



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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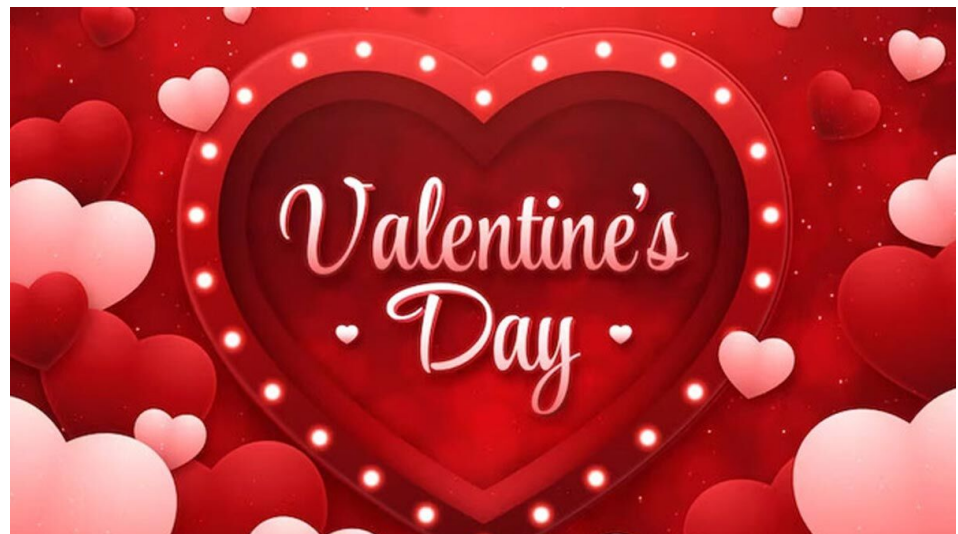
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**BE SURE TO CHECK INTO THE MONDAY NIGHT NET!**

**Club Meeting Thursday February 6th 7:00 P.M**  
**Western Hills Church of Christ**  
**210 N General Bruce Dr**  
**Temple, TX 76504**

**Please be sure to pay your 2025 TARC club dues.**



## Ham Expo

Registration opened on January 4th. Vendor registration has been moving at a pretty good pace.

## FCC Upholds Record \$34,000 Forfeiture Against Amateur Licensee

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assessed a record \$34,000 forfeiture against an amateur radio licensee for “willfully and repeatedly operating a radio station without authorization and interfering with the radio communications of the United States Forest Service ... while the U.S. Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Lands were attempting to direct the operations of fire suppression aircraft working a 1,000-acre wildfire on national forest land outside of Elk River, Idaho.”

As ARRL News first reported in 2022, the FCC proposed the fine against Jason Frawley of Lewiston, Idaho, for allegedly interfering with radio operations of the U.S. Forest Service during firefighting activities for the Johnson Creek Fire near Elk River in July 2021. The FCC stated in the Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL) that Frawley holds an Extra-class Amateur Radio Service license, WA7CQ, and is the owner/operator of Leader Communications LLC, licensee of eight microwave licenses and one business license.

In response, Frawley acknowledged that he operated on a frequency reserved for government use and for which he lacked authorization but argues that he did not cause interference to the government’s fire suppression activities that were being coordinated on the channel and acted with “good faith and non-malicious intent to help.” Frawley requested a reduction or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture based on the number and duration of the unauthorized transmissions, his history of compliance and corrective measures, and his inability to pay the proposed forfeiture.

In the Forfeiture Order released on January 3, 2025, the FCC rejected Frawley’s request and assessed the full proposed forfeiture of \$34,000.

## Ham Radio Operators Serving During California Firestorms

As the firestorms across Southern California continue to threaten millions of residents, trained amateur radio operators are serving critical volunteer roles to help officials spot fires before they get out of control. Dry conditions and wind gusts of up to 100 miles per hour have fueled days of devastating wildfires. Entire neighborhoods have been leveled by infernos.

During severe fire weather, volunteers go to preassigned locations within parks and open spaces to report conditions. Many of them are hams, using the amateur radio bands to fill in mobile network weak zones. Radio amateurs are also ready and able to serve at evacuation centers, providing support as needed.

## ARRL Board Meeting News

- **Government Relations.**
  - The Board approved a motion to sunset the Governmental Affairs Committee and authorized the CEO to take on the responsibility of partnering with Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS (West Gulf), who is currently working with ARRL’s lobbyists in Washington DC. It also requires the CEO to take on the responsibility of reporting the progress being made on certain legislation with quarterly reports to the Administration & Finance Committee.

## Amateur Radio in the News

[“Grayson County Amateur Radio Club preps for emergencies in Winter Field Day”](#) / KTEN (Texas) January 25, 2025 -- The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club.

### Get Ready for "Ham Radio Open House" on World Amateur Radio Day 2025

To help promote amateur radio science and technology, and to honor the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), ARRL is inviting radio clubs and schools to organize a Ham Radio Open House in April, built around World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) on April 18.

The event is intended to highlight the Amateur Radio Service for its development and practice of the latest radio communications and technology, and as a hands-on pathway into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields for the next generation.

Look for resources to help organize and promote the event soon. Find details at [www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day](http://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day).

### Warm Up at 2025 Orlando HamCation®, February 7 – 9

Amateur radio operators from across the country, and even from around the world, flock to Florida in February for the annual Orlando HamCation® — one of the largest and most anticipated ham fests in the country.

Orlando HamCation is February 7 – 9, 2025, at the Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park in Orlando, Florida. More details on the web at [www.hamcation.com](http://www.hamcation.com).

## Special Event Station

President George Washington’s 293rd birthday will be celebrated by the [Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club \(MVARC\)](#), K4US, Alexandria, Virginia, on February 15, 2025 from 1500Z - 2000Z and on February 16 from 1500Z - 1600Z. Club members will be operating from the Mount Vernon greenhouse on the original grounds of the former plantation of George Washington and his wife, Martha. Frequencies include 7.042, 7.242, 14.042, and 14.242 MHz. QSL cards and additional information are available by contacting the MVARC, P.O. Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. The MVARC is an ARRL Affiliated Club.

## Ham Fests

February 8th – Harlingen, TX 7:30 AM to Noon. Sponsor: Rio APR. Sunshine RV Resort, 1900 Grace Ave. Admission: Free [www.rioarc.arc](http://www.rioarc.arc)

February 21-22 – Orange, TX Friday: 1 PM to 6:30 PM, Saturday: 7:30 AM to 2 PM. Sponsors’ Orange ARC, Jefferson Co. ARC. Orange County Convention & Expo Center, 11475 FM 1442. Admission: \$10. [www.qsl.net/w5nd/index\\_files](http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files)

March 1 – Irving, TX 8 AM to 2 PM. Sponsor: Irving ARC. Betcha Bingo Hall, 2420 W Irving Blvd. Admission: \$5 [www.irvingarc.org/hamfest](http://www.irvingarc.org/hamfest)