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Thanks to Vice Director N5AUS for program, and TARC members for great HamEXPO

For those of you not in attendance at the April meeting, you missed a great presentation by John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, Vice Director ARRL West Gulf Division. He updated us on the current legislative lobbying in the Texas legislature being lead by your ARRL representatives. He also provided information on the Texas Amateur

Radio EmComm Fund project and what has been accomplished to date.

We had several visitors that attended to hear John, who also discussed the lobbying going on to remove the ability of a home owner's association (HOA) to disallow the erecting of amateur

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"What Is It?"

TARC's own Darwin Geiselbrecht, K5DOA, intrepid programmist extraordinaire, will venture forth to amaze, astound, and bamboozle audiences with another sterling presentation for our meeting on May 5. He will attempt to answer the burning question "What Is It?"

At Our Next Meeting

The intrepid Darwin Geiselbrecht, K5DOA will venture forth with another program for our meeting on May 5. He will explore the burning question "What Is It?"

See you at the Church of Christ in Western Hills in Temple, 210 N. Gen. Bruce Dr. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. on May 5.

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radio antennas. If our ARRL representatives are successful, many Hams living in subdivisions that restrict amateur radio antennas will gain the right to put up an antenna. This legislation would also set a precedence of law for cities trying to restrict Ham antennas. The proposed legislation will benefit all Hams whether or not they live in an HOA.

The Spring *HamEXPO* was held Saturday, April 2. I would like to thank TARC members for the great turnout to help man the gate and assist with the many other tasks that it takes to make this a great event. Not sure if we set any attendance records but I believe we sold out all inside spaces and I believe there we about 39 outside tailgaters. As usual, there were a number of tailgate parties on Friday evening and quite a few people making eye to eye connections on Saturday.

I would also like to thank the local VEs that ran the license test session. They had a great turnout to assist as well. As a result of their effort, there are now two new technician class Hams, seven Hams upgraded to General, and six to Extra. Among those are TARC member Jeremy KF5IQY upgrading to General, and Gil W5GLR and Robert KE5WVC are proud new Extra class Hams.

I was a little disappointed at the turnout for the TARC breakfast the Saturday after *HamEXPO*. For those that did attend, a lot of visiting took place along with good food.

Future events: Remember the *Temple Air Show* and *Tour d' Temple* are both coming up soon. If you have not worked the *Tour d' Temple*, it is a fun event to support and a chance to

WGD Hosts Antenna Ordinance Webinar

The West Gulf Division hosted a webinar entitled "Antenna Ordinances, You and the ARRL" on April 27- Featured speakers for this webinar were ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, and noted antenna zoning lawyer, Fred Hopengarten, K1VR.

The scope of the webinar was an overview of common local antenna regulations that can impact amateur radio tower installations and how the local amateurs should approach dealing with local city officials. Following the presentations by Imlay and Hopengarten, participants had the opportunity to submit written questions to the moderator for the presenter's consideration.

This was a general informational forum. While useful information was shared, it was not the intent for the presenters to answer questions directly geared towards resolving specific antenna zoning situations. They did not answer specific questions because they did not have the full facts of those situations and may not have been licensed to practice law in specific states. Persons involved in a specific antenna zoning situation were instructed to contact the ARRL Regulatory Information Office at reginfo@arrrl.org with a request for assistance. The Regulatory Information Manager will provide information and contacts for specific situations.

For more information, contact Director Woolweaver at k5rav@arrrl.org. More than 400 Amateurs registered for the webinar.



KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

...**Rocky Davis, AC5IO** of Copperas Cove is now an **SK**. He died April 20, Services were April 23.

...**The Temple Air Show** at Draughton-Miller Airport is May 6, 7, and 8. Talk to **Darwin K5DOA** if you want to participate.

...**Tour d' Temple** is coming soon, an opportunity for you to work with CTARC members in providing communications. Talk to **Myron N5TFK**.

...**Christine Stout** is now **KF5KLP**, and her OM, **Larry**, has the new call sign of **AE5XL**.

...**There is a new repeater** in the area: Taylor's new machine is up and running on 145.450 MHz, minus offset, 162.2 Hz tone.

...**TARC Bulletin** is available online (.pdf format). It's posted on the TARC website and on the *Yahoo Discussion Group* site. If you need a paper copy, notify **Mike WA5EQQ**.

...**Weekdays** and Saturdays, Hams meet for coffee at McDonald's at IH-35 and Adams Ave. from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Come add your 2-cents' worth.

...**TARC Net** — Mondays at 7 p.m. on 146.820 MHz (PL 123.0). Are YOU checking in?

...**See you May 5** at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Western Hills in Temple for the next TARC meeting. Be there.

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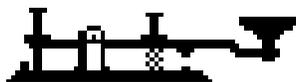
ARRL Scores Partial Victory in ReconRobotics Proceeding

The FCC has given radio amateurs a partial victory in response to the ARRL's challenge, in a *Petition for Reconsideration*, of a rules waiver that permits the certification and licensing of the Recon Scout -- a remote-controlled, maneuverable surveillance robot operating in the 430-448 MHz band. The device is marketed to public safety agencies and certain security personnel by ReconRobotics Inc.



In an *Order on Reconsideration* released on April 15, the FCC granted the ARRL's request for changes in the labeling and instruction manual requirements to ensure that users of the device are aware of its limitations, with regard to interference. Noting that no applications for individual licenses to operate the Recon Scout had been granted, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, and the Office of Engineering and Technology deferred to the Commission's Enforcement Bureau with regard to complaints that ReconRobotics has been marketing uncertified devices and that the devices have been operating without authorization.

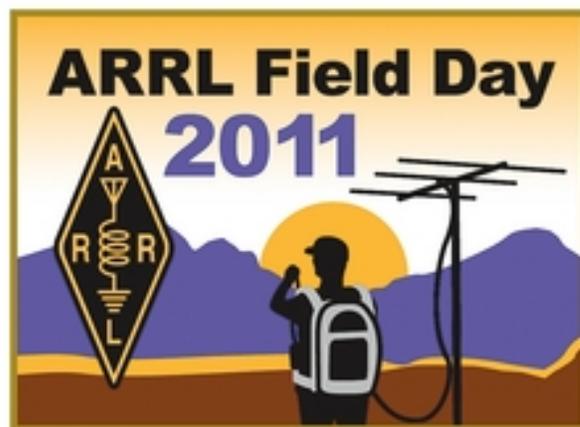
— via *The ARRL Letter*, April 21, 2011



Spectrum Defense: "Eternal Vigilance" Is the Price We Pay for Our Spectrum

The first edition for 2011 of Spectrum Defense Matters -- a newsletter aimed at keeping ARRL members updated on issues related to the protection of Amateur Radio frequencies -- was recently released on the ARRL website. This newsletter covers both domestic and international topics related to the Amateur Radio spectrum. As ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, said in a recent ARRL Legislative Update newsletter, "Eternal vigilance is the price of spectrum." Sometimes the threats are minimal; sometimes their impact can be devastating if not addressed. Regardless of the degree of severity, any threat to our Amateur Radio spectrum must be a top priority of the ARRL.

— via *The ARRL Letter*, April 21, 2011



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Field Day is coming, June 25-26

2011 HamCom/2011 ARRL National Convention Update

HamCom is pleased to announce that pre-registration and W5DXCC LSDX Dinner tickets are now available through HamCom's website, www.HamCom.org.

The HamCom pre-registration prize (internet transactions only) is a GRE

PSR600. Advanced adult tickets are \$8 with each additional family members \$6. Students (K-12) and Scouts in uniform receive FREE admission! On-line registration will be accepted until May 30th. All pre-registration tickets will be held at WILL CALL at the Plano Convention Centre. HamCom tickets may be pur-

chased on-line at <http://hamcom.org/attending-gm-purchase.cfm>.

HamCom is June 10-11 in Arlington. Day of the event tickets will be \$10.

— via *West Gulf Division Newsletter*, April 25, 2011

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Temple Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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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 Starbucks Coffee. Refreshments are served, and guests are invited and welcome!

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