomination for officers shall be accomplished as follows:

1. There shall be a standing nomination committee composed of three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors. Any member of this committee who chooses to run for an office must resign from the committee. The committee must be filled not later than the regular membership meeting in September.

2. The nominating committee shall accept nominations from members for each office to be elected. The nominating committee shall advertise the election within the Club and actively solicit and encourage nominations. The nominating committee shall serve diligently to ensure that at least one nomination is made for each position.

3. All nominees who are members of the Club and eligible for the office for which nominated shall be included in the slate of candidates. The nominating committee shall offer each nominee the opportunity to decline and be removed from the slate. A nominee nominated for more than one position shall be required to choose one position for which to run.

4. Possession of a valid license upgrade certificate to a license class which would make the member eligible to hold office shall be accepted in determining eligibility to stand for election.

5. The nominating committee shall choose a cutoff date for nominations to allow publication of the slate to members in the meeting notice for the November regular membership meeting. This notice shall be mailed in accordance with ARTICLE V Section F of these By-Laws. The slate shall be published in the form of a ballot, and shall include one space per office for a write-in candidate. The ballot shall include space for the member to sign. Family members must each use a separate ballot.

6. The ballots shall be counted, and the results announced, during the November regular membership meeting. Ballots submitted after the formal start of counting shall not be accepted. A majority of votes cast is required to win. If necessary, runoff elections shall be held at the same meeting. Only those members actually present may vote in a runoff.

7. The ballots must be signed by the voter to be valid. They may be delivered as absentee ballots by another member if the voter cannot attend the meeting, in which case the delivering member shall also sign the ballot. Ballots should not be mailed as they would probably not be received in time to be counted.

8. Normal quorum requirements shall apply to the election, except that valid signed ballots returned on behalf of absent members shall be counted in the determination of a quorum for the purposes of the election and runoffs only.

9. If no candidate be nominated for a given position on the formal ballot, the position shall be decided in the manner of a runoff. Write-in votes on the formal ballot shall not be accepted for such position.

Proposition Six: Reform of the By-Laws Amendment Process, with Provision for absentee voting. Shorten proposal deadline from 30 days to 21 days.

• Replace ARTICLE IX Section B with:

Proposals for amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing by a member of the Club to the President of the Club at least twenty-one (21) days prior to a membership meeting.

• Add ARTICLE IX Section C

Voting on amendments to the By-Laws shall be accomplished at a membership meeting as follows:

1. The President shall cause any proposed amendments to be included in a meeting notice mailed to members in accordance with the provision in ARTICLE V, Section F of these By-Laws. The proposed amendments shall be accompanied by a ballot for voting. Each proposition shall be voted either FOR or AGAINST adoption of the amendment. The ballot shall include space for the member to sign.

2. The ballots shall be counted, and the results announced, during the designated regular membership meeting. Ballots submitted after the formal start of counting shall not be accepted. A majority of votes cast is required to win.

3. The ballots must be signed by the voter to be valid. They may be delivered as absentee ballots by another member if the voter cannot attend the meeting, in which case the delivering member shall also sign the ballot. Ballots should not be mailed as they would probably not be received in time to be counted.

4. Normal quorum requirements shall apply to the vote, except that valid signed ballots returned on behalf of absent members shall be counted in the determination of a quorum for the purposes of the amendment vote only.

• End of Proposals de NDSE

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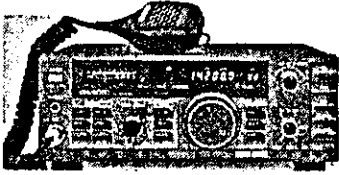
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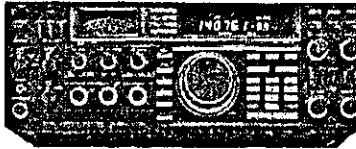
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Program for September -
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Where?

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From Roland, KB5EQH:

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Roland Torres KB5EQH
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or bring it by my office at:

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