



B-VARC BULLETIN

The Monthly Publication of the
BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Serving Fort Bend and Harris Counties

Editor in Chief: Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS 774-7651 (0800-2100 hrs)

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, WB5IGG, (713) 777-3345.

Volume: 13 Issue: 9

September 1990

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

*From: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 1630
Missouri City, Texas 77459
Telephone: (713) 777-3345*

B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thurs,	Sept. 13	General Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station
		Program: "Packet, AMTOR, and Amlink"
		by Jim Jennings, KE5HE
Thurs,	Oct. 4	Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station

September 1990

B-VARC CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	3 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	4 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 146.82	5 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 Khz)	6 7:30p BOARD MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1	7 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Moose's, 6818. Chetwood	1 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
9 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	10 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	11 7:00p Amateur Exams Given at Strake Jesuit 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 146.82	12 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 Khz)	13 7:30p GENERAL MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1 7:30p Program: "Packet", AMTOR, and Aplink"	14 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at El Fenix, Galleria	8 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
16 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	17 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	18 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 146.82	19 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 Khz)	20	21 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Great Charcoal Chicken, 1000 Campbell Road	22 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
23 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	24 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	25 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 146.82	26 7:00p Fall Novice Class Begins at Strake Jesuit Prep 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy?) +3 Khz)	27	28 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Fuddrucker's, on Chimney Rock at Richmond	29 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
30 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94						

Amateur Radio License Exams

by Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG

B-VARC's Volunteer Examining Team offers exams for all classes of amateur radio licenses on the 2nd Tuesday night of every month, the next one on September 11. We do not take walk-ins except under duress in the applicant's situation in order to facilitate procedures on exam night. Please call me at (713) 777-3345 for pre-registration details.

The Houston Echo Society also offers exams in odd-numbered months and details can be obtained from Irv Block, NZ5V, at (713) 497-8750.

It was known from the beginning that each of the three subjects could be a program by itself, but because of the specialization of each, it was decided by the powers that be that requested the program that they be given in one slightly longer program (it ran a little less than an hour) and cover the details later by phone or direct contact.

For those who were pleased, thank you. For those that were highly critical, please pick your subject carefully, call me at 723-0130 and I will try to work you in as a speaker for a future meeting.

73, Bill

August Meeting

by Bill Todd-Brown, N5MPN

It is difficult to write a review of a meeting when you were the speaker. If you write favorably about your own program, you are patting yourself on the back. If you criticize it, you are guilty of false modesty. Hence, like Dragnet, "The facts, ma'am, only the facts."

Thanks to Doug, Lucy and Dottie at the Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department, we had sufficient chairs for those who wanted to sit. We also had "sound," thanks to Bill, N5KXU. The meeting room was cooled down, thanks to Mel, KB5ION, turning on the air conditioning at 16:30 hours.

We had 53 members and guests present. Vic, N5NAS, had plenty of coffee available for those who wanted it. The program covered or touched on 3 subjects. Some phone calls were very favorable. Some remarks from others were that "any program over 20 minutes is too long." Some people said they learned some new things. Other said they already knew those things and it was a rehash on the grounds and antennas and the speaker was all wet on the propagation.

The facts are that only one person left during the program. So, we either have a group with very good manners or there was something being presented that was of interest. Hopefully, some of both.

A Word From The President . . .

Summer is upon us. As a matter of fact, it is all over us. Just go out and try to do some work on your antenna or tower, or anything else outside, and that air conditioning and cool drink inside beckons in a hurry. Boy, I can come up with all kinds of excuses to go back in the house.

The B-VARC August program created quite a bit of discussion among the members. I think that Bill, N5MPN, came up with some zingers that caught a few people by surprise, and also restated some things that had long since been forgotten. At any rate, it was a very good program. The program was from the ground up - way up - touching perhaps too briefly on ground systems, antennas and propagation. Unfortunately, there just wasn't enough time to cover all three subjects the way Bill would like to cover them. Either of these subjects could elicit comments and questions that could take up the entire time allocated for the program. New hams especially can learn from Bill regarding the antennas and ground systems, and he has firmly established himself as a leading authority. It was a well presented program, one enjoyed by everyone. Bill invites anyone having questions to call him at 723-0130.

The September program promises to be very interesting. Bill, N5MPN, covers this in another section herein. Jim Jennings, KE5HE, will certainly extract some interesting questions and discussion from some of our packet and AMTOR enthusiasts.

Speaking of packet, spaceship Columbia with astronaut ham Ron Parice, WA4SIR aboard, is trying again to get up, hopefully within the next few days of this writing. Although I'm not sure of transmission times, I am told that they will be on the following frequencies: WA3NAN: 3.860, 3.850, 7.185, 7.227, 14.295, 14.280, 21.395, 21.350, 28.650 and 28.495; W5RRR: 146.64; OSCAR: 145.955; HTTY: 147.000; Conroe: 147.560; JSC: 171.150; and possibly WJ5B: 443.5. I copied these frequencies from Harold, ND5F, and hope I got them correct. Access should be 8 to 10 minutes each pass, and there will be 5 to 6 passes each day, for 10 days. Phone contact will be to educational groups only through established links, but packet offers some hope, if not an actual contact, at least hearing him. Since I don't have packet, I am out of luck, but perhaps some of you may have some luck in contacting or listening.

Until the next time, 73,
Bill, N5KXU

Results of August 14th Exams

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, August 14, 1990, at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

Henry Morrison, W5RIY
Ray Dillard, WA5F
Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Cass Germany, KG5IT
Irene Gordon, N5AYX
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG
Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of forty-eight (48) exams were administered during the evening to twenty (20) applicants. Five (5) unlicensed candidates received their new licenses: three (3) Technician and two (2) Novice. Seven (7) other candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of twenty-nine (29) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was sixty (60%) percent.

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

Richard Dumas, N5PJH — Advanced
James Gale, KB5NAT — Element 3B
Sharon Grimes — Element 3A
Ike Herrick, N5QMY — General
Brett Holtey, KB5ADD — Technician
William Irwin — Technician
Emmett Jackson — Element 2 and 3A
John McMichael — Technician
Roger Pokladnik, KB5LFU — Advanced
Byron Ratterree — Novice
Eddie Runner, N5PNX, Element 4A
Marty Smith, WD5DZC — Advanced
Lawrence Whitehead — Technician
George Willenbrock, KB5JSQ — Technician
James Williams — Novice
Paul Woofdruff, N5PMD — Advanced

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 wish to thank Vincent, WA5ETS, and everyone at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month ...
73 ...

Notes from the Vice President

by Allen Mattis, N5AFV

Greetings to you again. Another month has come and gone, and my traveling has continued. I was fortunate to be able to attend the Ten Ten International Paper Chaser Convention in Reno, Nevada, August 17-19th. Ten Ten International is a good organization that promotes use of the 10-meter band. At Reno, I acquired a number of copies of the latest Ten Ten International Newsletter and will have them available at the next B-VARC general membership meeting for anyone wishing to have one. I've barely recovered from Reno, and I've just found out that I will probably be going to Alaska again in a few weeks. I am looking forward to making contact with some of my ham friends in Anchorage again.

B-VARC's schedule of public service events for this fall will keep us all busy. The GAAC Marathon Warmup Series will take place the second Saturdays of October, November and December. The Alamo Challenge Bike Tour will be October 13th and 14th, and the Houston Ham Comm-vention will be

November 10th and 11th. Please volunteer to help at one or more of these events if possible. Additional details will be forthcoming on the club's nets as these events approach.

The Rag Chew Net check-ins have finally begun to pick up again after the summer doldrums. There were 15 check-ins on August 15th, and on August 22nd we had 18 check-ins. The net control stations and check-ins for the past month are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to all of the club members who support our nets.

I know of at least one club member who installed a new ground system for his HF station after hearing N5MPN's program at our last meeting. Bill sure created a lot of interest with his fine presentation. Experimenting with ground systems and wire antennas is something that is a lot of fun, and fairly inexpensive.

That's it for this month.

73 de N5AFV

A New Novice Course

by Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG

B-VARC's Fall '90 Novice Course will hold its first weekly class meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 26, 1990, on the campus of Strake Jesuit College Prep with the same fine instruction group headed by Glenn Edwards WB4LZG and Gerry Borg N5APW. Please call me at (713) 777-3345. There is no tuition fee, but students must obtain their study guides, the 8th edition of *Tune in the World with Ham Radio*.

October *Bulletin* Deadline

Articles and other material destined to be printed in the October issue of the B-VARC *Bulletin* should be submitted by no later than September 28th. Please give such to Bill Dessens N5KXU or Vincent Orlando WA5ETS.

BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

1990 PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| A. Houston Tenneco Marathon | B. Woman's Hospital 5K |
| C. Azalea Run 5K | D. MS-150 Bike Tour |
| E. Hungry Jack 50 | F. ARRL Field Day |
| G. KK9W/W9OES | |

Abbott, Brenson	KF5VZ	A
Albrecht, Carl	AA5JW	D,E
Albrecht, Carl, Jr.	KB5KJT	E
Borg, Gerry	N5APW	A,G
Brier, Allen	WB5BIR	G
Brown, Beth	N5PKW	D
Chambers, Michael	N5QCE	G
Cheek, Ralph	KB5DNT	A,B,D,E
Covert, Rick	WD5L	G
Cox, Lawrence	N5OUZ	F
Deaktor, Steve	WA3PMT	F,G
Dessens, Bill	N5KXU	C,F,G
Dessens, Mark	KG5JT	F
Dillard, Ray	WA5F	A,B,C,D,E,G
Dyer, Kara	N5LGS	A
Eatwell, Bill	N5PWH	F
Edwards, Glenn	WB4LZG	A
Edwards, Melanie	KB5KLH	A
Edwards, Susan	KB5ICO	A,D,F,G
Fox, Floyd	N5PXY	A,F,G
Freedenberg, Henry	K5HF	A
Gordon, Hy	NC5A	A,G
Gordon, Irene	N5AYX	A,G
Hagerman, Dick	WB5SRN	A,D
Hammer, Cindy	N5LXE	D,F
Hammer, Dave	WJ5B	D,F
Hardy, Nick	N5PRP	B,C,F
Harris, Ron	N5MKO	F,G
Harrison, Terry	KB5UE	F
Hawkins, Jim	N4KKC	G
Hickox, Bill	K5BDZ	F
Jacobs, Bradley	KB5JON	A
Jacobs, Nathan	KB5KTZ	A
Jacobs, Travis	N5DON	A
Juch, Fred	N5JXO	G
Kemp, Bill	KG5CB	D,F
Kruse, Dick	N5OUT	C,F,G
Kyle, Elton	NO5C	G
Lamkin, Stu	WB5IGG	A,F
Lance, David	KB5EYK	D
Lay, Michael	N5PTN	B,D,F
Leatherland, Larry	WB4PGF	G
Linzer, Larry	N5PAA	G
Mattis, Allen	N5AFV	A,F
Morrison, Henry	W5RIY	A
Moynihan, Steve	AA5LF	F,G
Nance, Herb	N5GZW	A,F
Onda, Terry	KI5FO	G
Parker, Harold	ND5F	A,F
Pokladnik, Roger	KB5LFU	F,G
Prochaska, Charles	KG5KV	F,G
Pugh, Randy	AA5OA	F
Richard, Victor	N5NAS	F,G
Ricketts, Robert	N5JKD	A,D,F,G
Ross, Joe	AA5BD	D,F,G
Runner, Eddie	N5PNX	G
Shorthose, Karen	N5PMO	G
Shorthose, Ron	N5PHL	D,G
Sinibaldi, Dawn	KB5LDJ	B,C,F
Skalton, Steve	N5PRC	F,G
Smith, Irv	KB5EXM	D
Stanley, Tim	N5PHM	F
Thatcher, Melvin	KB5ION	G
Todd-Brown, Bill	N5MPN	F
Van Demark, Jack	WN5A	A,F
Wade, Don	WB5IBT	A,E,F,G
Warden, Mike	WB3HZP	A
Warren, Sid	KB5JWD	G

Please report corrections or additions to N5AFV

ATTENDANCE ROSTER 1990

B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

	J	J	A
	U	U	U
	N	L	G
Betty		X	
Michael Brown		X	
Marian Chambers	X	X	
Frances Dillard		X	
Doug Fennell			X
Bob Fisher	X		
James Gooch			X
Thais Kruse		X	
Margaret Kytie		X	
Charlie Litchfield	X		
Gene Russell	X	X	X
Mary Thatcher		X	X
Peg Todd-Brown		X	
Leona Warren	X		
Jack Van Demark	X	X	X
Al Mattis		X	X
Gerry Borg	X	X	
Dave Hammer			X
Joe Ross	X	X	
Elton Kytie	X	X	
Bill Kemp	X		X
Earle Herbert			X
Gary Steuernagel		X	
Joe Tarrant		X	
Ralph Cheek	X	X	X
Marty Smith		X	
George Jolly	X		X
Jeff Salmons	X	X	X
Vincent Orlando	X	X	
Irv Smith			X
Ray Dillard	X	X	X
Harold Parker	X	X	X
Terry Onda	X		
Damian Schumacher		X	
Randy Pollard	X	X	
Dave Dyer	X		
Herb Nance	X	X	X
Susan Edwards	X	X	
Doug Barrett	X		
Stu Lamkin	X		X
Lou Kronberg			X
Melvin Thatcher	X	X	X
Stephen Dunkelberger			X
Carl Albrecht	X		X
Sid Warren	X	X	
Jim Hawkins			X
Melanie Edwards		X	
Don Brown, Sr.	X	X	X
Charles Prochaska	X	X	X
Bill Dessens	X	X	X
Rick Covert	X	X	
Dawn Sinibaldi	X	X	X
Steve Moynihan	X		
Roger Pokladnik	X	X	X
Karla Dyer	X		
Larry Mitschke			X
Glenn Edwards	X	X	X
Bill Todd-Brown	X	X	X
Art Neumeyer	X	X	
Doug Vandevere	X		

N5NAS	Vick Richard	X	X	X
N5NPR	Charles Purchase			X
N5NTO	Don Brown, Jr.	X		
KF5NU	Rick Hiller			X
N5NVW	Waylan Waits		X	
KA5NYI	Mark McGrath			X
AA5OA	Randy Pugh		X	X
WA5OEN	Steve Gottlieb	X	X	X
N5OFE	Gary Tucker		X	X
N5OUT	Dick Kruse	X	X	X
N5OUZ	Lawrence Cox	X	X	X
N5PGF	Terry Leatherland	X		
N5PHL	Ron Shorthose	X		
N5PHM	Tim Stanley		X	
N5PJI	Bob Chmielewski		X	X
N5PKT	Jennifer Waits		X	
N5PKW	Beth Brown	X	X	
WA3PMT	Steven Deaktor	X	X	X
N5PNX	Eddie Runner			X
N5POH	Frank Berner		X	
N5PRC	Steve Skelton	X		
N5PRH			X	
N5PRP	Nick Hardy	X	X	X
N5PTN	Michael Fay		X	X
N5PWH	Bill Eatwell	X		
KB5PXY	Floyd Fox	X	X	X
N5QCE	Michael Chambers	X	X	
N5QMK	David Mills	X	X	X
N5QMY	Ike Herrick		X	X
N5RAR *	Debbie Van Demark		X	
W5RIY	Henry Morrison			X
WB5SHU	Clem Winford		X	
WB5SRN	Dick Hagerman		X	
WA5TWL	John Holliman			
KF5VZ	Brenson Abbott	X		
KK5W	Al Zermeno		X	
WB5YLB	A. J. Blackwell			X
KA5YSL	Rick Meyer		X	
WB5YWS	Howard Gerber	X	X	

* = NEW CALL TOTAL: 54 77 51

Program for September

by Bill Todd-Brown, N5MPN

Recently I asked the question, "How many people run Packet?" The people in the group all did and replied in kind that "everyone does." When I posed the same question about AMTOR, the reply was that "a lot of people do." I knew that the first reply was wrong and suspected that the second reply was also.

After further inquiries, I am satisfied that there are fewer people running Packet and/or AMTOR than don't. Yet Packet and AMTOR are reputed to be "the amateur communication mode of the future." I have no argument with that. It well may be. It's

been around for a good number of years and there are many excellent pieces of equipment available to work it.

Why isn't it used more? I think the answer is that "changes come slowly."

Packet is accurate, AMTOR more so. They both are fast, use less air time than CW or Phone, and can provide hard copy.

During "Polly '90," many of the messages passed were via Packet.

References in the literature refer to Packet, AMTOR and Amlink. There are also references to international communications "anywhere in the world where hub stations are located in usually less than 2 hours."

There are also references to KE5HE as one of 3 hub stations in the United States. KE5HE is Jim Jennings. Jim lives in Hearne, Texas. Jim used to be a B-VARC member when he lived in Houston.

The obvious thing was to ask, "If we have one of 3 hub station operators in our area, would it be possible to get him to speak to B-VARC on how and what he is doing?"

All it took was a phone call. Jim very graciously agreed to drive in from Hearne (not exactly a "short" trip) and be our speaker for the September 13, 1990 meeting.

Jim has spoken on Amlink at a national level and on a one to one level. So we all should gain. Mark your calendar for 7:30 PM on September 13, 1990 at the Missouri City fire station to find out the facts on Packet, AMTOR and Amlink. Talk-in frequencies will be 145.47 and 442.5.

Hope to see you there.

73, Bill

Election Ballots To Arrive Soon

by Harold Parker, KD5F

This Fall, the members of the ARRL's West Gulf Division must choose the Directory who will

B-VARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS

3.960 MHz 8:00pm Wednesdays

Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

July 25, 1990

N5AFV NCS, KB5ION, KB5IIL, N5MPN, AK5G, WN5A, KB5DNT, WB5IBT, N5JKY, N5KXU, KG5KV, WJ5B, WD5CVK

August 1, 1990

N5AFV NCS, KB5ION, N5MPN, N5ECP, AA5OA, WB5IGG, WB5SRN, N5JKY, KG5KV, KB5DNT, W5IHY

August 8, 1990

KB5DNT NCS, N5MPN, W5IHY, KG5KV, KB5ION, AA5OA, KB5IIL, WB5IGG, WB4LZG, N5KXU, N5ECP, K5AFV, WA5SCE/O

August 15, 1990

N5PRP NCS, N5MPN, AA5OA, KB5ION, KG5KV; KB5IIL, K5EBW, W5IHY, WB5IGG, WA5SCE, WN5A, N5ECP, N5PRC, N5KXU, AK5G

August 22, 1990

N5AFV NCS, N5MPN, AK5G, WB5SRN, KG5KV, KB5ION, KB5IIL, KB5DNT, N5PXY, N5ECP, W5IHY, WB5IGG, AA5OA, N5PRC, K5EBW, N5JKY, N5KXU, WN5A

represent us on the League's Board of Directors for the 1991-1992 term. There are a total of fifteen Directors elected for two-year terms to govern all the ARRL's activities, seven of which are elected in the odd numbered years and eight in the even years.

The Directors of the ARRL are required to make decisions regularly on many controversial issues which seriously affect our ham activities, and it is particularly important this year that we elect officials who have the knowledge, experience and leadership ability to do the job.

These are crucial times for the future of amateur radio. The League needs directors who can meet the challenges of these rapidly changing times. The only way to make sure that the right person is elected is for each member of the division to study carefully the records of the candidates and **VOTE!**

The job of Director is demanding. It requires a person who knows the issues, knows how to work with others, and who is a proven leader.

The very familiar name that you will be seeing on this year's ballot for ARRL Director is Tom Comstock, N5TC. Tom is well known to us at B-VARC. He has been very active in all our West Gulf Division activities for many years and was the feature speaker at B-VARC's April membership

meeting. Tom hopes to accompany our guest speaker, Jim Jennings, KE5HE, for our monthly membership meeting on Thursday evening, September 13th. Make plans to attend as it should be another great meeting.

For the past 15 years, Tom has served amateur radio at the national, division, and section levels. He is committed to excellence in amateur radio. His years as an ARRL Vice Director, volunteer examiner, teacher, emergency communicator, traffic handler, section official and his daily on-the-air involvement in all phases of amateur radio have given him the experience required to do the job. Don't let someone else make these critical decisions for you! Please consider Tom's excellent qualifications for the job when you mark your ballots.

All ARRL members living in the West Gulf Division will start receiving their ballots in the mail shortly after October 1st. To be valid, your ballot must be received at the ARRL Headquarters before November 20th.

When you receive your ballot, carefully consider the qualifications of all the candidates and **VOTE!!**

Be sure to return your ballot before November 20th.



**Kronberg's
Flags and
Flagpoles**

7106 Mapleridge • Houston, Texas 77081 • (713) 666-2371

Lou Kronberg
Chairman of the Board
W5IHY

CITY ELECTRONIC SUPPLY

7015 Atwell
Houston, Texas 77081
(713) 663-6066
Alex — WA5UHT

Serving the Electronic Community with a wide variety of small parts: plugs, connectors, wire, boxes, chassis, toroids, RF chokes, etc.

Now stocking Larsen antennas!

RUN YOUR BUSINESS CARD AD HERE!

Contact: Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN
777-2673

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation to Roland Torres, KB5EQH, for editing and to Warner Cable for their assistance in printing our *B-VARC Bulletin* each month. Roland is unable to continue because of other commitments. Sid Warren, KB5JWQ, has graciously volunteered to continue the duplicating at Warner Cable. Thanks Roland, Sid, and Warner Cable!

A teenager became an extremely critical back seat driver after completing a driver education course. Finally, her new license arrived and it was her turn behind the wheel. The roads were wet and slippery and when she braked at a stop sign, the car began to slide sideways through the intersection toward a parked car.

"Daddy, what do I do?" she shrieked.

"Quick, jump into the back seat," he answered. "You'll think of something."

An insurance salesman asked a woman: "If you should lose your husband, what would you get?"

She thought for a moment, and then said brightly: "A poodle!"

Someone please explain the difference in someone saying "I told you so" and "I'm not going to say I told you so."

A woman came home to find her husband trying to use a thimble in patching a pair of overalls.

"The thimble is on the wrong finger," she said.

He looked up at her and said, "I know. It should be on yours."

Old B-VARC proverb: Don't stick to your guns if you are out of bullets.

B-VARC

**BRAZOS-VALLEY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
IS OFFERING FREE
NOVICE LICENSE CLASS**

**SEPTEMBER 26
7:00 P.M.**

**FOR REGISTRATION
OR INFORMATION,
CALL: STU LAMKIN
(713) 777-3345**

