



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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DONT FORGET ABOUT FIELD DAY - JUNE 25!!

B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 12 7:30 pm	General BVARC Membership Meeting - Sugar Land Community Center
Thursday, June 2 7:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting - Sugar Land Community Center

Allen Mattis N5AFV
5314 Wigton Drive
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May 1994

B-VARC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 PM A.R.E.S. Net 147.30	2 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	3 8:00 PM 10-10 SHOT Net 28.488 10:00 PM AMSAT 147.10	4 8:00 PM B-VARC Rag Chew 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	5 7:30 PM B-VARC Board Meeting: Sugar Land Community Center	6	7 7:30 AM B-VARC Breakfast 9:00 AM Hou. Emer- gency Management NET 146.84 (9:30 on 3.905)
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Notes From the President

by Doug Holley, KE5SR

Spring is definitely here, as we can tell from the tomadoes that come with every spring. It is ever more important that we as amateurs educate ourselves on what to watch for and how to respond to these storms. The Skywam program that is offered by Meteorologist Gene Hafele of N.O.A.A. has been revised, and I would urge every BVARC member to attend one of these seminars. I am arranging one of these seminars presently, and you will hear more about it in the future.

I would like to thank Craig Culver, AB5OK, for arranging to have Alan Cross, our ARRL South Texas Director, for our April program. So many ideas came from the program, both from BVARC members and Alan. I now more clearly understand the structure of ARRL affiliates and how our messages, gripes, and ideas get to ARRL headquarters and sometimes on to the FCC. The good things and the frustrations which we all as members experience with out hobby are a result of our changing society in general, a lack of federal funds to help with enforcement of existing rules, and officials that are reluctant to try cases brought before them. The answer comes through programs and by example.

I found the program presented by Alan Cross extremely educational and beneficial, although the discussions were heated at times on both sides. I think having Alan back next year for a program is a "must".

The May program for the general meeting will be on the "Ten-Ten" group and what they represent. This should be a very interesting presentation.

Thus far, 1994 has proven to be a tragic year for BVARC...more so than I can remember in past years. I think of the loss of Terry Harrison, Beth Lamkin, Mamie Kronberg, and the serious illness of Vic Richard and Don Hadley. We pray for good news the rest of 1994.

The campout was a total success. Twenty-three people and four dogs participated. Betty Wilcox will have details in her column about the event elsewhere in this issue.

See you at the May meeting. Good DX and 73's.

Doug, KE5SR.

BVARC BAG CHEW CHECK INS
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Wednesdays
Compiled by Mel Thatcher, KB5ION

April 5, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), K155C, WN5A, KB5PAJ, AB5OK, W5EFB, KE5SR, N5CPA, W5IHY, WASTVL, N5AFV, W5GLD, W5GHC, KB5LFU, N5ECP, KB5ZRV, K6SW, WY7U, WB5DRB, W5A0EN, N5UOG

April 13, 1994

KB5LFU (Net Control), KB5ION, N5UOG, W5EFB, N5AFV, K155C, KB5PAJ, W5IHY, N5CPA, KE5SR, N5GAC, AB5OK, WN5A, N5YKR, KB5KJTAW5AC, W5GHC, K5SPRE, WB5NES, K65KY, N5IKU

April 20, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), KE5SR, W5GHC, W5EFB, K5BDO, K155C, KB5LFU, N5CPA, KB5ZRV, K6SW, N5UOG, W5GLD, N5POV, KB5PAJ, W5IHY, WB5UTM, K65KY, WASTVL, WN5A, N5IKU

April 27, 1994

N5CPA (Net Control), N5GAC, W5GHC, K155C, KB5PAJ, W5EFB, KB5LFU, N5AFV, W5GLD, KB5ZRV, WN5A, W5IHY, N5YKR

IN MEMORY

Terry Harrison, KB5UE, age 75, became a silent key March 20, 1994. Terry was a member of BVARC for many years and made many friends. Most of his working career was spent as a Maritime Mobile operator.

Terry Harrison will be greatly missed by BVARC, as well as the Ham community.

I Speak -.- -.-

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B-VARC Board of Directors Meeting

April 7, 1994

by Bud King, N5UOG

A quorum of the B-VARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center on April 7, 1994. This was the fourth meeting of the Board for the 1994 calendar year. The following Board members were in attendance: Doug Holley, KE5SR; Mel Thatcher, KB5ION; Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; Vincent Orlando, WA%ETS; Bill Dessens, N5KXU; and Bud King, N5UOG.

President Holley, KE5SR, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. The minutes of the March Board meeting were submitted by Bud King and unanimously approved.

The Club Treasurer, Sam Wilson, N5CPA, reported a balance of \$4,032.01 in the treasury as of March 31, 1994. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Vice President, Mel Thatcher, KB5ION, advised the Board that the Novice-Tech Classes have started, and are being conducted by Larry Levy, WD5DRB, with the assistance of Charles Prochaska, KG5KV, Steve Gottlieb, WA5OEN, and Mel Thatcher, KB5ION. Mel's report included the information that the "Rag Chew Net" was alive and well with check-in's running from 15 to 23 per session.

President Holley introduced Bill Dessens, K5KXU, who will fill the unexpired term for the replaced director.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, and Bret Pritchard, N5VOY, reported on the progress of the planning of the upcoming 1994 MS 150 Bike Tour. A statement was made that BVARC would contribute the services of 17 to 22 Hams for the tour. Approximately 100 volunteer Hams will be responsible for the communications for the two day tour. Plans were discussed about establishing an HF link between La Grange and Houston in order to have a phone patch available for riders of the MS 150 tour.

Al Zermeno, KK5W, accepted the chairmanship of the BVARC Field Day Event. The Board unanimously expressed its appreciation for Al's acceptance of the position. Al advised the board that the "Ronald McDonald House Spring Fling" would be held on April 16th. The Board unanimously voted to renew its annual contribution to "World News". Claude Sessions, K5HFY, advised the Board that on a monthly basis he provides the "Fort Bend Lifestyle"

magazine a BVARC information bulletin for inclusion in their event section. A suggestion was made by Bret Pritchard, N5VOY, and others, that a letter be sent to the Belleville Amateur Radio Club expressing the Board's concern and interest in the loss of their repeater tower during a recent windstorm.

BVARC will sponsor a new Code Class featuring 5 WPM to 13 WPM CW lessons starting on May 2nd. The classes will be held every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Church of Christ.

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CODE CLASSES OFFERED AGAIN

Starting May 2, 1994, Novice and General class code classes will be offered by BVARC. Classes will start from 0 to 5 words per minute. The second part of the program will run from 5 to 13 WPM. Code tapes and hand key oscillators will both be used. The classes will meet each Tuesday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the First Colony Church of Christ, located at 3119 Sweetwater Blvd..

To reach the site, travel south on US 59, one exit south of Highway 6. This is Sweetwater Blvd.. Exit left over the freeway going south for 1.7 miles. The church is on the right-hand side. Park in the parking lot, and come upstairs to room 221.

The class will last six to eight weeks, but before you start you must make up your mind to spend fifteen minutes a day on your own with some type of practice. This is a must. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 342-8028. I would like as many members to attend as possible.

Doug Holley
KE5SR

