



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, WB5IGG, (713) 777-3345.

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B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thurs,	Oct. 11	General Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station
		Program: "NiCad Batteries"
		by Kim Mathews
Thurs,	Nov. 1	Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station

October 1990

B-VARC CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145.47	2 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 146.82	3 7:00p Fall Novice Class begins at Strake Jesuit 8:00p B-VARC RAG-CHEW 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	4 7:30p BOARD MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1	5 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Moose's, 6818 Chetwood	6 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
7 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	8 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145.47	9 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 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	10 8:00p B-VARC RAG-CHEW 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	11 7:30p GENERAL MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1	12 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at El Fenix, Galleria	13 GAAC 20K Marathon Warm-up Race Alamo Challenge Bike Tour 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
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A Word From The President . . .

Another month has come and gone, and things seem to have slowed up a bit. But don't be fooled — several races are just ahead; Ham-Vention is in November; elections are coming up also in November; a banquet is being planned for early January; and no telling what Uncle Bill, N5MPN, will have for us before, during and after all this.

Speaking of elections, now is the time to show a real interest in the club. All elected offices are up for grabs for those interested. Want to make some changes in the way things are run? Ideas on meetings, elections, picnics, transmitter hunts, public service events, programs, field day, finances, membership drives, the B-VARC *Bulletin*, exams or classes, net management, etc. etc.? Then, **GET INVOLVED!** Run for an office or encourage some other members to run. Our club is not, or should not be, run by just a select few "older members." Especially with the special talents that are so abundant among the membership. We need new faces, new ideas, new leadership. It is no secret that to do it right requires some time, but I promise that it is well worth it just to get involved and cause things to happen, and these "older members" are always willing to help out. I don't know what I would have done without them! Also, it is not necessary to have been a ham all your life. We learn as we go. I have personally been a ham for only three and a half years. Jack, WN5A, is the one to call concerning nominations and elections. And time is steadily moving forward, so do it now.

Until next month, 73.

Bill Dessens, N5KXU

November *Bulletin* Deadline

Articles and other material destined to be printed in the November issue of the B-VARC *Bulletin* should be submitted by no later than October 24th. Please give such to Bill Dessens N5KXU or Vincent Orlando VA5ETS.

1990 B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

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| 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 5
Covert, Rick	WD5L	F
Cox, Lawrence	N5OUZ	G
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, Karla	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	NCSA	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
Skeiton, 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 B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

1990

J A S
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	Betty	X		
	Angie Brooks			X
	Michael Brown	X		
	Marian Chambers	X		X
	Frances Dillard	X		
	John English			X
	Doug Fennell		X	
	James Gooch		X	
	Rich Jessup			X
	Thais Kruse	X		
	Margaret Kytle	X		
	Gene Russell	X	X	X
	Mary Thatcher	X	X	
	Peg Todd-Brown	X		
WN5A	Jack Van Demark	X	X	
N5AFV	Al Mattis	X	X	X
N5APW	Gerry Borg	X		X
WJ5B	Dave Hammer		X	
AA5BD	Joe Ross	X		
WD5BDX	Craig Davidson			X
NO5C	Elton Kytle	X		
KG5CB	Bill Kemp		X	
WB1CCH	Earle Herbert		X	
KA5CGC	Gary Stauernagel	X		
N5CIY	Kevin Triplett			X
WB3CPU	Frank Spanbauer			X
K5DIY	Joe Tarrant	X		
KB5DNT	Ralph Cheek	X	X	X
WD5DZC	Marty Smith	X		X
ND5E	George Jolly		X	X
N5ECP	Jeff Salmons	X	X	
WA5ETS	Vincent Orlando	X		X
KB5EXM	Irv Smith		X	X
WA5F	Ray Dillard	X	X	X
ND5F	Harold Parker	X	X	X
KI5FO	Terry Onda			X
N5FVM	Damian Schumacher	X		
AK5G	Randy Pollard	X		X
AA5GA	Dave Dyer			X
N5GZW	Herb Nance	X	X	X
KE5HE	Jim Jennings			X
WB5IBT	Don Wade			X
KB5ICO	Susan Edwards	X		X
WB5IGG	Stu Lamkin		X	X
W5IHY	Lou Kronberg		X	X
N5ILI	Henry Bell			X
KB5ION	Melvin Thatcher	X	X	X
N5JBL	Stephen Dunkelberger			X
AA5JW	Carl Albrecht			X
KB5JWQ	Sid Warren	X		
N4KKC	Jim Hawkins		X	
KB5KLH	Melanie Edwards	X		
KB5KLY	Don Brown, Sr.	X	X	X
KG5KV	Charles Prochaska	X	X	X
N5KXU	Bill Dessens	X	X	X
WD5L	Rick Covert	X		
KB5LDJ	Dawn Sinibaldi	X	X	X
KB5LFU	Roger Pokladnik	X	X	X
N5LGS	Karla Dyer			X
N5LND	Larry Mitschke		X	

N5LRC	Douglas Eggleston			X
N5LYG	Bill Rimmes			X
WB4LZG	Glenn Edwards	X	X	X
VP2MCW	Wilbert Cannoniw			X
N5MPN	Bill Todd-Brown	X	X	X
N5NAS	Vick Richard	X	X	X
N5NND	Marcia Cannoniw			X
N5NPR	Charles Purchase		X	
W5NRJ	Bill Brauning			X
KF5NU	Rick Hiller		X	
N5NVW	Waylan Waits	X		
KA5NYI	Mark McGrath		X	X
AA5OA	Randy Pugh	X	X	
WA5OEN	Steve Gottlieb	X	X	X
N5OFE	Gary Tucker	X	X	X
N5OUT	Dick Kruse	X	X	X
N5OUZ	Lawrence Cox	X	X	X
N5OWZ	John Norris			X
N5PHL	Ron Shorthose			X
N5PHM	Tim Stanley	X		
N5PJI	Bob Chmielewski	X	X	
N5PKT	Jennifer Waits	X		
N5PKW	Beth Brown	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	
KB5PXY	Floyd Fox	X	X	
N5QCE	Michael Chambers	X		X
N5QMK	David Mills	X	X	
N5QMY	Ike Herrick	X	X	
N5QVI	Jordan Kossack			X
N5QWE	Roy Taylor			X
N5RAR	Debbie Van Demark	X		
N5RBE *	Bob Carlson			X
N5RBT *	Art Neumeyer	X		X
W5RIY	Henry Morrison		X	
WB5SHU	Clem Winford	X		
WB5SRN	Dick Hagerman	X	X	X
N5TC	Tom Comstock			X
WA5TWL	John Holliman		X	
KK5W	Al Zermano	X		
WB5YDD	Bill Clarke			X
WB5YLB	A. J. Blackwell		X	X
KA5YSL	Rick Meyer	X		
WB5YWS	Howard Garber	X		
KF5ZL	Bob White			X

* = NEW CALL

TOTAL:

63 51 65

September Meeting by Bill Todd-Brown, N5MPN

The September meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club was the kind that makes a program chairman happy. Everything, and I mean

everything, went splendidly. "Thanks" are in order for so many people.

Our hosts, the Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department, staffed by Doug, Lucy and Dottie, arranged for the meeting facilities to be completely cleaned and vacuumed the day of our meeting and supplied the anticipated number of chairs that we requested.

The Missouri City Fire Department graciously loaned us their portable chalk board for the speaker's use.

The room was cooled down before the meeting started, thanks to Mel, KB5ION, going to the fire station the afternoon of the meeting and turning on the air conditioning.

We had "sound", thanks to Bill, N5KXU, bringing his trusty P. A. system and mike stand.

We had plenty of good coffee, thanks to Vic, N5NAS. And we had 65 adult members and guests present to hear a superb presentation by Jim Jennings, KE5HE.

Jim and Tom Comstock, N5TC, drove in from Hearne, Texas and had dinner with about 16 of us at the Hitching Rail in Stafford prior to the meeting. Truly superb fellowship for those present.

After Bill, N5KXU, turned the meeting over to me for the program portion, it was my pleasure to introduce two of our guests. First was Bob White, KF5ZL, District RACES Radio Officer and also the District Emergency Coordinator for A.R.E.S.

The second was Tom Comstock, N5TC. Tom was one of our meeting speakers earlier in the year. Tom is also running for the ARRL office of the West Gulf Division Director. A review of Tom's past ARRL, Ham and local activities reveal that he is more than qualified and deserves our support. (Don't forget to vote.) Tom was asked to say a few words and he very graciously did.

The highlight of our meeting was the excellent program presented by Jim Jennings, KE5HE. Jim briefly reviewed Packet and Amtor and then expounded somewhat on Amlink, his principle topic or the presentation. Since Jim is one of three "Hub" stations in the U. S. and is one of the earliest and staunchest supporters of Amlink, his qualifications to speak on it are unquestioned. Jim also had "handouts" that consisted of 36 pages each. To our

knowledge, most of the contents are not available or assimilated anywhere else. (If you did not get a copy and would like to have one, please call Harold, ND5F, at 464-9044 and he may be able to help you.) Jim answered questions asked by the group and was most gracious with his time, staying after the meeting was over for further discussions. When you consider that he had a 120 mile drive home yet to make, that IS gracious. Thanks, Jim.

73,
Bill, N5MPN

Exam Team Needs Your Help!!

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC needs your help with the administration of the ARRL's Amateur Volunteer Exam Program, and we would like you to consider becoming a regular part of B-VARC's Examination Team.

B-VARC has sponsored the ARRL's Amateur Examinations on a regular monthly schedule since the Volunteer Exam Program began in 1985. Many of B-VARC's members became certified as ARRL Examiners to initiate the Volunteer Program in the Houston area, and we have continued to provide the manpower through the years to keep it active.

Most of our team members enjoy the sessions and usually volunteer to assist with exams more often than just the minimum required to maintain their certification. The job of volunteer examiner is very satisfying.

Our team members' dedication to staffing the examination sessions transforms our rigorous schedule into an enjoyable evening of providing an opportunity for newcomers to pass exams and fellow hams to upgrade. An expansion of our reserve staff of examiners would ease the demands that it is placing on some of our team members. Please consider joining the B-VARC team.

If you hold an Advanced or Extra Class License, especially if you have recently upgraded, you are eligible to become a Certified Volunteer Examiner and assist in our Examination Program. B-VARC regularly offers exams on the second Tuesday night of every month at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory,

each year at the Houston Ham-Vention, at the end of B-Varc's Novice classes and whenever we are needed for a special session.

To become a Certified Volunteer Examiner, send a Xerox copy of your Extra or Advanced Class amateur license to ARRL/VEC and request an application. You will receive a VE Manual and a short open-book exam along with the application.

If you would like to participate in B-Varc's Volunteer Examination Program, please call Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG, at (713) 777-3345 or Harold Parker, ND5F, at (713) 464-9044 for more information. We would like to hear from you!

credits are numerous two-day schools that he teaches on ni-cads, their use and care.

If you have replaced any power packs for your HTs, you know that they are expensive.

Come out to the monthly meeting of B-Varc at 7:30 pm at the Missouri City Fire Station on 11 October, 1990, and learn the ins-and-outs of ni-cads from a recognized expert that knows.

Talk-in frequencies will be 145.47 and 442.5 MHz. Hope to see you there.

73, Bill

Treasurer's Report

by Randy Pollard, AK5G

Balance 7-1-90	\$2,243.38
Balance 7-31-89	\$2,303.38
Balance 8-1-90	\$2,303.38
Balance 8-31-90	\$2,090.38
Balance 9-1-90	\$2,090.38
Balance 9-30-90	\$1,894.88

October Meeting

by Bill Todd-Brown, N5MPN

One of man's greatest contributions to modern radio is the ni-cad battery. It is also one of the peskiest. Ham or not, it is difficult to imagine life today without all the "rechargeable" powered items one finds around the home.

There are certain things that can make life with ni-cads more bearable: there is a "right" time and way as well as a "wrong" time and way to charge them, ways of prolonging their life, ways of shortening it, without meaning to.

Our speaker for the 11 October meeting will be Kim Mathews. Mr. Mathews is one of the leading authorities on ni-cad batteries. Amongst his many

Notes from the Vice-President

by Allen Mattis, N5AFV

Greetings to you again. Cool weather has returned, and that means it's time for public service events. We have two events scheduled for the second weekend of October. The GAAC 20K Marathon Warm-up Race will be Saturday morning, October 13th. If you are interested in working this event, please contact A. J. Blackwell, WB5YLB (telephone 664-5805). Also, Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14th, the Alamo Challenge Bike Tour from Houston to San Antonio will be held. Communications volunteers are needed for both 1 or 2-day assignments. If interested in this event, please contact Ralph Cheek, KB5DNT (telephone 463-9454).

Activity on the B-Varc Rag Chew Net continues to pick up. A number of former B-Varc members who have moved away are regular check-ins. Some of these former members are W5RNK (now in Arkansas), AA5TB (ex KA5DUU in Fort Worth), KA5WOT (now in Illinois) and WB5GGY (now in Pennsylvania). The net also has a number of regular listeners who are not able to check into the net, but enjoy listening. Some of these listeners are N5OUT, N5GZW, and KB5EXM. All check-ins and listeners are welcome, so please join us at 8 pm local time, Wednesdays, on 3.960 MHz.

Next month will be the elections for next year B-Varc officers. If you are interested in running for an office in B-Varc, please contact Jack Van Demark, WN5A (telephone 495-1121). If you feel someone would make a good club officer, please

encourage him or her to run. Look over the club by-laws which were passed out at the August general membership meeting, and become familiar with the club's election procedures and the requirements and duties for each of the officers. Let's elect a good slate of officers to lead B-VARC in 1991.

That's it for this month.

73 de N5AFV

B-VARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS
3.960 MHz 8:00pm Wednesdays
Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

August 29, 1990

N5AFV NCS, N5MPN, KG5KV, N5PRP, AA5OA, KB5ION, KB5DNT, WB5IGG, WB5SRN, N5ECP, WN5A, K5KV, AK5G, KB5IIL, WD5CVK

September 5, 1990

N5AFV NCS, KB5ION, KB5DNT, WB5IBT, N5ECP, N5OFD, WB5SRN, N5MPN, N5PRP, AA5OA, WN5A, AA5TB (ex KA5DUU), W5SJZ, WB5IGG, KI5AN

September 12, 1990

N5AFV NCS, N5MPN, KB5ION, W5IHY, WB5IGG, WB5SRN, WA5SCE, WB5IBT, WN5A, KB5DNT, N5NXS

September 19, 1990

N5MPN NCS, WB5SRN, KB5ION, KB5DNT, WN5A, KG5KV, WB5IGG, KA5WJB, KI5AN, WB5IBT, N5PRC, N5KXU, AA5TB, K5KV, N5ECP, KA5WOT/9

September 26, 1990

N5AFV NCS, KG5KV, N5MPN, WB5IGG, WN5A, KB5ION, N5QMY, WA4HBW, N5PRC, N5KXU

Results of September 11th Exams

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, September 11, 1990, at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Ray Dillard, WA5F
Cass Germany, KG5IT
Irene Gordon, N5AYX
Hy Gordon, NC5A
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG
Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of thirty-seven (37) exams were administered during the evening to twenty (20) applicants. Thirteen (13) candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of twenty-three (23) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was sixty-two (62%) percent.

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

Richard Bearden, KB5MHJ — Technician + 1C
Randy Brewer, N5PTO — Element 4A
Roger Bryant, WA5RNL — Advanced
Marion Eicher, KB5IIL — Element 3B
Miguel Elias, Pending — Technician + 1C
James Gale, KB5NAT — General
David Graessle, KA5JVR — General
Sharon Grimes — Element 2
William Irwin, Pending — General
Peter Lamb, KB5IAN — Technician
Douglas Mains, Pending — General
James McCreary, WB5PNL — Advanced
John McMichael, Pending — Element 4A + 4B
Byron Ratterree, Pending — Technician
Richard Snitkin, KB5NHL — Technician
Douglas Vandevere, KB5MVM — Technician
Don Wade, WB5IBT — Advanced

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

B-VARC began offering exams at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in September of 1987. The club has really enjoyed its association with Vincent, WA5ETS, and everyone at the school. Thanks again for the use of these great classroom facilities every month during the past three years. We all greatly appreciate it.73...

November Meeting

by Bill Todd-Brown, N5MPN

The November meeting will be election night. Hate elections? You say "The Click" already has it rigged? Get bored by all the mumbo jumbo?

Not this time, Booby! Show up, nominate, vote, bust the "Click"—if there is one—and enjoy the sociability and one of the greatest elections ever, while

slurping some of Uncle Vic's gastronomically epicurian chile cuisine.

Members only — the stampede for seconds and limitations of our liability insurance mandate limited participation in this culinary caper coupled with the choosing of our champions to chair our club.

More next month on the first aid recommendations for the weak and unable that suffer from "chili afterbite."

73, Bill, N5MPN

Fall '90 Novice Course by Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG

B-VARC's Fall '90 Novice Course was scheduled to have its first weekly class meeting on September 26th, but it was necessary to reschedule this session for Wednesday, October 3rd. Next month's issue of this newsletter will carry the names of the students enrolled in this course.

Ham License Exam Schedules by Stu Lamkin

The American Radio Relay League Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (ARRL/VEC) as of August 21, 1990, listed the following Amateur Radio license exam sessions scheduled in Texas and Louisiana during the last three months of 1990:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
10/27 & 11/24	Abilene, TX Dolores Sewell, 915-876-1803
12/15	Algiers, LA Stephen Sholar, 504-392-8239
11/10	Austin, TX Larry Gunter, 512-345-7281
10/13 & 12/8	Cleveland, TX Sam Neal, 713-592-2257
10/6	Clute, TX Paul Webb, 409-265-6439

10/13 & 11/10	Dallas, TX Donald Gwynne, Jr., 214-339-7714
10/20	El Paso, TX Robert Carroll, 915-751-6204
11/3	Harlingen, TX Ruben Uride, 512-423-1873
10/9, 11/11, 11/13, & 12/11 11/17	Houston, TX Stu Lamkin, 713-777-3345 John Hunt, Jr., 713-771-3847
12/2	Huntsville, TX Jack Nichols, 409-295-3368
10/20 & 11/17	Lubbock, TX Gerald Grant, 806-793-5924
10/6 & 12/1	Orange, TX Sid Phillips, 409-886-2732
11/3	San Antonio, TX William Davis, 512-735-1622

The quickest way to have a family reunion is to win a lottery.

He stayed in college many years,
The bottom of his class;
He could run and he could kick,
But simply could not pass.

We always seem to encounter more folks who are concerned about their rights than their obligations.

The quickest way to learn how to do it yourself is to criticize the way your wife is doing it.

It's a fact that the Japanese have few lawyers since they rarely sue each other. There is one lawyer for every 9,600 people in Japan, compared to one for every 360 in the U. S. However, they have one engineer or scientist per 25 people, w we have one for every 100. Something to think about.

A woman called her doctor and said, "My son swallowed a nickel, and coughed up three dimes. What should I do?" The doctor replied, "Keep feeding him nickels."

The teenager had been on the phone for half an hour. When she finally got off, her father looked up from his paper. "You usually talk for two hours," he said. "What stopped you this time?" "Wrong number," she replied.



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OCTOBER 13 & 14, 1990

Cyclists are training, the word is out and all is being prepared for the 3rd Annual Alamo Challenge Bike Trek, October 13 & 14.

This year the Alamo Challenge provides even more in the way of fun, festivity and "TLC" for all riders who accept the challenge of the two-day ride from Houston to San Antonio to raise funds to wipe out lung disease.

Start making your plans now for the Alamo Challenge. Stay tuned to 145.47 MHz for details or call the B-VARC coordinator for details at 713-463-9454. "You know who" will answer and ask for your name and number.

You as a volunteer are very important to the success of this event. So important that the American Lung Association (ALA) will issue you a special color wrist band that will not only entitle you to free breakfast, lunch and dinner for the two days during the event; the ALA considers your time as a communication volunteer so important that your wrist band will be recognized by all as a person that does not have time to wait in any lines. You will be encouraged to come around to the back of the tables and be served even ahead of the bikers.

All communication volunteers will meet at Katy High School on October 13th at 7:00 AM, but that's too late to coordinate the activities for the next two days. Please call the number above this week and let us know the following information. A News Letter and a phone call will come your way with specific details and assignment information before the event.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU THAT WE NEED TO KNOW FOR THE ALAMO CHALLENGE BIKE RIDE:

CALL SIGN: _____ NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE () _____ - _____; WORK PHONE () _____ - _____

DAYS I AM AVAILABLE: SATURDAY, 10-13-90 []; SUNDAY, 10-14-90 []

RADIO EQUIPMENT I CAN BRING: _____

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I CAN ALSO BRING A CB RADIO [] (NOT REQUIRED, BUT GOOD FOR COMMUNICATION WITH GOLD WINGS AT CROSS ROADS AND IN EMERGENCIES)

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: RALPH CHEEK, KB5DNT, 713-463-9454 OR 713-855-8!
OR MAIL THIS PAGE TO ME AT: 4526 CLOUDMOUNT DR., HOUSTON, TX 77084.

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