



# TARC Groundwire Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I sit here in the shack, the temperature outside is 36 degrees ... which is the expected high for the day. It is too cold to work on the antennas or to play golf or do any of the fun things I like to do outdoors. So, what am I going to do today? Well, I could start working on the long list of chores Sarah has been storing up all winter. But most of them require use of a paint roller or caulking gun or similar device for ruining a perfectly good day.

I've got it... I think I will make a pot of chili. I am proud to say that my pot of chili was the winner of the TARC Chili Cookoff last year. I know that Alan Luce has already declared that he intends to be the winner this year. And Bob Sanford will be bringing another batch of his famous venison chili, which is always a contender. So, if I am to defend my title, I better get busy. So where is my cast iron chili pot? Sarah!!!! ... what is that house plant doing sitting in my chili pot?

This year's TARC Chili Cookoff is scheduled for Thursday evening February 19th. It is always lots of fun and a great opportunity to share great recipes (and indigestion remedies). So, plan to bring a pot of chili from your house ... along with your favorite fixin's.

See ya there!

73's

Paul Paulsen  
K5PFP



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## NEW MEMBERS / LICENSE UPGRADES

Current TARC paid membership roster now stands at 48.

The following person passed the Technician test at the January VE Test session:

Mark Rainey - KE5YTC Welcome Mark to the world of Amateur Radio!



## 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 a Ham related item. You must be present to win.



## HAMFEST INFO

### [ARRL Arkansas 2009 State Convention](#)

For up to date information and to download a registration form:

[http://bentoncoradiooperators.org/BCRO\\_Hamfest2009.htm](http://bentoncoradiooperators.org/BCRO_Hamfest2009.htm)

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## 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](mailto:bnmcgraw@suddenlink.net) His phone Number is 903-839-7916.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

There are numerous items for sale this month. The TARC Webmaster, KD5KIZ, Gaylen Gage has provided a "For Sale" link on the website. Please visit [www.tylerarc.org/forsale.htm](http://www.tylerarc.org/forsale.htm)

## 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.

Good repeater info for new Techs: [www.hamuniverse.com/repeater.html](http://www.hamuniverse.com/repeater.html)

## 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](http://www.Tylerarc.org)

## ARRL WEBSITE LINK

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

## LICENSE PRACTICE TEST WEBSITE

[www.qrz.com/p/testing.pl](http://www.qrz.com/p/testing.pl)

## CONTEST WEBSITE LINK

[www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/](http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/)



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**FROM THE EDITOR – ALAN LUCE - KESRFR**



Well, I didn't start the new year off as I had planned. I missed the Jan 09 TARC Meeting. I was on the road in west Texas and there was just too much concrete between me and the Shiloh Church of Christ. I see that TARC made it through that night just fine without me as they have for the last 25 or so years. I really missed being there though with my ham buds.

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Please see the below info regarding the 2m simplex challenge on 15-Feb-09. Sounds like a lot of fun! The Plano Amateur Radio Klub, "PARK," will conduct a 2m FM simplex "challenge" on Sunday, February 15, 2009: 2pm-5pm.

It is intended to introduce contesting to a larger population of amateurs. The object is to make as many two-way QSO's with as many different stations as possible, in as many different cities as possible, in a 3-hour time period.

For additional information, click here: [http://www.n5gar.com/2m\\_challenge.pdf](http://www.n5gar.com/2m_challenge.pdf)

Entry form: [http://www.n5gar.com/2m\\_challenge\\_entry-1.pdf](http://www.n5gar.com/2m_challenge_entry-1.pdf)

There is additional information on the ARRL North Texas web page, here:

<http://www.arrl.net/sections/NTX.html>

-- -73, Tom Blackwell, N5GAR ARRL North Texas Section Manager

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## REMINDER!!!!

The TARC Chili Cook off is happening on 19-Feb-09 at the regular TARC scheduled monthly meeting. YES!! There will be a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. I encourage everyone that can, cook a chili and enter it into the cook off. You never know, you might place or even win! You can't win if you don't enter!!!

Regarding new Technicians.....when we have a new tech in the area, look up their call sign listed in this newsletter, get their address, and send them a short note congratulating them. Invite them to our monthly meetings.

I know several TARC members have digital cameras. Hey guys, send me some of your pics. Who knows, I may even start a monthly photo contest.....

If anyone has anything 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](mailto:groundwire@suddenlink.net) or [Txlafash@aol.com](mailto:Txlafash@aol.com)