



Temple Amateur Radio Club
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W5LM Repeaters
146.820 MHz (PL 123.0)
444.700 MHz (PL 123.0)

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Bulletin of the Temple Amateur Radio Club

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BE SURE TO CHECK INTO THE MONDAY NIGHT NET!

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Be sure to make the August club meeting and enjoy some ice cream.



4th of July Parade

Thanks to everyone that helped with staging duties for Belton's July 4th parade. It went fairly smoothly with only minor issues. Myron N5TFK wants to thank Keith KG5BHC, John KD5SVW, Rex N5OSI, Remington KI5ISZ and Trudy KG5VLC.

Ham Expo

Registration went live on July 4th for October's Ham Expo. As of today July 28th, there are 11 indoor vehicle spaces sold, 40 noncommercial tables sold and 14 commercial tables sold.

Christmas Parade

Believe it or not the first Temple Christmas parade meeting is set for August 20th. TARC will again be helping with staging and is in need of volunteers.

5th Circuit Court rules against FCC

*Not amateur radio related but I chose to include it anyway.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the FCC erred in how it implemented the Universal Service Fee passed by Congress. The court ruled that the fee is in essence a tax. The FCC, rather than setting the fee (tax) itself, granted fee (tax) setting duties to a private third party, the Universal Service Administrative Company. The court ruled that this action is unconstitutional.

Judge Oldman wrote for the court: *In the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress delegated its taxing power to the Federal Communications Commission. FCC then subdelegated the taxing power to a private corporation. That private corporation, in turn, relied on for-profit telecommunications companies to determine how much American citizens would be forced to pay for the "universal service" tax that appears on cell phone bills across the Nation. We hold this misbegotten tax violates Article I, § 1 of the Constitution.*