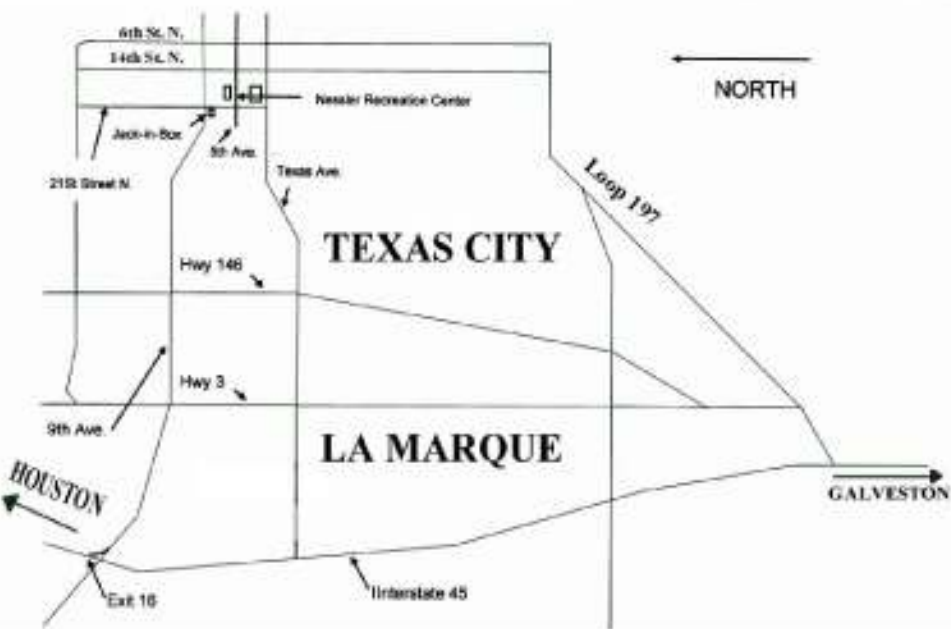




"HAMFEST 2009"

Tidelands Amateur Radio Society
July 11, 2009



The Tidelands Amateur Radio Society is proud to announce it's annual "HAMFEST" to be held in the Doyle Convention Center, Texas City, Texas on July 11, 2009. (map on last page.)

AMATEUR EXAMS

We are pleased to announce that James AA5OQ's VE Team will be administering the Amateur Exams. Thanks to their diligent efforts the Amateur Radio Community continues to grow.

Registration will begin at 10:00 AM.
Testing will be at 11:00AM.



Persons planning to take an exam should bring 2 forms of Picture ID, your original license, a copy of your license, and the original of any certificate of completion if applicable. The fee is now \$15 (no personal checks)

Sorry, there are no copy machines on the premises. There are several convenience stores in the area that have copy machines.

- ADMISSION**
- Pre-registration \$4.00
 - At - the - door \$5.00
 - Swap Tables \$7.00

Grand Prize Tickets are available at the HAMFEST.
Doors open from 8 AM to 2 PM

- Vendors**
- Houston Amateur Radio Supply
 - EPO (Electronics Parts Outlet)
 - The SignMan
 - STAR BARBEQUE

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AMATEUR RADIO SUPPLY, INC.
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Convention Center Rules:
No Pets, No Smoking, and No Alcohol



Tidelands Amateur Radio Society
P. O. Box 73
Texas City, Texas 77592

TO:

Directions:

Persons traveling from Houston on Interstate 45 can take Exit 16 to Texas City. Proceed east towards Texas City for 7.1 miles to the Jack-In-The-Box and turn right on 21st street. You will see the entrance to the Charles T. Doyle Convention Center on the left as you travel down 21st Street.

We still have the map on the last page to confuse you further.

EPO

Electronics Parts Outlet

LEFT FOOT CW CONTEST

Practice up for the Left Foot CW Contest to be held again this year. The rules from last year will still apply. There was much discussion and concern. We felt the rules still answered the Questions: What if a person has two left feet? What if a person was left footed? Would the left footed person have an advantage as would a left handed person doing a task with his left hand? Should the contestants stand or sit? Should the contestants have shoes on or off?

The following are the rules we came up with:

1. Persons with two left feet must use the left foot on the same side of the body as their left hand.
2. No penalty for being left footed.
3. Contestants will be sitting (we did not want anyone to fall down from the strain)
4. Shoes will remain on. (Environmental Protection Agency monitors the air Quality and we did not want to have an environmental incident) Also Joe might want to use his key again.

. Have Fun!

WEBSITE

Vist our website <http://tidelands.org> for current "Hamfest" information and printable pre-registration form.

SWAP TABLES

All tables are in one room with the Vendors. The tables are only \$7.00 each. Set-up will begin at 7 AM.

Tables are only guaranteed when payment is received. If you rent a table you must include the admission fee for yourself and anyone in your party.

Fox Hunt

Matt Jones, K5MJJ will be in charge of the Fox Hunt. Start time, prizes, etc. will be posted.

TALK-IN

Talk in will be on the Texas City repeater on:

147.140 (+600) tone 167.9
442.025 (+500) tone 103.5 (secondary)

FORUMS

Simple HF Antennas for New Hams ---

Hams that are new to HF want to explore the activity on as many bands as possible, primarily on SSB but some will want to try the digital modes on the lower ends of the bands. We will discuss basic antenna theory of dipoles and verticals and have more detail for some that can be easily built.

Options for small lots and deed restricted properties are addressed with ideas for stealth and small antennas. These are good ideas for emergency and backup antennas also. Handout will include basic antenna dimensions and a list of vendors.

THANK YOU!

We would like to Thank You in advance for completing the address / information slips at our Hamfest. This effort has helped us maintain a very accurate address database for our Flyer mail outs.

You can either mail in the completed Advanced Registration Form or,

Bring the completed Advanced Registration Form to the Hamfest.

If you know that we have your correct Name, Address, Call Sign, etc. Then you can print your name and call sign and write no change on the form, *Please print or type.* We asked for all the information in the past because we needed it for a few to match with the database when we could not read a name, call sign, etc. We would hate to miss anyone because we could not read the name!

AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

There are several nice hotels in the area.

The Ramada Inn can be reached at (409) 986-9777. The La Quinta's number is

1-800-531-5900, Hamton Inn Mall of the Mainland 409-986-6686 and Best Western at 409-986-6600.

All of these hotels are a short drive from the HAMFEST. Galveston is 15 miles from Texas City and also offers a large number of fine hotels. Please handle your reservations directly with the hotel of your choice.

GRAND PRIZE

Grand Prize tickets will be available for purchase at the HAMFEST. You do not have to be present to win the Grand Prize.

Door Prize drawings are scheduled every hour. You must be present to win the door prizes. There will be a final door prize drawing at the end of the day that will include the prizes that were not claimed by 1:30 PM.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION FORM

(Remember that tables are reserved when payment is received by mail or in person with a completed registration form. Tables remaining available at the time of the HAMFEST will be on a first come first serve basis. Any tables that are prepaid will be held until 9 AM.)

Mail Registration to:

Tidelands Amateur Radio
P. O. Box 73
Texas City, Texas 77592

Advanced Registration\$4.00 per person \$ _____ At door \$5.00
_____ Swap Tables at \$7.00 each.....\$ _____
total enclosed.....\$ _____

You will receive your badge's and table number's at the registration desk.

Name: _____ Call: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____