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# **HamTides Newsletter**

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Tidelands Amateur Radio Society, Inc. is an ARRL affiliated club.

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Regular club meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 1109 Bayou LaMarque, TX at 7PM. ( Doors usually open at 6:30PM for eyeball QSO's ).

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Tidelands Tuesday night net is at 8PM every Tuesday on 147.140 Mhz PL 167.9.

All licensed amateurs are welcome to join in the net.

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Tidelands offers amateur exam sessions every third Saturday at 501 S. Noble Rd in Texas City, TX, sessions begin at 9AM. See the TARS site at [www.tidelands.org](http://www.tidelands.org) or contact James Colwell, AA5OQ at [aa5oq@tidelands.org](mailto:aa5oq@tidelands.org) for more information

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## **Tidelands Officers & Directors**

President: James Colwell, AA5OQ.

Director: Bill Steele, WA5WVP.

Vice President: Terri Hall, KE5ZNF.

Director: John Paterson, KC5LAA.

Treasurer: Joe Wileman, AA5OP.

Director: Ken Shubert, K0KS.

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The end of the year is rapidly coming. Tidelands is gearing up for 2011. It really seems like 2010 just started a few days ago! We have had several great events and outings this year. In my opinion the JOTA event in October was one of the best this year for the club. There were several club members present & a bunch of scouts were there, and I think all of them had a turn on the HF radio. I think they enjoyed it.

Speaking of events we still have a couple left for 2010. The Skywarn recognition day will be on December 04, and will be at the north county building on FM 646. We usually get started after breakfast.

The Tidelands Christmas party will be on December 17, and will be at Ryan's in Texas City at 7:00 PM.

An email reminder will be sent before each event as always.

To start off 2011 Tidelands will be participating in the SPAR winter field day. This will be held the last weekend in January. We have been involved in SPAR WFD for the past three years. We did very well last year with over 3,000 points! I hope we can get some more operators out this year even if it's just for 30-45 minutes. The club can always use the extra points & multipliers.

I would like to see the members come up with some ideas for outings/events at the club meetings, or some ideas for programs at the club meetings. It may be something you saw or read about relating to amateur radio or something else. Don't be afraid to offer up your opinions, we welcome them.



I have always enjoyed history myself. Even in the old club records you can see the signs of the times & how we and the country have changed and are changing still. Not always for the better either!



Well we are into November, and there is one good thing about November other than Thanks Giving, and that is the end of hurricane season! Always happy to see it go! We won't be meeting at the GCECG again until January.

Joe Wileman, AA5OP is the new Galveston County Liaison officer for RACES. If you would like to become a member of RACES see Joe for an application. He can tell you what you need to do to become a member.

Bill Steele, WA5WVP & Joe Wileman, AA5OP have made some improvements to the Tidelands communications trailer over the past few days. I think it's going to be great! I won't go into detail about the improvements, I would like for them to be able to fill everyone in on that at the meeting. It will be different though.



The VE team will hold an amateur exam on Saturday November 20 at 9:00AM. If you know of anyone wanting their Technician license or an upgrade send them to the TARS site or give them my information, it's near the top of the page.

I have one item that came from the club history box below. Some of you may even remember them. Except for the color of the logo it's still pretty much the same as now. Some of these were among the things in the box.



I also have an old newspaper article from the 1980's Texas City Sun. It was about field day & Tidelands. I wish we could get an article like that now during FD or any event. That would be great for the club!



I think this just about wraps it up for me this issue. If any of you has an article that relates to amateur radio or not amateur radio, let me know & I may include it in one of the issues of hamtides. So long as it's Not Politics. If you have anything for sale or trade please let me know, and it can be added as well.

Everyone try to make it to the November 11 meeting for officer nominations & the guest speaker from TCPD.

73, till next time!



