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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Club Meeting Thursday April 6th 7:00 P.M**

**Western Hills Church of Christ  
210 N General Bruce Dr  
Temple**

**Program: John Stratton and a legislative update.**

### EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!

TXDOT IS EXPECTED TO REPAVE THE PARKING LOT OF WESTERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST SOMETIME THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME IF THE PAVING WILL BE COMPLETE BY THURSDAY.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO HOLD THE TARC CLUB MEETING AT THE TEMPLE FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING CENTER ON AIRPORT ROAD IF NECESSARY.

PLEASE WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THE YAHOO GROUP, LISTEN FOR INFORMATION ON THE REPEATER, OR CALL A TARC OFFICER AFTER TUESDAY EVENING TO CHECK THE MEETING LOCATION.

**Temple Fire Station #8  
7268 Airport Rd.  
Temple**

**Don't forget the Monday night net!  
7:00 P.M. on the 146.82 repeater.**

## Ham Expo

When a scheduling issue resulted in having to move Spring Expo from mid to late April to early March the worst was expected in the form of cold bitter wind with either rain or maybe even snow. Who could have predicted almost perfect conditions for the morning of March 11th! It did turn wet by mid afternoon but by then most were on their way home.

Attendance was down a little but not too much. The early date may have caught a few people by surprise. A couple of our usual commercial vendors were attending different shows and a couple more had to cancel last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. But a couple of commercial vendors said they did very well.

Tim W5TMR won the Yaesu FT60R, Don NE5DX won the Yaesu FTM-100DR and Ron W5RKW won the Yaesu FT-857D.

Thanks to everyone that worked. Someone would surely be left out if I tried to name everyone so I won't even try. The assistance Friday during set up, the admission workers, the raffle workers and those that escorted vehicles in and out of the building get many thanks for their tireless hard work and thanks to everyone else that pitched in to make Ham Expo a smooth running success.

## VE Testing

Anyone that needs to take an amateur radio license exam can contact Jan W5GNK at [jang5@yahoo.com](mailto:jang5@yahoo.com) or 254-217-3791 or contact Gil W5GLR at [gilrymer@gmail.com](mailto:gilrymer@gmail.com) or 817-480-7511 in order to get an exam scheduled.

## Bulletin Content

If anyone has news, items for sale, ham interest articles or ham related equipment or business news they wish to submit to be included in the TARC bulletin contact Myron N5TFK. 254-563-4579. [mmesecke@twc.com](mailto:mmesecke@twc.com)

## Upcoming Hamfests

No April Hamfests or Conventions were listed in QST for Texas or surrounding states.

Bill KE5UEO sends in the following story.

..... Jim Waits, our friend in Bruce, Florida (W4ROM for 46 years for you HAM operators) found this article in a now-defunct Marine publication, "Ships and the Sea"... and passes it along for your amusement! The article was written by John Euller, and Capt. Selig thought it should be re-run for navigators.

The night was warm and inviting, and the stars shone in all their tropical brilliance. Capt. John D.S. Phillips was in a dark corner of the bridge, quietly pulling on a cigar with all the contentment that comes to a sailor when he knows the voyage is half done.

His ship, the passenger steamer, WARRIMOO, was quietly knifing her way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on her way to Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Capt. Phillips the result. The WARRIMOO's position was spotted at about lat. 0 degrees 30' N and lon. 179 degrees 30' W. The date was December 30, 1899.

First Mate Dayldon broke in, "Captain, do you know what this means? We're only a few miles from the intersection of the equator and the International Date Line!"

Capt. Phillips knew exactly what it meant, and he was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigation freak of a lifetime. An ordinary crossing of the date line is confusing enough to passengers, but the possibilities he had before him were sure to confound them for the rest of their lives.

Double Check ...The captain immediately called four more navigators to the bridge to check and double-check the ship's position every few minutes. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he carefully adjusted engine speed so that he would strike it just at the right moment. The calm weather, the clear night and the eager cooperation of his entire crew worked successfully in his favor. At exactly midnight, local time, the WARRIMOO lay exactly on the equator at exactly the point where it crosses the International Date Line.

Bizarre Position! .... The consequences of this bizarre position were many and varied. The forward part of the ship was in the Southern hemisphere and the middle of summer. The stern was in the Northern hemisphere and the middle of winter. The date in the aft part of the ship was December 30, 1899. Forward it was January 1, 1900. The ship was therefore not only in two different days, two different months, two different seasons, and two different years, but in different centuries -- all at the same time! Moreover, the passengers were cheated out of a New Year's Eve celebration, and one entire day -- December 31, 1899 -- disappeared from their lives for all time!

There were compensations, however, for the people aboard the WARRIMOO were undoubtedly the first to greet the new century. And Capt. Phillips, speaking of the event many years later said, "I never heard of it happening before, and I guess it won't happen again until the year 2000!"