



# TARC Groundwire Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to draw your attention to the January 2009 edition of the "Groundwire" ... wherein Alan Luce (KE5RFR) declared that, among his new year's resolutions, he wanted to "Cook the best chili in February 2009." Last week we all tasted Alan's chili and the judges have declared that, indeed, Alan Luce made the best chili at the February 2009 TARC Chili Cook-off. Now I am a gracious loser and hold no ill will toward my friend Alan. I respect his cooking skills and, having myself eaten four or five bowls of his concoction, I bow to his superior product. But, even more, I admire someone who dares to declare his objective in advance ... and then accomplishes it. Well done!!!

On a different note, I want to remind everyone of some changes we are making to the Monday night two meter net.

First of all, we are going to change the process of getting check-ins. We are going to begin taking check-ins using a roll call format. If you have checked into the Monday night net in the past four weeks, then your name and call will be on the roll call list. If you are not on the roll call list, you can be added at any time by simply asking the net control operator. If you miss checking in for more than four consecutive weeks, you will be dropped from the roll call list until then next time you check in. The main reason for changing to a roll call format is to make it easier to take check-ins which should also make it easier to recruit new net control operators ... who are sometimes intimidated by the "pile ups" that we normally see.

Secondly, we are going to move the ARRL audio news from the middle of the net to the end of the net. The reason we are doing this is because some of our participants get the ARRL newsletter on Fridays and they don't really need to stay through a net to get the same information again. Some people will stay and listen to the ARRL Audio News and others may drop out if they so choose.

We are making these changes in the hope of making the Monday night net more useful and more efficient. And, we are also hoping this will bring out more people who are willing to serve as net control operators. Let us know what you think.

73's,  
Paul Paulson - K5PFP



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## NEW MEMBERS / LICENSE UPGRADES

Current TARC paid membership roster now stands at 60!!! And growing monthly.

New members are: Mark Rainey-KE5YTC, Bob Jackson-AG5X, Ron Tissier-W5SWB,  
and James Smith-KE5WJU **WELCOME!!!**

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

Lyle Mains - KE5ZCG Welcome Lyle to the world of Amateur Radio!

John Wiggins – KE5HZJ – Upgraded to General – Congratulations!!



## 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

7th Annual IARC Hamfest - March 14, 2009

Irving Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.irvingarc.org>

**Talk-In:** 146.72/12 (PL 110.9)

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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.



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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.

\*\*\*\*\*No VE TEST Session in April – Easter Sunday\*\*\*\*\*

## ITEMS FOR SALE

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/)

## FROM THE EDITOR – ALAN LUCE - KE5RFR





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### **Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge**

I had the pleasure to assist Paul K5PFP and Terry W5TG in teaching the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge class at Camp Tyler this past weekend. There were four Scouts who attended the Radio Merit Badge class. Paul had given me a digital copy the class Merit badge book a week before the class. This class was not a 'gimmie' by no means. I thought I may read through the info the day before the class. I had to study a few days in advance. The course was very detailed and I actually learned a few things.

I would like to see TARC become more involved with the Boy Scouts in our area. Camp Tyler would be an awesome place to set up for JOTA this fall. Hopefully TARC can participate in more radio merit badge presentations with the Boy Scouts in the future.

Visit : [www.scouting.org/boyscouts/guideformeritbadgescounselors.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/guideformeritbadgescounselors.aspx) for info.

Regarding new Technicians .....when we have a new technician 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. We had 4 new members added to the TARC membership roster last month. Our club is growing!! Keep up the good work!! Membership is now at 60. Hopefully we can add at least 20 more members before the end of 2009. Keep a watchful eye at each monthly meeting for visitors. We need to make sure we make them feel at home. We don't need assigned TARC greeters, we all need to be greeters!!

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 [Txlflash@aol.com](mailto:Txlflash@aol.com)



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Boy scout Radio Merit Badge Class Camp Tyler 2-21-09



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**N5JOT**

2009 TARC Chili Cook-off top 3.