



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.

To obtain information about the club and its various activities, as well as information about joining the club, contact Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN, at (713) 859-6512.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday Feb. 10	7:30 pm	Regular BVARC Membership Meeting - Sugar Land Community Center
Friday March 3	7:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting - Sugar Land Community Center

Allen Mattis N5AFV
5314 Wigton Drive
Houston, TX 77096



February 1994 B-VARC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 7:30 PM A.R.E.S. Net 147.30	7 7:30 PM 34-94 Swap Net 146.94 8:00 PM Fort Bend County Emergency Net 145.49 9:00 PM BVARC Net 145.47 & Linked Repeaters	1 8:00 PM 10-10 SHOT Net 28.488 10:00 PM AMSAT 147.10	2 8:00 PM B-VARC Rag Chew 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	3 7:30 PM B-VARC Board Meeting: Sugar Land Community Center	4	5 7:30 AM B-VARC Breakfast 8:30 AM CW on 147.32 9:00 AM Hou. Emer- gency Management NET 146.84 (9:30 on 3.905)
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Please report any changes or correction. Kelley Hughes, N5ULZ, 499-9806

Notes from the President by Doug Holley, KE5SR

My sincere thanks to all the members of BVARC that instilled their trust in me and elected me President for the 1994 year. I shall attempt to serve the club in a manner that will be beneficial and will continue to attract new members. I am looking forward to working with all of the newly elected officers.

As stated in my speech at the Banquet, one of my major goals for the coming year will be to upgrade amateurs in their CW skills. We have many new amateurs with license authorizations that limit their ability to expand their skills and enhance their club activities as a result of not upgrading their licenses. Many activities and opportunities are available to us that will be denied if we fail to upgrade.

I would like to thank some of the members that have been especially helpful to the club during the past year. Things run so smoothly within the organization we sometimes fail to recognize those people and all that they do.

Betty, KA0TEN, provided presidential leadership throughout 1993 and was involved with the many club events such as the ice cream social, chili supper, club picnic, club campout, and field day. Thanks to Betty, all events were successful. Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS, almost single-handedly wrote, published, and mailed our Bulletin for three years. The Bulletin is the lifeline which keeps the club informed, and to me is the single most important part of our information cycle.

Michael Ricco, N5YKR, net control station for the BVARC Public Service Net, provided a valuable part of our communication service as did Mel Thatcher, KB5ION, for our HF net on Wednesdays. Claudia Kozinetz, N5VCZ, provided valuable coordination for our Public Service Events. She did an outstanding job. My pick for the 1993 "Ham of the Year" for BVARC was Al Zermano, KK5W. The items are too numerous to list that Al participated in or helped with for the club. He is certainly deserving. My thanks go to Al. I could go on for the entire newsletter and list accomplishments of members, but my thought is to simply say well done and

B-VARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS
3.960 MHz 8:00 pm Wednesdays
Compiled by Melvin Thatcher, KB5ION

January 5, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), N5OAC, KE5SR, AB5OK, N5CPA, N5AFV, WA5DIG, W5GLD, KI5SC, KB5PAJ, KK5W, KC5EEU, WN5A, KG5KV, KB5LFU, N5YKR, N5UOG, AA5JW, W5GHK, K5LTW, N5RAR

January 12, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), AB5OK, N5KXU, KB5LFU, W5DIG, N5CPA, KB5ZRV/AG, WA5OEN, KG5KV, N5UOG, N5YKR, KI5CE, KK5W

January 19, 1994

AB5OK (Net Control), KB5ION, N5OAC, WN5A, WB5UTM, N5CPA, WA9YNJ, W5GHK, N5AFV, KJ5LF

January 26, 1994

KE5SR (Net Control), KG5KV, AB5OK, N5CPA, KI5SC, N5OAC, KB5PAJ, KB5KJT, N5AFV, N5UOG, KB5ION, WN5A, W5IHV, W5EFB, W5GHK, N5YKR, N5KXU

February 2, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), N5UOG, N5CPA, KI5SC, KB5PAJ, W5GHK, KB5LFU, N5AFV, W5EFB, N5YKR, WB5KNU/m, KI5CE

let's continue.

I welcome Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, Coordinator for Public Service events. Mike has a lot of new ideas and I think he will be a success. Also welcome to Kelley Hughes, N5ULZ, the new Editor-in-Chief of our BVARC Bulletin. With people like this on our team, we are sure to have a good year.

With the FCC evermore relinquishing their influence and control on the ham bands, it is more important than ever that we as a unified group show more respect for our hobby and our fellow hams. Patience and consideration go a long way to make an enjoyable hobby. BVARC, as a group, is very good with our radio manners as compared with other organizations. A bit of Trivial Pursuit on the way to work in the morning, or a late night ragchew on two meters go a long way to making this hobby all worthwhile. Our world is stressful and complex, but with a group like ours, life's great.

73 de KE5SR

1994 PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

by Michael Hardwick, N5VCX

For the beginning of 1994 there will be several events that B-VARC will be involved in. The K-9 Fun run will be on Sunday, March 13, in downtown Houston and will require about 12 hams to work the event. Of course one of the big events of the years, the MS150 bike ride to Austin, is going to be held on April 23 & 24. This event will need about 45 hams to work the event for both days. There will be positions open for half days, all day as well as both days. There may be some changes made that may help out on the dead spots that are along the course. On May 1, 1994 the ALA Clean Air bike ride will happen and the events coordinator told me she is expecting upwards of 3,000 riders this year. In 1992, when the ride was held there were about 1,500 riders. If you would like to volunteer for any of the above events, please call me at 662-6800 or 443-8636 and I will be glad to sign you up. See you at the events - N5VCX

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BVARC AWARDS BANQUET BRINGS

OUT A CROWD

By Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN

BVARC members and their spouses or friends enjoyed the annual BVARC awards banquet held on January 27, 1994. The fellowship was wonderful, and the food was very good. On behalf of BVARC, the Doctor Bill Award for the Outstanding V.E. Team participant was presented to Henry Morrison, W5RIY, by Harold Parker, ND5F. The Order of the Key Award, for Outstanding Contributions to the Progress of BVARC, was presented by Randy Pollard, AK5G, to Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS, and Bill Dessons, N5KXU. Charlie Prochaska, KG5KV presented the Loop and Zepp Award, for Outstanding Efforts in the Promotion of HF Operations, to Al Zermano, KK5W.

Throughout the evening tickets for over thirty door prizes were drawn. Bruce Paige, KB5ZRB, donated many of the door prizes, as did Les from Gadgeteers, Bud Kir N5UOG, and Michael Ricco, N5YKR. Yaesu donated a box of log books to be given out to anyone who wanted one.

Claudia Kozinetz, N5VCZ, and Allen Mattis, N5AFV, presented mugs to the hams who participated in the Houston-Tenneco Marathon. The 1993 officers were recognized, and Doug Holley, KE5SR, presented the 1993 President's plaque to me, KA0TEN. Doug, as the new 1994 BVARC President, had a few words to say about his goals for 1994. After a lot of good fun, good food, and good fellowship, the festivities were concluded for another year.

Special thanks go out to Bud King, N5OUG, and the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society (H.E.S.S.) for allowing us to hold our annual awards banquet at the H.E.S.S. facility.
