


THE B-VARC BULLETIN

Volume 23, issue 2
February 2000

<p>Houston Ham Help Line 24-Hours 281-495-3495</p> <p>Get information about local clubs and testing sessions.</p>	<p>Membership renewal information:</p> <p>Members whose membership has expired or is near expiration will find their membership date highlighted on the mailing label.</p>	 <p>http://www.hal-pc.org/~bvarc</p>
--	---	--

ARRL Membership - Members are urged to renew their ARRL membership through BVARC, allowing the club to take advantage of reduced insurance rates. Contact Irv, KK5QQ at 281-437-6755 for information

<p>What's in this issue?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notes from the Prez – P. 2 ➤ BVARC Activities – P. 2 ➤ Board of Directors Minutes, Feb. 10 - P. 2 ➤ Amendments to By-Laws - P. 3 ➤ V.E.C. Exam Results - P. 3 ➤ Monday Night PSN Check-ins - P. 4 ➤ BVARC Rag Chew Net - P. 4 ➤ Scanner Jack's Corner - P. 4 ➤ Public Service Calendar - P. 5 	<p><i>Amateur Radio Classes for Beginners Technician Element 2</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday Nights, May 3rd thru June 7th 7:00 to 9:00 P. M.</i></p> <p><i>St. Paul Presbyterian Church 7200 Bellaire Blvd, Room F2</i></p> <p><i>6 weeks study for the written test</i></p> <p><i>Contact Robert Moore KK5UO at 713-774-0314</i></p>
<p>Many thanks to John Moore for printing this month's issue and to Claude Sessions for production.</p>	<p>Board of Directors: Larry Jacobson, President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com Glen Jenkins, WB4KTF, vice-president - wb4ktf@pipeline.com Doug Woodruff, Recording Secretary - KC5VYZ, dwoodruff@houston.geoquest.slb.com Irv Smith, Corresponding Secretary - KK5QQ, kk5qq@aol.com Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM, Treasurer - mitchl@hal-pc.org Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, 3-Year-Director, n5vcx@worldnet.att.net Robert Moore, 2-Year-Director - KK5UO, kk5uo@hal-pc.org Darrell Kirk, One-Year-Director - KC5JAR, darrell@ev1.net John Moore, Past President - KK5NU, jwm@hal-pc.org</p>

Notes from the President - February 2000

Prez Sez:

The turn-out at the recent VE sessions has been fantastic. The February VE session had over 20 people trying to up-grade their license! More info elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope this translates into more folks on HF but we must guard against letting the VHF/UHF bands become vacant since they are the ones most at risk of getting gobbled up by other users.

At this month's board meeting, we approved a couple changes to the By-Laws to allow those that wish it to receive meeting notification via e-mail and the newsletter by download from our web-page. Over 80% of the membership lists an e-mail address these days. These actions would reduce costs and the likelihood of a dues increase. The membership will get a chance to vote on these changes come the April meeting. Don't worry, only those that want it will receive their meeting notification via e-mail - all who still wish the traditional mail reminder will be able to get it that way.

Scanner-Jack will be giving us the lowdown on SWL at the next membership meeting on March 2. See you there!

Larry K5LJ



Alex-WA5UHT

7015 Atwell Dr
Houston TX 77081-6005
PHONE: 713/663-6066
FAX: 713/663-6413

EMAIL: ajs@cityelectronics.com
WEB SITE: <http://www.cityelectronics.com>

Store Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00

**Board Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes
Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club
February 10, 2000**

President Larry Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:32pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, vice president Glen Jenkins - WB4KTF, treasurer Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, past president John Moore - KK5NU, 3-year board member Mike Hardwick - N5VCX, 2-year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO, and recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ. Those not in attendance were 1-year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR. Visiting was Claude Sessions - K5HFY.

Recording secretary report by Doug. Motion made to approve the January BOD minutes made by John and seconded by Glen. Approved unanimously as recorded.

Corresponding secretary report by Irv. Currently 158 people on the roll with 117 active, 14 life and 27 family.

HOUSTON
AMATEUR RADIO
SUPPLY, INC.

GEORGE DiLETTA, KD0RW
PRESIDENT

EXIT 68 I-45 NORTH	800 471 7373
181 CYPRESSWOOD DRIVE	281 355 7373
SPRING, TX 77388	FAX 281 355 8007

Treasurer report by Cameron. The complete treasures report can be obtained from the BOD for members. CD will come up for renewal in March 2000. A new CD will be looked into at a higher interest rate 16-mos. Robert made the motion to accept a new CD for 6% for 16 mos. seconded by Irv. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice president report by Glen discussed upcoming programs. For March on Scanner Jack Roberts - KB5TMY will discuss Short Wave Listening then in April Joe Ross - W5BSA will discuss model airplane radio control. Other meeting topics will be arranged.

President report by Larry. Nothing new at this time. The club is seeking a chairperson for Field Day to help with coordinating the event.

Old business: Larry discussed his suggested changes to the by-laws to be discussed by the board and published in the next newsletter for review by the membership. Basically any wording in the by-laws that required information to be disseminated to the membership by US mail be changed to not specify the method of disseminating that information. This

Schedule of BVARC Activities

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Mar	2	Scanner Jack on SWL	9	14
Apr	6	Joe Ross - W5BSA model airplane ctrl	13	11
May	4		11	9
Jun	1		8	13
Jun	24 & 25	Field Day - TBA		

Public Service Events:

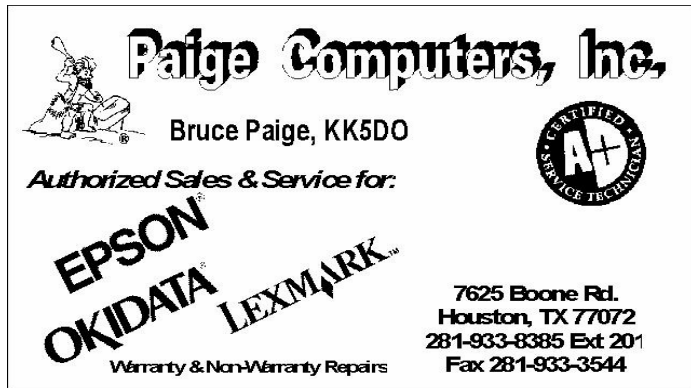
Please see calendar of events below.

will allow for other methods such as email, web-page, fax, etc. to also be used. The proposed changes will appear in the February newsletter and then can be voted on by the membership at the April general meeting. John made the motion to publish the proposed revisions in the February newsletter, seconded by Glen, passed unanimously. John is still seeking people to serve on the VE team.

New business: Claude announced that the facilities used to generate the newsletter are no longer available. It is suggested that the next newsletter be printed by Office Depot and reduced to 6 pages to reduce the cost. Cameron will look into this. Claude will still help with distribution. The commercial advertisers in the newsletter need to be contacted for renewals. Mike stated that the list for the public service events for 2000 is on the web page and will be in the March newsletter. B-VARC has been notified by the ARRL that B-VARC is designated as a Special Services ARRL Club. John reported that as of the BOD meeting the web-site has had 555 hits since January 1, 2000.

Motion was made to adjourn by John and seconded by Irv. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ



Paige Computers, Inc.
Bruce Paige, KK5DO
Authorized Sales & Service for:
EPSON
OKIDATA
LEXMARK
Warranty & Non-Warranty Repairs
7625 Boone Rd.
Houston, TX 77072
281-933-8385 Ext 201
Fax 281-933-3544

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE B-VARC BY-LAWS (April 6 general meeting)

Currently the BY-LAWS of B-VARC, INC. read as follows in Article II - OFFICERS

Article II Section D

"Officer vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment for the unexpired term."

It is proposed that the following be added to this Section D-2 to read:

"In the event a of continuing disability and inability of an Officer or Director to continue in the performance of his/her duties; the same shall be treated as if a vacancy has occurred

and the Board of Directors may appoint as a substitute, any duly qualified member of the Club, to perform the duties of the office left unfulfilled by the said continuing disability for the duration of the same."

Further, it is proposed to modify the by-laws to permit member notification of meetings and receiving of the newsletter by means other than US postal service as follows:

Article V Section F
from:

"The Corresponding Secretary shall notify members of the Club of each membership meeting by written notice to be mailed seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice may be included in the Club newsletter, if feasible and timely."

to:

"The Corresponding Secretary shall notify members of the Club of each membership meeting seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice may be included in the Club newsletter, if feasible and timely."

Article IX Section B
from:

"Proposals for amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Club at least thirty (30) days prior to a membership meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall include any proposed amendments in a meeting notice mailed to members in accordance with the provision in ARTICLE V, Section F of these By-Laws."

to:

"Proposals for amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Club at least thirty (30) days prior to a membership meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall include any proposed amendments in a meeting notice to members in accordance with the provision in ARTICLE V, Section F of these By-Laws."



Complete Computer Solutions
Services and Products:
Custom Built Computers
Repairs/Upgrades
Network Design/Installation
Components/Software/Accessories
13891 Southwest Freeway Sugar Land, TX 77478
Phone: (281) 277-0220 Fax: (281) 277-0230
Website: www.completecomputers.com

RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY 8th AMATEUR EXAMS by: Harold Parker, ND5F

B-VARC again sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examinations that were held on Tuesday evening, February 8, 2000 at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston.

V. E. TEAM:
Lanny Poteet, KB5VTB
Don Schexnaider, AB5IV
George Walker, KQ5W

ASSISTANTS:
Carl Albrecht, AA5JW
Cass Germany, KG5IT
John Moore, KK5NU
Harold Parker, ND5F

A total of 45 exams were administered during the evening to 33 applicants. Three (3) unlicensed candidates received their new Technician licenses: Two (2) others upgraded with a total of 37 elements passed. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 82%

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

BARMORE, GASTON C., K5PDJ - Element 4B
BIELINSKI, PETER A., KM5FJ - Element 4B
BROWN, TROY A., KD5AQD - Element 3B
BUCKLEY JR, WILLIAM T., W5COD - Element 4B
CARLSON, GEORGE M., KC5RCC - Elements 3B,4A and 4B
CHALOUPKA, MILSLAV, KD5IQV - Element 3B
COLLIE, DAVID W. - Element 2
DEEN, DUANE D. - Technician
DRYTON III, JOHN C., KM5HP - Element 4B
FAWCETT III, A. E., WA5CYI - Element 4B
FOTO, KEVIN J., KM5TO - Element 4B
GLUECK, DARRELL A., KK5LG - Element 4B
GOOD, LOWELL M., KC5UHW - Element 4B
GRANSTROM, CARL O., KD5VK - Element 4B
GROGAN JR, AUZIE L., KB5TFP - Element 3B
HAKALA, RICHARD W., KD5HNF - Element 3B
HARDY, JOSEPH K., KD5JBV - Element 3B
JONES, WILLIAM R., W5VEK - Element 4B
KENG, CHARLES E., K5ENG - Element 3B
KING, CLIFTON E., K5CEK - Element 3B
KOSA, ROBERT A., N5LCO - Element 4B
MORTON, STEVEN T., KD5GEL - Element 4B
NGOSIA, KAMAU O. - Technician
NORRIS, PETER M., KJ5SS - Element 4B
OUJESKY, ROBERT H. - Technician
SCHMITTGENS, JAMES E., KD9LK - Element 4B
SIGAFOOSE, WILLIAM H., K5ZPF - Extra
SIRMANS JR, CHARLES R., K5CFE - Element 4B
USHER, WILLIAM B., KD5ENO - Element 4A and 4B
WINSLET, MARK D., KM5WR - Extra

WOODRUFF, JOSEPH D., KC5VYZ - Element 3B

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

**Monday night PSN check-ins
(KC5VYZ net control)**

1/3 - 26 Doug
1/10 - 29 Doug
1/17 - 23 Doug
1/24 - 27 Doug
1/31 - 23 Doug
2/7 - 30 Doug
2/14 - 29 Cam

**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for January 2000
by Sam Wilson, N5CPA**

3.960MHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 8:00PM

Just WHAT IS the Rag Chew Net? Well it's a chance for you to get on the low bands and hang out with other B-VARC members, as well as hams from around the south central US! WHAT?? Don't have voice privileges? Got a short-wave receiver? Dial in and listen, then check in using the telephone number announced at the beginning of each net.

1/5/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, W5GHK, N5OAC, KD5SWD, KB5TRA, WA9YNJ, AK5G, KC5SQD, KK5W, KA0TEN, N5ECP. (12)

1/12/00--N5CPA, K4ULW, KB5DNT, W4WQD, K5LJ, W5GHK, WB5VYR, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KD4JFM, N5OEH. (11)

1/19/00--N5CPA, KK5VE, W5EFB, KD5FWD, K5LJ, N5VXU, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KM5DG, W5GHK, K5CEK, WB5VYR. (12)

1/26/00--N5CPA, W5EFB, KE5SR, K5CEK, N5OAC, KM5DG, KD5FWD, K5DNT, NM5K, K5VRJ, WA9YNJ, WN5A, W5GHK, AB8CC, K5LJ, W5TEM, W7RUB. (17)

**SCANNER JACK'S Corner
by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY**

Here are the Houston F. D. frequencies:

A1	453.425	
A2	453.500	Fire Disp.

A3	453.675	
A4	453.950	
A5	460.575	TAC
A6	462.950	Ambulance Disp.
A7	462.975	Life Flight also
A8	460.625	
	154.160	Paging System

**HOUSTON AREA
2000 PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS
AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>HAMS NEEDED</i>	<i>HAM CONTACT</i>
HARRA 10 K Run - Houston	March 12, 2000	12	Looking for a ham coordinator
Blue Bonnet Bike Ride - Hempstead	March 19, 2000	30	Mike Hardwick 713-771-4625
Joint Walk - Houston	March 26, 2000	12	Looking for a ham coordinator
Ft Bend Co Special Olympics Rosenberg	April 1, 2000	10	Don LeRoux 281-342-4860
Tour de Cypress -	April 2, 2000	32	Looking for a ham coordinator
MS150 Bike Ride – Houston to Austin	April 15&16, 2000	110	Mike Hardwick 713-771-4625
March of Dimes Walk America	April 30, 2000	35	Marty Blaise 713-896-0060
Katy Flatland Bike Ride - Katy	July 23, 2000	35	Looking for a ham coordinator
Alamo Challenge Bike Ride Houston to San Antonio	October 14&15, 2000	65	Mike Hardwick 713-771-4625
20K Warm-up Run - Houston	October 22, 2000	25	Stephen Dunkelburger
Wings Over Houston Air Show	October 21&22, 2000	60	Bill Terrell
25K Warm-up Run - Houston	November 12, 2000	27	Allen Mattis
Novemberfest Bike Ride - Sealy	November 4, 2000	25	KARS
30K Warm-up Run - Houston	December 2, 2000	25	
Houston Marathon - Houston	January 14, 2001	130	Carl Hacker

EPO **ELECTRONIC PARTS OUTLET**
ELECTRONICS / COMPUTERS & MORE
THE ELECTRONIC SOURCE

3753 FONDREN HOUSTON, TEXAS 77063 713 784-0140 713 784-9740 fax STORE MANAGER KEN TURNER	17776 TOMBALL PKWY HOUSTON, TEXAS 77064 281 807-9600 281 774-0830 fax STORE MANAGER RICK ZAMARRIPA
---	---

SHIP TO WAREHOUSE:
9101 LIPAN
HOUSTON, TX 77063
713 787-0599
713 268-1044 fax

**Complete
Computer
Solutions**

Services and Products:
Custom Built Computers
Repairs/Upgrades
Network Design/Installation
Components/Software/Accessories

13891 Southwest Freeway Sugar Land, TX 77478
Phone: (281) 277-0220 Fax: (281) 277-0230
Website: www.completecomputers.com