

**Membership renewal information:**

Members whose membership has expired or is near expiration will find their membership date highlighted on the mailing label.



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

**ARRL Membership - Members are urged to renew their ARRL membership through BVARC, allowing the club to take advantage of reduced insurance rates. Contact John at 281-530-0432 for information**

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

***Hot Dawg***

***Hot Dogs and Drinks for Members - FREE***  
*Come one, come all to the BVARC monthly meeting and join us for Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks. Starting with the June meeting you can visit with your friends and enjoy a hot dog and drink on the club. Serving starts at 6:30pm and goes until 7:30pm. There is no charge for club members. We will have mustard, catsup, onions and pickle relish as dressings for your dogs.*

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

**Club Membership Application on last page.**

**Board of Directors:**

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## Notes from the President - August 2001

Prez Sez:

We had a decent turn out at the August Ice Cream Social. Orin Snook, KB5F and family arrived with the winning homemade ice cream entry and won first prize. The winners received two \$15.00 gift certificates to Lopez Mexican Restaurant in Stafford. Thanks again to all who contributed the tasty treats.

Mike Hardwick passed the hat seeking donations to help Frosty with funding for his Ollie Middle School Amateur Radio club for kids. A total of \$40.00 was collected from the general membership and the Board voted to pitch in \$60.00 to up the donation to an even \$100.00.

Has anyone been on the HF bands lately? It seems that this sun spot cycle is turning out to be a real dud. I have taken advantage of a few good openings on 6 meters lately. Looking toward the fall I am cautiously optimistic that conditions may improve somewhat.

November is Chili Supper month. It is also time to vote on a new Board of Directors. If you are interested in a board position or wish to nominate someone to a position please contact Larry Jacobson, K5LI.

The December meeting is Homebrew Night. If you have any Amateur Radio projects or kits that you have recently built, please submit them. All contestants will have a chance to win prizes.

The September General membership meeting will include a planned presentation on the Balloon Launch by Bill Allen KD5IUU. I hope to visit with you all over a Coke and Hotdog.

73s until then,

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  
10141 Cash Road, Stafford, TX**

Parking in the rear --

Month	General Meeting	Program	BOD Meeting	VEC Test
Sept	13	Balloon Launch (KD5IUU)	6	11
Oct	11	DX presentation and Quads and Yagis	4	9
Nov	8	Chili supper and Board elections	1	13
Dec	11	Home Brew Night	18	11
Jan	4	Banquet	TBA	TBA

Members who have club equipment are urged to contact a board member so that Club equipment can be cataloged and stored. Also, we would like to have some shelving if anyone wishes to donate it to the club. Thanks.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT CALENDAR FROM MIKE HARDWICK, N5VCX

Here is the list of public service events and other ham radio related events that will be going on in the greater Houston area for the rest of the year. If you are interested in working an event, give me a call or drop me an e-mail and I will fill you in on the event.

There are several events needing coordinators. If you are interested, please let me know so I can get you in contact with the event officials.

Come on out and put your radio and license to a very good use.

Northwest Cycle Club Bike Race - Chapel Hill, Texas  
[http://www.northwestcyclingclub.com/club/Racing/Chappell%20Hill%20Race-flyer 2001.html](http://www.northwestcyclingclub.com/club/Racing/Chappell%20Hill%20Race-flyer%202001.html)

September 9, 2001

Mike Hardwick - N5VCX

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Katy Amateur Radio Society Antique Radio and Swapfest  
<http://members.aol.com/KARSradio>  
September 15, 2001  
Charles - KK5MS  
E-mail Address(es): [karsradio@hotmail.com](mailto:karsradio@hotmail.com)

Sealy Crossroads Bike Ride - Sealy, Texas  
<http://www.bicyclerxas.com/sealycrossroad.htm>  
September 29, 2001  
Dan White - W5AOV  
E-mail Address(es): [dan.white@argolink.net](mailto:dan.white@argolink.net)

Cy-Fair Lions Biking for Sight - Montgomery, Texas  
<http://pages.prodigy.net/cbmartin1/>  
September 30, 2001  
Mike Hardwick - N5VCX  
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Belton Ham Expo - Temple Amateur Radio Club - Belton, Texas  
<http://www.tarc.org/hamradio/hamexpo/oct2001early.html>  
October 6th, 2001  
254-773-3590  
E-mail Address (es): [hamexpo@tarc.org](mailto:hamexpo@tarc.org)

Bike to the Beach MS150 - San Antonio to Corpus Christi  
<http://www.ms150.org/>  
October 6 & 7, 2001  
Alfred Horn - SARO  
E-mail Address(es): [diamondw@swbell.net](mailto:diamondw@swbell.net)

MADD Country Classic Bike Ride - Montgomery, Texas  
<http://www.woodlandcyclingclub.org/~maddcrc/>  
October 7, 2001  
Rud Merriam - K5RUD  
E-mail Address(es): [rmerriam@usa.net](mailto:rmerriam@usa.net)

Alamo Challenge Bike Ride - Houston to San Antonio  
<http://www.alamochallenge.com/>  
October 13 & 14, 2001  
Bill Wilson - KA5GHI  
E-mail Address(es): [ka5ghi@aol.com](mailto:ka5ghi@aol.com)

CLARC's Hamfest 2001 - Clear Lake City, Texas  
<http://www.clarc.org/hamfest.htm>  
October 20th, 2001  
John Taylor - KD5IHO  
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Wings Over Houston Air Show - Ellington Field  
<http://www.wingsoverhouston.com/>  
October 20 & 21, 2001  
Bill Terrell - JSC/Air Show  
E-mail Address(es): [bill.b.terrell1@jsc.nasa.gov](mailto:bill.b.terrell1@jsc.nasa.gov)

20K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Houston  
<http://www.houston20k.com/>

October 21, 2001  
Mike Hardwick - N5VCX  
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Novemberfest Bike Ride - Sealy, Texas  
<http://www.cri-usa.org/cri.htm>  
November 3, 2001  
Robert Temple - WD5DBZ  
E-mail Address(es): [Robert.B.Temple@usa.conoco.com](mailto:Robert.B.Temple@usa.conoco.com)

25K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Houston  
<http://www.irca.org/clubs/data/1065.htm>  
November 11, 2001  
Mike Hardwick - N5VCX  
E-mail Address(es): [n5vcx@worldnet.att.net](mailto:n5vcx@worldnet.att.net)

30K Marathon Warm-Up Series - Sugarland  
December 2, 2001  
Mike Hardwick - N5VCX  
E-mail Address(es): [n5vcx@worldnet.att.net](mailto:n5vcx@worldnet.att.net)

Houston Marathon - Houston  
<http://www.compaqhoustonmarathon.com/compaq.htm>  
January 20, 2002  
Carl Hacker - KB5LDY  
E-mail Address(es): [chacker@sph.uth.tmc.edu](mailto:chacker@sph.uth.tmc.edu)

Here are some websites that might be of interest:

<http://www.txvhfm.org/hamfests.asp>  
[http://www.wirelessweek.com/index.asp?layout=static&page=Industry\\_Layoffs\\_Watch&doc\\_id=31024](http://www.wirelessweek.com/index.asp?layout=static&page=Industry_Layoffs_Watch&doc_id=31024)  
<http://www.starband.com>  
<http://www.electrojunk.com/links.htm>

What have you done for the hobby today?

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## BRAZOS VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - JULY 11, 2001

President Kevin Foto called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with a quorum.

Those in attendance were:

President Kevin Foto-KD5O, Treasurer Rex Ritz - KC5EEU, 3-Year Director Paul Gray-N0JAA, Past President Larry Jacobson-K5LJ, Corresponding Secretary John Whiteman-K5LKJ, 1-Year Director Robert Moore - KK5UO

Recording Secretary Report by Bill Allen-KD5IU: Bill was not able to attend the meeting due to personal reasons

Corresponding Secretary Report by John Whiteman-K5LJK: As of July 11<sup>th</sup> the club had 129 members with 78 in the ARRL, 16 life members and 12 family members. New club rosters were presented and there will be a roster out for all members to verify their roster information at the next general meeting Larry Jacobson made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Robert Moore and motion then passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report by Rex Ritz - KC5EEU: Rex reported the field day pins are in and the pins will be distributed at the next club meeting. There was also one new life member. All accounts are current. Larry Jacobson made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Rex Ritz and motion then passed unanimously.

Vice President Report by Claude Sessions-K5HFY: Claude was not able to attend the meeting due to personal reasons

Presidential Report by Kevin Foto-KD5O: The President discussed how well the field day event went. He stated there would be a Balloon Launch Team ("BLT-18") show for September. The clubs next field day location and details was discussed. The Board discussed numerous items. John Whiteman made a motion to pass the report and was seconded by Rex Ritz and motion then passed unanimously.

At Large Report by Paul Gray-N0JAA: Paul gave a brief overview. Ways of recognizing individual and group accomplishments were discussed. It was decided that field day announcements would be made at the next general meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Foto and seconded by Robert Moore and motion then passed unanimously.

1-Year Director Robert Moore -KK5UO: Robert gave a report and answered questions on club amateur radio license classes. He expressed an interest in giving a TECH class this fall and possibly a code class if there is enough interest.

Motion was made to adjourn by Larry Jacobson and seconded by Kevin Foto. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Bill Allen-KD5IU.

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

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**RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 14TH  
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 10, 2001 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

**MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:**

Carl Albrecht, AA5JW  
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ  
John Moore, KK5NU

Six examination elements were administered during the evening to five applicants. Two unlicensed candidates received their new Technician licenses; one Technician and one Tech w/HF upgraded to General, with the total

number of elements passed being 5. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 83.33%.

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

John D. Baker - Technician  
James L. Hibbetts - Technician  
James A. King - KD5LUQ - General  
Monroe E. Smith - KD5KDQ - General

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.

..... 73 .....

John Moore - KK5NU

#### MONDAY NIGHT PSN check-ins (KC5VYZ net control)

6/25 - 25 - Doug  
7/9 - 30 - Bruce  
7/16 - 26 - Jack  
7/23 - 28 - Doug  
7/30 - 21 - Doug  
8/6 - none  
8/13 - 17 - Bruce  
8/20 - 28 - Jack  
8/27 - 24 - Doug

#### B-VARC RAG CHEW Net Check-Ins for July 2001 by Sam Wilson, NSCPA

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

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7/04/01-K5CEK, K5JWM, K5VRJ, AB5BA, K5HFY, N5VXU, WC5S (7)

7/11/01-K5CEK, KE5SR, N5VXU, KB5F, KE4NT, K5LBU, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WC5S, K5JWM, (10)

7/18/01-K5VRJ, K5JWM, K5LBU, KB5F, WC5S, K5LJ, KC5HJ, KE4NT. (8)

7/25/01-K5CEK, KE5SR, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WC5S, N5VXU, K5LJ, K34NT, K5JWM, K5LBU. (10)

7/25/01-K5CEK, KE5SR, K5VRJ, AB5BA, WC5S, N5VXU, K5LJ, KE4NT, K5JWM, K5LBU, (10)



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#### 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.qsl.net/echo>

#### Northwest ARC (Houston):

<http://www.w5nc.org>

#### Johnson Space Center ARC

<http://www.w5jrr.org>

#### COMPAC Radio Club:

