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

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).

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.

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 or contact James Colwell,AA5OQ at,aa5oq@tidelands.org for more information

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Next Club Meeting is February 10.

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We started off the 2011 season with a bang. Our winter field day operation was a success. The club set up on the end of the Texas City dike around 9:30am and we began operating for WFD at 1700 UTC, (11:00am). We made a few more contacts than last year, and that is good. The weather cooperated too & that was great!

We operated on 20 meter phone & PSK-31. There was also a 40 meter phone station. I think that PSK-31 is a fun mode to operate on, and it take very little power to make those contacts.

The score for this year's WFD was 3,069 total points.

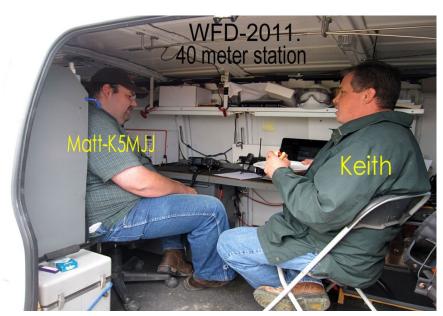
I think that everyone had a really good time. I would like to thank Terri Hall KE5ZNF for bringing the food, and doing the cooking.. Everything was great! Thanks to Bill Steele WA5WVP for bringing out the TARS trailer, and thanks to Joe Wileman AA5OP for bring the drinks & other equipment. Thanks to James Luhn WA5AOO for contributing the photos for the contest & this newsletter. Finally thanks to all the members & guests that came out and participated with us. If we keep this up we may break 4,000 points next year, Hi..Hi..



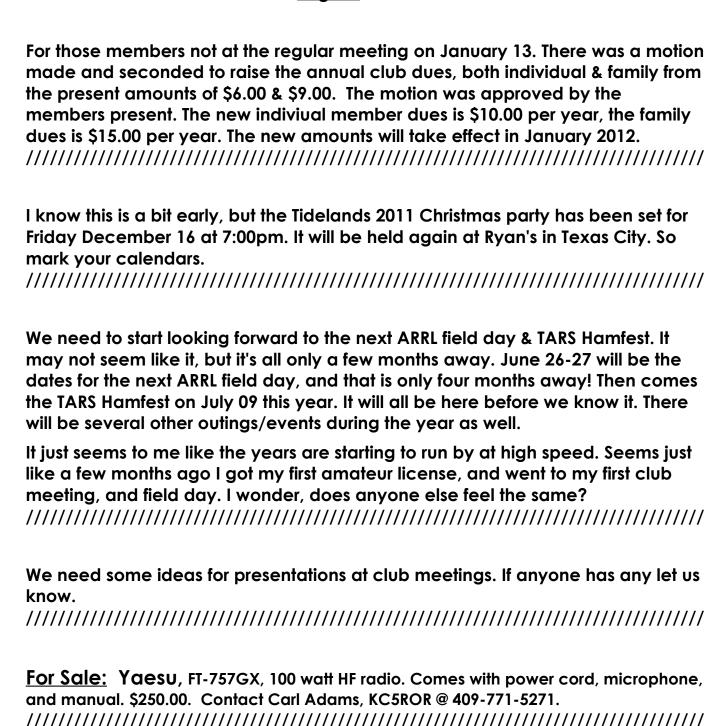
SPAR Winter Field Day-2011.

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I hope we all made it through the little cold snap without any major problems. I know I had all my pipes insulated & escaped any frozen or busted pipes. I did receive one present from old man winter, a bad cold. This is no fun, but better than busted pipes. At the least we were able to eacape the snow. Hi..Hi..

I hear that we can expect some more of the same towards the end of this week. I used to enjoy snow & cold weather, but not any longer. I think the enjoyment of snow & cold weather is for the inner child in us, but I find more & more my inner child has turned into a grumpy old man! Hi..Hi..

Well maybe just a few more cold days then we can start to look forward to spring and some more pleasant weather options.

It won't be long though before we hear that dreaded gulf coast term, "Hurricane Season." I hope that we can have the same hurricane season as last year's, all quiet.

The only thing on the agenda for this month is the Orange hamfest on February 26. It is a nice hamfest, and a group from TARS usually goes every year. If you haven't been to it consider going, they usually have some good things there.

I would like to see us as a club get interested in doing some of the ARRL contests other than just field day. They have a great deal of them during the year. Maybe some of you have some ideas about that. If so let us know your interest.

That's about all I have for this issue.. Once again if anyone has any stories or any items for sale or items you are looking for, let me know & I will include them here.

73, till next issue. From AA5OQ.