



B-VARC BULLETIN

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BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Serving Fort Bend and Harris Counties

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The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) was originally organized in 1978, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford when required. Since that time, BVARC has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active Ham radio club in the southwest Houston area.

Today, BVARC is truly a general-interest club, with an impressive record of Public Service. This commitment to service has been recognized by the Amateur Radio Relay League with the coveted status of Special Service Club. We are proud of our members, who represent the finest in Amateur Radio. Membership is not limited to licensed operators, but is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Sugar Land Community Center. Talk-in assistance is available on the 145.47 and 442.5 MHZ repeaters.

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

From: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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Missouri City, Texas 77459



B-VARC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 4	7:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting Sugar Land Community Center
Thursday, August 11	7:30 pm	General BVARC Membership Meeting - Sugar Land Community Center

Allen Mattis N5AFV
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August 1994 B-VARC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 PM Texas State RACES Net 7.248 7:30 PM A.R.E.S. Net 147.30	1 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	2 8:00 PM 10-10 SHOT Net 28.488 10:00 PM AMSAT 147.10	3 8:00 PM B-VARC Rag Chew 3.960 (Busy? +3 Khz)	4 7:30 PM B-VARC Board Meeting: Sugar Land Community Center	5 (Empty)	6 7:30 AM B-VARC Breakfast 9:00 AM Hou. Emergency Management NET 146.84 (9:30 on 3.905)
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Notes From the President

by Doug Holley, KE5SR

BVARC had their annual field day June 25-26. The reservoir did rise, as usual, and the field day site had to be moved at the last moment from Bear Creek Park, the appointed site, to the Katy County Park on Morton Road. To our surprise, this site was much better than the Bear Creek site. Plans are for next year's field day site to remain at the Katy County Park. The site and facilities were great. Field Day report will be covered by a separate write-up in the newsletter.

A good number of our members and friends attended a Skywarn seminar held at the George Library on June 29th. The seminar was conducted by Mr. Gene Hafeles of N.O.A.A. I had attended several Skywarn seminars in past years, but found this updated presentation more interesting and very well presented. Some of the information I recalled from previous seminars, but for the most part, the information was new. I feel that we are better prepared to recognize and respond to storm warnings as a result of the seminar. I will work with our membership in the future to integrate them with the weather nets held on 146.84 MHz and 145.49 MHz. Supporting weather nets like these helps us help others.

Let's not forget the seminar dealing with hazardous materials that are transported through our area. This seminar will be held at the same location on September 6. Please put this on your schedule calendar. I will see you there.

Code classes will finish up in four weeks. Thus far we have learned the characters, prosigns, and numbers. Code speed has been mastered at 5 words per minute, and we are working up to 13. Larry Levy (WB5DRB) will start a theory class for the novice and no code technician on July 18. The classes will be held at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston from 7 to 8 p.m. each Monday evening. Testing sessions will be held after completion on September 13 at the same location. Please call Larry at 777-0008 if you are interested in the classes so that he may schedule you.

BVARC RAG CHEW CHECK-INS

3.960 MHz 8:00pm Wednesdays

Compiled by Mel Thatcher, KB5ION

June 1, 1994

KB5ION (Net Control), W5EFB, N5ECT, N5AFV, KB5LFU, KE5SR, WA5OEN, KB5TIB, KB5PAJ, KI5SC, AB5OK, KB5KJT/W5AC, N5JBL, N5YKR, KB5ZRV

June 15, 1994

AB5OK (Net Control), N5KXU, N5CPA, N5OAC, N5YKR, KI5SC, KB5PAJ, KG5KV

June 22, 1994

KE5SR (Net Control), W5EFV, N5AFV, N5CPA

June 29, 1994

W5IHY (Net Control), WA5OEN, N5AFV, KI5SC, KB5PAJ, WN5A, KB5KV, N5KXU, N5YKR

This July's program will be our most popular program of the year, our ice cream social. Claude Sessions is handling this event for the club. If you can bring ice cream, cookies, or other goodies, please give him a call.

Next month's program will be a good one on "QCWA" presented by Randy Pollard, AK5G. See you at the meeting.

I Speak - - -

Randy Pollard, AK5G

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1-Year Director.....	Bill Dessens, N5KXU	721-1844
Past President.....	Betty Wilcox, KA0TEN	859-6512

Board of Directors Meeting

by Bud King, N5UOG

A quorum of the BVARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land community center on June 2, 1994. This was the sixth meeting of the Board for the 1994 calendar year. The following Board members were in attendance: Doug Holley, KE5SR; Mel Thatcher, KB5ION; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Victor Richard, N5NAS; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; Bill Dessens, N5KXU; and Bud King, N5UOG. President Holley opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Mel Thatcher reported the Rag Chew check-ins holding at about fifteen.

The Club Treasurer, Sam Wilson, reported a balance of \$4029.81 in the treasury as of May 31, 1994. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

President Holley confirmed that "Field Day" would be held Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 at Bear Creek Park. Pavilion number three is the chosen spot, if it is not under water. Should a site change be required, an announcement will be made in time to notify all interested parties. The official starting time for Field Day will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, and continue nonstop for 24 hours. A Bar-B-Q dinner will be served at 5:00 PM Saturday to the first 85 persons having paid tickets. For those operators who spend the night, a breakfast will be prepared and served on site. Doug emphasized the need for additional manpower to assist in erecting the many antennas which will be used.

In a verbal report presented by Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, concerning the activities of the Public Service Net, he indicated that he would be attending an ALA meeting in the near future. There are no changes in upcoming Public Service events to report.

Sam Wilson notified the Board that the BVARC membership stands at 210 as of June 1, 1994.

A motion was passed unanimously to authorize Bill Dessens to spend up to \$100 for Helium and other supplies that will be used in the Field Day balloon project.

A unanimous motion was made requiring that an inventory list of all known BVARC property be prepared. The list is to include the type, quantity, location, and Name, callsign, and address of the caretaker. The list will be updated and maintained current by the Club Treasurer with a copy supplied to the Corresponding Secretary.

Discussions were held concerning the following items: A Skywarn class to be held June 29; the Second Technicians QSO Party held on May 22; and the BVARC volunteer work party that helped the Bellville Amateur Radio Club erect their new tower on May 22nd. More information concerning this event will be written at a later date.

President Holley adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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Results of the June 14th

Amateur Exams

by Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, June 14, 1994 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

V.E. TEAM:

Benny Owens, K5KV
Harold Parker, ND5F
Joe Tarrant, K5DIY

Assistants:

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Cass Germany, KG5IT
Craig Culver, AB5OK
Don Schexnaider, AB5IV

A total of 34 exams were administered during the evening to 13 applicants. Seven (7) unlicensed candidates received their new licenses: 1 Novice, 3 Technician Plus and 3 Technicians. One (1) other applicant upgraded with a total of 21 elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 62%.

Congratulations to the following who upgraded and/or passes exams.

Raymond Barron - Novice
Nancy Cunningham - Element 2
Kenneth Drake - Technician
Sandra Gottlieb - Technician
Jean Hamilton - Technician Plus
Clarence Hotalen - Element 2
Jon Moore - Technician
Pat Price - Element 2
Paul Roeder - Technician Plus
Don Simon, W5JPD - Element 1C
Dale Wilpers - Technician Plus
Robert Wittner, KC5EHF - Advanced

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 de ND5F

Bulletin Publish Date Change

by Kelley Hughes, N5ULZ

In order to provide a more responsive Bulletin to our members, the publish date for the Bulletin will move to the 15th of the month. This will allow any pertinent information developed at the Board meeting or the General meeting to be distributed to the membership in a more timely manner.

In order to accommodate this change, the Bulletin is arriving a little later than normal this month. Also, the new deadline for submission of articles will now be the 10th of each month. For example, for an article to be considered for publication in the August 15 Bulletin, it should be received no later than August 10th.

As always, the preferred method for receiving bulletin articles is via some type of electronic medium. You can Email articles via Compuserve to Compuserve ID 72603,623 or via Internet to address 72603.623.compuserve.com. If you would prefer, you can mail me a 3.5-inch floppy disk with your article. The disk will be returned. The files can be in either ASCII or some type of word processor format. If you have any questions regarding how to submit a file, please call me at 499-9806. If you do not have access to a computer, you can FAX me your information at 499-0279, or simply mail it to me. Keep in mind that articles sent via FAX or in writing require me to re-type them, and I am a ssll0o0ww typist.

73 de N5ULZ, Kelley Hughes

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