



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,	Nov. 8	General Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station
		Election of Next Year's Officers
		<i>Chile Con Carne</i> by Vic Richard
urs,	Dec. 6	Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	Missouri City Fire Station

November 1990

B-VARC CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	5 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	6 8:00p 10 X SHOT 28.488 9:00p Experimenters Net 442.5 & 145.47 10:00p AMSAT 146.82	7 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	8 7:30p GENERAL MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1	9 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at El Fenix, Galleria 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast	10 7:00a GAAC 25K Marathon Warm-up Race at Cinco Ranch 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
11 7:00p Harris County RACES 146.94	12 8:00p ARES 147.30 9:00p B-VARC Net 145. 47	13 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	14 8:00p B-VARC RAG- CHEW 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	15	16 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Great Charcoal Chicken, 1000 Campbell Road	17 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32
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				1 7:30p BOARD MEETING Missouri City Fire Station #1	2 Lunch Bunch -- Talk-In 442.5 at Moose's, 6818 Chetwood	3 7:30a B-VARC Breakfast 8:30p C.W. 147.32

Notes from the Vice-President

by Al Mattis N5AFV

etings to you again. I am writing my message to you earlier than usual this month, because I will be signing /KL7 after my call at press time. The recent rise in the price of oil has been good for the Houston economy, but those of us employed in the oil industry have had to work a little harder the past few months. Sometimes that includes being on the road and away from our families, but it is wonderful to see this activity after the tough times of the past four years.

With my recent travels, I have been unable to make the Rag Chew Net on Wednesday evenings. Because of B-VARC's dedicated membership, the net has continued in my absence. KB5ION (Melvin) and N5MPN (Bill) have done an excellent job in calling the net, and I again wish to bring attention to the club members who act as net control stations on the club nets. We all owe a great deal to those members. The nets help bind our club together, and along with the B-VARC *Bulletin* and our monthly general membership meetings, the nets provide a very important vehicle for communication within the club.

This month, B-VARC has two important public service events on the same week end. November 10th and 11th will be a busy time for the club. The Houston Ham Comm-vention will be held that week end, and on November 10th B-VARC is conducting a forum about how to get into amateur radio. Anyone wishing to help out at this forum should contact George Jolly, ND5E. On the following day, Sunday, November 11th, B-VARC will conduct examination sessions at the convention. Anyone wishing to help at the VE sessions should contact Harold Parker, ND5F. In addition to the convention, B-VARC will be providing the communications for the GAAC 25K Marathon Warm-up Race to be held at Cinco Ranch on Saturday morning, the 10th of November. This is the second (Thank you to the club members who worked the GAAC 20K race — they are listed in the public service honor roll!) in a series of three races for which B-VARC will provide communications. Anyone wishing to help at this race should please contact me as soon as possible. At the time I am writing this, I still need a few more volunteers.

This month's general membership meeting, elections will be held for next year's B-VARC officers. If you are interested in running for an office in the club, please contact Jack Van Demark, WN5A (telephone 495-1121). If you feel someone else would

make a good club officer, please encourage him or her to run. Come to the meeting to vote, and to enjoy the chili and hospitality planned by Bill, N5MPN, our program chairman. See you there.

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

October 3, 1990

N5AFV NCS, N5MPN, AA5OA, KB5ION, WB5SRN,
N5ECP, WN5A, KB5IIL, W5IHY, WB5IBT, WB5PNL,
N5KXU, WA5SCE, N5PRC

October 10, 1990

N5AFV NCS, KB5ION, WB5IBT, N5ECP, WB5SRN,
N5MPN, AA5OA, WN5A, WB5IGG, N5GMA,
W5WFO, WA5SCE, W5IHY, N5KXU, K5BDZ

October 17, 1990

KB5ION NCS, N5MPN, N5ECP, W5IHY, WB5IGG,
WB5IBT, WN5A, KB5LFU, N5RAR

October 24, 1990

N5MPN NCS, N5ECP, W5RNL, KB5ION, WA5DKD,
W5IHY, WAOKPN, WN5A, WA5SCE, KB5DNT,
WB5PNL, N5KXU, K15AN, KB5LFU

A Word From The President . . .

Well, November finally made it. With this great weather we have been having, it's too bad that it can't last at least a few months. I don't see how any work gets done at this time of the year as everyone wants to be outside to enjoy this fleeting beautiful weather.

November also brings us a rather special event. Three guesses as to what this event is. If you guessed Election, Election and Election, you got all three right — our B-VARC election that will take place at our General Membership Meeting on November 8th. We have been harping on this for several months now, and this is no time to stop. Please be at the meeting to nominate or support your favorite people that will make up the leadership of our club for the following year. Don't feel that you have to have been a club member or a ham for years to run for an office. What matters is the spe-

cial talent and ability that a person can bring into the club as a leader, whether he or she is young or old. It is a great experience, and the opportunity is now. Don't put it off. Call Jack, WN5A, or myself, or any board member, or nominate from the floor (with the prior approval of the nominee, of course.) At last count, we have 188 members in our club, and out of this large a group there has to be an abundance of interested folks. Let's keep the momentum going in our club by continuing the involvement and activity that we have been experiencing.

Not to be overlooked in November of course is the 25K race, as well as the Ham-Vention during the weekend of November 10th. December and January bring still more goodies.

Also, take a look at the list of advertisers that our *Bulletin* now sports, thanks to Steve, WA5OEN, and his efforts. Let's show these folks that we appreciate them by supporting them.

Stay tuned, and don't forget the meeting! Till then, 73.

Bill Dessens, N5KXU

THE NOVEMBER MEETING

by Bill Todd-Brown, N5MPN

Why all the "caps?" We have a meeting every month. Ah soooo — but the November meeting IS the most important meeting of the year. It is election night!

It's not necessary to dwell on how B-VARC has grown to the 190 member range, or that attendance has doubled to tripled at the other monthly meetings this year. You know all of that if you have been attending or reading the *Bulletin*.

We have one of the best balanced clubs — technical sessions, special interest sessions, social sessions, VHF nets, UHF nets, HF nets, service projects, test schedules, novice class schedules, technical assistance availability, etc., of any club in the nation.

Let's keep it that way!

Therefore, the November 8, 1990 meeting at the Missouri City Fire Station at 7:30 pm IS the most

important of the year. It is your chance and my chance and every other member's chance to control our club's destiny. It is Election Night.

Enough said.

There will also be a chili and goodies feed to aid in election — one burp, yea; two burps, nay.

Let's have at least a hundred members (**this meeting is members only**) turn out. That's only slightly over 50 per cent of our membership.

Both the meeting for the elections and the food service will commence at 7:30 pm, so please, please, please, be there and let your voice and your vote be counted. By the way, the "feed" is free to members — no collections, no kitties, no "bites". All of this, courtesy of members that will be acknowledged next month. This month, the important thing is to attend the best planned, best fed, election ever.

73,
Bill, N5MPN

December *Bulletin* Deadline

Articles and other material destined to be printed in the December issue of the B-VARC *Bulletin* should be submitted by no later than November 29th. Please give such to Bill Dessens N5KXU or Vincent Orlando WA5ETS.

Special Event Station W90ES Update

Certificates are being mailed out each week, and local hams who checked in and sent a postage paid envelope should have their certificate by now. If you contacted the station (net or otherwise) but did not send a SASE, please see Bill, N5KXU, or telephone (H) 721-1844 or (W) 782-1212 and give him your call or name. He will have the certificates printed and bring them to a meeting.

1990 B-VARC PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

Compiled by Allen Mattis N5AFV

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Houston Tenneco Marathon | D. MS-150 Bike Tour | G. KK9W/W9OES |
| B. Woman's Hospital 5K | E. Hungry Jack 50 | H. GAAC 20K |
| C. Azalea Run 5K | F. ARRL Field Day | I. Alamo Challenge Bike Trek |

Abbott, Brenson	KF5VZ	A	Lay, Michael	N5PTN	B,D,F,I
Albrecht, Carl	AA5JW	D,E,I	Leatherland, Larry	WB4PGF	G
Albrecht, Carl, Jr.	KB5KJT	E	Linzer, Larry	N5PAA	G
Andrews, Chuck	NI5I	I	Mattis, Allen	N5AFV	A,F,H
Blackwell, A.J.	WB5YLB	H	Mills, David	N5QMK	H
Borg, Gerry	N5APW	A,G	Morrison, Henry	W5RIY	A,H
Brier, Allen	WB5BIR	G	Moynihan, Steve	AA5LF	F,G
Brown, Beth	N5PKW	D	Nance, Herb	N5GZW	A,F
Carlson, Bob	N5RBE	H	Onda, Terry	KI5FO	G,I
Chambers, Michael	N5QCE	G,H,I	Owen, Paul	N5NXS	I
Cheek, Ralph	KB5DNT	A,B,D,E,G,I	Parker, Harold	ND5F	A,F
Covert, Rick	WD5L	G	Pokladnik, Roger	KB5LFU	F,G
Cox, Lawrence	N5OUZ	F	Pollard, Randy	AK5G	H
Deaktor, Steve	WA3PMT	F,G,H	Prochaska, Charles	KG5KV	F,G
Dessens, Bill	N5KXU	C,F,G	Pugh, Randy	AA5OA	F
Dessens, Mark	KG5JT	F	Richard, Victor	N5NAS	F,G
Dillard, Ray	WA5F	A,B,C,D,E,G,I	Ricketts, Robert	N5JKD	A,D,F,G,I
Junkleberger, Steve	N5JBL	H	Ross, Joe	AA5BD	D,F,G
Dyer, David	AA6GA	H	Runner, Eddie	N5PNX	G
Dyer, Karla	N5LGS	A,H	Schole, Lee	KA5WJB	I
Eatwell, Bill	N5PWH	F	Shorthose, Karen	N5PMO	G,I
Edwards, Glenn	WB4LZG	A	Shorthose, Ron	N5PHL	D,G,I
Edwards, Melanie	KB5KLH	A	Sinibaldi, Dawn	KB5LDJ	B,C,F,I
Edwards, Susan	KB5ICO	A,D,F,G,I	Skelton, Steve	N5PRC	F,G
Fox, Floyd	N5PXY	A,F,G	Smith, Irv	KB5EXM	D
Freedenberg, Henry	K5HF	A	Stanley, Tim	N5PHM	F,I
Gordon, Hy	NC5A	A,G	Thatcher, Melvin	KB5ION	G
Gordon, Irene	N5AYX	A,G	Todd-Brown, Bill	N5MPN	F
Hagerman, Dick	WB5SRN	A,D,I	Van Demark, Jack	WN5A	A,F,H
Hammer, Cindy	N5LXE	D,F	Vandevere, Douglas	KB5MVM	I
Hammer, Dave	WJ5B	D,F	Wade, Don	WB5IBT	A,E,F,G,H
Hardy, Nick	N5PRP	B,C,F,I	Warden, Mike	WB3HZP	A,H
Harris, Ron	N5MKO	F,G	Warren, Sid	KB5JWQ	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,I			

Please report corrections or additions to N5AFV

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

B-VARC GENERAL MEETINGS

1990

A S O
U E C
G P T

	Angie Brooks		X	
	Marian Chambers		X	X
	Marge Clarke		X	
	John English		X	X
	Katrina Faul			X
	Doug Fennell	X		
	James Gooch	X		
	Rich Jessup		X	
	Bud King			X
	James Pettitt, III			X
	Matthew Pollard			X
	Gene Russell	X	X	X
	Stephen Shirk			X
	Mary Thatcher	X		
	Leona Warren			X
WN5A	Jack Van Demark	X		
N5AFV	Al Mattis	X	X	X
N5APW	Gerry Borg		X	
WJ5B	Dave Hammer	X		
AA5BD	Joe Ross			X
WD5BDX	Craig Davidson		X	
KG5CB	Bill Kemp	X		
WB1CCH	Earle Herbert	X		
N5CIY	Kevin Triplett		X	
K5CNU	Tom Sellers			X
WB3CPU	Frank Spanbauer		X	
KB5DNT	Ralph Cheek	X	X	X
WD5DZC	Marty Smith		X	
ND5E	George Jolly	X	X	X
N5ECP	Jeff Salmons	X		X
WA5ETS	Vincent Orlando		X	X
KI4EU	Win Rister			X
KB5EXM	Irv Smith	X	X	X
ND5F	Harold Parker	X	X	X
WA5F	Ray Dillard	X	X	
KI5FO	Terry Onda		X	
AK5G	Randy Pollard		X	X
AA5GA	Dave Dyer		X	
W5GLD	Frank Wood			X
N5GZW	Herb Nance	X	X	
KE5HE	Jim Jennings		X	
WB5IBT	Don Wade		X	X
KB5ICO	Susan Edwards		X	
WB5IGG	Stu Lamkin	X	X	X
W5IHY	Lou Kronberg	X	X	X
N5ILI	Henry Bell		X	
KB5ION	Melvin Thatcher	X	X	X
N5JBL	Stephen Dunkelberger	X		
AA5JW	Carl Albrecht	X	X	X
KB5JWQ	Sid Warren			X
N4KKC	Jim Hawkins	X		
KB5KLY	Don Brown, Sr.	X	X	X
KG5KV	Charles Prochaska	X	X	X
N5KXU	Bill Dessens	X	X	X
KB5LDJ	Dawn Sinibaldi	X	X	X
AA5LF	Steve Moynihan			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	
VP2MCW	Wilbert Cannoniw			X
N5MPN	Bill Todd-Brown	X	X	X
N5NAS	Vic Richard	X	X	
N5NND	Marcia Cannoniw			X
N5NPR	Charles Purchase	X		
W5NRJ	Bill Braunig		X	
N5NTO	Don Brown, Jr.			X
KF5NU	Rick Hiller	X		
KA5NYI	Mark McGrath	X	X	X
AA5OA	Randy Pugh	X		
WA5OEN	Steve Gottlieb	X	X	X
N5OFE	Gary Tucker	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		
N5PKW	Beth Brown			X
WA3PMT	Steven Deaktor	X	X	X
N5PNX	Eddie Runner	X		X
N5PRC	Steve Skelton		X	X
N5PRP	Nick Hardy	X	X	X
N5PTN	Michael Fay	X		X
KB5PXY	Floyd Fox	X		
N5QCE	Michael Chambers		X	X
N5QMK	David Mills	X	X	X
N5QMY	Ike Herrick	X		
N5QVI	Jordan Kossack		X	X
N5QWE	Roy Taylor		X	
N5RBE	Bob Carlson		X	X
N5RBT	Art Neumeyer		X	X
W5RIY	Henry Morrison	X		
WA5SCE	Ron Grimes			X
WB5SHU	Clem Winford			X
KE5SR	Doug Holley			X
WB5SRN	Dick Hagerman	X	X	X
N5TC	Tom Comstock		X	
WA5TWL	John Holliman	X		
WB5YDD	Bill Clarke		X	
WA5YKR	Jim Pettitt, Jr.			X
WB5YLB	A. J. Blackwell	X	X	X
KA5YSL	Rick Meyer			X
KF5ZL	Bob White		X	
N57?? *	Sharon Grimes			X

* = NEW CALL TOTAL: 51 65 60

We would like to extend a special thank you to Parkshire Center for allowing B-VARC to hold its sidewalk sale in their parking area on the third Saturday morning of each month. We have been holding this sale here for some time now, and it is an excellent location with plenty of room for displaying our goods for sale and for parking, as well as just good fellowship. Let's all help these folks build up their center, for all the help they have provided us. Parkshire Center is located on Murphy Road at the Southwest Freeway.

Results of October 9th Exams

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, October 9, 1990, at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

The V.E. Team and Assistants:

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Ray Dillard, WA5F
Cass Germany, KG5IT
Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG
Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of thirty-five (35) exams were administered during the evening to sixteen (16) applicants. Five (5) unlicensed candidates received new licenses, three (3) Novices and two (2) Technicians. Six (6) other candidates upgraded their licenses with a total of twenty-two (22) elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was sixty-three (63%) percent.

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

Roy Anders — Technician
Miguel Elias, KB5NUQ — Advanced
David Graessle, KA5JVR — Advanced
Sharon Grimes — Technician
Carl Hacker, KB5LDY — Advanced
Ike Herrick, N5QMY — Advanced
Steven Hovater — Novice
Edwin Pate — Element 2
Allan Pettigrew — Novice
Eddie Runner, Jr. — Novice
Howard Russell — Element 2, 3A & 3B
Melvin Thatcher, KB5ION — Advanced
Keith White, Pending — Technician

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

The October Meeting by Bill Todd-Brown, N5MPN

Superlatives begin to run short of originality after writing reviews of the meetings that we have had this year. The weather was perfect; thank you, Lord. There were plenty of chairs; thank you, Doug, Lucy, Dot and the other members of the Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department. The speaker did show up on time after a hectic trip in from Austin; thank you, Kim. The business session went smoothly and quickly; thank you, Bill, N5KXU. The coffee was good; thank you, Harold, ND5F, even if I did have to make the second pot to show you what "Drilling Rig Java" is supposed to taste like. The attendance was good (58 adults, plus or minus two); thank you, members. And the program was superb.

One of the most misunderstood facets of modern (?) life is the ever-present NiCad battery. Kim Mathews of Mathews Rechargeable Batteries very kindly juggled a full speaking schedule, raced back from Austin, and presented a program that generated more questions from the audience than enough. Kim's knowledge held forth, and he fielded them all. Thanks, Kim, you did great. We hope that you will join us as a member, both for a pleasant association and also that we may pick your brain.

73,

Bill, N5MPN



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NOTICE

This issue contains a membership application for anyone wanting to join B-VARC from now until December 31st (\$3.00), or for the year 1991-92 (\$12.00), or both. Additional family members may be included for \$2.00 for each family member. Please complete the application and give to any board member with your check.

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 _____

TOTAL _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

