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# Coming Events for June

Ham-Com 2009 is Friday and Saturday, June 12-13 at the Plano Centre in Plano. The admission is \$8.00 at the door (or \$6.00 with online pre-registration). Ham-Com bills itself as “The biggest hamfest in Texas.” They have 46 commercial vendors scheduled to exhibit, plus programs and demos in many aspects of hamming. See the Ham-Com website at [www.hamcom.org](http://www.hamcom.org) for details on this event.

June also means Field Day. Again this year, TARC will set up on the Texas Early Day Tractor & Engine Association’s grounds in the covered pavilion. The date is June 27 and 28. FD is a great activity, and a highlight of TARC’s year. Make plans now to be at the site for some of the fun. Speaking of fun, see the article on p. 3. Check [www.tarc.org](http://www.tarc.org) for info as the time approaches for FD ‘09 on June 27 and 28.



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### At Our Next Meeting

**June 4 is the date for our next TARC meeting. The program is “TBA,” but will include Field Day planning, new licensees—and more. As always, it will be terrific.**

**Plus, you’ll find great camaraderie and tasty refreshments. Join us on June 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Western Hills Church of Christ in Temple.**

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## West Gulf Convention to be held at HamCom

This year's ARRL West Gulf Division Convention will be held at HamCom 2009, says WG Director Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV. This is the 31st HamCom and it is going to be a big one. In fact, HamCom is the biggest hamfest in Texas. The location is Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX and the dates are Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13th. Special guest speakers this year are as follows:

Dave Sumner, K1ZZ CEO of the ARRL  
Gordon West, WA6NOA Author and Educator  
Bill Allphin, K4UEE Lone Star DX Dinner Speaker

Don't miss the ARRL Forum, 46 commercial vendors, inside Flea Market, outside Tailgate Market, SkyWarn school, daily grand prizes, 18 hourly prizes, VE testing, and more forums than ever before.

Check the HamCom web site at [www.hamcom.org](http://www.hamcom.org) for details.



## Volunteers Needed

The West Gulf Division of the American Radio Relay League needs volunteer experts in database creation and management, according to the director's administrative newsletter. Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, says that volunteers are also needed for web site creation and management. Please contact K5RAV at [k5rav@arrl.org](mailto:k5rav@arrl.org) if you wish to make a contribution.



## Great Things About Ham Radio

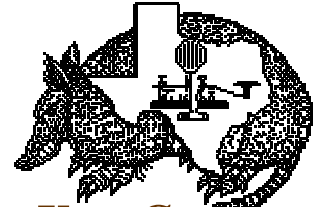
In celebration of *CQ* magazine's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005, the *CQ* staff came up with 60 great things about ham radio, written up by *CQ* Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. [Here are four]:

**1. Ham radio works when nothing else does** – This is what keeps us "in business," so to speak. The primary reason we still have frequencies and government agencies around the world go to the trouble of testing and licensing us is ham radio's unparalleled ability to get through when nothing else will. When disasters knock out or overload traditional communications systems, ham radio still works, still gets the message out.

**2. Being a ham makes you part of a worldwide community** —Your ham license is your membership card to a unique worldwide fraternity. No matter where in the world you are, if there's a ham nearby, you've got a friend.

**3. Some of the nicest people you'll ever meet** – Most hams are genuinely nice people. Sure, we'll have our petty squabbles from time to time, and we'll likely debate the merits of code exams forever, but it's very rare to find hams who are nasty, vindictive people. They're just not welcome in our worldwide community.

**4. Some of the smartest people you'll ever meet** – Hams come from all walks of life and you'll find highly educated people and even the occasional Nobel laureate within our ranks. But you'll also find a lot of regular people with a lot of common sense, and people who may not have multiple college degrees but who know an awful lot about their chosen specialty area. And more often than not, they're happy to share that knowledge.



## KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

**...New Leaders:** Jay Urish, W5GM, of Flower Mound, assumed the role of North Texas Section Manager of ARRL on April 1. Richard C. Leach, KA5EMT, has been named an Assistant Section Manager in Oklahoma.

**...New call signs** are being heard on .82, thanks to our recent class. **Jesse, KF5AQJ** made his second check-in on the TARC Net.

**...TARC Bulletin** is distributed to most members in an online digital edition in pdf format. If you need a printed copy, notify **John KE5C** or **Mike WA5EQQ**.

**...Most weekdays** and Saturdays, area hams meet for coffee at McDonald's at IH-35 and Adams Ave. from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited, so come on by and add your 2-cents' worth.

**...Dates to Remember:** Next year's spring **HamEXPO!** is April 17, 2010. The fall date is Oct. 2, 2010. Mark your calendar now.

**...TARC Net** — Mondays at 7 p.m. on 146.820 MHz (PL 123.0). Get the net habit.

**...See you** on at the TARC meeting on June 4.

# Field Day 2009 is June 27 – 28

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## Field Day... For the Fun of It!

We all became hams for our own reasons. Some of us were interested in public service and helping others in times of need. Many discovered the hobby as an outlet to their curiosity about electronics and communications. Still others joined our ranks because of the quest to meet new people and expand their own personal bank of knowledge.

Whatever the reason you became an amateur, there is one compelling thread that brought us all together in this fraternity of amateur radio. It is as simple as can be:

## We became hams for the FUN of the hobby!

And while it serves a wide array of interests and purposes, there is no greater FUN-damental goal for Field Day than to **HAVE FUN!** While it encompasses a broad range of amateur radio interests – CW, Phone, Digital, emergency preparedness, public service, satellites, recruitment, antennas, new and vintage equipment, and so many more – Field Day is, above all else, a chance for us to have some fun with our hobby. After all, while it is a regulated service and there are serious aspects to our use of the bands, the true “amateur spirit” of our hobby (defined by Paul Segal, W9EEA, back in 1928 in “*The Amateur’s Code*”) is found in “slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others.”

**Fun is where YOU find it in this hobby.** Some will discover the fun by operating overnight, building up their club’s total number of **QSOs**. Others will never make a single Field Day contact but will derive their fun by helping set-up **antennas**



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**and generators.** The joy of sharing your radio **knowledge** with a newcomer will be fun for many old-timers while other old-timers will experience the “Field Day high” when they make their very first QSO using a new **digital mode** or via one of the amateur radio **satellites**. The camaraderie of the annual club Field Day **picnic** covered dish supper will be a fun highlight for many, while still others will find the joy in the hobby by simply being able to spend a couple of hours from home on an otherwise busy weekend tuning the bands and making a few contacts.

Now is the time to start preparing. There are no significant rule changes for Field Day 2009. So no matter how you choose to participate, let the planning and adventure begin. Try something new! Get newcomers involved! Test your skills and limits. But what ever you do, remember the first and most important element of Field Day is **HAVE SOME FUN!**

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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 Starbucks Coffee. Refreshments are served, and guests are invited and welcome!

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