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*W5LM Repeaters*  
*146.820 MHz (PL 123.0)*  
*444.700 MHz (PL 123.0)*

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# Bulletin of the Temple Amateur Radio Club

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Club Meeting Thursday July 7th, 7:00 P.M.**

Western Hills Church of Christ.  
210 North General Bruce Dr. Temple, TX

**Belton July 4th Parade**

Monday July 4th 10 AM  
More information inside!

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

## Editors Corner

Tuesday morning June 28th a collision occurred between two BNSF trains northeast of Amarillo, TX. Now you might be wondering, "Myron, how is this related to ham radio?" It isn't the event; it is the media coverage of the event that brings me to write this month Editors Corner.

Most of the media coverage is simply a repeat of a story by an Associated Press reporter. I am left wondering if the error in the story is an indication of a general lack of scientific and electronics knowledge in our ever more technical world.

The reporter provides information on PTC, Positive Train Control. PTC has a federal deadline of being implemented by rail companies by 2018.

Here is the sentence that should cause heads to shake.

*PTC relies on GPS, wireless radio and computers to monitor train positions and automatically slow or stop trains that are in danger of colliding, derailling due to excessive speed or about to enter track where crews are working or that is otherwise off limits.*

Wireless radio. What will they think of next!

## Belton July 4th Parade

The Belton Chamber of Commerce is asking us to be at the Belton ISD bus barn at 6:00 AM in order to get golf carts.

The bus barn is located at 1100 Industrial Park Rd.

Joe, K4JMS has posted on the Yahoo group maps to both the bus barn and the parade route.

We have heard there are 140 entrants. Be sure to bring a yellow safety vest, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, water, snacks, and anything else you may need. We will be using the Belton 147.300 repeater, PL 123.00. It is not necessary for everyone to have an HT. So if you are equipment poor you can still be a available asset. Our duties will be to assist entrants find their staging location. Entrants stage both at UMHB and Industrial. The parade starts at 10 AM and the staging areas should be clear by 11:30.

## Field Day

For the last Saturday in June the weather was fantastic. It was overcast almost the entire day and that kept the temperature unseasonably cool. A strong south breeze helped make things comfortable. Unfortunately band conditions were not near as good as the weather. There seemed to be few strong stations able to break through the noise and they were difficult to contact due to them being overwhelmed with stations trying to reach them. Most of the time the entire bands had stations and noise at the same volume level and it was very difficult to pick anything out of the clutter.

Not sure if it was us or if luck just wasn't with us. The few that were there decided to pack it in early. But don't despair. Ideas for next year are already under development.

## 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 N5GLR at [gilrymer@gmail.com](mailto:gilrymer@gmail.com) or 817-480-7511 in order to get an exam scheduled.

## Bulletin Content

If anyone has any information they would like to see in the TARC bulletin please contact Myron N5TFK. [meseckem@vvm.com](mailto:meseckem@vvm.com). 254-770-0529.

## Hamfests and Conventions

See [www.arrl.org/hamfest-and-conventions-calendar](http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-and-conventions-calendar)

July 16th – Texas City. 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tidelands Amateur Radio Society. Doyle Convention Center, 2010 5th Ave N. Admission: \$4 advance, \$5 at door.

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

July 22nd-23rd – Oklahoma City. Friday 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs. Biltmore Hotel and Convention Center, 401 S Meridian Ave. Admission: \$8 advance, \$10 door.

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

August 5th-6th – Austin. Texas State Convention. Friday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Austin ARC and Texas VHF-FM Society. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6121 N I-35. Admission: \$8 advance, \$10 door.

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

## Special Event Stations

See [www.arrl.org/special-event-stations](http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations)

July 9th-12th – 1430Z – 000Z, W5H. Hurst, TX. Hurst Amateur Radio Club. 50th Anniversary. 14.280 7.270 QSL.

[www.w5hrc.org](http://www.w5hrc.org)

July 16th-24th – 000Z – 2359Z, W5I. Dennison, TX. Grayson County Amateur Radio Club. Red River Bridge War. 14.250 14.070 7.250 7.070 QSL.

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