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146.820 MHz (PL 123.0)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting Thursday March 3rd, 7:00 P.M.

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

March Club Meeting Program

Me, my Mom and my radio

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

Editors Corner

The Artless of Communication.

As amateur radio operators in the United States we have the gift of the Right of Free Speech, yet we also have the duty to follow the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission while operating on our ham bands.

There are certain things we cannot do or say on the air which requires us to be more thoughtful, more respectful in our choice of language.

Oh how I wish our responsibility were shared with more people.

Political agendas, current events, social media and an election year are showing just how far society as a whole can go in turning language from a form of artful communication into a form of artless attack. We have even seen a university professor work to deny Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Press during an on campus protest. When did education turn from promoting learning and knowledge and become places of intolerance toward different viewpoints and opinions? When did communication become so dangerous? Why did it become so feared that it required enforcement of being one sided?

Amateur radio permits people to speak directly to each other. In many cases we use spoken word. We discuss issues with people of different nations and cultures. The Art of Communication still exists on the radio. I like to think it isn't just because the FCC demands it.

I think the world could use a lot more hams. For communications sake.

Skywarn

Another good crowd showed up for Skywarn. About half of the attendees were people attending Skywarn for the first time. That was great to see. The National Weather Service continues to tweak and adjust Skywarn, keeping the presentations up to date and fresh. So even those that attend year after year find it educational and worth their time.

Club Dues

March is the deadline for paying you 2016 dues. If you haven't paid please do so at the March club meeting or contact one of the club officers to arrange payment.

Old Novices meet again at Skywarn

John, WD5BFS had an unusual experience at the recent Bell County Skywarn training. John attended his Novice license class in Dallas led by Jim Haynie, W5JBP in 1976. You may recognize Jim as a former president of the ARRL. Back then all new call signs were issued for the first time in sequential order. During the Skywarn session, James, WD5BFX introduced himself to John and they quickly realized they both were in the same Novice class given by W5JBP in 1976.

Popular Science magazine archives

Something members might find of interest. 140 years archive of Popular Science magazines on the Internet. See article below.

<http://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/popular-science-magazine.512628/>

VE Testing

Anyone that needs to take an amateur radio license exam can contact Jan W5GNK at jang5@yahoo.com or 254-217-3791 or contact Gil N5GLR at 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. 254-770-0529.

Editors Corner

Let me know if you like or dislike the editors corner. I'm not sure it will appear each month. I'll try to keep it from being too critical or controversial. The TARC Bulletin has a long history of publishing columns by the club president and other club members. I would to see something like continue.

Conventions and Ham Fests

TEXAS

March 5th

Irving ARC Hamfest Irving, TX

March 12th

WCARC Swapfest and License Testing
Georgetown, TX

March 18th

South Texas Section Convention (Greater Houston Hamfest)
Rosenberg, TX

March 19th

West Texas Section Convention (St. Patrick's Day Hamfest)
Midland, TX

Check out all Hamfests and conventions at www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar

Special Event Stations for January

March 12th – 14th, 1630Z – 0030Z, K7UAZ. Tucson, AZ. Amateur Radio Club at the University of Arizona.
Tucson Festival of Books – Science City.

21.275 14.275. QSL. K7UAZ ARC.

www.k7uaz.com

March 19th, 0900Z – 1900Z, W4W. Clewiston, FL. Big Lake Amateur Radio Club.

30th Anniversary Clewiston Sugar Festival.

28.370 21,270 14.270 7.270. QSL.

Frank C Harris, WA4PAM, 512 E Pasadena Ave. Clewiston, FL 33440

March 26th, 1400Z – 2000Z, W4BKM. Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club.

34th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 14.240 7.225 145.37. Certificate.

www.w4km.com

Check out all the special event stations at www.arrl.org/special-event-stations