



# TARC Bulletin



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## Personal Thanks, Skywarn Plans & Coffee Mugs

I would like to start by making a correction to the January newsletter. Myron Mesecke, N5TFK, is the TARC *Ham of the Year* for 2010. Myron has been a past President and Director of TARC, does a lot for the club in supporting *HamEXPO* and special events, is always willing to assist the club officers, and has helped me with guidance during my term as President in both 2008 and 2010. The plaque being presented to me in the picture (*TARC Bulletin*, Jan. 2011) is from the 2010 Officers and Directors to me for continuous support,

leadership, and participation in TARC events. I would like to again thank them for their honoring me. Without the support of the TARC officers and Directors I would not be able to do my job. Thank you TARC very much for the beautiful plaque and your support.

I would also like to again publicly thank PaperGraphics for their support and assistance over the years in printing and

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TARC's New Mug — see story on page 3.

## At Our Next Meeting

The next TARC meeting is Feb. 3, 2011. It's an important meeting because it's time to pay your dues so mark your calendar! And learn how to "WSPR." See you at the Church of Christ in Western Hills in Temple, 210 N. Gen. Bruce Dr. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Feb. 3.

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mailing the TARC newsletter. Their customer service has been superb and has made our job of publishing a newsletter a lot easier. Their fee readjustments have really aided our budget.

We handed out the new TARC coffee mugs during the January TARC meeting. I hope everyone likes the design and will be proud to bring them to coffee at McDonald's. I personally think the gold on black design turned out great. Mugs will be available at the next TARC meeting for club members that were not present at the January meeting.

Bell County Skywarn training will be February 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Here is the address for the SKYWARN 2011 location. We will meet at the Belton ISD Administration building located at 400 N. Wall St, Belton. We will meet in the Board Room, which will be set up to seat 100 people. There are projectors in place plug-ins for a laptop. Lunch will be from 12 Noon to 1:15. I would like to see a large turnout by TARC members. The more spotters we have in the county the better coverage we will have.

February's TARC program will be presented by Darwin, K5DOA on the new WSPR (pronounced "whisper") application that was featured in the November 2010 issue of QST starting on page 30. WSPR is a world wide network of low power stations exchanging beacon-like transmissions to probe potential propagation paths. Darwin has been checking out WSPR and will be sharing with us what he has learned. Looks like it may be a great aid in chasing DX.

*It's Time to Pay  
TARC Dues  
for 2011*

### 2011 Emergency Management Conference -- April 26-29

The [2011 Texas Emergency Management Conference](#) will be April 26-29, 2011, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Count on a robust Amateur Radio/ARES presence at the conference. If you are associated with this meeting and have information on Amateur Radio activities, please inform WA5EQQ for inclusion in a future *Bulletin* issue.

## Plans for W. Gulf Division & N. TX Section

David Woolweaver, K5RAV, our West Gulf Division Director, reports that Jay Urish, W5GM, was re-elected as NTX Section Manager. Jay did not face opposition in the election and was declared elected for the upcoming term of office beginning April 1.

"With continuity in the North Texas leadership," says Woolweaver, "Jay plans to continue his work with SEC Walt Mayfield, KE5SOO, in strengthening the EmComm system and in securing volunteer appointees to cover current vacancies."

Jay hopes to engage Amateurs and clubs in the North Texas section by appointing a

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## SKYWARN is Feb. 12

It's time to prepare for the coming severe storm season. Bell County Skywarn training will be February 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belton ISD Administration building located at 400 N. Wall St., Belton. The session will be in the Board Room, which will accommodate 100 people. There are projectors in place and plug-ins for a laptop. This location is a change from the previously announced site. Lunch will be from 12 Noon to 1:15. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this important training.

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## KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

...Correction: President John Hobson, WD5BFS received a plaque of appreciation for service to TARC—NOT **Ham of the Year**, as reported in the January *Bulletin*. *Ham of the Year* went to **Myron Me-secke, N5TFK**. Sorry 'bout the error.

...We need to know how many of you are interested in the club having HAM radio classes in March prior to the Spring *HamEXPO*, and which level are you interested in? We need this information so we can order the needed student manuals. Contact Mike Hankins, Ki5M.

...Joe Williamson, KB5YA of Killeen reports that he is "Still alive at 89. Jim Henson, K5BVN is still around at 94." Jim, Larry Bartling, Lee Roy Rose, and Joe have coffee at McDonald's every morning except Sunday. Those fellas, along with N5UME, north of Waco, and WA5DTH at Lake of the Pines have a net on 3905.0 at 8:00 a.m. each morning

...It's time to pay club dues for 2011. Take care of that ASAP.

...TARC *Bulletin* is available in an online digital edition (.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 McDonald's at IH-35 and Adams Ave. from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Come add your 2-cents' worth.

...TARC Net — Mondays at 7 p.m. on 146.820 MHz (PL 123.0). Are YOU checking in?

...See you Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Western Hills in Temple for the next TARC meeting. Be there.

## New Amateur Radio Bill Introduced in Congress

The *Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act*, which died at the end of the 111th Congress, has been reintroduced in the 112th Congress as [HR 81](#). The sponsor is Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18). The new bill -- which was introduced on January 5 -- has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. "We are hopeful that this early start will lead to success in the new Congress," commented ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ.



Rep Jackson Lee first introduced the bill -- [HR 2160](#) -- in the 111th Congress [in April 2009](#). It gained an additional 41 cosponsors but did not progress out of the committee of jurisdiction. A similar bill introduced in the Senate -- [S 1755](#) -- made it all the way through that body in December 2009, but likewise was not taken up by the House. The objective of the bill -- which is supported by the ARRL -- is for the Secretary of Homeland Security to study the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio communications in emergencies and disaster relief and to identify and make recommendations regarding impediments to Amateur Radio communications, such as the effects of private land use regulations on residential antenna installations. — via *The ARRL Letter*, 1/13/11

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*Amateur Radio Club*

## New TARC Coffee Mugs

Would you like extra TARC coffee mugs you can hand out for a nice public relations outreach for the club? See the photo of this handsome mug on page 1. If so, contact John Hobson, WD5BFS to let him know.

John is planning to send a mug to our ARRL Director and Vice Director since they have both visited us this last year. The mugs are especially handsome. Thanks to WD5BFS for designing and procuring them.

## Upcoming Hamfests of Interest

### 02/12/2011 Williamson County Amateur Radio Club

Location: Georgetown, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Williamson County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.wcarc.com>

### 03/05/2011 South Texas Section Convention

(Greater Houston Hamfest)

Location: Rosenberg, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Brazos Valley Amateur Radio club

Website: <http://www.houstonhamfest.org>

### 03/12/2011 Ninth Annual IARC Hamfest

Location: Irving, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Irving Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.irvingarc.org/iarchamfest.html>

### 03/19/2011 West Texas Section Convention

(56th Annual St Patrick's Day Hamfest)

Location: Midland, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Midland Amateur Radio club

Website: <http://www.hamfest.w5qgg.org>

### 04/02/2011 HamEXPO

Location: Belton, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Temple Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.beltonhamexpo.org/>

## NASA Seeks Amateur Radio Operators' Aid to Listen for Nanosatellite Beacon

On Jan. 19 at 1630 UTC, engineers at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama confirmed that the NanoSail-D nanosatellite ejected from Fast Affordable Scientific and Technology Satellite (FASTSAT). According to NASA, the ejection occurred spontaneously and has been confirmed by ground-based satellite tracking assets. NASA is asking radio amateurs to listen on 437.270 MHz for the signal and verify NanoSail-D is operating. Hams should send information to the NanoSail-D dashboard. As of Jan. 20, the NanoSail-D dashboard website is reporting that beacon data has been received, but NASA still wants amateurs to track and report the signals. -[via *The ARRL Letter*]

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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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## WG Division & N. TX plans, cont'd

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new Section Training Coordinator, whose function will be to assist in the development of an education program that puts amateur radio in front of young people.

The Section Manager will be working with the West Gulf Division leadership in abolishing restrictive Home Owner Association CC&Rs and tower restrictions in the upcoming Texas legislative session. Additionally, local issues such as emergency preparedness, club and ARRL membership growth, and increasing community awareness of the Amateur Radio service will remain high on the agenda.

Over the past two years, tremendous strides have been made in the NTX Section to improve communication, rebuild services that had been eliminated or lacked attention, and to build a team of volunteers dedicated to making NTX even stronger. If you would like to join in this effort to expand these Amateur Radio initiatives, contact Jay at [W5GM@arrl.org](mailto:W5GM@arrl.org).

## The EC's Most Important Job

What is the job of an Emergency Coordinator? Responding to emergencies, writing emergency plans, recruiting ARES members, installing radios at served agencies...?

The EC's Job #1 is giving volunteers something to do. The quickest way to lose volunteers is to not use them. Your group may look good on paper, but how will it perform in the field?

...You need something for your people to do. It doesn't have to be directly emergency-related. If you are searching for activities, make sure Amateur Radio is included in scheduled drills in your area. If you have [Community Emergency Response Teams \(CERT\)](#) where you live, link up with them. CERT is a natural partner for Amateur Radio and they do a great deal of training, as do Search-and-Rescue (SAR) teams.

Bike rides, marathons, parades, and other community events provide useful training. Anything that gives you a reason to place people in the field and support them with a net is useful.

ARRL events such as [Field Day](#) and the [Simulated Emergency Test](#) offer emergency communications training. Or how about training for the Incident Command System, CPR, and advanced first aid? You can develop your own drills.

An Emergency Coordinator must create activities to keep ARES members trained and interested. --By N5FDL, [See [www.n5fdl.com](http://www.n5fdl.com) - ed.], via *The ARRL Letter*.



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