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Busy Time for TARC

By Tom Olsen, KC5KXS

Word from the Prez

Don't know about you but it has been a rather busy month in these parts. We all owe a big thanks to Darwin K5DOA and Roy N5HQR for their contributions of time and effort in helping so many of us attempt upgrading into General and Extra Class. They did so much to both get the material across and to provide those ever important visual aids that make leaning so much eas-



ier. Looks like we may have 30 folks taking the exams. We wish everyone good luck on the exam!

Charlie N5TD probably had the most fun. Nothing, like 15 eager Scouts trying to earn both a Scout Merit Badge as well as their FCC Tech license. I think we were all very impressed at how well behaved they were throughout the last month of classes. They are a fun bunch. Their final exam was on March 27, so let's hope that they all passed and we hear them on the air soon.

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VE tests during HamEXPO At Our Next Meeting

Plan to take advantage of the VE tests during *HamEXPO* on April 14 in Belton.

Testing begins at 11:00 a.m., continuing until all applicants are tested. Walk-ins can apply for testing anytime from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The test site is —

Belton Municipal Courts & Police Building
711 East 2nd Avenue
Belton, TX 76513

This is at the corner of East Birdwell and 2nd Avenue. For more information, contact Joe Dorn W5VEX at 254-939-5918 or Gerald Richmond at n5zxx@n5zxx.us. Below are Google Maps links (Adobe pdf) to directions for folks coming from *HamEXPO* as well as a map of the VE test site area. Directions: <http://www.bosshardradio.com/ve/beltonvetestsdir.pdf>

Test site: <http://www.bosshardradio.com/ve/beltonvetestsloc.pdf>

Back to HamEXPO site: <http://www.tarc.org/hamexpo/>

"The Buzz on Digital Modes" will be presented by **Charlie Schlieper, N5TD**, at the TARC meeting on April 5. Charlie will tell us all about the bleeps and blats of digital—hands on. The meeting is Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Western Hills, 210 N. General Bruce Dr. in Temple. Join us. Refreshments served and guests welcome.

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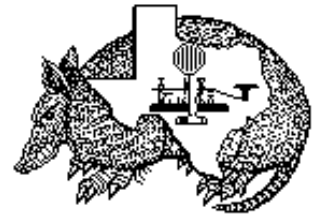
I want to put a little plug for this month's program on the Digital Communication modes. The members have said that they prefer "hands on" types of programs. Steve NU5D accommodated that and did a great job with a "hands on" 60m program last month. He had a real live 60m station set up for anyone to get on the air, if they so desired. This month's program should be "hands on" as well, if you know Charlie!

It was also a special surprise to have Section Manager Tom Blackwell N5GAR attend our last club meeting. We appreciate that he took the time to provide a very extensive update on the crazy going's on in Austin. It is consoling to know that someone like Tom is minding the store and lobbying for amateur radio with the members of the Texas Legislature. If you are not currently a member of ARRL, you may want to think about joining. They really are our only voice before the powers that be and well worth the membership cost.

HamEXPO is on April 14 and I'm getting excited! Guys, (and Gals), we need all the help we can get, especially on Saturday morning.

We are expecting a big crowd this spring and I would love to see you there to help welcome hams from all over the country to TARC's Belton HamEXPO, *the friendliest Hamfest in the world....* This is your event, be part of the fun!

Tom Olsen, KC5KXS
President TARC 2007



KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

Results of March VE Test Sessions

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Steve Bosshard, NU5D; Charlie Schlieper, N5TD; Kay Schlieper, KB5DC; Roy Wells, N5HQR; Tom Olsen, KC5KXS; and Darwin Geiselbrecht, K5DOA and the recent 6-week Amateur Radio Preparation Course, Central Texas now has three new Technician Class, six new General Class, and three new Extra Class licensees from twenty exams administered on Mar. 20. TARC sponsored the training and the TARC VE Team set up and conducted the exam session.

A second exam session was conducted Mar. 27 at the Western Hills Church of Christ. As a result, 21 Candidates were served and 23 Exams were administered. Five candidates passed Technician, 1 passed General, and 3 passed Extra.

Thanks again to Roy N5HQR, Charlie and Kay—N5TD and KB5DC—Darwin K5DOA, and Steve NU5D for their participation in the classes and the VE Team.

There will be a VE Session in Belton, April 14. See http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Temple_ARC/message/3326 for details.

...Remember that **HamEXPO '07** is racing toward us on April 14. About 1000 flyers have been mailed to a few of our closest friends. Many of them have made plans to be with us for **HamEXPO**—and so now it's your turn. Please plan to help make this the best one yet by getting on staff and lending a hand. Thank you.

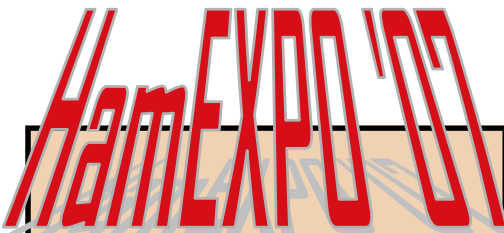
...**Our Fearless Leader, Tom KC5KXS**, has been globetrotting on club time. Be sure to ask about his travels.

...**Same goes for Larry W5LAR**, TARC's Legible Secretary. His trip was domestic, however—on this side of the ocean (okay, he went to Indiana, but that's a trip).

...**The morning coffee session** at McDonald's (31st at Adams) is going strong. Come on by.

...**Remember the TARC Net** — Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on 146.820- MHz (PL 123.0). Your smiling face is needed on our Monday Night Net. Get the net habit. Thanks!

...**See you** at the club meeting on April 5, 2007.



April 14
Bell County Expo Center

Raffle News

Winners **do not** have to be present to win a top three prize at the April 14 **HamEXPO**. However, we must have a **CLEARLY readable** callsign and phone number on your ticket.



HamEXPO for 2007 Gets Underway April 14

- **HamEXPO 2007** — Saturday, April 14, 2007
- Bell County Expo Center in Belton, Texas
- See the newest Ham gear and accessories available from dozens of commercial vendors
- Discover the bargains in the tailgate flea market
- Indoor tailgate spaces or non-commercial table spaces are \$15.00.
- Parking lot vendors pay \$5.00 per occupied parking space
- Valuable, exciting door prizes
- Admission is \$2.00 per person. Children under 12 admitted free. Law officers in uniform admitted free.
- Doorprize tickets are \$2.00 each.
- Fully accessible to persons with handicaps.
- Indoors—**HamEXPO** is "Go," rain or shine!
- Sponsored by Temple Amateur Radio Club, ARRL affiliated for over 50 years
- Staffed by TARC members wearing yellow shirts or new orange vests

How Do I Get There? Bell County Expo Center is on Interstate-35 at Exit 292 in Belton, Texas (about 50 miles north of Austin, and about 150 miles south of D/FW). The Expo Center is marked on highway signs. Exit IH-35 at Exit 292. From the west on Highway 190, take Loop 121 and follow it to the Expo Center. From Highway 36 (Houston), take Hwy 93 west to IH-35, then go south to Exit 292.

Attention Tailgaters: Here's the HamEXPO Lowdown

- **INDOOR TAILGATERS (NON-Commercial Vendors):** PRE-REGISTRATION required. Set up on Friday. You have 2 choices: (a.) Indoor Tailgate Space (sell from your trailer, truck, etc.—no table), \$15.00 each indoor parking space; OR (b.) Indoor Non-Commercial Vendor Table, \$15.00 each.
- The only FRIDAY activity is setup for dealers and pre-registered indoor non-commercial "tailgaters."
- On Saturday, Indoor Non-Commercial tailgate spaces bought at the door—\$10.00 each. Add tables for an additional \$10.00 each. Saturday setup is

first come, first served at the door (5:30 to 7:00 a.m.).

- Outdoor Parking Lot Sellers will pay \$5.00 per occupied parking space, whether setting up Friday or Saturday. May pre-register. Receipts/Passes available at Registration Desk.
- Free electricity (INDOORS ONLY—bring extension cords, outlet strips, and duct tape to secure wires).
- Oversized vehicles or trailers must purchase additional spaces—no overhangs.
- We will try to place you and your friends in adjacent spaces—but you must be together when purchasing your spaces.
- Tailgate parking rules must be observed.

Top Three Doorprizes at HamEXPO on April 14

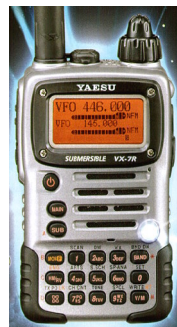


FIRST PRIZE—
Yaesu FT-857D
with Remote Kit

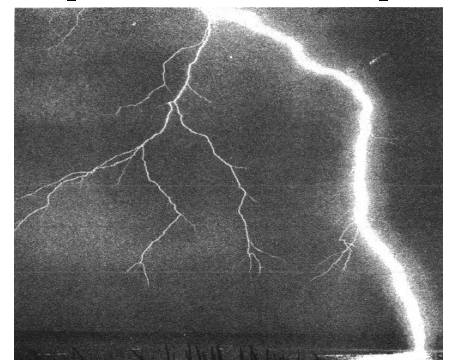
HamEXPO reserves the right to substitute prizes of similar value, based on availability.



THIRD PRIZE—
JetStream JTPS28M
Switching Power Supply (28A)



SECOND PRIZE—
Yaesu VX-7R



The spring storm season is near— are you ready?

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Temple Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 616
Temple, TX 76503

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 La Quinta Motel. Refreshments are served, and guests are invited and welcome!

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Misconceptions Abound Regarding Tech HF Privileges

NEWINGTON, CT, Mar 19, 2007 [Updated Mar 20] — Some Tech licensees who gained new privileges Feb. 23 remain unaware...as to what they may and may not do on the HF bands, says ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND. In addition to all Amateur Radio operating privileges above 50 MHz, Technicians who never passed a Morse code test now have CW privileges on certain segments of 80, 40 and 15 meters plus new CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on certain segments of 10 meters. And that's it.... [Henderson] says some Technicians apparently believe their new HF phone privileges go far beyond what they really have.

"Technicians have no phone privileges on any HF band other than 10 meters, period!" Henderson emphasizes. "That's the bottom line. If you want to operate phone on the other HF bands, you'll have to upgrade to General or Amateur Extra class."

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/03/20/100/?nc=1> for full story.

First *HamEXPO* of '07 Is Coming April 14

Time flies, and it has again flown right into *HamEXPO* season. Our kickoff event of 2007 is scheduled for April 14. And you know the second verse to that familiar song—we need your help.

The *HamEXPO* Staff Questionnaire is now on the club website. We start over each year on the volunteers' list, so please complete the questionnaire even if you have done it before. It will be really great if we can get a full roster of folks to staff this *HamEXPO*.

How 'bout it? Can the club count on your participation?

