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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting Thursday September 7th 7:00 P.M

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

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

Hurricane Harvey

Ham radio once again proved its worth as a national asset in aiding communications in the aftermath of hurricane Harvey.

Some of the media coverage included KETK in Tyler, TX and WJLA in Washington, D.C. The Smithsonian also covered ham radio preparing for Harvey.

Fortunately ham radio was not needed to the extent and capacity that it was after hurricane Katrina. Part of the reason was due to where Harvey made landfall. Another reason is the lessons learned from Katrina. Local, state and federal response was better organized.

Commercial communication capabilities have been improved and made more robust to survive storm damage. A lot of cellular phone access was down but internet access and its associated social networking kept many in touch or with a way to request help.

We may not have been as needed this time but we have to ensure we keep ourselves ready for next time. Let's hope Irma isn't it.

The Temple Amateur Radio Club, W5LM — Defenders of the Amateur Radio Spectrum

The Temple (Texas) Amateur Radio Club (TARC), W5LM, is an ARRL affiliated club that donates \$1,000 every year to ARRL's Spectrum Defense Fund. Club member and past club president John Hobson, WD5BFS, said, "When the motion was first made during a club meeting to donate to ARRL, the majority of members thought the Spectrum Defense Fund would have the greatest impact on issues we felt affected ham radio." Contributions to the Spectrum Defense Fund ensure that ARRL will have the resources to meet future challenges when they appear, and to protect amateurs' operating privileges. In 1932, the Cen-Tex Amateur Radio Club was formed in Temple, Texas. The Temple Amateur Radio Club descended from that early club and now has about 35 members from around Bell County, including towns like Temple, Belton, Killeen, Harker Heights, and Fort Hood military base, as well as a few members outside the area. The club raises the funds for their annual Spectrum Defense Fund donation through their twice-yearly HamEXPO! swapfests, also called the "friendliest ham radio swapfest in the world." The event draws about 1,000 – 1,500 hams from all over Texas and surrounding states. The funds raised through the swapfest also go to covering operating expenses for the club, and toward an annual college scholarship awarded by the club — the Charles R. Schlieper Technical Scholarship, in memory of Charles Schlieper, N5TD. In addition to the swapfests, club members also participate in the Belton 4th of July Parade, the Temple Christmas Parade, ARRL Field Day, and they administer licensing exams as part of the local ARRL VE team. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month, and also hosts Monday night nets on 146.280 MHz. To learn more about TARC and their twice-annual HamEXPO! swapfests, visit their website at www.tarc.org.

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Upcoming Events

We may have just completed Field Day and the July 4th parade but the calendar doesn't slow down with the coming of fall. September has to have a Nominating Committee and recommendations have to be in the October bulletin. October has fall Ham Expo. December has both the Temple Christmas parade and the TARC Christmas dinner. Plenty to do and plenty of help is needed.

Ham Expo

One month. Where has the time gone? Seems we just wrap up one and patrons are chomping at the bit to be at the next one.

Registrations are going strong. John Hobson, WD5BFS has been busy working new vendors into the floor plan. There is again a possibility that John will not be able to make the Saturday of Ham Expo so if anyone wants to assist Myron N5TFK on Saturday morning and get a feel for how check in operates please let John or Myron know.

We are hoping that fuel prices stabilize by the end of September and that lingering effects from hurricane Harvey do not impact attendance.

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 W5GLR at 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