



Temple Amateur Radio Club
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146.820 MHz (PL 123.0)
444.700 MHz (PL 123.0)

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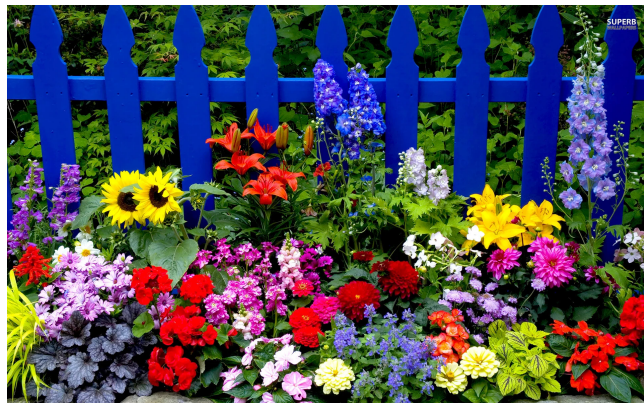
Club Meeting Thursday May 1st 7:00 P.M
Western Hills Church of Christ
210 N General Bruce Dr
Temple, TX 76504

Did you remember to pay your 2024 TARC dues?

Ham Expo Report

It was yet another fantastic Ham Expo. Every table was sold and fewer than six vehicle spaces were unsold. This was with a couple of commercial vendors being absent.

Thanks goes to everyone that showed up to work. We had over 800 people pay to enter on Saturday and the raffle table sold over 800 additional raffle tickets which is quite a few more than in recent years. So special thanks go to those that worked the entrance tables and the raffle tables, they were certainly kept busy.



Amateur Radio Saves Family in Death Valley National Park

On Saturday, April 6, a radio amateur and his family were enjoying the park when their vehicle became stuck in mud in a dangerous area. Without access to a cell network, the ham called for help on the 10-meter band. According to a news release from the Black Swamp Amateur Radio Club, Caleb Gustwiller, KD8TGB, jumped into action. Gustwiller was monitoring from Ohio when he picked up the distress call. He was able to hear the call sign and the general location of the ham in distress. He lost the signal to the noise, so he wrote a post in the Parks on the Air® Facebook group asking for other hams to listen for the calls. Several hams contacted emergency officials in southern California, which led to the ham and their family being rescued within a few hours by park rangers.

Armed Forces Day Crossband Test May 11, 2024

The US Department of Defense will host this year's Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Test on May 11, 2024. For more than 50 years, military and amateur stations have taken part in this event, which is an interoperability exercise between hobbyist and government radio stations. The event is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and will not impact any public or private communications. The AFD Crossband Test is a unique opportunity to test two-way communications between military communicators and radio stations in the Amateur Radio Service (ARS), as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111. Information on frequencies, times, and other technical information can be found at [DoD MARS - Armed Forces Day](#). Information for QSL cards and contact information is available at [Armed Forces Day QSL request form](#).

The National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, will activate WW1USA from Friday, May 24 until Monday, May 27, 2024.

Amateur radio operators are invited to participate in this special event and contact stations around the world. Amateurs are also welcome to serve as guest operators of WW1USA at any time and receive a special amateur radio operator certificate. QSL with WW1USA will be available by mail with a SASE or other postage provided, or via an eQSL. After the event, information will be provided regarding how to request a commemorative certificate. WW1USA operation dates often coincide with other events held at the museum and memorial, highlighting lessons from the first worldwide war. The station helps to raise awareness of the Great War and how it continues to affect the world today. Learn more about the National WWI Museum and Memorial at [WW1USA Amateur Radio Station \(May 2024\) | National WWI Museum and Memorial \(theworldwar.org\)](#).

Upcoming Swap Fests

May 11th - Roswell, NM. 8 AM – 2 PM. Pecos Valley ARC. Beginnings, 3908 SE Main St.
Admission: \$5. w0cox@gmail.com

May 25th – Las Cruces, NM. 7 AM – 11 AM. Mesilla Valley Radio Club. MVRC club house, 6609 Jefferson Ln
Admission: Free. wd8ajj@yahoo.com

June 1st – Monroe, LA. 8 AM – 1 PM. Louisiana Delta Radio Club. Barak Shriners Lodge, 6620 Frontage Rd
Admission: \$10. www.kc5dr.org