



# TARC Bulletin



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## New Members, Projects & Events Highlight June

I hope everyone enjoyed Gerald N5ZXJ's presentation on HDTV as much as I did and looking forward to an opportunity for a station tour if it can be scheduled. Many thanks to Gerald for taking the time out of your busy work schedule to putting the presentation together.

We have a number of new Hams visiting and joining TARC in the last few months. I would like to again welcome each of you and look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

The club membership approved the N5TD scholarship at the May meeting. Our treasurer has already contacted Temple College and transferred the funds for the \$1000 scholarship. This is good work and all club members should be proud in assisting a deserving technology student.

Our June meeting will be final coordination for Field Day. As I mentioned in the May meet-

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## Oil Spill in Gulf of Mexico

Presently there are no ARES® deployments as a result of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, says Louisiana Section Manager Gary Stratton, K5GLS. "My take at this point is that we likely will not have any," he says. Unlike an event that interrupts normal communications infrastructure, served agencies are using their normal means of communications utilizing cellular, normal commercial, and private systems.

Following the established Incident Command System protocol, the Parish Emergency Manager or his logistics designee can request additional communications resources, including Amateur Radio, using a system called "WebEOC." This system provides authorization directly through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

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### At Our Next Meeting

**The program for the June 3 club meeting will focus on Field Day preparations. It starts at 7:00 p.m.— mark your calendar now! What topic would you like to see covered in a TARC program? Bring your ideas. See you at Western Hills Church of Christ at 7 p.m. on June 3.**

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ing, we are still looking for assistance with coordinating our stations. If Hams in the Bell County area, civilians and soldiers, are encouraged to stop by and join us for Field Day at the Texas Early Day Tractor & Engine Fair Grounds in Temple.

The Tour d' Temple was held Saturday, 22 June. This is a true Ham supported event with Hams providing the communications for event coordination and supporting a safe ride for the many riders. Both TARC and CTARC supported this event with both clubs having a great



## Oil spill...

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"We have an ARES@/RACES liaison at GOHSEP who will coordinate those requests with us if they occur," says K5GLS. "Other volunteer agencies can request our resources through the Louisiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (LAVOAD)."

SEC Jim Coleman, AI5B, and SM Stratton are participating in the LAVOAD conference calls as they are scheduled.

Several local and Louisiana State government agency mobile command posts have been stationed at key areas along the state's southeastern Gulf coast. They are equipped with Amateur Radio. Those capabilities will be utilized if needed. "We are prepared to provide communications backup when and if called upon to do so," says K5GLS.

—via *The ARES E-Letter* for May 19, 2010



## ARRL Audio News Returns

After a hiatus of four months, the *ARRL Audio News* is scheduled to return Thursday, May 27. With the advent of the new ARRL Web site, we have had to make some changes in the way the *Audio News* is presented. It will only be available as one mp3 file; we will no longer be breaking it up into segments. For the time being, it will not be available by telephone, but that feature may return in the future.

You can find the *ARRL Audio News* at < [www.arrl.org/arrl-audio-news](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-audio-news) >.



turn out to help. This event seems to get a little bigger each year with many riders coming from some distance to participate. For those not there, you missed some good fun and fellowship with fellow Hams.

Do not forget the Belton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Darwin will need volunteers to help with lining up the 300 or so organizations that make this parade so enjoyable. Unlike some other events we support during the year, this is also a hands-on communications event that requires the use of our Ham communications skills. Be sure to bring your 2M handhelds. This event is a lot of fun. I have participated the last three years and have had a great time helping and seeing the floats up close.



## CQ Announces 2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

On May 14, *CQ* magazine announced its 2010 Hall of Fame inductees, welcoming 15 new members into the *CQ* Amateur Radio Hall of Fame and two new members each into the *CQ* DX Hall of Fame and the *CQ* Contest Hall of Fame. The *CQ* Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors individuals -- whether licensed hams or not -- who have made significant contributions to

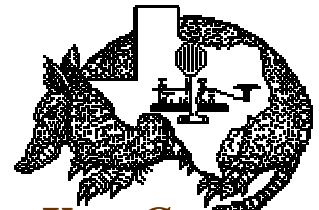


Amateur Radio, as well as those amateurs who have made significant contributions either to Amateur Radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet.

The *CQ* Contest and DX Halls of Fame honor those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of Amateur Radio, but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways. The 2010 inductees (listed alphabetically) are:

- Chester Buchanan, W3DZZ (SK) -- Developer of the W3DZZ triband trap beam, popular in the 1950s and '60s.
- Calvin Cotner, K4JSI -- Retired Director of Operations for Comsat World Systems. In 2009, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics awarded him the Aero-

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## KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

...There is a cardboard box in the storage container that has an Astron power supply, *Rigblaster*, and Kenwood TM707 in it. All three are mounted and wired together into one unit. Does anyone know who owns it? I'm pretty sure it isn't the club's. —Myron N5TFK

...Members of TARC and CTARC provided communications for the *Tour d' Temple* bike event on May 22.

...Upcoming Events: Field Day is June 26-27 at the Texas Early Day Tractor & Engine grounds, and Belton's Fourth of July parade is next. Plan to participate.

...*TARC Bulletin* is distributed to most members in an online digital edition in pdf format. It's posted on the TARC website and on the *Yahoo Discussion Group* site. If you need a paper copy, notify Mike WA5EQQ.

...Weekdays and Saturdays, Hams meet for coffee at McDonalds' at IH-35 and Adams Ave. from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Come by and add your 2-cents' worth.

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

...See you June 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Western Hills for our next TARC meeting. Join in the fun.

## ARRL Field Day Merchandise Now Available

How can you be the best-dressed ham at our Field Day site this year? When you wear the official 2010 ARRL Field Day shirt — accompanied by the 2010 ARRL Field Day hat — of course!

Field Day, Amateur Radio's largest on-the-air operating event, is just a little more than four weeks away, so be sure to get your shirts, hats and pins, as well as the new *ARRL Field Day Handbook for Radio Amateurs* and coffee mugs before they run out. Field Day shirts are offered in sizes Small — 4XL and

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are royal blue with the 2010 Field Day logo on the left chest; the back of the shirt says "Amateur Radio -- Goodwill • Service • Fun!" with [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) underneath.

Fulfill all your Field Day apparel needs at the Field Day Supplies section of the ARRL Web site < [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) >.



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space Communications Award for "technical and strategic leadership" in international cooperation in satellite communications.

- Forrest Dana, 4AGR -- Early Army Amateur Radio System member, who, together with Ralph Hollis, 4AFC, provided critical communications after the 1928 Caribbean hurricane (2010 marks the 85th anniversary of AARS, the predecessor of MARS).

- Gene Harlan, WB9MMM (SK) -- Amateur Radio magazine publisher. Editor and Publisher of *ATV Quarterly* and founder of *Cyberham* magazine.
- George Hart, W1NJM -- Former ARRL Communications Manager; chief developer of the National Traffic System. In 2009, the ARRL introduced the George Hart Distinguished Service Award, given to an ARRL member whose service to the League's Field Organization is of the most exemplary nature
- Ralph Hollis, 4AFC -- Early Army Amateur Radio System member, who, together with Forrest Dana, 4AGR, provided critical communications after the 1928 Caribbean hurricane, maintaining a link with the War Department and providing information that brought help from the Army and the Red Cross.
- Dave Ingram, K4TWJ (SK) -- Prolific ham radio author, a Contributing Editor for *CQ* magazine, 1982-2010. His unquenchable enthusiasm for ham radio was always evident.
- Paul Kangas, W4LAA -- Business news anchor on PBS for 30 years.
- Dr. Arnall Patz, ex-WA3EVC (SK) -- Ophthalmologist who discovered and eliminated a major cause of blindness in premature babies.
- Howard Schmidt, W7HAS -- White House Cyber-Security Coordinator.
- Bill Schneider, K2TT -- Chairman of the Defense Science Board, an independent federal committee advising the Secretary of Defense.
- Jim Smith, VK9NS (SK) -- DXer and DXpeditioner, author and longtime member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame.
- George Smith, AA2EJ -- Inventor of the CCD (charge-coupled device) sensor that revolutionized digital imaging, co-recipient of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physics.
- Mark Stenning, AA1AC -- Chief Executive Officer of the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI.
- George Wilson, W4OYI (SK) -- ARRL President from 1992-95, led ARRL portion of effort to create vanity call sign program, named ARRL President Emeri-

tus in 1995.

### CQ Contest and DX Halls of Fame

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The 2010 inductees to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame are:

- Don Hill, AA5AU -- A major promoter of RTTY contesting, Hill is known among contesters as "the RTTY Elmer." He is also a regular contributor on RTTY contesting to *NCJ, the National Contest Journal*.
- Larry Weaver, N6TW -- A longtime member of the CQ World Wide Contest Committee, Weaver developed some of the log-checking software used today in scoring the CQWW and other contests. He is also a past president of the Southern California DX Club and a past Chairman of the International DX Convention held each year in Visalia, California.

The 2010 inductees to the CQ DX Hall of Fame are:

- Robert Locher, W9KNI -- An accomplished DXer, Locher is best known as an author and mentor on effective DXing. His book, *The Complete DXer*, is the best-selling DX book ever published, and his newest book, *A Year of DX*, chronicles his effort to win the 2008 CQ DX Marathon.
- Lynn Lamb, W4NL -- A co-founder of the Southeastern DX and Contesting Organization (SEDCO) that sponsors an annual convention featuring well-known speakers on DXing and contesting. He also writes regularly for *DX* magazine and is a leading proponent of improved DXing etiquette.

Formal inductions to the CQ Contest and DX Halls of Fame are scheduled for the contest and DX dinners, respectively, at the Dayton Hamvention®.



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Temple Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
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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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## Garbage Bag as Em Com Asset

The garbage bag is the most overlooked yet most practical single item available in an emergency. Not only can it protect you and/or your equipment from a variety of climatic conditions, it facilitates carrying items ranging from your most expensive equipment to trash from an abandoned site.

Further, the typical garbage bag weighs less than an ounce, occupies little more room than a business envelope and costs pennies. From personal experience in the most inclement weather and most demanding situations, where I didn't have a garbage

bag, I wished I had one, and, where I gave thanks for having had the prescience to have brought one along. In an emergency, after functioning communications equipment, nothing beats a garbage bag!

—John Kountz, KE6GFF/T6EE, CRO Laguna Beach Emergency Communications Team, Laguna Beach, California (via *The ARES E-Letter* for May 19, 2010).

### WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS...

T-shirts, stickers, patches, keychains, and more.

These items are a great reminder that Amateur Radio provides immediate, high-quality communications that work every time, when all else fails.

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