



The Repeater

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I hope everyone had a great Easter weekend with your family.

The AARO Crash training went very well (see page 3) with 9 new Hams who passed the test! Many thanks go to the volunteer's who put the class together and gave up their Saturday to help initiate new Hams.

At the May 11th meeting, our speaker will be **Rodney W. Baker** (W5DY). He's the ARRL West Gulf Division, South Texas Section, Section Traffic Manager.



He will be talking about Handling Traffic.

The picture of Baker on the bottom left corner of this page comes from his website on QRZ.com when he was an oil well fighter in Kuwait.

Field Day is coming soon. It is the largest on-air Amateur radio event in the world!! This year it will be June 25 & 26. Field Day is everything that is fun and great about Amateur Radio.

Please join your club this June for a day in the park with your fellow Hams. Please attend your AARO meetings this May 11th & June 8th to help plan this Great event.

The AARO meetings have been growing each month this year at the new location at Mamacita's Restaurant 8030 West Interstate 10. In January

we counted about 30 members and this past meeting we had almost 50 members.

Tony, KE5ZUP, has been doing a great job of getting speakers, along with some fun auctions at the end of the meetings. This raises money for the club. Please tell and bring a ham friend to the meetings.

FYI: All Hams may want to keep a eye on this Texas House Bill 3038. Please call your state Rep to support this bill. It is intended to strike down all existing HOA restrictions against Amateur Radio operation. Hams who want to install antennas or antenna support structures outside their residence will still be required to comply with

applicable zoning ordinances, national building codes, to install support structures and antennas in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and to remove all exterior antennas and support structures when they sell their home. Meanwhile, Get on the Air... 73's

Andrew

ARRL National Convention at Ham-Com June 10-11, 2011 Plano, Texas



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Crash Course Pictures

courtesy Andrew Watson



See Page 3 for story details

The website "members only" password will be changing soon. Every member counts in our organization. We'll be sending out postcard reminders to those of you who haven't renewed your membership and the May 1 roster update will reflect your membership status, too.

Welcome New Members

A A R O ' s membership rolls continue to grow. Joining us recently are:

Thomas Lussen (WA4ILH); **Rich Swope** (KF5GNJ); **Kriss Keener** (KF5JZK); and **Steve Troutt** (KE5WYV).

Welcome!

Membership information is available on our website.

Come join us.



Upcoming Hamfests

ARRL EXPO at
Dayton
Hamvention®
May 20-22, 2011
Dayton, Ohio



The AARO Membership Roster is updated every month on the website. Please check your information and let Stan know of any changes.

Condolences to **Tony & Jake Saucedo** on the loss of Tony's wife and Jake's mother, **Glenda**.

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Crashed Again

What a great day for the candidates entering a new epoch in their lives as ham radio operators! And what a Team to help them achieve that goal!

On Saturday, April 9th, AARO, the Southwest Research Corporations Amateur Radio Club, and the University of the Incarnate Word teamed up for our tenth one-day crash review course to help others earn their Technician Class licenses.

We'd like to thank **Alex Garcia** KE5IFS for again allowing us to use their state-of-the-art lecture hall in the Bonilla Science Building.

Johnny Wallace K5POP again did a yeoman's job to gather instructors, and have a new question pool to contend with since our last crash course, assigned new sections for each instructor to cover, coordinated with STRAC and area emergency responders, and handled a thousand other behind-the-scenes duties as needed.

Thank You, Sir! Another Big Thanks! goes to all of the Instructors (**David Espinosa** W5QS, **Teri Thomas** KC5BJI, **Milton Johnson** N5HMJ, **Robert Renfro** AC7KH,

Benny Martinez NU5P, **David Odgen** AD5TE, and **Don Kirchner** W5DK) who took time creating PowerPoint presentations which covered 50-60 questions each, to teach theories and bring those concepts to light by answering questions and sharing examples of practical applications often with some interspersed good humor. Fine job!

Ten candidates, and two additional gentlemen who tested with us that day, came from diverse backgrounds and, literally, from near and far (San Antonio, Helotes, Canyon Lake, Cedar Park, New Braunfels, Adkins, and Fredericksburg). Three area hospitals were represented, as well as the Texas State Guard and Security at the San Antonio Zoo. One of the coordinators of the Big Bend 50 run earned his license, too, and to round it out, a few friends of hams also participated.

Thank You, Folks, you're the reason we do what we do: **Joseph Amaya**, **Tim Martin**, **Joe Reyes**, **Edward Urban**, **Rick Sneed**, **Geraldine Scripps-Granada**, **Richard Cooper**, **Carroll**

Voss, James Baird, **Cheryl Ann Bryson**, **Michael Doyle**, and **Ray Gano**. Congratulations on a job well done!! Paperwork was mailed to the ARRL on 11 April, and we anxiously await issuance of your new call signs and helping to ease you into the various facets of your new hobby.

Join us for some of the upcoming events, there's something for everyone.

The icing on the cake always comes at the end of the long day when the VE Team gathers. They include: **Bruce Parkes** KA2ZGW (AAROS VE Coordinator), **Don Kirchner** W5DK, **Jack Feeney** KT4KL, **Robert Renfro** AC7KH, **Chuck Kenworthy**

WB5FWI, **David Espinosa** W5QS, **Charles Thomas** WA3PAY, **Johnny Wallace** K5POP and myself **KC5BJI**.

Thank You for your skill in efficiently and expeditiously processing exam distribution, grading answer sheets, and the mounds of paperwork to be signed that go along with the job.

All in all, I'd say it was a pretty good day. Thanks for making it happen!

KC5BJI

Teri Thomas

Thank you **Lars** for your help in getting Radio Newline on the air.

Talk Net

146.420 Simplex

Tuesday nights

7:00 o'clock

Check out the "Rainfall Net" every night at 8 o'clock on 146.940. Tone 179.9

Calendar of Events

- May 11 - AARO Meeting at Mamacita's Restaurant. 8030 I-10 West near Callaghan. Dinner at 6:30PM, Meeting starts at 7PM.
- May 21 - AARO VEC Testing. Contact Bruce Parkes 654-0317.



May Birthdays



Herm Haertel N5CNH
Sharon Olson KB5KZD
Jim Buck W5CJB

Lyn Willoughby AE5LK
Jean Feeney
Gordon Dial K5SUZ

Join Us on 147.380+ and 443.875+ (both PL tone 162.2) for *Newsline* and the *InfoNet* - Monday Evenings at 8:30 p.m., followed by a *SLOW "Learn CW" Net* *Saturday Night Code & NightOwl Net* - starting at 10:00 p.m.
Also check out the club's web site - <http://aa5ro.org>

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