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B-VARC General Meetings  
are now on the second Thursday  
of each month!!!

**Delicious hot dogs are served.**

Board of Directors Meetings  
are on the first Thursday  
of each month.

**Many thanks to John Moore for printing this month's issue and to Claude Sessions for production.**

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**Notes from the President - May 2001**

Prez Sez:

Thanks again to Scanner Jack for providing the informative presentation on Trunk Tracking Scanners.

Jim Paul will discuss the topic of "PIC Controllers" for the June Meeting. These inexpensive and versatile devices have many applications in Amateur radio hardware.

Paul Gray, N0JAA and the Field Day crew have certainly been busy lately. As stated previously, the Field Day Committee has chosen the Richmond Fire Training Center as our Field Day location. It sounds like we will have more than adequate facilities for a successful operation. As one of the entertainment committee members, I request assistance with coordination of food and beverages for Field Day. For more information about Field Day 2001 or to sign up for operations please contact Paul, N0JAA.

I hope to see you at the next meeting!

73,

Kevin/KD5O

**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  
10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX**  
Parking in the rear --

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
June	14	PIC Controllers - Jim Paul	7	none
July	12	TBA	5	10

\*The HCC facility is not available in June.

B-VARC's annual ARRL Field Day contest will be held at the Fort Bend County Fire Training Center at 260 Clay Road in Richmond on June 23 - 24, 2001. The contest will run from 1 PM Saturday, June 23 to 1 PM Sunday, June 24. Talk-in frequencies will be the 145.470 MHz MERA repeater, and locally on 146.500 MHz FM simplex.

To get to fire training center, take US-90A south from Houston To Second Street (the first street you will come to in Richmond; please refer to the map on page 7). Turn right on to Second Street. Go to the end; the street will curve to the left and become Clay Road. Turn right into the private driveway immediately after the junkyard. The training center is at the end of the driveway on the right.

I have several HF transceivers lined up already for the contest, including one for the Novice/Tech station. Also, I have a 6-meter station and the 2-meter talk-in station committed. We still need stations for PSK31, FM satellite, and a QRP station.

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Also, are needed are antennas, extension cords, power supplies, lots of rope, etc. We have plenty of room for stringing up wire antennas and dipoles, so if you have an antenna or long wire you would like to try out, feel free to bring it! Field Day will also be a good opportunity to try out any homebrew equipment you may have.

I will also need volunteers to do the cooking for the barbecue and breakfast for Field Day. Contact Keven Foto, KD5O, on the Entertainment Committee, for details.

I need operators! You can't have a field day contest if there is no one to man the stations. If you are free that weekend, please feel free to come by and operate for a few hours. or help with logging, set-up, etc. We will start setting up around 9 AM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Gary Tilton of the Fort Bend EOC has informed me that we WILL have access to the jump tower! This means that our ability to erect more and better antennas has improved greatly.

As an aid to finding the contest site, we would like to have some volunteers to help design and construct some signs to direct people to the training center.

I will dispatch a letter to the Fort Bend EOC and assorted Fort Bend Police and Fire Departments inviting them to observe our Field Day operations. This will be a good way to get better acquainted with the local authorities, and it will give them a good idea of how Amateur Radio can serve them in an emergency.

Please contact me at 281-627-2340 or email me at n0jaa@aol.com if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Gray, Jr., N0JAA  
3-year Director  
Field Day Committee Chairman

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**BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
Board of Directors Meeting - May 3, 2001

President Kevin Foto called the meeting to order at 7:34pm with a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

President Kevin Foto-KD5O, Vice President Claude Sessions-K5HFY, Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman-K5LKJ, Treasurer Rex Ritz - KC5EEU, Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IU, 3-Year Director Paul Gray-N0JAA

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Allen-KD5IU: Reviewed the April 2001 BOD minutes. Motion made by Paul Gray and seconded by Claude Sessions to approve April 2001 BOD minutes and motion carried unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary Report by John Whiteman-K5LKJ: Reported the club has 111 members with 66 in the ARRL, 15 life members and 12 family members. Bill Allen made a motion to pass and was seconded by Kevin Foto and motion then passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: The details of the club's finances are available from the treasurer. It was decided that the board of directors would decide any treasury issues on an individual basis. There was one treasury decision made at this meeting regarding dues. All accounts are current. Claude Sessions made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by John Whiteman and motion then passed unanimously.

Vice President Report by Claude Sessions-K5HFY: The

club still has some caps w/logo's and many club patches for sale now and at the general meetings. He stated he has the order forms new jackets and shirts. A six jacket minimum order is necessary and anyone who is interested needs to get in his or her order now. We will sell the caps for ten dollars and the patches for five dollars. The club will continue to sell these throughout the year. It was decided that the club would increase the number of prizes at the club meetings as long as supplies last. Advertising in local media publications was also discussed. John Whiteman made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Paul Gray and motion then passed unanimously.

Presidential Report by Kevin Foto-KD5O: There were many discussions on field day details. The future club programs were discussed. Various parking lot events possibilities were discussed. Rex Ritz made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Claude Sessions and motion passed unanimously.

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At Large Report by Paul Gray-N0JAA: It was announced that the 2001 Field Day events would be held at the Richmond Fire Center this year. Next year's location was discussed. Many suggestions and decisions on acquiring new members were made. A motion was made by Claude Sessions and seconded by John Whiteman and motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn by Kevin Foto and seconded by John Whiteman. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IU.

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

Here are the weather frequencies  
CH1 162.550 GALVESTON  
CH2 162.400 HOUSTON  
CH3 162.475 BEAUMONT  
CH4 162.425 BAY CITY

Here is the fip codes for the SAME weather radios.  
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048201 HARRIS CO  
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**RESULTS OF THE MAY 8  
B-VARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION  
BY: JOHN MOORE, KK5NU**

RESULTS OF THE May 8th  
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by: John Moore, KK5NU

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's  
Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on  
Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at HCC's Scarcella Technology  
Campus here in Stafford.

**MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:**

Larry Jacobson, K5LJ  
John Moore, KK5NU  
Mark Winslet, KM5WR

Eleven examination elements were administered during the evening to nine applicants. Three unlicensed candidates received their new Technician licenses; one examinee passed Elements 3 & 4; three Technician upgraded to General; and one upgrade to Extra was earned with the total number of elements passed being 9. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 81.8%.

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

- Henry A. Flowers - N5STF - General
- John E. Frazier - KD5NEZ - Extra
- Richard H. Gomer - KD5MOA - General
- Winfred Itima - - Technician
- Mark G. Janzer - K5MGJ - General
- John A. Mitchell - - Technician
- Michael G. Reid - KC5FZW - Elements 3 & 4
- Edwin Terry - - Technician

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 everyone at HCC Scarcella Technology Center for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

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72/73 de John Moore, KK5NU  
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**MONDAY NIGHT PSN check-ins  
(KC5VYZ net control)**

B-VARC conducts a public service net every Monday at 9 PM on the 145.47 repeater and several linked repeaters. Everyone with 2 meter privileges is welcome to check in.

- 3/12 - 30 - Bruce
- 3/19 - 21 - Jack
- 3/26 - 28 - Cam
- 4/2 - 21 - Darrel
- 4/9 - 17 - Bruce
- 4/16 - 28 - Jack
- 4/30 - 25 - Doug
- 5/7 - 17 - Darrel
- 5/14 - 27 - Darrel
- 5/21 - 37 - Jack





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**B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for April 2001**  
by Sam Wilson, N5CPA

3.960MHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00PM ←PLEASE  
NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM 8:00 TO 7:00

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.

4/4/01—K5CEK (NCS), N5XWB, K1SDR, K5LJ. (4)

My thanks to Bud for calling the net in my absence.

4/11/01—N5CPA, K5CEK, K5LJ, K5JWM, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5HFY, N5XWB, W5GHK. (9)

4/18/01—N5CPA, K5CEK, K5JWM, W5GHK, KB5ION. (5)

4/25/01—N5CPA, K5CEK, K5HFY, K5VRJ, AB5BA, KD5FWD, WB5SRN, N5XWB, N5VXU, K5JWM, KE5SR, W5RFL, KB5F. (13)

**Club Links**

Some web page links to clubs in the Southeast Texas area — Cameron Mitchell  
(Not all active)

Brenham ARC:

<http://www.alpha1.net/~barc>

Texas DX Society:

<http://n5uh.tech.uh.edu/~tdxs>

Houston Echo Society:

<http://www.gsl.net/echo>

Northwest ARC (Houston):

<http://www.w5nc.org>

John Space Center ARC

<http://www.w5rrr.org>

COMPAC Radio Club:

<http://www.houston-intranet.com/~cpqham>

Katy ARS:

<http://members.aol.com/karsradio>

Stephen F. Austin ARC (Bellville area):

[http://users.argolink.net/danwhite/W5SFA/W5SFA\\_index](http://users.argolink.net/danwhite/W5SFA/W5SFA_index)

Hou-Texins ARC (Stafford):

<http://www.hal-pc.org/>

Brazos Valley ARC:

<http://www.hal-pc.org/~tiarc/>

Tidelands ARC (Texas City Area):

<http://www.tidelands.org>

South East Texas ARC (Tomball):

<http://setac.homestead.com/setachome.html>

Victoria ARC:

<http://www.viptx.net/varc/>

Clear Lake ARC:

<http://www.clarc.org>

(Please advise of additions. Thanks.)

**ARRL AND REACT TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (from ARRL Newsletter)**

Representatives of the ARRL and REACT met in Dallas, Texas, May 16 to sign a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations. The agreement is intended to promote joint coordination of the resources between ARRL and REACT and to facilitate the flow of information to and from the public during emergencies.

ARRL president Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and REACT International president Chuck Thompson, N5IAG, signed on behalf of their respective organizations.

"This memorandum of understanding is part of our efforts to establish a common front in dealing with emergencies and disaster communication and with other issues facing the radio hobby, including such things as antenna ordinances," Haynie said. Thompson said the memorandum will strengthen the organizations' "common goal of providing assistance to the public."

While REACT has been associated primarily with Citizens Band in the past, the organization has widened its focus to embrace amateur and other services. ARRL and REACT share common goals in terms of emergency communication. The primary mission of REACT is "to provide public safety communications to individuals, organizations, and government agencies to save lives, prevent injuries, and give assistance wherever and whenever needed."

The memorandum of understanding calls on the two organizations to "cooperate and utilize their resources from time to time to optimum mutual benefit to both parties." Among specific principles, the agreement will involve cooperation during emergencies and disaster relief and the elimination of "duplicative or technically inferior service" during such responses. "The parties will generally

