


THE B-VARC BULLETIN

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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

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<p style="text-align: center;">Many thanks to John Moore for printing this month's issue and to Claude Sessions for production.</p>	<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>Larry Jacobson, President - K5LJ, k5lj@nstci.com Glen Jenkins, WB4KTF, vice-president - wb4ktf@pipeline.com Doug Woodruff, Recording Secretary - KC5VYZ, kc5vyz@arrl.net Irv Smith, Corresponding Secretary - KK5QQ, kk5qq@aol.com Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM, Treasurer - K5CAM@arrl.net 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 - August 2000

Pres Sez,

The Ice Cream Social was a great success and Lloyd Perry's presentation on FCC enforcement activities was very interesting - I hope no member of B-VARC is ever a target of their activity! It doesn't look like any unlawful operation is safe from their observation.

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I have a proposal for the membership to consider. I have been on the BOD for three years now, in several capacities, and have seen the problem each year that falls to the President to find people to coordinate and lead various recurring club activities. It seems to me that we should establish standing committees for these activities. These activities might include Field Day, Public Service, and Special Events. Already, Mike Hardwick has unofficially handled public service activities for B-VARC for many years but he could surely use some help and some official standing. Field Day is a club sponsored activity and should be coordinated and organized by a committee of people interested in that event. Special Events would be a committee to organize and coordinate the Awards Banquet, the Ice Cream Social, and the Chilly Supper (and perhaps, the BBQ at Field Day). This approach would reduce the burden on the President and improve continuity of these activities from one year to the next. Possibly other such activities will be identified. I would appreciate comments and volunteers for these standing committees. Give it some thought.

Another reminder that club elections are coming up in November - would you be willing to serve? Do you know of someone who would be a good candidate for one of the open positions? Let John Moore or any other board member know.

Who should the club honor at the upcoming Awards Banquet in January? Get the names of anyone you think is deserving into one of the board members. When you nominate someone you need to also justify that nomination by listing the special contributions that person has made. These nominees will be voted on by the BOD in December, a unanimous vote is required.

Finally, at next month's B-VARC meeting, yours truly will present: 'All you ever wanted to know about PSK31 but were afraid to ask.'

See you there!

Larry K5LJ

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Schedule of BVARC Activities

VE Sessions Change of Location:

The ARRL VEC amateur license tests which are given by B-VARC on the second Tuesday of each month has been moved to:

**Houston Community College,
 Scarcella Technology Center, Room W106
 10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX**

Parking in the rear --

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Aug	3	Ice Cream Social	10	8
Sept	7	PSK 31, Larry, K5LJ	14	12
Oct	5	Homebrew antennas, Kevin, KM5TO (KD5O)	12	10
Nov	2	Chili Supper/Elections	16	14

(A long-term calendar of B-VARC events is available in the January 2000 issue.)

Houston Area Public Service Events

Event	Date	Hams	Contact
Alamo Challenge Bike Ride Houston to San Antonio	October 14&15	65	Mike Hardwick 713-771-4625
20K Warm-up Run - Houston	October 22	25	Looking for a ham coordinator
Wings Over Houston Air Show	October 21&22	60	Bill Terrell
25K Warm-up Run - Houston	November 12	27	Allen Mattis
Novemberfest Bike Ride - Sealy	November 4	25	KARS
30K Warm-up Run - Houston	December 2	25	Looking for a ham coordinator
Houston Marathon - Houston	January 14, 2001	130	Carl Hacker

**BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 Board of Directors Meeting - August 10, 2000**

President Larry Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:31pm with a quorum. Those in attendance were president Larry Jacobson - K5LJ, treasurer Cameron Mitchell - K5CAM, past president John Moore - KK5NU, corresponding secretary Irv Smith - KK5QQ, 3-year board member Mike Hardwick -

N5VCX, 2-year board member Robert Moore - KK5UO, 1-year board member Darrel Kirk - KC5JAR and recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ. Not in attendance was vice president Glen Jenkins - WB4KTF. Visiting was Paul N0JAA.

Recording secretary report by Doug. Motion made by Robert to accept the June BOD minutes with corrections made by John in that Janet Richardson KD5IVY had donated the HEB ice cream coupons and that Robert Moore had completed the technician theory classes. The tech theory classes had five (5) students to complete the course; with two (2) so far having taken and passed the exam for licensure. Motion seconded by John. Approved unanimously.

Corresponding secretary report by Irv reports 159 members with a gain of 20 as of Jan. 2000 with 10 who have not renewed for a net gain of 10 members.

Treasurer report by Cameron. Member may obtain actual account balances from Cameron. Checking was down because of several expenditures being insurance, deposit to Old San Francisco Steakhouse, ice cream social and field day expenses. John made a motion to accept the treasurers report seconded by Doug. Approved unanimously.

Vice president not available for his report. September will be Larry - K5LJ to discuss PSK31 operations. Larry will need someone to help with cooking the hot dogs for the September meeting while he sets up.

President report by Larry. John is still seeking names for nominations of board members for 2001. John reported on status of nominations for board positions and needs for all members to contribute to the search for prospects.

Old business: Irv discussed the Office Depot tax exempt form and distributed a copy of the card. Larry needs someone for coordinating the November chili supper. John discussed the Field Day results and score as submitted to the ARRL as roughly 3500 points before ARRL bonuses are added.

New business: John gave the sad news that the VE team has lost their location after 12 years at Strake Jesuit Preparatory College for conducting VE sessions since their sponsor Father Vincent is relocating and the college's policy is that the sessions must be sponsored by a member of the faculty. Primary VE session location at this time is at the Red Cross center unless other suitable facilities can be arranged. Other facilities will be explored by Robert and Mike. Robert mentioned the general theory class in September-October and extra theory class in November - December at St. Paul Presbyterian. The concurrent code class needs an instructor.

Motion was made to adjourn by John and seconded by Mike. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Doug Woodruff - KC5VYZ



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SCANNER JACK'S Corner by Jack Roberts, KB5TMY

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RESULTS OF THE August 8th B-VARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION by: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000 at Strake Jesuit HS here in Houston.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM
John Moore, KK5NU
Lanny Poteet, KB5VTB
Mark Winslet, KM5WR

A total of 4 examination elements were administered during the evening to 4 applicants. There was one (1) applicant for upgrade under the new rules and regulations. By examination, one (1) unlicensed candidate received their new Technician license and one applicant upgraded to Extra for a total of 2 examination elements passed. In addition, there was one (1) upgrade to General under the new rules now in effect. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 75%

Robert F. Berger - WA2EJO - Extra
Andrew Long - - Technician
James W. Shoff II - WB5MZK - General

Many thanks to all the Team Members who contributed their time and efforts.

All of us at B-VARC thank Father Vincent Orlando, WA5ETS, and everyone at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory for having made these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams over the last 12 years.

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

7/10 - 23 Doug
7/17 - 24 Mahana
7/24 - 22 Doug
7/30 - 29 Doug
7/3 - 15 Doug

7/10 - 23 Doug
7/17 - 24 Mahana
8/21 - 21 Bruce

**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for July 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.

- 7/5/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WB5SRN, K5HFX, N5VXU, WA5VRB, KC5OBF, KE5SR, K5LJ, KK5W, KA0TEN, W5RIY, K5HCX, N5PYR. (16)
- 7/12/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, W5GHK, K5LJ, KD5O, WA5VRB, KC5OBF, W5HFF, N5VXU. (11)
- 7/19/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, KK5W, KD5O, W5GHK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5LJ, K5HFX, W5EB, WA5VRB, KB5LYG/M, KC5SUI, W5REF, KD4ZOZ, KC0EQI, KA0TIE. (17)
- 7/26/00--N5CPA, K5CEK, K5VRJ, AB5BA, N5VXU, KE5MY, K5LJ, KK5W, KA0TEN. (9)

B-VARC Election 2000

Tis that time of the year once more; the Fall season, B-VARC's Annual Chili Supper, Thanksgiving holidays and our usual election time for Officers and Directors of the club for the next calendar year.

Pursuant to the by-laws, the nominating committee of the immediate past president, John Moore, KK5NU, as chairman, Bruce Paige, KK5DO and Ron Grimes, WA5SCE, as past presidents in chronological order has been convened by eMail; all that's needed is membership participation and candidates.

Positions open for this next year are as follows:

- President:
- Vice-President:
- Recording Secretary:
- Corresponding Secretary:
- Treasurer:
- 3 - Year Board of Director:

Carrying over from this year areas follows:
2 - Year Board of Director: Mike Hardwick, N5VCX
1 - Year Board of Director: Robert Moore, KK5UO

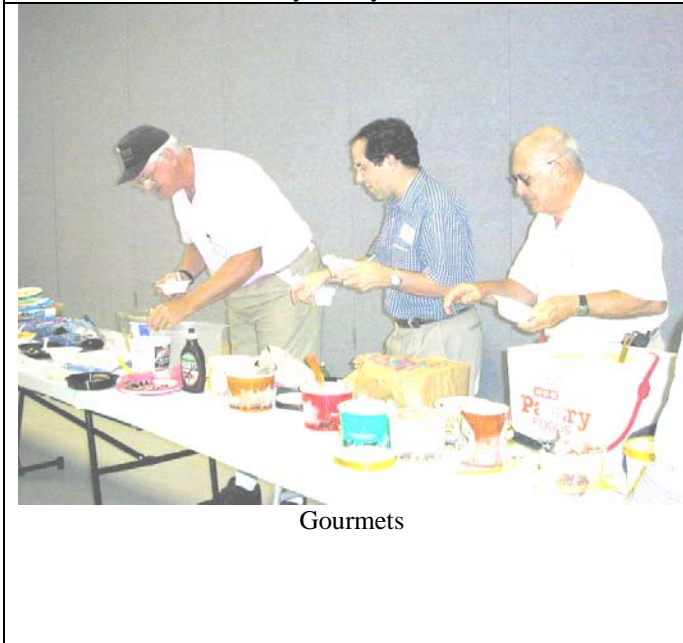
Ice Cream Social



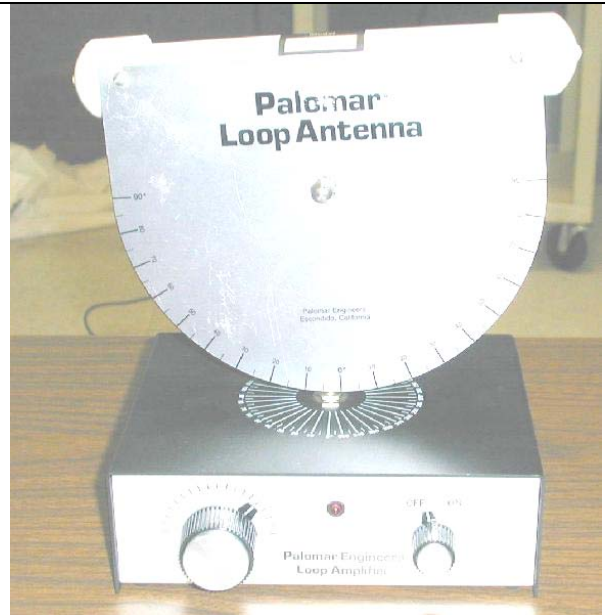
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