



TARC Groundwire Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



When I was elected to lead this club I reminded everyone of my **lack of qualifications**. First, I have only been a member of TARC for two years and I don't know all of our members nor do have any history with the club. Second, that I have never led an amateur radio club before and have no special experience to offer. Third, and probably most importantly, I am new to East Texas and don't even like the Dallas Cowboys ... what kind of leader would that be? But, in spite of all my protestations, you elected me to this high office and I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

Because I am a relatively new member to this club, I don't have the history that many of you old timers have with our club. I don't know the details of how our club evolved nor all the people who have led it over the years. That can be good and bad. The good part is that it gives me some freedom to try some ideas that we might not otherwise try. The bad part is that I might step on some toes because I didn't know that what I am suggesting had been tried before ... perhaps with less than stellar success. However, I also have the benefit of the many years of experience of our club officers (past and present) and our board of directors ... who I am counting on to guide me and keep me out of trouble. And, if it sometimes looks like I am making this up as I go along ... **you are right**.

For some time now our club has been without a monthly newsletter. Our previous newsletter editor (Rusty Walker KD5YWD) had handled the job for several years and, due to family matters and a new job, found it difficult to continue this role. I talked to Rusty about the problems of keeping up a newsletter and the main thing he said was **lack of contributions from club members**. We may call it apathy or lack of commitment or the pressures of time or any one of a number of things. But, in the long run, the editor of our newsletter should do just that ... edit and compile our newsletter using contributions from our club members and officers. When our members contribute stories and pictures and ideas, then everyone benefits and the resulting newsletter is not only read but is shared and saved for future reference. I will promise to do my



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part so that we will have a club and newsletter that we can all be proud of ... and I need you to do the same.

See you on down the log ...

Paul Paulsen

K5PFP

NEW MEMBERS / LICENSE UPGRADES

There were no new members added to the TARC Roster this month. Current paid membership roster stands at 41.

Debra Frazier (KE5VNZ) passed her Tech exam last month. Congratulations Debra!

UPCOMING EVENTS / TARC MONTHLY MEETING INFO

The Tyler Amateur Radio Club meets every third Thursday of every month at the Shiloh Road Church Of Christ at Shiloh and Paluxy Tyler, TX at 7:00 p.m. Club meetings are open to all interested persons, ham and non-ham alike, regardless of club membership.

A free drawing is held each meeting for an Amateur Radio related item for current members and their guests.

PHOTOS



Field Day Display by Misty Stevenson – KE5RIT



CQ CQ CQ at the FIELD DAY GOTA station



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KC5SMC at work



W5MCT, the "Grubman" at his best

NEWS

2008 Field Day held at Tyler State Park on Saturday, June 28 and 29th. Meals were served to 155 people from Friday afternoon through Sunday. Field Day QSO info provided by John Newman – N9JN

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	13	100				
40m	32	100			14	100
20m	7	100			192	100
15m					84	100
10m					36	100
6m					1	50
2m						
1.25						
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA					47	100
TOTAL	52	0			374	



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HAMFEST INFO

August 1 & 2 2008

Texas State Convention (Austin Summerfest)

Austin ARC & Texas VHF-FM Society

<http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.34/.94 (no tone)

Contact: Joe Makeever, W5HS

8609 Tallwood Drive

Austin, TX 78759-8126

Phone: 512-345-0800

Email: w5hs@arrl.net

VE TESTING INFO

VE testing is conducted on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM at the American Red Cross building on Rieck Road in Tyler, Texas unless otherwise changed for special reasons, such as holidays.

Listen to the TARC net each week @ 8:00 PM Monday, on the 147.000 repeater for any necessary changes. Mac McGraw, AE5FH is the Contact VE contact. His e-mail is bnmcgraw@suddenlink.net

His phone Number is 903-839-7916.

ITEMS FOR SALE – No items were submitted this month for sale.

TARC WEEKLY NET

The Tyler Amateur Radio Club also conducts a weekly net on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. on the club's 147.00 MHz repeater, - offset and 88.5 tone. The net is open to all licensed hams regardless of club membership.

CURRENT TARC OFFICERS

President	Paul Paulson	K5PFP
Vice President	Art Sharp	K5LXK
Mark Taylor	Secretary/Treasurer	W5MCT
Board Member/Net Control Chairman	Don Simonton	K5LOW
Board Member/Groundwire Editor	Alan Luce	KE5RFR

TARC WEBSITE LINK

WWW.Tylerarc.org

ARRL WEBSITE LINK

www.arrl.org



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FROM THE EDITOR – ALAN LUCE - KE5RFR



Introduction:

I have resided in and around Tyler and the all of my life. My wife LaJuana and I now live in the very southeastern corner of Smith County, about 6 miles from Troup. We call our place the "Loose Connection Ranch".

My neighbor back in the 60's was a ham and used to let me set in at he and his Dad's shack and listen to QSO's. I was fascinated. Regrettably I never obtained my license though. That seed began to sprout last year after 40 years and I decided to get my Tech license. I Googled ham radio and stumbled upon the TARC website. After buying and reading the book "Ham Radio for Dummies" I decided to make contact with someone listed on the website. Bob Sanford was the guy I called. Bob walked me through the process and I took my Tech exam in Lufkin in October of 07, upgraded to general in Tyler Jan 08.

Every minute I have spent at the TARC functions has been a blast. I am thankful to be associated with such a great group of folks at TARC. I am honored to be allowed to serve as a board member and the Goundwire editor.

If anyone has any suggestions, news, technical articles, advice for newbies, pictures, bio's, funny stuff, or anything else related to amateur radio that you would like to submit for entry into the Groundwire Newsletter, please email it to me at groundwire@suddenlink.net.

73

Alan Luce - KE5RFR



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TARC KUDOS



John Newman, N9JN brings new meaning to "Git-er-Dun" at field Day 2008

A big thanks to Mark Taylor W5MCT for his redesign of the Groundwire Logo.