

B-VARC BULLETIN

The Monthly Publication of the
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 that offers examinations in all levels of HAM licenses.

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

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ELECTIONS AT NOV. MEETING!

B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thurs, November 9 General Meeting
7:30 pm Missouri City Fire Station
(Meet at Hitching Rail for BBQ @ 6:30)

Thurs, December 7 Board Meeting
7:30 pm Missouri City Fire Station

Allen Mattis N5AFV
5314 Wigton
Houston, Tx 77096



B-VARC CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 1989

Note from the Editor: This month's edition was quickly put together to get something out in time for the elections, after your publisher, Roland, (KB5EQH) cracked some bones in a motorcycle accident (He will be ok!) and your editor, Irv (KB5EXM) had to leave town for his company's annual strategic planning meeting. We'll catch up next month with what we left out this time.

Come to the November General Meeting to hear about the candidates for office. The By-Laws didn't allow the Nominating Committee to publish this information in advance. If you want this policy changed next year, read your copy of the By-Laws to see how they can be amended.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HOUSTON AREA V.E. EXAM INFO: STU (MBS09G) 713-777-3345	FUTURE MEETINGS: DEC 7: BOARD MEETING DEC 17: GENERAL MEETING		B-VARC C/W CODE PRACTICE 2000 hrs 3:00P (Thu-Fri 13 hrs)	BOARD MEETING 1900 hrs M.C. FIRE STATION #1 (REV MAP STG-1)	LUNCH BUNCH 1130 hrs LOCAL VARIES (CHECK IN: 442.5 OR 443.15)	C/W B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs DENNY'S 147.32 SHARPTOWN M.S. BICYCLE TOUR (MARS) HALL-COM (NDS7)
HARRIS COUNTY RACES 1900 hrs 148.94	ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147.30 145.47	10 X SHOT AMSAT 2000hrs 28.498 145.45	B-VARC C/W CODE PRACTICE 2000 hrs 3:00P (Thu-Fri 13 hrs)	GENERAL MEETING 1900 hrs @ MCFS #1 PROGRAM: TO BE ANNOUNCED DINNER: BEANS, CORNMEAL & RICE (198.69, 659-4079)	LUNCH BUNCH 1130 hrs LOCAL VARIES (CHECK IN: 442.5 OR 443.15)	C/W B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs DENNY'S 147.32 SHARPTOWN
HARRIS COUNTY RACES 1900 hrs 146.94	ARES B-VARC NET 2000 hrs 2100 hrs 147.30 145.47	VE EXAMS 1900 hrs, STRAKE RESULT STU (MBS09G), 777-5345	B-VARC C/W CODE PRACTICE 2000 hrs 3:00P (Thu-Fri 13 hrs)	THANKSGIVING PLANS FOR USUAL WEST-SIDE SOCIAL (UNKNOWN) MAY NOT MEET THIS 4TH (THURSDAY)	LUNCH BUNCH 1130 hrs LOCAL VARIES (CHECK IN: 442.5 OR 443.15)	C/W B-VARC BREAKFAST 2030 hr 0730 hrs DENNY'S 147.32 SHARPTOWN SIDWALK K SALE MISSION COMMUNICATIONS
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FUTURE B-VARC & PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS: DEC. 9: GAAG 30K JAN 11: BANQUET						

The B-VARC Day Drive Net has moved to a new time slot effective immediately. The net will now meet 30 minutes earlier at 8:00 PM local time each Wednesday evening on a frequency of 3,166 Mhz. It is hoped that this change in time will help avoid some of the 800 experienced during the winter months when the earlier darkness brings improved propagation to the band. Remember the new time, 8:00 PM, and please join us each Wednesday evening.

NOTE: Nets meet weekly even if not shown

Please send info and corrections to Irv (KB5EXM) 437-4803

VOLUNTEER EXAM SESSIONS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

by ... Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG

Following are the Volunteer License Exam Sessions scheduled for this area in November and December. The listing shows A. Sponsoring Group, B. Date and Location of Session, and C. The person to be contacted for details.

1. A. Brazos Valley ARC
B. 11/14 & 12/12 in Houston
C. Stu Lamkin (WB5IGG)
713-777-3345
2. A. Houston Echo Society
B. 11/25 in Houston
C. Irv Block (NZ5V)
713-497-8750
3. A. Sam Houston AR Klub
B. 12/9 in Cleveland, TX
C. Sam Neal (N5AF)
713-592-2257
4. A. Un-sponsored
B. 11/11 & 12/9 in Humble, TX
C. Jim Shotwell (WA5BUV)
713-445-2812
5. A. Houston Ham Conventions, Inc.
B. 11/5 at Com-Vention '89 in Houston
C. Stu Lamkin (WB5IGG), 713-777-3345

B-VARC FALL '89 NOVICE CLASS

Our fine Fall '89 Novice Course is about over. Glenn Edwards (WB4LZG) reports that the planned weekly instruction sessions are on schedule and that he expects the students will be ready to take the Novice exams on either or both the first and second Monday meetings in November. He also reports that attendance at the class meetings has been much higher than in the past, and that our hobby will have over 20 new licensees from this group.

There'll be a wrap-up on this class in the December BULLETIN.

B-VARC ORDER OF THE KEY

by: Harold, NDSF

In November of each year, it is time for B-VARC members to make their nominations of candidates for the "B-VARC ORDER OF THE KEY AWARD". Candidates should be only those who have made significant personal contribution to B-VARC during the year or over an extended period of time.

This prestigious award is presented only to B-VARC members by the general membership. Each candidate must receive unanimous approval of the Board of Directors. This distinction can only be earned through voluntary service for the advancement of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club.

The following standards are diligently 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 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.

Nominations for a club member to be a candidate for the Order Of The Key Award must be made in writing, addressed to the B-VARC 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 nominations should state the reasons why the nominee has earned the Award. The President polls each of the Board Members personally and only he knows the results. The 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/SK, for his dedicated service to B-VARC.

The Club's Annual 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.

RESULTS OF OCTOBER 10TH EXAM;

by: Harold Parker, NDSF

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, October 10, 1989 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

Carl Albrecht, AASJW
 Joe Ross, AA5BD
 Cass Germany, K6SIT
 Ray Dillard, W4SF
 Randy Pugh, AA5DA
 Stu Laakin, W8S1GG
 Harold Parker, NDSF

A total of forty-six (46) exams were administered during the evening to twenty-three (23) applicants. One (1) unlicensed candidate received the new Novice License and one (1) unlicensed candidate received the new Technician License. Twelve (12) candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of thirty (30) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was sixty-five (65%) percent.

Congratulations to all the following who upgraded and/or passed exams:

Lois Andrews, K8S1JHF - Element 3B
 Frank Berner, K8S1J00 - Technician
 Michael Coyne - Novice
 Tony Cypert - Element 2
 John DeWitt, K8S1J2T - General
 Henry Flowers - Element 2
 Henry Fredrickson, K8S1DA - General
 Kenneth Gibbs, W5DLQ - Advanced
 John Holliman, W4STWL - Extra
 Nathan Jacobs - Technician
 Charles Kirkling, K8S1J06 - Element 4A
 Glenn Lewis, W501V - Element 3B
 Herbert Miller, K8S1SLK - Technician
 Marsha Nolte, K8S1GA - Technician
 Albert Pizana, W50VX - Advanced
 Edward Runner - Technician
 Michele Russell, K8S1CYO - Technician
 Richard Sloan, W6TTE - Advanced
 Mark Stevens, W4SBO - Element 3B
 Robert Walp, W5JEG - Extra

Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month.

All of us at B-VARC again thank Vincent, W4SETS, and everyone at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

B-VARC RAG CHEN NET CHECK-INS
 3.960 MHZ 8:00PM WEDNESDAY
 compiled by Allen Mattis NSAFV

SEPTEMBER 20, 1989

NSAFV NCS, K6SKV, WNSA, W5HPN, W4LZG,
 AA5DA, AK5G, W4SDEN, W5ECP, K8S1CO,
 K8SKLH, W8S1GG, W5WTP, W8S1R, K8S1MT,
 W5KIU, W5N1S

SEPTEMBER 27, 1989

NSAFV NCS, W4LZG, K8S1CO, K8SKLH, K8S1MT,
 K8S1AC, W5ECP, AA5GA, AK5G, W5HPN, WNSA,
 K8S1J0, K6SKV, W5LGS, K8S1GUY, K8SKNC,
 W8S1GG, W5R1K, W4HCC, W5KIU, K8S1DZ, W8S1JK
 and Nick & Sam from the Novice class

**BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 1989 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL
 compiled by Allen Mattis NSAFV**

A. HOUSTON TENNECO MARATHON
 C. FINE ARTS 5K
 E. COMOCO RODEO RUN 10K
 G. AZALEA RUN 5K
 I. MS-150 BIKE TOUR
 K. ALA CLEAN AIR BIKE RIDE
 M. ARRL FIELD DAY
 O. SHAREABLE WEARABLES
 Q. TERRY FOX 5K
 S. GAAC 20K
 U. ALAMO CHALLENGE BIKE TREK

B. CHALLENGER CUP 5K
 D. MOTHER HUBBARD 5K
 F. WOMEN'S HOSPITAL 5K
 H. HULL AIR SHOW
 J. MAGIC CIRCLE 10K
 L. DAD'S DASH &K
 N. USTS TRIATHLON
 P. GOLD WINGER'S RIDE
 R. ZOO RUN 8K
 T. MOONLIGHT RAMBLE

Abbott, Brenson KFSVZ E, I
 Albrecht, Carl AASJW H, I, R, S
 Albrecht, Carl K8SKJT R, S
 Black, Russell KASMCP M
 Blackwell, "AJ" W8S1LO B, F, N, Q, R, S
 Borg, Gerry NSAPM A, B, C, E, G, H, I, M, R
 Brown, Beth NSPKW M, R
 Brown, Don W5WTO M, R, S, T
 Cheek, Ralph K8S1MT A, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, K, L,
 M, N, Q, R, U
 Covert, Rick W5SL M
 Cox, Lawrence K8S1JOS M
 Dessens, Bill NSKIU C, G, H
 Dessens, Mark K6S1T M
 Dillard, Ray W4SF A, C, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L,
 M, N, P, Q, R, U
 Dyer, Alicia K8SKNC I, N, M, S, T
 Dyer, Dave AA5GA A, C, E, F, I, M, S, T
 Dyer, Debbie K8S1GUY A, C, I, M, S, T
 Dyer, Karla W5LGS A, C, E, F, I, M, S, T
 Edwards, Glenn W9AL76 A, C, D, E, H, I, K, M, N, Q,
 R, S, T
 Edwards, Melanie K8SKLH A, C, D, M, N, R, U
 Edwards, Susan K8S1CO A, C, D, F, H, I, K, M, N, Q,
 R, U
 Eilers, Wade WNSTEN I
 Foster, Greg K8S1BP H, M
 Gottlieb, Steve W4SDEN H, M
 Grimes, Ron W4SSCE B
 Hammer, Cindy W5LXE I, M
 Hammer, Dave W3JB I, M
 Hardy, Nick T
 Harris, Ron W5HKO E, H
 Hickox, Bill K8BDZ M
 King, Suzanne K8S1BAY A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I
 Laakin, Stu W8S1GG A, H
 Lance, Dave K8S1EYK C, E, H, I, U
 Lance, Lee K8S1EST H
 Lefebvre, Greg K8SLTM T
 Mattis, Allen NSAFV B, C, E, F, H, L, M, S
 Morrison, Henry W5R1V A, C, D, E, I, M, N, P, Q
 Nance, Herb W5G2W H, I, N, U
 Overacker, Lawrence K8S1AKS M
 Owen, Paul W5N1S Q, T
 Parker, Harold NDSF A, E, F, G, H, I, J, L
 Pollard, Randy AK5G C, H, J, L, M, R
 Prochaska, Charles K6SKV F, M, O, R
 Ricketts, Robert W5JKD I, L, M, N, Q, R, U
 Shorthose, Karen K8S1KNB Q, U
 Shorthose, Ron W5PHL Q, U
 Sinibaldi, Dawn T
 Smith, Irv K8S1EXM E, I, M
 Taylor, David K8S1SLG U
 Todd-Brown, Bill W5HPN M
 Van Demark, Jack WNSA D, F, H, I, J, M, Q, R
 Warden, Mike W8S1ZP A, E, S, T

PLEASE REPORT CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO NSAFV

Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club

Membership Application

Bring to a Club meeting, or mail with check to:

B-VARC
P. O. Box 1630
Missouri City, TX 77459

Check if this application is for: New Membership _____ Renewal _____ Roster Update _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ License Class _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City, St, Zip _____ Work Phone _____

Are you a member of the ARRL? _____ Each year we report the percentage of our membership who are members of the ARRL on our annual club status report. If you would like to join (or renew) the ARRL, the club will benefit if you do so through our treasurer. Check here _____ if you wish to do so, and include the current ARRL dues in your remittance.

Regular membership dues are \$12.00/year. After the March membership meeting, dues are prorated quarterly. Additional family members may join B-VARC for only \$2.00/year each. They do not receive an additional copy of the monthly newsletter. If you wish to enroll additional family members, please fill out their information below:

Name _____ Callsign _____ License Class _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ ARRL MEMBER? _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ License Class _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ ARRL MEMBER? _____

Remittance Calculation:

Regular Membership _____ + Family Memberships Amount _____

ARRL Membership Qty _____ Amount _____

Red Membership Patches are available at \$2.50/ea. Qty _____ Amount _____

Gold Director Patches are available at \$2.50/ea Qty _____ Amount _____

TOTAL _____

I agree to observe the By-Laws of the Club and the rules and regulations of the Federal Communication Commission.

Signature _____ Date _____

