



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 that offers examinations in all levels of HAM licenses.

To obtain information about the club and its various activities, please call the Houston Amateur Radio Helpline (713) 488-4HAM (488-4426). For information about joining the club, contact Randy Pollard, AK5G, at (713) 667-5123.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thurs, Aug. 12	General Membership Meeting
7:30 pm	Sugar Land Community Center
	Annual Summer Ice Cream Social
Thurs, Sept. 2	Board Meeting
7:30 pm	Sugar Land Community Center

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August 1993

B-Varc Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:30pm South Texas ARES Net 3.873	2 7:30pm 34-94 Swap Net 146.94 8:00pm ARES 147.30 8:00pm Ft. Bend County Emergency Net 145.49 9:00pm B-VARC Net 145.47 & linked repeaters	3 8:00pm 10-10 SHOT NET 28.488 10:00pm AMSAT 147.10	4 8:00pm B-VARC Rag-Chew 3.960 (Busy? +3 KHz)	5 6:30pm RACES AMTOR Net 7.080 7:30pm Board Meeting: Sugar Land Community Center	6 8:00pm S.H.O.T. Chapter Contest Net 28.488 mhz	7 7:30am B-VARC Breakfast 9:00am Hou Emergency Mgmt Net 146.84 (9:30 on 3.905) 8:00pm S.H.O.T. Chapter Contest Net 28.488 mhz 8:30pm C.W. 147.32 10-10 QSO Party
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Notes from the President . . .

by Betty Wicox, KAØTEN

Field Day is old news to some hams, but for those who don't know, it was a raging success. We had 481 voice contacts and 131 CW contacts. These included one packet, 15 VHF/UHF, and 2 satellite contacts. The results are in the mail to ARRL.

A debt of gratitude goes to all those brave souls who assisted in putting up the TH-6 Tri-band beam, but a special "Thank You" to Charlie, KG5KV, who took it as a personal challenge when confronted with great difficulty and overcame it. Watching our hams put up that tower, anchor it to near-by trees, and then climb that tower was an interesting sight.

Doug, KE5SR, made arrangements for yummy catered barbecue with all the trimmings, and Vick, N5NAS, came through with a great breakfast for the hardy hams, those who stayed the night or came back early.

While we didn't try to win anything, we can be proud that B-VARC is ready for a real emergency. If you didn't come out for Field Day, you really missed a great event.

Carl, KB5LDY, and Al, KK5W, met with the American Red Cross in an attempt to help them get an emergency communications plan in place for the greater Houston area. ARC is attempting to provide better services in the event of an emergency and, like us, are trying to get it in place while in a non-emergency status. They have appealed to all hams for assistance in setting up a disaster communications network. Carl and Al will provide a series of seminars designed to sharpen your communication skills and knowledge of formal traffic handling procedures as outlined by ARRL. Most of this type of communications will be handled on VHF/UHF channels and there will be a great need for trained operators having these privileges. I think this is a great opportunity for no-code techs to show their stuff.

Some things are better left unsaid, and possibly this is a good suggestion for those people encountering the persistent and ever-annoying squirrel. He gets his thrill by making hams angry enough to come back and say something. Sometimes, it is a good policy to conveniently deaf. No comment, or no response does not reward the bad behavior. This naughty child needs to be ignored, until caught.

B-VARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS

3.960 MHz 8:00 pm Wednesdays

Compiled by Melvin Thatcher, KB5ION

July 7, 1993

KE5SR NCS, KB5LFU, WA9YNJ, N5KXU, KK5W, W5GLD, W5IHY, N5OAC, N5UOG, KG5KV, AB5OK, N5RFV, W5GHK, KI5SC, KB5ION

July 14, 1993

KB5ION NCS, KE5SR, AB5OK, N5OAC, N5AFV, KI5BA, KG5KV, WA5OEN, N5WMB, K5CNU, W5IHY, W5GHK

July 21, 1993

W5GHK NCS, KE5SR, AB5OK, KB5ION, N5AFV, K5CNU, KB5TIB, KI5SC, N5OAC, N5UOG

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August 4, 1993

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August is the month for our ice cream social. See article written by Dick, N5OUT, in this *Bulletin* for more information.

Our *Bulletin* has been faithfully and expertly handled by Vincent, WA5ETS, for several years. He feels a need to share this responsibility with other hams when his term of office expires at the end of December. If you have an interest in becoming involved with the publication of the newsletter, I'm sure that Vincent would be pleased to share with you any general information and more specific details if your interest increases. My guess is that there should be some supervised training sessions, and you might not want to wait until January to speak up. But this is not my area of expertise, so please contact Vincent.

That's all, folks! See you at the August meeting. Bring your appetite, YL/OM and harmonics.

73 de Betty

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The World of 10-10 International by Al Mattis, N5AFV

During the past decade, there has been a close relationship between B-VARC and the Houston S.H.O.T. chapter of Ten Ten International. This relationship has been due in part to the fact that many Houston area amateur radio operators belong to both organizations. The S.H.O.T. chapter has always been grateful for the support B-VARC members have given the chapter.

The Houston S.H.O.T. chapter is asking for help from all area amateurs in the upcoming 1993 Summer Phone QSO Party which will be held August 7-8, 1993. The long string of QSO party wins by the chapter has apparently come to an end. The last phone contest was the 1993 Winter Phone QSO Party held February 6-7, 1993. The official results have not yet been announced, but the S.H.O.T. chapter has received unofficial word that the City of Lights chapter in Illinois won the QSO party. Official results will appear in the *10-10 International News*, which should be mailed to members within the next few weeks.

If you are a S.H.O.T. member, please consider participating in the QSO party. If you have been thinking about getting a ten ten number and joining the chapter, do it now! Even if you do not have a ten ten number, you can help S.H.O.T. Please check into the nets that will be held Friday and Saturday evenings during the QSO party on August 7th and 8th. The nets will be held at 8 pm on 28.488 mhz. Contacts with operators who do not have ten ten numbers are worth one point to S.H.O.T. members. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of the QSO party.

If you do not have ten ten number, it is easy to qualify for one. All that you need to do is work ten members over the air on ten meters and record their call sign, name, QTH, and ten ten number. This information is sent to the 5th district manager, K5MRU, along with a \$7 fee. The cost includes a membership certificate, 4 issues of the *10-10 International News*, and dues for one year. One place to pick up ten ten numbers is on the S.H.O.T. net.

Remember, the Houston S.H.O.T. net meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 local time on 28.488 mhz. All amateurs are welcome to check in, even if they do not have a 10-10 number. If you are not a member of 10-10 International and wish to join organization, please check into the net. There are a lot of exciting activities in 10-10, and many friendly people can be found on the 10-meter band.

73 de N5AFV

B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, July 1, 1993 by Bud King, N5UOG

A quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on July 1, 1993. This was the seventh meeting of the Board of Directors for the 1993 calendar year.

The minutes of the June 3rd meeting were submitted by Bud King, N5UOG, and approved unanimously by those present.

Club Treasurer, Sam Wilson, N5CPA, reported a balance of \$4,427.67 in the treasury as of June 1993. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

