



# TARC Bulletin



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## New TARC Officers Elected for Year 2010

TARC's officers for 2010 were elected at a special called meeting on Dec. 3, 2009 and were introduced to members attending the Christmas party on Dec. 5. The president is John Hobson, WD5BFS; vice president is Gerald Richmond, N5ZXJ; secretary/treasurer is Mary Duke, KB5MLD; and the director for the 2010-12 term is Ron Thompson, W5WRE.

At the December board meeting, Mary KB5MLD apologized for having to resign as secretary/treasurer, effective immediately, be-

cause of changes in employment-related duties. This development necessitates selecting a new person or persons to fill the offices of TARC secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors will announce the process for filling these posts at the January 7, 2010 club meeting.

Remaining board members are Cliff Williams, KE5CTW (immediate past president); Darwin Geiselbrecht, K5DOA; and Myron Mesecke, N5TFK.



## TARC in 2010...



## Let's Have Fun —Again!

### At Our Next Meeting

January 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.—mark your calendar now for the first club meeting in a year of TARC FUN! What topics would you like to see covered in a club program? Bring your ideas. Got new radio gear? Bring it for 'show-n-tell.' See you at Western Hills Church of Christ. See you there.

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## TARC Dues for 2010 Are DUE

TARC dues are payable in January of each calendar year. In other words, it is time to pay dues for 2010. Why not kill two birds with one stone: get the new year off to a great beginning by attending the first of several club meetings, and by getting your dues paid. Our dues structure is as follows:

**Introductory**—Available only to newly licensed Amateur Radio operators who successfully completed a Temple Amateur Radio Club license class prior to passing their FCC examination. This membership enjoys all privileges of the Club except for voting. There are no dues, and this one time membership expires on December 31st of the year the holder was first licensed.

**Full**—Available to persons holding a valid Amateur Radio license. This membership enjoys all privileges of the Club. \$20.00

**Senior**—Hams age 65 and older pay at a rate of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) that of Full Member. \$15.00

**Student**—Available to any full-time student at a rate one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) that of Full Member. \$10.00

**Family**—Available to persons in a Full Member's immediate household, who also hold a valid amateur radio license. This membership enjoys all privileges of the Club. Dues will be one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) those of Full Member. \$10.00

**Associate**—Available to persons who do not hold an Amateur Radio license, but exhibit an interest in Amateur Radio. This membership enjoys all the privileges of the Club except the rights to vote and to hold office. Dues will be one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) those of Full Member. \$10.00

See Dale Duke, W5DUK at the next club meeting, mail dues to TARC, PO Box 616, Temple, TX 76503, or pay on the website at < [www.tarc.org](http://www.tarc.org) > using a credit card or PayPal (transactions are handled by PayPal).

New members need to submit a membership application and receive an approval prior to paying dues online. You can find the application on the TARC website. New members joining at a club meeting will get an application form at that time.

## MARS Gets New Name As It Fine Tunes Mission

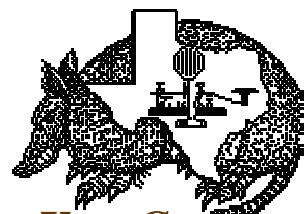
On Dec. 23, [2009] the Department of Defense (DoD) issued an *Instruction* concerning MARS, effective immediately. This *Instruction* gives the three MARS services—Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine Corps—a new focus on homeland security and a new name: *Military Auxiliary Radio System*. This is the first major revision to MARS since 1988—as such, the first revision since the 9/11 attacks and Hurricane Katrina, two events that changed the way Amateur Radio dealt with emergency communications.

The DoD defines a "military auxiliary" as "an organized body of volunteers prepared to supplement the uniformed services or any designated civilian authorities by provision of specialized autonomous services when called upon or when situations warrant" [the Civil Air Patrol and Coast Guard Auxiliary, for example].

In the past, MARS focused on emergency communications and health and welfare support. The DoD's *Instruction* now directs MARS to provide "contingency radio communications" to support US government operations, DoD components and "civil authorities at all levels," providing for national security and emergency preparedness events. MARS units will still continue to provide health and welfare communications support "to military members, civilian employees, and contractors of DoD Components, and civil agency employees and contractors, when in remote or isolated areas..., whenever appropriate." MARS must also be capable of operation in "radio only" modes—without landlines or the Internet—and sustainable on emergency power...; some MARS stations must be transportable for timely deployment.

The *Instruction*...does not mention

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## KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

...**Congrats to Steve Bosshard, NU5D** on being selected "Ham of the Year for 2009," and to **Franklin Baugh, KA5IHY** on his TARC recognition.

...**HELP WANTED:** The North Texas Section needs good folks for Official Observer positions. If you are interested in becoming an OO, please contact **Roy Rabey AD5KZ**, at [ad5kz@arrl.net](mailto:ad5kz@arrl.net) for information.

...**The Monday Night Net** has been short on check-ins in recent weeks, but there have been some new participants from "DX" locales. Make a resolution and join the fun on the Monday Night Net. It's the least you can do, right?

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

...**Most weekdays** and Saturdays, area hams meet for coffee at McDonalds' 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:** The first HamEXPO! of 2010 is scheduled for April 17, 2010. The fall date is Oct. 2.

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

...**See you Jan. 7** at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Western Hills for our first meeting of 2010.



*To each member of*

*Temple Amateur Radio Club.*

*Make it Safe, Happy — and Radio-  
active!*

## Amateur Radio Bill Passes Senate, Moves to the House

On Monday, December 14, [2009] S 1755 -- The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- passed the Senate by unanimous consent; the bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. Sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), S 1755, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications. S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given -- (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

— via The ARRL Letter, Dec. 17, 2009

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## Getting More Out of Being a HAM

If you would like to get out of the shallow, "kiddy pool" waters of Amateur Radio and step into the fascinating depths of the world of Ham Radio, consider the following steps:

**Assuming that you are already a TARC member**, get involved with Temple Amateur Radio Club, a supportive amateur radio club that's eager to help you grow in your Ham career—while having fun in the process. **And if you're not a TARC member**—what are you waiting for? Join today. Check our website at [www.tarc.org](http://www.tarc.org) for club info. We are ready, willing, and able to "mentor" you in the hobby.

**TARC can help you earn a Ham license** or help you grow

in your capabilities once licensed. So when looking for a club home, look for one like TARC that offers "help for newcomers."

**Join the ARRL — The National Association for Amateur Radio.** There are many benefits of membership that will help you grow as an Amateur Radio operator.

**Do it yourself** with the helpful resources available from ARRL and from TARC (an ARRL-affiliated club), including books, guides, online courses and more!

**Fellowship with other TARC members** and involvement in club activities adds expanded horizons to this great hobby and adds to the fun you'll derive from it.

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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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## **MARS Gets New Name**

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which of the ...MARS services will take the lead when responding to events. This has been seen as a critical issue in conforming to the National Incident Management System that calls for "unity of command." The three MARS services are supposed to interoperate," but command-wise, each operates independently. Some MARS members had urged clarification on this issue to avoid confusion during an emergency.... The Secretaries of the Army, Air Force, and Navy are to encourage participation in MARS... "by establishing and funding active MARS programs within each Military Department, which shall then assign a MARS-licensed staff representative to manage operations, readiness, planning, procedural and technical development, documentation, standards, training, equipment, program and membership administration, and other matters necessary for mission accomplishment."

The Secretaries are also tasked with bringing new personnel into their MARS services....

The *Instruction* dictates that MARS leaders will

report to three DoD officials: the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security and Americas Security Affairs now has primary responsibility for the MARS Defense Support of Civil Authorities mission. In addition, MARS leaders will report to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration/DoD Chief Information Officer, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness.

Active duty military personnel in MARS may be able to earn Reserve points based on service in MARS and, in cases of permanent change of station, qualify for weight exemption for transportation of MARS equipment. All members may be considered for benefits associated with DoD civilian service.... Membership in any MARS service is open to qualified active duty, Guard, and Reserve personnel, as well as those in civilian agencies who report to civil authorities or their supporting organizations (including nongovernmental organizations) and private US citizens who meet age, education and other criteria—such as an FCC-issued Amateur Radio license....

— via the ARRL Website ([www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org))