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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Carl Cunert - WB8SVR

Well, after missing a little more than one month, here is the BVARC Bulletin. A lot of thanks can be given to Larry - WD5DRB, who decided to fill in for our former editor, Kelley Hughes - N5ULZ. Kelley's work obligations became more than could be expected and still allow the publishing of the monthly Bulletin. While that is great for Kelley, it did leave a vacuum of much needed skill for our membership.

Kelley is a real PRO. The job he did for the membership of the club cannot be measured in salary. It was accomplished out of a labor of love, to all of us and the hobby. Kelley, thank you for all your time, effort, and work!

While the changing of the guard has been passed to WD5DRB on a *pro tempore* basis, we as a Club need more participation from the membership as a whole, not just with the Bulletin. Community Service - one main aspect of amateur radio - is best met by participation in special event activities. Mike Hardwick - N5VCX has commented that volunteer participation in HAM radio special events is way down. Look and notice; many of the opportunities to serve the Club are filled by the same faces, time and time again.

These people are invaluable to our existence and well being, yet is time for some of our new members to step up and lend a hand as well. Step up and gain the experience to continue to strengthen BVARC for the future. YOU are invaluable to our Club and YOU have contributions that we want you to share for the benefit of all.

BVARC does need an editor who can take the Bulletin and run with it. To gather items from members and prepare

the pages in time a week before the Board of Directors meeting. The Board will ensure that the Bulletin will be copied and mailed to the membership a week before the general meeting. BVARC also needs articles of interest to put in the Bulletin. Novice to Extra class - new HAM and Quarter Century Members - share your experience. To have so many talented people in the Club, let the problem with the Bulletin be that there is too much material to be published rather than let it be one of 'ho-hum'. Don't keep your talents a secret!

Articles concerning antennas would be super for would-be upgrades in our Club. The Bulletin could use articles on your favorite aspect of the hobby. Write with a fellow enthusiast and develop a lasting friendship. There are so many pluses that may be enjoyed through participation with the Club to let any trivial 'negatives' get in the way. Remember, you invested your annual dues to join BVARC - how about collecting the dividends that are gained through participation! Why let just a few of your fellow members devote their time for your enjoyment?

If you want the benefits of this Club, such as the Bulletin, special event stations, HF and VHF nets, Field Day, etc., it is time for you to ANTE up. Nothing disturbs me more than someone who will gripe and/or let the same people do the job they can also do, yet do nothing to assist. These people are a dime a dozen.

To all those who are working so hard for so many, from the Board to the VE examiners, THANK YOU - THANK YOU! Now it is the time for others to ANTE-UP! Sorry if I offended anyone, but the membership of this Club is important too!

73, Carl - WB8SVR

BVARC BOARD MEETING

by Louis House - KD5GM

A quorum of the BVARC Board of Directors met at the Sugar Land Community Center, on May 4, 1995. This was the fifth meeting of the calendar year. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR.

The following Board Members and guests were in attendance: Carl Cunert, WB8SVR; Ron Grimes, WA5SCE; Donn Washburn, N5XWB; Louis House, KD5GM; Billy Jones, KC5EVD; Claude Sessions, K5HFY; Victor Richard, N5NAS; Bud King, N5UOG; Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, Dwayne Jones, KB5YTA, Allen Mattis, N5AFV; Carl Hacker, KB5LDY; John Hall, KC5EHW; and Allen Brier, WB5BIR.

Vice President Ron Grimes, WA5SCE; Stated that since Article 1 section (B) and section (C) of the BVARC Bylaws will support the election of a life membership without the charge of dues. Thus, the original vote for the life membership for Stu Lamkin, WB5IGG; should be untabled and take effect immediately. A motion to do so was passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Donn Washburn, N5XWB; Reported a balance of \$ 3775.19 with no outstanding debts. Donn also reported a membership of 182 to date. A motion to accept the report was passed unanimously.

Recording Secretary Louis House, KD5GM; failed to bring the April minutes to the meeting for presentation. A motion to table the minutes until the June meeting passed unanimously.

Rag Chew Net Manager Sam Wilson, N5CPA; Reported a low of 8 check ins and a high of 18 check ins for the month of April. Sam stated that the Net meets on 3960 kHz + or - 3 KHz for QRM at 8:00 p.m. CDST. All Amateurs licensed for this frequency are invited to check in and phone check ins are also available for those who do not have rigs or are not licensed to operate on this frequency.

Al Mattis, N5AFV; Reported that the 10 - 10 Net wished to thank BVARC members for their support. There have been enough members on the net to qualify the new 10 - 10 memberships. Al also reported that 10 meters is not a dead band, when the band is open it is very good.

John Hall, KC5EHW; and Allen Brier, WB5BIR; reported that Field Day is progressing, but the response from the Club members is a little bit slow. Allen would like to see more response from the Commitment forms he has handed out to our membership. The report was followed by much discussion from all present concerning antennas, power sources and other support equipment for the event.

Carl Hacker, KB5LDY; the official volunteer cook for the Field Day event suggested to the board that a fee of \$3.00 be charged for the evening meal at the Field Day sight and that the Club could pick up the difference if there is any.

Carl also said that anyone who has any large coolers should volunteer to bring them along; lots of ice will be needed. For those who stay overnight, a breakfast will be served. A motion for Carl to spend the funds necessary to feed the Field Day group, both Saturday night and Sunday morning was passed unanimously.

Billy Jones, KC5EVD; Reported that a new Club roster is out and the mailing labels are done. Billy reported that he is unable to do the ID badges and he then recommended that the Club do away with them. There was some discussion about the matter. The consciences of the board is to let each individual be responsible for their own badge, no further action was taken.

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX; Special Events Chair reported that May 14 will be the Clean Air Bike Ride, June 17 is the date for the Soap Box Derby. The Officials of the Derby want our help. Mike says he is not getting enough help with volunteers for events.

Mike also reported that the MS 150 went very well. and that Bret Prichard, N5VOY; did a very fine job on the MS 150.

Carl Cunert, WB8SVR; reported that he had talked to Kelley Hughs, N5ULZ; and Kelley had said that he could no longer do the news letter because of a very heavy work load.

Louis House, KD5GM; Asked the board if BVARC would like to sponsor the code practice net which was started recently. there is no obligation to BVARC. a motion was passed unanimously for BVARC to sponsor the code practice net called BCN. The Net meets on Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 p.m. on 146.47 simplex.

President Carl Cunert, WB8SVR; With a unanimous vote adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - Recap
by Donn Washburn - N5XWB

As of May 1, 1995, for the Club
Expenses to date: < \$ 39.34 >
Deposits to date: \$ 208.00

As of May 20, 1995, for the Club
Current Membership: 186

Opinion - "If there are no acorns lying around, the squirrels will move on to another forest or starve."

For HAM radio, a squirrel is a person who intentionally and maliciously interferes with other transmissions. It is most appropriate behavior to totally ignore any individual who behaves in this manner. By this attitude, of total shunning, the squirrel will fail to be fed. Whatever drives or motivates this type of person will be unfulfilled.

Let us each strive to avoid being a 'nut', and thereby help starve a squirrel.'nuf said! /!s!

REPEATERS KC5OBT - 145.47 AND 444.55 MHz

by Randy Pollard - AK5G

The Memorial Emergency Radio Association (MERA) is the corporation that owns and operates the 145.47 and 444.55 MHz repeaters. The purpose of the organization "...shall be to provide the capability for emergency communications to the Memorial Hospital System". With this in mind, all repeater users stand ready to assist during an emergency. The FCC has recently issued MERA a club call sign - KC5OBT - and this is now the ID being used on both repeaters.

Here are a few facts about the repeaters: Antenna is a Diamond X 500-H at 182 feet above ground level; output for the 2 mtr machine is 15 W and for the 70 cm transmitter is 10 W; the subaudible tone on 2 mtrs is 123.0 Hz and 103.5 Hz for the 70 cm unit.

There are ten volunteer control operators who monitor both repeaters continuously for proper use and compliance with all FCC rules and regulations. Some of the 'no noes' are: no business communications; no broadcasting or news media gathering; no music; no criminal activities; no codes or ciphers; no obscenity, profanity, nor indecency; no false signals; no retransmitting of radio signals; and no malicious interference. If any of these 'no noes' are heard by the repeater control operators, the repeater(s) will be turned off until the violation ceases.

Various nets are conducted on the MERA repeaters. Should an organization wish to conduct net activities on either of the repeaters, prior approval will be required. Just contact any one of the board members (listed below) for the necessary approval, prior to your net.

All repeaters need maintenance, repairs, and enhancements to stay operating...in other words, it takes money to run a repeater. As a user, you should support your favorite repeater with annual donations. Donations to the MERA Repeaters should be sent to our treasurer:

Harold Parker - ND5F
1915 SPILLERS LN
HOUSTON TX 77043.

MERA will conduct an open meeting on September 19, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at Strake Jesuit - Rm 503. Please come to voice your views and hear what we have done and plan to do with the repeaters.

73, MERA Board

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Betty	KA0TEN	

VE EXAM RESULTS APRIL - MAY 1995

by Harold Parker - ND5F

The following covers the results of the April 11th and May 9th, 1995 VE Exams, given at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and May 6th, given at League City Civic Center.

The VE Teams were:

April 11th

Carl Albrecht -	AA5JW
Louis House -	KD5GM
Harold Parker -	ND5F

May 6th and May 9th

Louis House -	KD5GM
Harold Parker -	ND5F
Don Schexnalder -	AB5IV

The Assistants were:

April 11th, May 6th and May 9th	
Cass Germany -	KG5IT

May 6th

Carl Albrecht -	AA5JW
Ron Grimes -	WA5SCE

All of us at BVARC again thanks Vincent - WA5ETS and everyone at Strake Jesuit for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

73, Harold Parker - ND5F

April 11th Results

A total of 18 exams were given to 13 applicants. Three unlicensed candidates received new licenses: 1 Novice and 2 Technicians tickets. Three others upgraded, with a total of 9 elements passed for an overall 'pass rate' of 50%.

May 6th Results

A total of 32 exams were given to 21 applicants. Three unlicensed candidates received new licenses: 1 Technician Plus and 2 Technicians tickets. Two others upgraded, with a total of 15 elements passed for an overall 'pass rate' of 47%.

May 9th Results

A total of 26 exams were given to 14 applicants. Six unlicensed candidates received new licenses: 3 Technician Plus and 3 Technicians tickets. Two others upgraded, with a total of 20 elements passed for an overall 'pass rate' of 77%.

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

Andar Aqil - KC5OPH - Technician
Jeremy Baker - Novice
James Belk - Technician
Dwayne Cessac - Technician Plus
Donald Chapman - N5RVR - Ele 4B
Bill Christian - Technician
Henery Farroux - Element 3A
Harold Gillespie KC5NMM - Advanced
Clarence Hall - Technician
Michael Harris - KC5AHZ - Advanced
James Hinds - Element 2
Walter Holmes - WD5GAZ - Extra
Thomas Huss - Technician
Frederick Kranke - Technician Plus
Adam McKnight - Element 2
Richard Payne - KC5EAC - General
Melinda Quinn - KC5FKZ - Advanced
Stephen Roberts - Element 2
Gene Russell - N5XGT - Element 4A
Ron Sparks - Technician
Thomas Stamps - N5MFK - Extra
Jerry Thomas - KK5MN - Extra
Dave Topp - Technician Plus
Freddie Valentine KC5LGH - Ele 3B
Marylou Valentine - Technician
Dave Wagner - KC5DWH - Ele 1B
Alan Wills - Element 3A
Thomas Weldon - Technician Plus

THE WORLD OF TEN TEN INTERNATIONAL

by Al Mattis N5AFV

A couple of exciting Ten Ten events are just around the corner. Though radio propagation has been poor, members are anxiously awaiting to participate in these two events.

First, the 7th Annual Hill Country Gathering of Ten Ten members will be held on June 11, 1995, at the home of Jack Moore - K4NF, in New Braunfels TX. Each year this gathering grows in size. Last year, approximately 35 members from 6 states joined for the Texas style picnic. For Houston area members, the Hill Country Gathering is a good opportunity to participate in a nationally known Ten Ten activity. The Ten Ten International club station, W6OI, will operate from the New Braunfels. Bring a copy of your license! For more information, send an SASE to:

Jack Moore - K4NF,
RR 12 Box 378

New Braunfels TX 78132-1602

Via packet radio:

k4nf@k3wgf.#sat.tx.usa.na.

A week later in Tuscaloosa, AL, the 1995 Ten Ten International Convention will be held, June 16-18, 1995. Information about the convention may be obtained by sending an SASE to:

Tom Henderson, K4CIH,
4901 15th Place E

Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-4522.

Convention activities will include forums, chapter tables, a banquet, and many door prizes. The SHOT chapter will have a table and SHOT members who attend will be issued a Voyager seal upgrade to commemorate their attendance at the event.

SHOT CHAPTER NEWS

Welcome DALE TEMPLE - KC5HNJ, our newest local member. Check ins continue to increase to the chapter's weekly net. Remember, the Houston Space Houston On Ten net meets every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. local time on 28.488 MHz. All amateurs are welcome to check in. If you wish to join Ten Ten International, please check into the net. Lots of exciting activities and friendly people can be found on the ten meter band. Thank you to all the local SHOT members who support the net.

PROPAGATION / PAPER CHASERS

What can be said about ten meter propagation when the recent ARRL Propagation Forecast Bulletin (#20) begins with the words "Conditions are pretty rotten right now, with no visible sunspots..."? As would be expected, domestic propagation on the band has generally been poor this past month. A few E-layer openings occurred to such states as MO, CO, MN, and FL. Typical DX openings to Latin America and the Caribbean also were reported. Houston area stations listed contacts with Guantanamo Bay, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Panama in the past weeks. During this low portion of the sun spot cycle, openings do occur, but less frequently.

Even with the decline in propagation conditions, Ten Ten paper chasers continue to be active on 28.345 MHz. There are fewer openings, and the uncertain propagation conditions have caused many chapters to discontinue specials for paper chasers.

Keep your radios warm and ears tuned for both openings and 'rare' stations.

ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION

by Al Mattis - N5AFV

The April 1995 issue of *Geo Monitor*, a California based newsletter dedicated to earthquake prediction, amateur geophysical monitoring and earth mysteries, featured a letter written by Ken Cornell - W2IMB. In his letter, Cornell discussed recent research related to various methods of predicting earthquakes.

Cornell listed three types of phenomena which show promise in predicting earthquakes, each of which have been the subject of recent research.

The first type involves the presence of ultra low frequency (ULF) electromagnetic radiation, believed to result from the piezoelectric effect (the generation of electricity or electric

polarity) due to certain minerals subjected to stresses within a geologic fault zone. The second type of phenomena is the frequency deviation of low and medium frequency radio signals, such as observed by Project Beacon monitors in the Houston metropolitan area. The third type of phenomena consists of changes in the strength and/or polarity of the earth's magnetic field

Cornell submits that, in seismically active areas, instruments to monitor all three types of phenomenon should be set up at the same locations. Data collected for each phenomenon could then be compared and correlated with each other under the same event conditions.

It is possible that the geologic conditions at any one location may not favor the occurrence of all three of these phenomenon. Still, such a study would certainly advance a better understanding of these naturally occurring electromagnetic phenomena that seem to be related to active faults and earthquakes. The interest by Cornell and others certainly points out the positive contribution made by Project Beacon.

Field Day Sign-Up

Allen - WB5BIR... Save my place!
For Field Day, I want to operate a special time slot of (Fill in - Circle):
_____ a.m. / p.m. Sat / Sun

I want: CW ___ SSB ___ FM ___

Logging ___ Packet ___

I want: ___ Dinner Plates -\$3 ea

I want: ___ Breakfast Plates

Count on me to bring the following equipment, supplies, or food:

Name / Call Sign: _____

Phone: _____ - _____

SOUND LIKE A LID

by N4LID

On two meters lately, I have noticed a tendency of people making a concerted effort to sound like a lid. Since this appears to be the new style in Amateur Radio, I thought I would present this handy guide to radio nerd-dom. The following is what I call: "How to sound like a LID in one easy lesson."

Step 1: Use as many Q signals as possible. Yes, I know they were invented solely for CW and are totally inappropriate for 2 meter FM, but they are fun and entertaining. They keep people guessing as to what you really meant. i.e. "I'm going QSY to the telephone." Can you really change frequency to the phone? QSL used to mean "I am acknowledging receipt", but now it appears to mean "yes" or "OK". I guess I missed it when the ARRL changed the meaning. Also it is best to use OK and QSL together; Redundancy, to say twice, is the better part of Liddom.

Step 2: Never laugh when you can say "Hi Hi". No one will ever know you are not a long time CW ragchewer if you do not tell them. They will think you have been on since the days of Marconi.

Step 3: Utilize an alternativetype of vocabulary. Rely on the use of words like "destinated" and "negatory". It is OK to make up your own words here. "Yea Bill, I pheelbart on the zaphonix occasionally myself."

Step 4: Always Say "xx4xxx" (insert your own call sign) "for ID". As mentioned in Step One, anything that creates redundancy is always strongly encouraged. That is why we have need for the very needed Department of Redundancy Department. (Please note that you can follow your call with "for identification purposes" instead of "for ID". While taking longer to say, it is worth more lid-points.

Step 5: The better the copy on 2 mtrs the more you should phonetically spell your name, especially if it is a short and/or common one. i.e., "My name is Al ... Alpha Lima" or "Jack ... Juliet Alpha Charlie Kilo". If at all possible, make up unintelligible phonetics; "My name is Bob ... Billibong Oregano Bumperpool".

Step 6: All ways give the calls of yourself and everyone who is (or has been, or will be) in the group, whether they are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it is still a wonderful memory test.

Step 2: Whenever possible, use the wrong terminology. It keeps people guessing. Use "modulation" when you mean 'deviation' and vise-versa.

Step 8: If someone asks for a 'BREAK', always finish your turn, taking as long as possible before turning it over. Whenever possible, pass it around a few times first. This will discourage the breaker and, if it is an emergency, will encourage the breaker to switch to another repeater and not bother you.

Step 9: Always ask very involved questions of the person who is trying to sign out. Never let someone get by with a 'yes or no' answer. Make it a question that will take a long time to answer.

Step 10: The less you know about a subject, the more you should speculate about it on the air. The amount of time spent on your speculations should be inversely proportional to your knowledge of the subject.

Step 11: If someone on the repeater is causing interference, you should talk about that person at great length, making sure to comment on at least 4 out of 6 of the following aspects of the violator's:

- a) Mental State;
- b) Family Origins;
- c) Intelligence, or lack of me;
- d) Cracker Jack Licensing;
- e) Four-Letter nicknames;
- f) Mental Age

Step 12: If you hear two amateurs start their conversation on the repeater, wait until they are 20 seconds into their contact, and then break-in to use the patch. Make sure that it is only a simple, routine phone call. It is very important that you run the autopatch for a full three minutes. This way, one the two re-establish contact, they won't even remember what they were talking about.

Step 13: You hear someone on the repeater giving directions to another amateur. Even if the directions are good, make sure to break-in with your own 'alternate route, but better way to get there' version. This is most effective if several other LID trainees join in, each with a different route. By the time all the alternate directions to the friend's house and all the street names whizzing around the airwaves are unscrambled, the Amateur who asked for directions has driven out of range of the repeater. This keeps you from having to stick around and help the HAM get back out of town later.

Step 14: Whenever possible, 'Quick-Key' your microphone PTT button on repeater use so you never are bothered by the courtesy tone. With other LID trainees in rhythm, you can maintain a 'private repeater' for yourselves. Other amateurs effectively will be unable to match your fast trigger fingers and unable to use the repeater.

Step 15: Amateur radio vocabulary is too direct and clear. To make things more colorful, borrow terminology and phrases from other radio services, such as the Eleven - Good Buddy - Meter Band. This will also have others talk about you in 'colorful terms.

These fifteen easy steps should put you well on the way to LID-HOOD. I hope these helpful hints will save you some time in your quest to sound like a perfect LID. See how many more you can add that are missing in this list. The more you apply and put to use with regularity, the more solitude you will experience on the frequencies.

The preceding was Downloaded from RelayNet by Bud King - N5OUG

The 'non-gender' and a 'G' rated editing and Steps 14 & 15 have been contributed by WD5DRB - Larry Levy



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BVARC EDITOR WANTED
Apply Within
 by Larry Levy - WD5DRB

Good news / Bad news Syndrome. Kelley Hughes - N5ULZ has too much work to do and his business work load has exceeded his ability to continue to fill the role and meet the responsibility of BVARC Bulletin Editor.

President Carl - WB8SVR and the Board of Directors are seeking another individual to claim the title of "Editor" on a regular basis. Is that person 'YOU'? Step forward and claim the title.

Meanwhile, as a past editor, I have accepted the position as a very *pro tempore* volunteer.

Beginning with this issue of the BVARC Bulletin, all deadlines for articles and will be set to enable the issue for a given month to be in the hands of the membership prior to the Board meeting for that month.

If you have an article or item to be included in the newsletter, please get it to me. Computer disks preferred (DOS) WITH a hard copy print.

DEADLINE is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

GULF COAST HAM CONVENTION 1995
 by Al Zermeno - KK5W

Dayton and Arlington may be big and well attended, but here in our humble Humble TX, come November will be our own convention. Since the demise of the Houston HAM CONVENTION group, Houston has not enjoyed a convention of this scale since 1993. If you recall, that event was fraught with late mailed publicity, limited parking, and even the state taxman played the role of Scrooge at the flea market area.

A number of area clubs and individuals have incorporated the Gulf Coast Ham Convention Inc. group. Of note, three of our own members, Bruce Paige - KK5DO, Al Zermeno - KK5W, & Carl Hacker - KB5LDY are all active participants on the GCHCI board.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this November 3rd - 5th event.

Planned for the event is an "Out of this World" guest speaker as well as an array of technical and informational sessions and family activities.

Do you want to be part of this group, additional help is needed. Give Bruce, Al, or Carl a call.

HAM-COM '95
ARRL Texas State Convention

June 9th - 11th - Arlington TX

It is not too late; there is still time to register and make the way north to Arlington TX to attend the 1995 ARRL gathering. BE QUICK!

This is a large convention that is about a five hour drive from home. Plan to stay overnight because the size of both the commercial and the swap areas are vast. It would be unfair to go the distance and miss anything.

To register, FAX your preprinted form to (214) 442-1721. Both MC or VISA credit cards are accepted. This same number will provide a recorded message with information. All registrations received after JUNE 1st must be picked up at the door. Just \$12.00 for the weekend entry for a licensed HAM; \$5.00 non-HAM.

Major manufacturers and dealers will be in attendance. A great time to touch & feel the newest of the new rigs. Typically 'deals' can be made to bring a goodie or two home.

More than 400 Flea Market Exhibit spaces are available. If that left-handed thing-a-majig can't be found, it really isn't needed. There WILL be a State of TX 7.75% sales tax collected on all Flea Market sales. Consider this when making your offer.

VE exams will be given all three days, with three Novice, Tech, & Tech-Plus sessions given on Friday by the Arlington ARC. The Dallas ARC will give exams on Saturday and Sunday.

With our local Gulf Coast Ham Convention Inc. (GCHCI) meeting fast approaching in November, this is a chance to pick-up some ideas. /sl


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146.94 MHz
8:00 p.m. - Ft Bend Cty EM Net
145.49 MHz
9:00 p.m. - BVARC Net
145.47 MHz
and Linked Repeaters

TUESDAYS

8:00 p.m. - Ten Ten SHOT Net
28.488 MHz
10:00 p.m. - AMSAT Net
147.10 MHz

WEDNESDAYS

7:30 p.m. - BVARC Rag Chew
3.960 MHz (+/- 3 kHz)
8:30 p.m. - BVARC Code Net
146.47 MHz - Receive Only

FRIDAY

8:30 p.m. - BVARC Code Net
146.47 MHz - Receive Only

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. - Houston Emergency
Management Net
146.84 MHz
9:30 a.m. - Houston Emergency
Management Net
3.905 MHz

SUNDAYS

7:30 p.m. - ARES Net
147.30 MHz

2nd & 4th Sundays

1:30 p.m. TX State RACES Net
7.248 MHz

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CODE-THEORY CLASSES

Classes for the Morse Code and
Novice and Tech No -Code exams
are scheduled throughout the
year. Currently no classes are
being conducted, though with
interest, that can & will change.

BVARC MEETINGS

7:30 p.m. June 1st at Sugar Land
Community Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to ALL BVARC Members

7:30 p.m. June 8th at Sugar Land
Community Center
Program: Field Day 1995

FIELD DAY 1995

June 23 & 24, 1995 will be the 18th
year BVARC as gathered as a Club to
participate in Field Day. This year the
site will be Katy Park. Come and join
the final preparations at the June
General Meeting, Thursday, June 8th,
for more details. (Also, see pg 2 for
the May Minutes and pg 4 for a sign-
up coupon to sent to Allen - WB5BIR)

CW PRACTICE NET

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Morse code practice net has been
established in response to the last
BVARC Code Class's desire to have a
common place to practice. The net
meets on Wednesday and Friday
nights at 8:30 p.m. on the simplex
frequency of 146.47 MHz.

The BVARC CODE NET will have a
voice check in, though no check in is
necessary. A text will be transmitted
by modulated tones on FM (MCW)
with the source announced in Morse
code; speeds of 5 to about 9 WPM are
presently sent.

As many as eight check ins an
evening participate, but that does not
count the 'just listening' bunch. Join
the fun, check in if you wish or just
tune in and copy along.

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BVARC BULLETIN

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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. The commitment to service has been recognized by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) 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 p.m. 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, its activities, or about joining BVARC, contact Betty Wilcox - KA0TEN, at (713) 859-6512

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Thursday, June 1st	Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Sugar Land Community Center
Thursday, June 8th	BVARC Membership Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Sugar Land Community Center

BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

Saturdays - 7:00 a.m.	Kettle Restaurant
to 9:00 a.m.	Chimney Rock and Westpark / NE corner
3rd Friday Dinners - 6:30 p.m.	SHARP!
	Locations announced each month

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