



TARC Groundwire Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this, the dust is settling and the water is receding in South Texas from the effects of hurricane Ike. For the most part, we here in East Texas were spared. Here in Hideaway, I lost power for about 12 hours and I had a small tree in my backyard uprooted by the wind. Most of my friends and neighbors had similar experiences. Yet, this same storm wreaked havoc along our Texas coast with thousands of people displaced and the loss of life and property. And, almost two weeks later, there are sections of south Texas without power and little hope of getting it restored in the coming weeks.

It's true that we don't get the full effects of hurricanes like our neighbors to the south. But we get ice storms and severe thunderstorms and tornadoes which can produce the same devastating results. Last month I wrote about National Preparedness Month and I would like to do it again this month. Take a look at the Dept of Homeland Security website www.ready.gov. Take some time to look over the many suggestions you will find there. And, while the memories of Ike are still fresh, take the ones that apply to you and implement them so that you will be ready if it happens to you.

One other note from our hurricane experience ... I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of everyone who participated in the ETECS and Skywarn nets during the hurricane. And, as soon as I start naming names I would inevitably leave someone out ... so I won't try. My point is that our hobby is technical in nature with exotic radios and sophisticated antenna systems. But volunteerism and dedication is a human trait that cannot be built into a radio or antenna system. My thanks to everyone who helped out last week. Job well done!!! Let's hope we don't have to repeat it anytime soon.

73's
Paul
K5PFP



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NEW MEMBERS / LICENSE UPGRADES

Current TARC paid membership roster now stands at 45.

The September VE Test session included the following upgrades and new Technicians:

Glen Thornton	Gun Barrel City	Tech	KE5WIY
Casey True	Overton	Tech	KE5WIZ
Bill Fry	Mineola	Tech	KE5WIX
Nathan Genusa	Big Sandy	General	KE5LWF

TARC MONTHLY MEETING INFO / UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA)

Date: Oct 18, 2008

Location: Pollard United Methodist Church @ 3030 Copeland Road

Radio operation will begin at 12 noon – Please arrive on site at 8:00 am to set up antennas and stations.

More information at: www.arrl.org/scouts/jota

<http://www.scouting.org/International/highlights/22-218.aspx>

Art Sharp, K5LXK will have more information on this event during the October TARC monthly Meeting.

HAMFEST INFO

Oct 4, 2008 HamEXPO

Temple Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.beltonhamexpo.org>

Talk-In: 146.820 (PL 123.0)

Belton, TX

Bell County Expo Center

[301 West Loop 121](#)



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Oct. 10-11 2008 Paris Texas Radio Group

<http://www.paristexasradio.com>

Talk-In: 147.040+ (PL 100)

Contact: Richard Lenoir, KI5DX

2150 Plum Street

Paris, TX 75460

Phone: 903-783-0968

Email: KI5DX@yahoo.com

Paris, TX

Red River Valley Fairgrounds Coliseum

[570 East Center Street](#)

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 one had anything to sell this month. TARC Hams only buy and keep stuff, not sell!!!

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



The 2008 Texas QSO Party participation by TARC was a resounding success! Bob, (KC5SMC) and Charlotte Sanford, (KD5BKC) provided a place for all of the TARC gang to operate on Saturday 9-27-08. My hat off to the both of you for allowing us to use your property as a station set up.

Yours truly had an absolute blast!! Setting up antennas, running extension cords, making contacts, and just hanging out with by Ham buddies, all of that stuff is fun to me. The food was awesome as usual and thanks to Misty Stevenson for organizing the grub. She did a fabulous job! Misty would also like to tell everyone:

“Thanks to everyone for bringing food to the QSO party. Also, thanks to Charlotte, KD5BKC, for the use of her kitchen and her utensils. I would like everyone to start thinking of what they would like to bring to the Thanksgiving potluck, in November. They can contact me via e-mail, KE5RIT@arrl.net, phone: 903-253-1913, or they will be able to go to the website to signup” Misty

www.stevensongang.info/food

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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2008 TARC - Texas QSO Party



W5TG- "The Flagship Station of Texas"



W5MCT - "The Voice of the Lone Star State"



K5LXK - Mr. Art Sharp



A hitchhiker on Hwy 69N we picked up to Log.....



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September 2008 TARC Monthly Meeting



KE5TYU – John Smith– Door prize winner!!!



Nathan Genusa – KE5LWF



Mark Taylor – W5MCT - Texas QSO Presentation



TARC Meeting..... Food



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Tower Party at KE5UEJ's home.....

