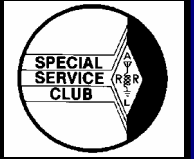


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## Ham Expo Will Be Here May 22!

*Ham Expo* is May 22.

Your help is needed to make it a success. Some of you signed up at the April club meeting, and others have signed up online. We still need help with setup, delivering sack lunches to vendors, parking tailgaters, monitoring the parking lot, doing talk-in, drawing door prize winners, manning the public address system, checking in the commercial vendors, and more.

If you can, go to [www.tarc.org](http://www.tarc.org) and locate the Expo Volunteers Form. Let us know when you

will help. Mark your calendar now. We need you.

— WA5EQQ



May 22  
Bell County Expo Center

## Central Texas Airshow is May 1 and 2

One of the top 10 airshows in Texas is right here in Temple! See fascinating static and aerobatic airplane displays throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. It's "Plane ol'" fun for the whole family! This year's shows will include aerobatics, formation flying, *TORA TORA TORA*, and a large WWII show battle complete with a Sherman Tank, T-6 Texan II. View static displays of aircraft. Live entertainment will feature PS100 Entertainment. Come out and enjoy the show. Please remember that during all events NO coolers, glass containers, or pets (with the exception of service animals assisting people with handicaps) will be allowed on Airport property. Guests will be allowed to enter and exit as many times as they wish—just show your wristband at the gate. For security, all backpacks and large bags are subject to search. TARC is supporting this event.

### At Our Next Meeting

Dean Chandler of the Central Texas Astronomical Society will provide a program at our May 6 meeting on the Society and its new observatory and telescope in northeast Coryell County. We'll have a door prize and lots of fun. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Western Hills Church of Christ in Temple. Come enjoy the refreshments and fellowship.

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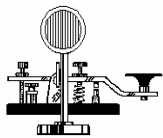
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## Three Amateurs on their Way to the ISS

Via ARRL Bulletin ARLS006

Following a successful early-morning launch Monday, April 19 (UTC), three Amateur Radio operators are on their way to the International Space Station (ISS) in a Russian Soyuz vehicle. ISS Expedition 9 crew members Genady Padalka, RN3DT, and Mike Fincke, KE5AIT, accompanied by European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Andre Kuipers, PI9ISS, of the Netherlands took off into space from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The Soyuz docked with the ISS just after 0500 UTC on Wednesday, April 21.

Padalka and Fincke will relieve Expedition 8 crew members Mike Foale, KB5UAC, and Sasha Kaleri, U8MIR. During his nine days aboard the space outpost, Kuipers conducted a couple of Amateur Radio sessions on the In-



## Astronomy Is May Program Topic

Dean Chandler of the Central Texas Astronomical Society will provide a program about the Society and its new observatory and telescope in northeast Coryell County.

That will be at TARC's next meeting, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Western Hills Church of Christ at IH-35 and Adams Avenue in Temple.

This will be your opportunity to get introduced to astronomy and to the newest star gazing facility in Central Texas.

ternational Space Station (ARISS) school group contacts and carried out scientific experiments under a commercial agreement between the ESA and Russia. He returned to Earth April 29 with Foale and Kaleri aboard the Soyuz vehicle attached to the ISS. Foale and Kaleri have been on the space station since last October.

Padalka, 45, will serve as Expedition 9 commander and Soyuz commander, while Fincke, 36, will be the NASA ISS science officer and flight engineer. They have been training together as a space station crew for nearly two years. This marks Fincke's first space flight and Padalka's second. Padalka lived aboard the Russian Mir space station for 198 days in 1999.



## Margie Starnes, N5WUO Is Silent Key

Margie Starnes, N5WUO, became a Silent Key on April 19. Margie, XYL of Vern W5WDW, was a longtime TARC member and club supporter. She was one who frequently provided refreshments for club meetings, and was a familiar figure selling raffle tickets at Expo or working at the sign-in table.

Visitation was April 20th, and a memorial service was conducted April 21st at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home.

"Thanks for sharing your lives with us," says Vern W5WDW. "We appreciate it more than you might imagine."

## This might be a lifesaver if we remember three questions!

A friend shared this. I had never heard this advice. Maybe you haven't either and would like to file it away—just in case. Symptoms of a stroke can be difficult to identify. Sadly, this lack of awareness can spell disaster.

A stroke victim may suffer permanent brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say any bystander can recog-

nize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- \* ask the individual to smile.
- \* ask him or her to raise both arms.
- \* ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering

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## KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

...**Ham Expo** is May 22 (setup on 21). Spread the word, volunteer some time (TODAY), and watch for *Expo* details.

...**The Central Texas Air Show** is May 1 & 2 at Temple's Draughon-Miller Airport. Talk to **Richard Prewitt, KD5OGF** if you can help out.

...**They said** the meeting was to let **Steve NU5D** install new rigs in their vehicles. However, check the photo of **K5JLB** and **N5OCX** on p. 3. Might this be a secret convention of Santa's?

...**Remember the Net** — Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on 146.820-MHz (PL 123.0). We are having great participation lately, so get onboard and check in. Don't miss the fun!

...**See you** at the club meeting on May 6.

## New Book: *Ham Radio for Dummies*      *Tour d' Temple* Bike Ride is May 29

*Ham Radio for Dummies*, a new book by NØAX, is available from general and ham radio booksellers as of April 12. It's a real, yellow-and-black "for Dummies" book. Aimed at the beginning and prospective ham, it contains 384 pages of material, a tear-out cheat sheet, tons of Web links and references, tables, photos (there's even one of Riley Hollingsworth's station), plus graphics.

"My goal was to write a book that 'I wish I'd had when I was just getting started,'" says Ward Silver, NØAX, the book's author.

Your assignment? Get one to a friend or neighbor that is thinking about joining us in our splendid hobby. The well-known Dummies cover and presentation should make them feel right at home. Check it out at your favorite bookseller or at < <http://www.amazon.com/> >.

Ward Silver, NØAX, is a *QST* Contributing Editor, editor of the e-mail newsletter *The ARRL Contest Rate Sheet*, and author of many *QST* articles and puzzles.

— John KE5C

Bill Frankenburger, organizer of the *Tour d' Temple* 100 km bike ride, says the event is set for Saturday, May 29. The starting time is 8 a.m. Roy Wells, N5HQR, coordinator for TARC's participation, says, "If they start on time, the race should finish about noon or before."

"We will need about 8 to 10 hams to man the checkpoints along the way," says N5HQR. "The route will be the same as the last two years. More than 150 bikers are expected in the event."

Frankenburger says their group will get the orange cones from the City of Temple. He will also see if they have yellow flags.

TARC will furnish donuts for club members at the assembly area prior to dispatch to assigned checkpoints. Bottled water will also be provided.

Communication will be on the WB5TTY repeater on 145.49 pl 123.0) located at the VA.

### Buy, Sell & Swap

Send your list of items for sale or trade to TARC Bulletin Swap, P.O. Box 616, Temple, TX 76503. Or e-mail to [wa5eqq@arrl.net](mailto:wa5eqq@arrl.net)

WANTED—Heathkit SB-220 Amplifier. State condition and what you want for it. Joe Williamson, KB5YA, 254-699-7697. [jwilliamson@hot.rr.net](mailto:jwilliamson@hot.rr.net)



Looking for the TARC Reflector?

Try this —

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Temple\\_ARC/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Temple_ARC/)



Al K5JLB and Pierce N5OCX recently congregated at the shop of Steve NU5D to install new rigs in their vehicles. (Photo by NU5D).

## Stroke

(Continued from page 2) that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness, and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the 3 questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February.

Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

## TARC BREAKFAST

We have reserved the North section of **Golden Corral** for the third Saturday of each month, at 9 a.m.

Our next TARC Breakfast will be **May 15** at 9:00 a.m. It is **Dutch Treat**. Bring your wallet, an appetite, and come **enjoy!**



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Temple Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 616  
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Temple Amateur Radio Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Church of Christ in Western Hills, 210 N. General Bruce Dr., in Temple—across I-35 from La Quinta Motel. Refreshments are served, and guests are invited and welcome!

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## FCC to Stop Accepting Pre-December 2003 Form 605

Effective with May 3, receipts, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will dismiss any applications filed on an FCC Form 605 issued earlier than December 2003. Form 605, Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Service, is the hard-copy version of the Amateur Service application. The change does not affect applicants filing on-line (ULS) at, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>, said the FCC, which is encouraging on-line filing.

ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the Form 605 announcement affects the way ARRL has been making FCC Form 605 available. He says the League's widely distributed March 2001 Form 605 will become obsolete for applications the FCC receives on or after May 3. In the wake of the FCC's announcement, the ARRL is developing a replacement. It hopes to have it ready in time for Hamvention May 14-16.

The FCC has been accepting both older and current Form 605 applications that included a line (Item 9a) for a Taxpayer Identification Number, a Social Security number for an individual. The FCC would then issue the applicant an FCC Registration Number (FRN). All amateur applicants must have and use an FRN when filing an application such as Form 605 with the FCC. Applicants attending VEC test sessions can still supply a Social Security number, which will result in automatic Commission Registration System (CORES)

registration.

All amateur applicants must have and use an FRN when filing an application such as Form 605 with the FCC. Under the system going into effect in May, applicants not yet registered in CORES and filing on paper will need to file FCC Form 160, CORES Registration to obtain a FCC Registration Number (FRN). After the FCC has issued an FRN, applicants also might want to file FCC Form 606 to associate the FRN with an individual's license record(s) and call sign(s). CORES registration data and FCC license data are maintained in separate FCC databases.

The completed Form 160 goes to a unique Washington, DC, FCC address to obtain the applicant's FRN. Once the FCC issues an FRN to the applicant, this number must be used when filing FCC Form 605, which goes to the FCC's Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, office. The two forms may not be mailed to Gettysburg together. Applicants need to have obtained an FRN via Form 160 before they can file a Form 605. ARRL recommends that all amateurs file an on-line or paper Form 606 to associate their FRN with their license record (s) and call sign(s) in the FCC license database. Jahnke says the easiest way is to do this electronically via the ULS, and the process now is fairly straightforward.

The current edition of Form 605, dated December 2003, is available on the FCC forms page, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/feesforms/index.html>.

For more information or assistance, contact the FCC Consumer Center, toll-free, 888-CALLFCC (888-225-5322) and select option 2, or via e-mail at, [fccmd@fcc.gov](mailto:fccmd@fcc.gov).