



# **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.

Secretary: Tracy Still, KD5FFJ.

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**“SPAR” Winter Field Day! Saturday-Sunday January 29-30, 2011.**

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Here we are at the beginning of a brand new year. It is my hope that 2011 will be a great year for us all, and for TARS. I have the 2011 events list nearly complete. I will have to get some more dates together.

The first event for the new year is the SPAR winter field day. The event runs two days just like the ARRL field day, but we will work only one day Saturday January 29. I would like to see as many club members as possible stop by and operate at least 20-30 minutes.

We will set up on the Texas City Dike this year weather permitting. Joe & Bill have the trailer all fixed up with solar panels & antennas now, so set up should be a lot faster. As usual we will set up after breakfast at the City Cafe. We will be able to discuss this more at our next meeting on January 13. As of right now the city is not charging a fee to enter the dike. I think this is only done during the spring & summer months, so everyone should be able to get on the dike with no problems or fees.

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The last event of 2010 was the TARS Christmas party at Ryan's. I think it went very well. Everyone seemed to have a good time & there were no problems with the wait staff. I think we had about 35 total attending. We will have our party there again next year since all went so well.

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We also participated in the Skywarn Recognition Day event at the National Weather Service office in Dickinson. There were several club members there & we made several contacts. The staff treated us all to a pizza lunch, and it was a good turnout & a good event.

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The club also had our officer nominations/elections for the 2011 officers & they are as follows; President: James Colwell-AA5OQ. Vice President: Terri Hall-KE5ZNF.

Treasurer: Joe Wileman-AA5OP. Secretary: Tracy Still-KD5FFJ.

The Board of Directors remains the same. The next BOD elections will be in 2013.

Thanks again to our outgoing secretary Carl Adams-KC5ROR. Job well done.

Our next club meeting will be on Thursday January 13 at 7:00pm. See you there.

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Our ranks are growing in RACES. We have several members that have renewed & some new to RACES. For those wanting to become members of RACES see Joe Wileman-AA5OP. Joe is the Galveston County Liaison for RACES, and can get you an application & fill you in about RACES.

For those that check into the GCECG net on Monday nights at 9:00pm, RACES members are using their RACES numbers in addition to their regular call signs.

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We now have a new net control operator for the Tidelands Tuesday night net. Terri Hall-KE5ZNF. I was told that she done a great job last night.

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The Tidelands VE team is also ready for 2011. The first test session of the year will be held on Saturday January 15, at 9:00am. The location is the same.

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The dues are due for the new year as well. If you have not paid your member dues for TARS, please do so. You can send in your dues with a member renewal form that you can get from the TARS web site or give it to Joe or one of the other club officers. If you have already paid your 2011 dues thank you.

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If you know of a new ham or an old hand that is interested in joining Tidelands, or a person that is interested in getting an amateur license, please direct them to the Tidelands web site at, [tidelands.org](http://tidelands.org), there they will be able to find information about club membership, and amateur licensing.

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That's about it for this issue, but there will be more to come during the new year. We will have several events & outings to write about. Hope everyone had a great Christmas & New Year.

73, till next time.







