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**TEAC May Zoom Meeting**  
**Saturday May 1, 2021**  
**0900 – 1100**

The Zoom meeting will open at 0830 for general rag chew prior to the meeting.

Presentation:

*"Proper Grounding for Your Ham Station"*  
**John Nobile, N6ZP**

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**Hamfests and Activity**

- **Apr 24, 2021 – [Baytown Hamfest](#)**
- **Jul 10, 2021 – [Texas City Hamfest](#)**

I highly encourage all amateurs to head to Baytown on Saturday, April 24, for the Baytown Hamfest hosted by our friends in the [Eastside Amateur Radio Service](#). Seizing on the success of the Nederland Tailgate and anticipating a pent-up demand, EARS is hosting this event for FREE to all amateurs (Donations welcome). Get there EARLY for the best deals at the tailgate. There will also be a test session and meet and greet. Volunteer Examiners (ARRL or other) are welcome to help with this session.

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**Club Activity**

Not much has been going on due to the Kung Flu hysteria, but it seems like this is coming to an end soon. More and more people are getting together in groups and meeting for breakfasts. A number of members met at the Denny's on April 10, and had an after-breakfast discussion about fox hunting, mostly in the context of tracking down the pesky intermittent signal that is transmitted on/near the input frequency of VHF1. The weekly Denny's is on again and the early birds get there at 0630 while normal people will get there around 0730 😊. The Tuesday group is meeting at the McDonalds even though the dining room remains closed. There is also a good 2-meter rag chew on VHF1 at the same time.

Going forward, the hope is that we will be back in the Christ the King Lutheran Church soon for our Saturday morning meetings. TEAC After Hours will begin meeting monthly, starting on 4/20 at 1800 at The Cove on Hamblen. Hopefully, we can have the Luby's Luncheon group meeting at least one more time before Luby's Cafeterias close permanently.

And of course, ARRL Field Day is going to be a TEAC group event this year for most, while others are working from home or on their own portable operations. Stay tuned for details soon!

- [TEAC Calendar of Events](#)
- [TEAC Breakfast and Lunch Meetings](#)

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## Letters

To [ARES D14 NE Leadership]

I had thought about what Scott [deMasi, AEC] brought up regarding new NE Unit ARES members, and participation of existing members, for some time. It truly struck me when I was acting EC after John [Igoe] retired, and I looked at our roster on the net as an EC. I couldn't put my finger on it as to why the lack of interest of so many signed up operators.

I came to the conclusion recently that may be summed up in one word: focus.

We say, in ARES, that our commitment is to provide training and readiness to answer the call for EmComm in the event of catastrophe and emergency. That is true. Our regular nets and meetings are aimed at that. But what is the reality?

Our permanent assignments to the local EOCs e.g., NEMH, and Atascocita FD are only for a few, which is certainly necessary, both for space, and qualifications reasons, as well as access during major events due to proximity of our QTHs.

So, where does that leave the other 70-75 members who are genuinely desiring to be of some use?

May I suggest, that it's not a recruitment effort needed, as much as providing fulfillment of members' expectations of what ARES can do for them and the people they wish to help.

Ham operators, throughout the last 100 years, have been the "last man standing" messengers and facilitators going on the air in dire times, to warn, inform and coordinate, mostly informally, and without much training or incentive, other than the desire to help their friends and neighbors, as well as their own families.

Let's tap into that urge to help, in the [easiest] way possible.

I respectfully suggest that we, in the NE Unit, concentrate on finding assignments for as many members as possible, as close to their homes/QTHs as we can. By this I mean, setup a network of neighborhood operators across our entire area, so that we can coordinate information and assistance in a formal, called-up way, when our EC issues the activation notification. We do this in a structured way, to give it backbone. In terms of schedule, it has traditionally been ad hoc (or even haphazard) usually administered by a volunteer who thankfully takes it upon themselves to setup a net. Let's pin it down, with schedules and assignments, to take effect upon activation of the Unit, just like the military.

An example of what I propose: Richard, KD5URB, Bruce, KK5DO, Bob Kaneko III, NH6L, Jerry Reasner, N5PWQ, and myself, will almost certainly be 'trapped' and isolated in Roman Forest by rising water, such as for the Tax Day Rains, or any number of hurricanes. Also, frankly, age and/or the age and health of our family members, hinders our ability to travel or stay away from home for extended periods. But, we are healthy and capable of being operators for long periods, even at odd hours. We are essentially staying in place anyway, so we can be the SE Montgomery County EmComm subunit when called up. On NE Unit nets, we can cover the area for local info, and pass along liaison info south to the Porter, Kingwood, Aldine, 1960/45 subcommittees who can also scout out their areas and report likewise, on a regular or as needed basis.

I see the same thing for the Kingwood folks, the Atascocita folks, Humble folks, and say those betwixt Humble and I-45, each group being a subunit of the NE unit, maybe with sub nets at different time schedules than the ARES NE Unit main nets.

I can see putting many people to work with focus in their gathering of info and passing it along in a more systematized manner than ever

before, and it will give our operator members a definite purpose, both during the chaos of an event, and in their training.

It would have to be organized in a somewhat military style of hierarchy and communication, but I think it would make for an organization that would be unduplicated by any government or municipal entity. Plus, we could in fact, allow for better single point comms with our people in the official EOCs in our area, and their liaison with public officials and first responders.

We might even attract the notice of the authorities as a truly capable and organized group of dedicated, trained communications professionals.

Maybe I am being presumptuous, but I know I would feel part of something greater than my own little world to be part of an organization that had that kind of focus and scope. Maybe others would as well.

I suggest perhaps the creation of a post called "Emergency NET Coordinator" with a backup, as a permanent office in our unit.

If the management of this Unit elects to go in this direction, I would be enthusiastic and interested enough to volunteer to fill the PIO slot in our leadership and help in this in any way necessary.

Respectfully,  
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Steve Wanderman  
KF5MOH

Submit any letters or traffic to the [editor](#) prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

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### TEAC 2-Meter Net Report

The TEAC 2-meter net meets EVERY Sunday at 2000 CST/CDT on the [W5SI](#) repeater

system network. The most important thing about being a good net control operator is being there on your night to operate. It may be useful to set a reminder or put it on your calendar.

### Upcoming Net Control Assignments

Date	Net Control	Backup
Apr 18	KC5NKW – Scott	AB5KM–Kent
Apr 25	AB5KM – Kent	KG5NIB–George
May 2	KG5NIB – George	N5KWD – David
May 9	N5KWD – David	N6AHB–Allen
May16	N6AHB – Bob	KM5I–Frank

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### ARES District 14 NE Report



ARES recently held the April meeting at Tin Roof Barbeque in Atascocita and this meeting was also available on Zoom. The upcoming May meeting will be held on May 4, 2021, at 1900 at Skeeters Mesquite Grill in Kingwood (4121 W Lake Houston Pkwy, Kingwood, TX 77339). This meeting will also be available on Zoom.

ARES normally meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1900 CST/CDT at the Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Kingwood (NOTE: Due to the Chinese virus pandemic, meetings are virtual until further notice). For more information, visit the [TEAC ARES Page](#) or contact Jimmy or David.

- [ARES Harris County \(District 14\) Northeast Unit](#)
- [ARES Harris County \(District 14\)](#)

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## Volunteers Needed

In addition to the club officers, many others make regular and significant contributions to the club in various ways. Currently, we need people who can help the club in the following ways. Our Field Day Chair for years, John, [N6ZP](#), has become our President and we need a new Field Day chair. Our Infrastructure Committee has become inactive, and we would like to resurrect that group with members and a new chair. This committee reports to the Board of Directors and works with the Trustee to provide support and help to the Trustee maintaining and servicing our repeater and radio infrastructure. This board has significant input to the club about the direction of and technologies invested in and implemented by TEAC. Lastly, we need a reliable person that regularly attends all (most) of the meetings to handle our coffee service: a small job that everyone appreciates! If you are interested in any of these positions please contact John, [N6ZP](#).

Membership Service	Ken	<a href="#">K15PM</a>
Webmaster	Kent	<a href="#">AB5KM</a>
Volunteer Examiners	David	<a href="#">N5KWD</a>
ARES	Jimmy	<a href="#">K5WEL</a>
Health & Welfare	Clark	<a href="#">K15EYI</a>
Field Day Chair	Open Position	
Newsletter Editor	David	<a href="#">N5KWD</a>
Infrastructure Chair	Open Position	
Coffee Service	Open Position	
Contest Coordinator	David	<a href="#">N5KWD</a>

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## Field Day Update



The 2021 ARRL Field Day is June 26-27. It is now currently anticipated that we will be able to hold an all-club public get-together. We do need a volunteer to be the permanent ARRL Field Day Chair. More information is available at the [ARRL Field Day page](#).



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## Contest and DX Group

The TEAC Contest Group met by Zoom on 3/31/2021. There were seven members in attendance. A presentation was given by Ken Binnie, KB5KN, about VHF Contesting. This presentation is now available in the TEAC Presentation Archive. The group plans to meet monthly on the Wednesday before the monthly TEAC meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 28 at 1800 CDT.

The group has now entered 3 ARRL contests as a club, [ARRL November Sweepstakes – Phone](#), the [ARRL 10-Meter Contest](#), and the ARRL International DX Contest with the minimum 3 log submissions. We also entered the [CQ WPX Phone Contest](#) with the minimum 4 logs, and the Spring SSB Sprint as a team called [The Nixie Tubes](#).

## Contest Results:

Results of the November Sweepstakes have posted. Individual results are as follows:

**N5KWD – David Taylor**, Single Operator High Power, Score: **35,856**; QSOs: 249; Multipliers: 72; 8<sup>th</sup> Place U. S. Call Area 5; 6<sup>th</sup> Place West Gulf Division; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place South Texas Section.

**NR5TX – Ricardo Pietri**, Single Operator Low Power, Score: **14,732**; QSOs: 127; Multipliers: 58; 4<sup>th</sup> Place South Texas Section.

**AB5KM – Kent Anderson**, Single Operator Low Power; Score: **3,332**; QSOs: 49; Multipliers: 34.

TEAC competes in the lowest tier of Club Categories, the Local tier. Here are the complete results from our tier.

Club	Score	Entries
Pizza Lovers 259	1,541,736	10
New Mexico Big River	1,104,262	8
Redwood Empire DX Assn	974,744	10
Iowa DX & Contest Club	871,778	6
Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont	537,194	4
Bristol (TN) ARC	289,878	6
West Park Radiops	216,564	4
<b>Midland ARC</b>	<b>214,268</b>	<b>3</b>
Jefferson ARC	157,272	3
The Villages ARC	125,106	6
Boeing Employees ARS - St. Louis	94,400	3
Metro DX Club	88,320	8
Central Michigan ARC	57,020	5
<b>TEAC</b>	<b>53,920</b>	<b>3</b>
Hazel Park ARC	50,064	5
Meriden ARC	41,616	5
Stoned Monkey VHF ARC	40,714	4
Alexandria Radio Club	40,574	3
Bellbrook ARC	32,664	5
Woodmont ARA	32,424	5
Hilltop Transmitting Assn	24,964	3

**Upcoming Contests:**

Apr 17-18	<a href="#">Texas State Parks on the Air</a>
Apr 18	<a href="#">ARRL Rookie Roundup - Phone</a>
Jun 12-14	<a href="#">June VHF Contest</a>
Jun 26-27	<a href="#">ARRL Field Day</a>

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**Volunteer Examiners**

The TEAC Volunteer Examiner Team held a test session on March 27, at 1500 in New Caney, TX. A total of 5 new technicians, 1 new general, and 4 upgraded general licenses were achieved.

ARRL Volunteer Examiners not on the team may join at any time. We are also looking to

accommodate testing in an outdoors, socially distanced situation by appointment for the duration of the Chinese virus pandemic. Examinations are still \$15 at this time. To join the VE Team or schedule a test session email the TEAC Volunteer Examiner Liaison, David, [N5KWD](#).

- [ARRL Volunteer Examiner Page](#)

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**Classifieds**

**Buy** - Looking for a ICOM IC-7100 and a Silver Bullet/T, or similar portable antenna. Contact Matt Thomas, [K1THO](#)

**Sell** - Yaesu HT FT60R for sale, works great, make an offer. Contact AJ, [N6NNO](#)

List your buy, sell, trade items here and on the [TEAC Website Classified Page](#). Contact David, [N5KWD](#).

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**TEAC Club Officers / Directors**

President	John Nobile	<a href="#">N6ZP</a>
Vice President	Bob Kaneko, III	<a href="#">NH6L</a>
Treasurer	Jack Shilt	<a href="#">KF5RSW</a>
Secretary	David Taylor	<a href="#">N5KWD</a>
Trustee	Richard Driscoll, Jr	<a href="#">KD5URB</a>

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**Club Information**

Texas Emergency Amateur Communicators, Inc., is an ARRL affiliated club founded February 5, 1983. TEAC is a Texas non-profit corporation. Monthly meetings are the first Saturday of each month unless a special meeting or event. Meeting location is the [Christ the King Lutheran Church](#) at 3803 W. Lake Houston Parkway in Kingwood, Texas. Meeting time is 0900 CST/CDT. Annual membership is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 each year. Dues are \$30 per year for individual or \$40 per year for family membership. Membership allows you to participate in all club activities (Voting rights are

achieved after one-year probationary status per the club bylaws).

- [Join TEAC](#)
- [Renew Membership](#)

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### TEAC Repeater System

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#### TEAC VHF 1 (W5SI) Kingwood

145.430 MHz (Frequency)  
-0.600 MHz (Offset)  
No Tone on FM  
00 (DG-ID TX&RX) C4FM  
EchoLink: N5KWD-R (Node No. 600804)

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#### TEAC VHF 2 (W5SI) Kingwood

147.280 MHz (Frequency)  
+0.600 MHz (Offset)  
103.5 Hz (Tone) FM  
00 (DG-ID TX&RX) C4FM

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#### TEAC VHF 3 (W5SI) Atascocita

147.280 MHz (Frequency)  
+0.600 MHz (Offset)  
192.8 Hz (Tone) FM  
00 (DG-ID TX&RX) C4FM

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#### TEAC UHF 1 (W5SI) Kingwood

444.825 MHz (Frequency)  
+5.0 MHz (Offset)  
103.5 Hz (Tone) FM  
00 (DG-ID TX&RX) C4FM

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#### TEAC UHF 2 (W5SI) Atascocita

443.550 MHz (Frequency)  
+5.0 MHz (Offset)  
103.5 Hz (Tone) FM  
00 (DG-ID TX&RX) C4FM

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#### TEAC Winlink (W5SI-10)

WINLINK (not VARA)  
145.070 MHz (Frequency)  
Simplex (Offset)

NONE (Tone)

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#### TEAC APRS (W5SI-2)

APRS  
144.390 MHz (Frequency)  
Simplex (Offset)  
NONE (Tone)

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#### TEAC Calendar 2021

Apr 17-18 – Texas State Parks on the Air

**Apr 24 – Baytown Hamfest**

Apr 28 – TEAC Contest Meeting

May 1 – TEAC Club Meeting (TBD)

Jun 2 – TEAC Contest Meeting

Jun 5 – TEAC Club Meeting (TBD)

**Jun 26-27 – ARRL Field Day**

Jun 30 – TEAC Contest Meeting

Jul 4 – No Meeting

**Jul 10 – Texas City Hamfest**

Aug 4 – TEAC Contest Meeting

Aug 7 – TEAC Club Meeting (TBD)

Sep 1 - TEAC Contest Meeting

Sep 4 - TEAC Club Meeting (TBD)

Sep 11-12 – Texas State QSO Party

Sep 29 - TEAC Contest Meeting

Oct 2 - TEAC Club Meeting (TBD)

Nov 3 - TEAC Contest Meeting

Nov 6 - TEAC Club Meeting (TBD)

Dec 1 - TEAC Contest Meeting

**Dec 4 - TEAC Christmas Dinner**

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#### This Newsletter

The TEAC Newsletter is published monthly on the fifteenth of each month. Newsletters are available by e-mail for members, subscribers, and interested recipients. To be added to the distribution list, submit content, make comments, or add events, send an email to the club secretary, editor David Taylor, [N5KWD](#).

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# HAMFEST BAYTOWN

Tailgate Swap | Exam Session | Demonstrations | Meet n Greet/Rag chew

## WHEN

April 24, 2021  
7am - 12pm

## WHERE

St. Marks Church  
3811 N. Main St, Baytown, TX 77521



## SPONSORS



FOR MORE INFO, VISIT [HTTP://EARSTX.ORG](http://EARSTX.ORG)

## TAILGATE SWAP

Begins at 7am *(please allow time for tailgaters to set up)*

**Tailgaters/Vendors:** Please arrive at 0600 to allow time to set up and consider donating \$5.00 to E.A.R.S. Not required, but if possible give Lamar KC5A-OI a heads-up that you will have a tailgate open.

**There's sure to be some treasures on many tailgates.**

## EXAM SESSION

TECH THROUGH EXTRA

Begins at 10am  
(Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** Donald "Doc" Beare  
(346) 449-1515

**Email:** AG5TY@arrl.net

**VEC:** ARRL/VEC

**Sponsor:** East Side Amateur Radio Service

### You will need:

- Your FRN
- Photo ID or student ID
- Email Address
- \$15 exam fee (cash)
- Non-programmable calculator if you wish

\*\*\*If testing for General or Extra Class bring your current license card issued by FCC\*\*\*

## CONCESSIONS

Drinks/Chips/Candy

DOOR PRIZES,

GIVE-AWAYS AND MORE....

Event coordinator

Lamar KC5AOI

832-472-7474

Event Chairman

Ron KI5GNL

806-236-5992

VE Coordinator

Doc AG5TY

346-449-1515