

**The Central Texas Amateur Radio Club
meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the
Bell County Communications Center, 708 West Avenue O, in Belton**

Terry's Telegram...

Terry Evans, KF5OHR



Well it's Friday as I write, and the weekend is here. Rob-KD5FJF, had a really great net on May 18th, and it would be nice if we could most of the people who check in to the weekly net, to come to the club meetings.

We have missed most of the rain so far by the time this newsletter gets out, but that could change. Guess we will know at the meeting. By now most people have their a.c. units on and getting ready for the long hot summer so if we don't get some of this rain soon we will miss the chance and it will be a long hot, dry summer.

This month we celebrate the ninth birthday of CTARC. It was on June 3rd, 2008, thirty-one hams from across the area met at the Bell County Communications Center and formed the Central Texas Amateur Radio Club. June also marks the start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season on the 1st of the month, and the start of Summer on the 20th.

I have now wrapped up 12 weeks of training with the Belton Police Dept and will now be back to helping as one of the net control people and hope to help with the Belton Police as a CHIPS volunteer. If you have not gone through the course, it's something that everyone should try. It will open your eyes.

I talked with Priscilla the other day, and she seems to be doing much better. I think she wants to get out of that place, and maybe she will before too long.

In new business, the club has received an email via our website from the General Manager of KCEN-TV in Temple, offering us space in their studio to set-up a station during severe weather outbreaks. The General Manager of the station believes this could be a real win-win endeavor for the both the station as well as the community, during severe weather outbreaks. Joe Mayer-N5JWM was appointed as the Lead in this endeavor, with Gerald Richmond-N5ZXJ, as his assistant.

Looking ahead to next month... with the July 4th holiday falling on the first Tuesday of the month, it's been decided that we won't have a club meeting in July. In the interim, I

hope you all will attend our next club meeting on Tuesday, June 6th, at 7:00 PM at the Bell County Communications Center.

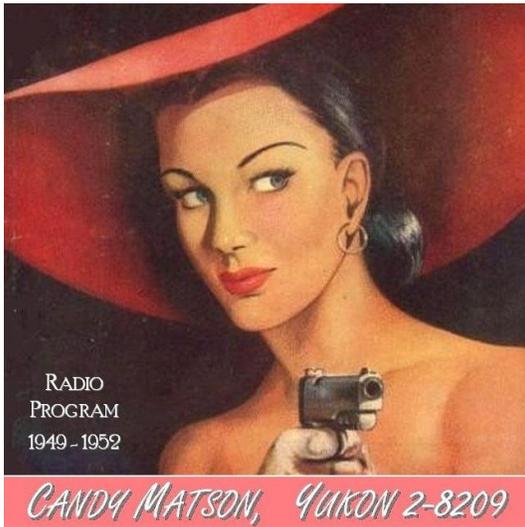
Until then, I'll see you on the air!

73 de Terry, KF5OHR





"Do you have a little unsolved murder in your home? Got some blackmail you want to unload? Are you the victim of some vulgar extortionist? I know a girl you should meet. She may not be the greatest private eye in the world, and so what if it does cost you three or four hundred dollars, she sure is sweet."



Candy Matson aired over NBC on the West Coast from June 29, 1949, to May 20, 1951. It centered on Candy Matson, a female private investigator with a wry sense of humor and without a trace of squeamishness. In 1950, *Candy Matson* was recognized with the San Francisco Examiner's Favorite Program Award.

Candy is cute, sexy, funny, cool, and probably able to drink any of the guys she pursues - bad or good - under the table! Generally, Candy will be a woman in peril at the end of the episode and some cops will kill the villain.

There were 92 episodes which aired during the series, however, today only 14 of those episodes survive. You can listen to them again by visiting: https://archive.org/details/OTRR_Candy_Matson_Singles



The Central Texas Amateur Radio Net meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM on the N5ZXJ repeater, on 145.310(-) PL 123.0
Join Us!

June NCS & Back-Up NCS Schedule

June 1st:	June 8th:
Net Control: AD5SK	KG6FUJ
Back-Up: KG6FUJ	K6WXA
June 15th:	June 22nd:
Net Control: K6WXA	KD5FJF
Back-Up: KD5FJF	KE5ISN
June 29th:	
Net Control: KE5ISN	
Back-Up: W5VEX	



Museum Ships Weekend Event

Sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey – NJ2BB – this event is from 0001Z June 3rd through 2359Z, June 4th. Complete details, suggested frequencies and more info can be found at: <http://www.nj2bb.org/museum/index.html>



Ham-Com The Biggest Hamfest in Texas

Hosting the ARRL West Gulf Division Convention, this year's Ham-Com is Friday & Saturday, June 9th & 10th, 8am to 5pm, at the Irving Convention Center, 500 West Las Colinas Blvd., in Irving. General admission is \$10.00, students K-12 and Scouts in uniform (under age 18) is free. Come see why amateur radio has been described as one of the most fascinating hobbies because of its unique mix of fun and public service. Talk-in frequency is 147.180(+) PL 107.2 and call for K5PRK. <http://www.hamcom.org>



June VHF QSO Party

Contest period runs from 1800Z, June 10th to 0300Z, June 12th on 50 MHz and up. For more information please visit: <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>



Coryell County Joint Comm Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Coryell County Joint Comm Group will be on Tuesday, June 13th, at 11:30 AM at the Lil Tex Restaurant, 502 South Main Street, in Copperas Cove.



Kid's Day

Kids Day is designed to give on-the-air experience to youngsters and hopefully foster interest in getting a license of their own. It is also intended to give older hams a chance to share their station and love for Amateur Radio with their children. This month's event is on Saturday, June 17th, from 1800-2359 UTC. For more information on this please visit: <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>



Field Day Weekend

This year's Field Day event falls on the weekend of June 24-25 and CTARC has been invited to participate with the Copperas Cove Repeater Association in its Field Day operation of K5CRA, at the High Chapparral Park, located at the end of High Chapparral Drive, in Copperas Cove. More info on Field Day itself is at: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

10 Sure Ways to Destroy Your Club

73 Amateur Radio Today - June, 1998

1. Stay away from meetings. Show up at meetings only if you have problems or complaints.
2. Decline office or appointment to any committee. Then get angry if you are not nominated.
3. Insist on describing the club in negative terms only.
4. Never prepare an agenda, never plan the details of an event, and never coordinate with affiliates.
5. Don't do any club work if you can avoid it. Then, when the old reliables pitch in and get the job done, accuse them of being a clique.
6. If you do come to a meeting, don't speak up until the meeting is finished. Then criticize and say how things should have been handled.
7. Oppose all new programs as being a waste of the membership's money.
8. When nothing new happens, complain that the officers lack imagination.
9. Read your bulletins infrequently. Then complain that you don't know what's going on.
10. Never introduce yourself to new members or visitors - make them come to you.

"What shall we do with Television? Some people think that science is moving too fast for mankind to keep up. Television is its latest marvel. Will television be a useful aid to mankind, an annoyance, or merely a scientific toy?"

Popular Radio - June, 1927

*** * As an Early * ***
*** * Heads-Up! * ***

CTARC always holds its monthly meetings at the Bell County Communications Center, on the first Tuesday of the month. The first Tuesday in July is **July 4th** - the Federal Holiday.

In observance of the holiday, CTARC **Will Not** be holding a regular monthly meeting in July. Instead, the club will hold an "On-the-Air" meeting Monday, July 3rd, at 8:00 PM over the N5ZXJ repeater on 145.310(-) PL 123.

Russell-KG6FUJ, will be your Net Control Operator that evening, with attendance being taken and notes being taken for any information or club business you might want to bring forward.

Even if you have no information to bring to the club's attention, this will be a good way to stay informed. Only items that should not be discussed over the air, would be Treasury information.



Experiencing Cool QRM?

With our warm weather, you may be experiencing a higher amount of interference while on the HF bands... It could be your air conditioner.

Some HVAC air handler units use a "electronically commutated motor" which can produce unwanted RFI. It's suggested when installing or replacing your HVAC unit, that it utilizes one equipped with a "permanent split capacitor." These types of units do have a lower efficiency rating, but they are much quieter on the bands. - AF4RK



CCRA VE Test Session

The Copperas Cove Repeater Association will be holding a VE test session by appointment only, for the Military Jeepers Club, on Saturday June 10th, at 9:00 AM, at the Copperas Cove Main Fire Station, 415 South Main Street, in Copperas Cove. The Jeep club has 8 applicants to take the Technician exam, plus 1 to upgrade to General Class and 1 to test for Extra Class.

If you can assist as a VE, please contact Budd Johnson-WB4J, at: buddwb4j@gmail.com .



New Frequency Allocation Charts

The ARRL has revised and updated its "U.S. Amateur Radio Bands" charts, and these are now available for download in PDF format in either color or grayscale.

The revised charts reflect the new 630 and 2,200-meter bands, but they also emphasize that these bands are *not yet available* for Amateur Radio use. You can download the new charts at: <http://www.arrl.org/graphical-frequency-allocations>



CTARC VE Test Session

This past May 6th, CTARC held a VE Test Session at Temple's Fire Station #8. 14 tests were administered resulting in 3 new Technician's, 2 new General's and 2 new Extra Class licensees.

A hearty Congratulations! to all those who passed and or upgraded their licenses and a Big Welcome to the Amateur Radio Fraternity! And a huge thanks to all the VE's who participated!

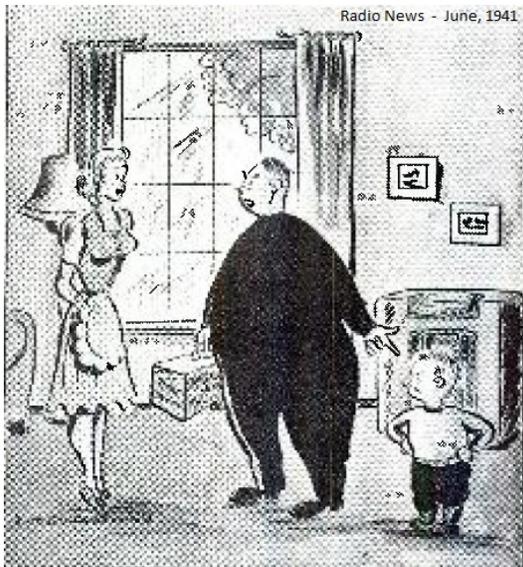
What's New?

The Navarro, Freestone, Limestone & Leon Amateur Radio Club-W5NFL, has been busy and has recently installed a new UHF repeater at their repeater site in Hillsboro.



Hillsboro Repeater Site - Photo: N5OAH

Their new repeater can be accessed on 444.675(+) with a PL of 123. This same site also sports their VHF repeater on 146.780(-) also with a PL tone of 123.0.



"There's nothing wrong with the set but him. Tell him to lay off of it!"



Gerald Darnell, WBØRUR

Hoping to fill a ham radio void, the Marshy Plains Amateur Radio Club of Mid-Alabama (MPARCMA) has come up with a new on-air operating event. "Literally Anything On the Air" is a no-holds-barred, smoke'em if you got'em type thing, explains president Jefferson Dillweed. We don't care what you activate: summits, valleys, armchairs or one lane bridges — it doesn't matter!

The club says there are no rules – just upload contacts to NRRL's Logbook of the Globe and watch the award certificates pile up on your door step. (For a small processing, handling and postage fee, of course.)

Go have fun and get the mics humming, the keys clicking, and activate literally anything on the air.

FAQS:

Can I activate a state park? *YES*
Can I activate my town square? *YES*
Can I activate the dog's kennel? *YES*
Can I activate that new credit card I got in the mail today? *YES AND THEN USE IT TO BUY A RADIO AND ACTIVATE LITERALLY ANYTHING.*

Radio - The Worst Job Of The Year?

A job search site - CareerCast - has come up with their best and worst jobs for 2017. Topping the list are jobs that generally involve math and science. At the bottom of the list, Radio Disc Jockey came in at #195, with the position of Radio Broadcaster coming in at #199. The job of Newspaper Reporter came in dead last at #200.



JAØJHQ will be active from Alaska 17 - 19 June as **AHØCO/KL7**. QSL via his home call.

DL2AAZ is active from Basse Terre Island, Guadeloupe, until 7 June, signing **stroke FG**. QSL via his home call.

IZ2ZTQ is active from French Polynesia until 31 July signing **stroke FO**. QSL via LotW, eQSL, or to IZ2LSP.

K5TEN will be active from Dog Island, Florida, 3 - 10 June. QSL via his home call.

VK5YL will be active on Rarotonga Island, 10 - 17 June as **E51XYL**. QSL via her home call.

G4IRN will be active from Maldives Islands, this month - *exact dates not mentioned* - as **8Q7RN**. QSL via his home call.

DF2WO is active from Santiago Island, Cape Verde, until 8 June as **D44TWO**. QSL via MØOXO.

K2KW will be active from Eleuthera Island, The Bahamas, 7 - 16 June as **C6ATA** on 50, 144 and 432 MHz. QSL via his home call.

KCØW is active from Guyana until June 8th, signing **stroke 8R1**. QSL via his home call.

PH2M is active on Sint Eustatius Island until 4 June, signing **stroke PJ5**. QSL via his home call.

F4HPX will be active from Reunion Island, 4 - 16 June signing **stroke FR**. QSL via his home call.

HL1AHS will be active from Christmas Island, 24 June - 1 July as **VK9AA**. QSL via his home call.

A group will be active from Atoll Ahe, King George Islands, 11 - 19 June as **TX5EG**. Then on Huahine Island from 29 June - 17 July under the same call. QSL via F6BCW.

IK7JWX will be active from Sazan Island, 10 - 20 June signing **stroke ZA**. QSL via his home call.

K2HVN will be active from the Faroe Islands, 13 - 26 June signing **stroke OY**. QSL via his home call.

JR1FKR will be active from Koror Island, Palau, 28 June - 2 July as **T88TJ**. QSL via his home call.

A group is active in Gabon until 3 June as **TR8CR**. Operations are on 20 and 30m CW only. QSL via F6AJA.

LA7GIA is active from Republic of the Congo until 4 June as **TN5E**. QSL via MØOXO.

DK7TX will be active from Erikoussa Island, 9 - 10 June signing **stroke SV8**. QSL via his home call.

OZ1AA is active from Kenya until 15 June signing **stroke 5Z4**. QSL via OZ1ACB.

KCØW is active from Zimbabwe until 18 June as **Z25DX**. QSL via his home call.

PH2M is active on St. Eustatius Island until 4 June signing **stroke PJ5**. QSL via LotW or his home call.

UAØFAM is active on Kunashir Island, in the Kuril Islands until 10 June. QSL via his home call.

A group will be active from Ratonneau Island, France, 5 - 12 June as **TM5FI**. QSL via F5XX.

JA1XGI will be active from Malta, 7 - 12 June as **9H3XG**. QSL via his home call.

OH3JR is active from Market Reef, until 2 June as **OJØJR**. QSL via his home call.

A group will be active from Liechtenstein, 1 - 6 June as **HBØ/GM4UYE**. QSL via MØOXO.

IK5WAA will be active from Montenegro, 18 - 28 June as **4O7GD**. QSL via his home call.

The DBJ-1, a VHF-UHF Dual-Band J-Pole

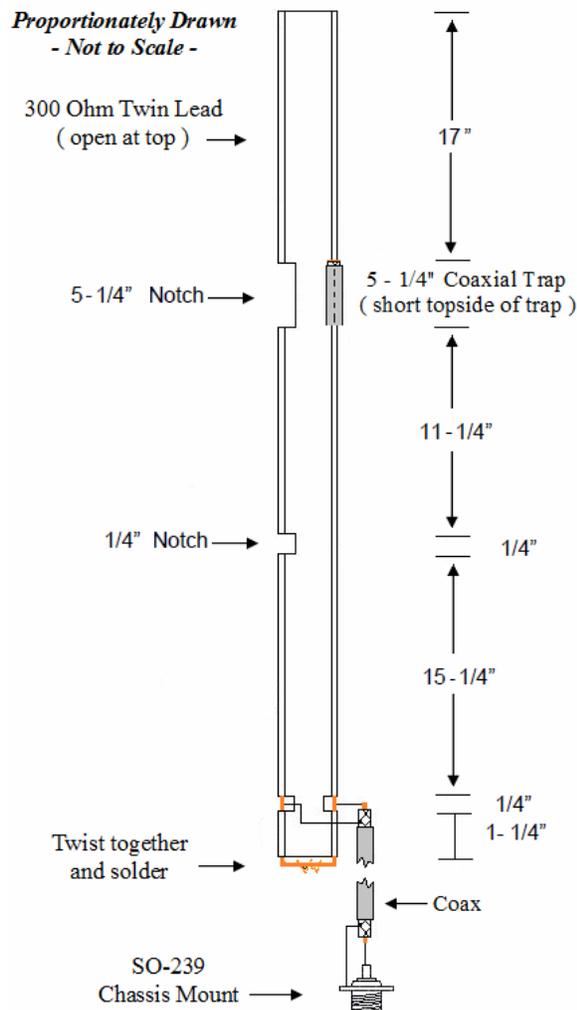
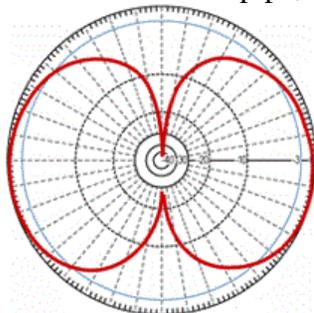
Dr. Edison Fong Ph.D. - WB6IQN

The primary motivation for developing this antenna would be the need during an emergency deployment. The desired characteristics were for the antenna to be easy to erect; durable, of one piece construction; low cost; no more than about 6 feet in length; operate with a single feedline and must perform well.

This antenna is a 2-Meter J-Pole constructed from 300Ω twin lead that utilizes a UHF decoupling stub to achieve a half-wave dipole on both VHF and UHF. The design is optimized for terrestrial propagation on both bands, which gives a good vertical half-wave dipole pattern of radiation on both VHF and UHF, as noted in the graphic below.

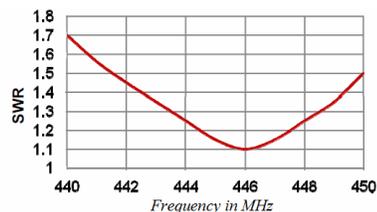
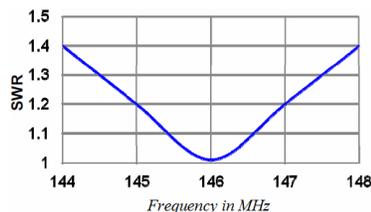
After constructing the antenna, insert it into a 6-foot long 3/4" diameter PVC pipe,

and attach the feed-point to an SO-239 chassis mount connector at the bottom of the assembly, in a 3/4" PVC cap.



The finished product and the author's wife, Tessa Fong - KJ6QXM

Testing found an SWR of less than 1.4:1 even at band edges across the 2 meter band. On UHF the SWR was found to be no more than 1.5:1 from 441 to 445 MHz.



This antenna is a novel vertically polarized antenna for both the VHF and UHF bands, requiring no radials, is completely weather protected and can be constructed with basic tools and with materials that cost under \$5.00.



2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season

Early predictions issued by hurricane researchers at Colorado State University indicate that it will be a slightly below-average Atlantic hurricane season this year, thanks in part to a developing El Niño event in the equatorial Pacific as well as recent anomalous cooling in the tropical Atlantic.

The CSU forecast, calls for an expected 11 named storms during the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1st to November 30th. Of those, researchers expect four to become hurricanes and two to reach major hurricane strength (Category 3-4-5) with sustained winds of 180 km/h or greater. These numbers mean that 2017 Atlantic hurricane activity will be about 85 per cent of the average season, which has on long term average, 11 named storms, six hurricanes, and two hurricanes of Category 3 strength or greater.

2017 Atlantic Hurricane Names

Arlene	Lee
Bret	Maria
Cindy	Nate
Don	Ophelia
Emily	Philippe
Franklin	Rina
Gert	Sean
Harvey	Tammy
Irma	Vince
Jose	Whitney
Katia	

This forecast is developed taking into account a variety of factors such as current weather patterns around the globe, numerical modeling, and statistical analysis. In particular, the weak La Niña of this past winter has dissipated, and now forecasters are watching for the potential development of a weak to moderate El Niño, which could form by the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season.

El Niño is characterized by a pool of warmer than normal water in the equatorial Pacific. This will have an impact on the upcoming hurricane season because El Niño tends to increase upper-level westerly winds across the Caribbean into the tropical Atlantic, tearing apart hurricanes as they try to form.

Another factor, most of the North Atlantic has anomalously cooled over the past month, and the tropical Atlantic is now slightly cooler than normal. In providing less fuel for tropical cyclone formation and intensification, cooler tropical Atlantic sea surface temperatures are associated with a more stable atmosphere as well as drier air, both of which suppress organized thunderstorm activity necessary for hurricane development.

There is no strong correlation between the number of storms or hurricanes and U.S. landfalls in any given season. One or more of the 11 named storms forecast to develop this season could hit the U.S., or none at all. Therefore, people should prepare each year no matter what the forecast.

A couple examples of why you need to be prepared: 1992 produced only six named storms and one subtropical storm. However, one of those named storms was Hurricane Andrew, which devastated South Florida as a Category 5 hurricane. In 1983 there were

only four named storms, but one of them was Alicia - the Category 3 hurricane that hit the Houston-Galveston area and caused almost as many direct fatalities there as Andrew did in South Florida.

Another reason to prepare for the unexpected... the Atlantic Hurricane Season "officially" begins June 1st. However, this year it had an early surprise start with the formation of Tropical Storm Arlene, which formed in the North Atlantic roughly 800 miles West of the Azores, on April 20th. Arlene was the first tropical storm in April to exist in the Atlantic Basin since Ana in 2003, which also formed on April 20th of that year, and was the only April Atlantic tropical storm in records dating to 1851. Arlene was also the farthest north a tropical storm has formed in the Atlantic so early in the season.

Hurricane Watch Net - Monitoring the Beast

The Hurricane Watch Net is activated whenever a tropical storm system is within 300 statute miles of expected land-fall to provide essential communications support to the National Hurricane Center during times of Hurricane emergencies. The HWN covers the Caribbean, Central America, Eastern Mexico, Eastern Canada, and all US Coastal States.

Hurricane Watch Net operates on a primary frequency of 14.325 MHz with other suggested frequencies of 3.950, 7.268, 21.325 and 28.425 MHz, (+/-) QRM. They may also be on the IRLP Hurricane Net on node 9219 and EchoLink WX-TALK Conference node 7203.

Other noted frequencies used in the Caribbean: the Cuba National Emergency Net operates on 7110 primary, 7120 secondary in the daytime, with provincial nets on 7045, and 7080. At night the primary is 3740 and secondary 3720. The main net control station is CO9DCN, operating from the Cuban National Civil Defense Headquarters, in Havana. The Dominican Republic - Cuba's eastern neighbor, on the island of Hispaniola, uses 7065 kHz LSB for emergency communications. Please note these frequencies and keep them clear of non-essential communications whenever a tropical storm system threatens.

You can also monitor the Hurricane Watch Net via the following web stream: <http://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/20970/web> Please note, you won't hear anything unless the Hurricane Watch Net is activated. For more information on the Hurricane Watch Net, please visit: <http://hwn.org/>

Summer Solstice

The Earth's orbit around the sun – and the tilt on its axis – are bringing us to a place in time and space where our world's Northern Hemisphere will have its time of greatest daylight; its longest day and shortest night... the Summer Solstice.

For many bygone civilizations, the summer solstice was endowed with great significance. People celebrated this special day with festivals, celebrations and other observances, some of which still survive or have experienced a revival in modern times.

For those of us here in Central Texas, the Summer Solstice, bringing the first day of Summer, will be on Tuesday, June 20th, at 11:24 P.M. CDT.



Tedi Thurman "Miss Monitor"

The Monitor Beacon was born out of desperation and inspiration, making its splashy NBC Radio debut on Sunday, June 12, 1955, during a time when traditional network radio with its half-hour and hour comedy, drama and variety shows, was in desperate shape. Television was stealing -- had stolen -- most of radio's audience, and it was clear that something new and different was needed.

The Monitor had everything -- news, sports, comedy, interviews, remote pick-ups from around the world, music -- it was a true magazine of the air with a format so audacious and grandiose that nothing like it had ever been heard.

For the first six years of its 20 year history, *The Monitor* featured Ms. Tedi Thurman as "Miss Monitor", who updated the weather hour after hour. At 5-foot-7, with sea-blue eyes, flowing red hair, chiseled cheeks, a shapely figure in sleek dresses and high heels, Tedi Thurman was a stunner. Ingredients like hers could turn the morning dew into a monsoon. But it was her breathy, alluring voice that brought her fame.

She would take over the microphone and in soft, sultry tones with lush music playing in the background, she would saucily deliver lines like: "I know what you want. You want me to tell you about the weather. In New York it's 74. And me, I'm 36-26-33. Tomorrow will be kind of hot, with temperatures reaching over 100 in parts of Texas, Kansas, Missouri - and my apartment. Virginia will be very warm, and I'm just thrilled for poor Virginia."

The first time you heard that presentation, you'd never forget it - or that voice. She did the weather in a way it had never been done before, making the weather report sound like an irresistible invitation to an unforgettable evening.



To say the least, her gig on *Monitor* made her the most recognizable female voice on radio during the 1950s-1960s and probably the most recognizable female voice in the country with one of the most iconic voices in radio history.

Ms. Thurman's fame was brief, though it did have a long afterlife. Decades after she'd left the show, people at parties and gatherings would still ask her to do the weather in that sexy Miss Monitor voice. Ms. Thurman left us on September 17, 2012 at the age of 89, at her home in Palm Springs, California.

As to *The Monitor Beacon*, after 20,000 hours of "Monitor" broadcasts -- far more than any other network radio show in history, the "kaleidoscopic phantasmagoria" of The Monitor Beacon came to an end. The beacon sounded for the last time, and The Last Great Radio Show became a memory at 5:58:50 p.m. EST on Sunday, January 26, 1975.

Field Day Planning Notes

Field Day Weekend is Saturday, June 24th with operations commencing at 1:00 PM, CDST until 1:00 PM CDST, Sunday, June 25th. The members of CTARC have been invited to participate with the Copperas Cove Repeater Association, in their Field Day operation at High Chapparal Park in Copperas Cove. The use of the park has been reserved by the City's Emergency Manager Gary Young-WD5DW. On May 23rd, a planning meeting was held at the Main Copperas Cove Fire Station, with representatives from various groups attending. What follows are notes from that planning meeting.

"Field Day" is an amateur radio event where amateur radio operators and emergency management personnel, come together and set-up an operating station under less than ideal conditions, running on emergency power - generators, battery or solar power - and sustain those conditions for 24 hours, while attempting to make as many contacts as possible.

The location of High Chapparal Park was selected due to its commanding elevation of roughly 1,200 feet with no geographical obstructions. The Field Day operations in the park, though located in a residential area, will be expected to have very little impact to residents living close to the park. Public Relations and Marketing will be handled by Gary Young, who will send out notices of the Field Day operation to surrounding residents of the park.

There are no restroom facilities at the park; Budd Johnson-WB4J, obtained quotes from two different companies on providing porta-potties, with the least expensive quote being around \$170.00. It was proposed that the Copperas Cove Repeater Association absorb this cost.

The Copperas Cove Fire Department will provide a communications trailer with an operating station located inside, along with one generator, tables and garbage cans or a trash dumpster. A second generator will be provided by Bruce Coons-KD6UY; he also plans to set-up a station with WinLink capabilities and 2 Meters.

Plans are to set-up multiple stations for operations on 20 and 40 Meters, and possibly 80 Meters as well as a GOTA station suggested to operate on 6 Meters. They are looking into possibly obtaining a 1X1 special event callsign for the operation, but if not practical, then the station(s) would operate under the K5CRA call.

Also included in the set-up will be a public relations table having materials to hand out to the general public on the ARRL, ham radio, emergency management and health related materials.

The operation of the station(s) should not create drastic interference to other ham radio operators who live close to the park, as there are only two. Rick Murray-K6WXA, who will be in California during the Field Day operation, and about a block away from the park, is the home of Kenneth Thomas-K5KN.



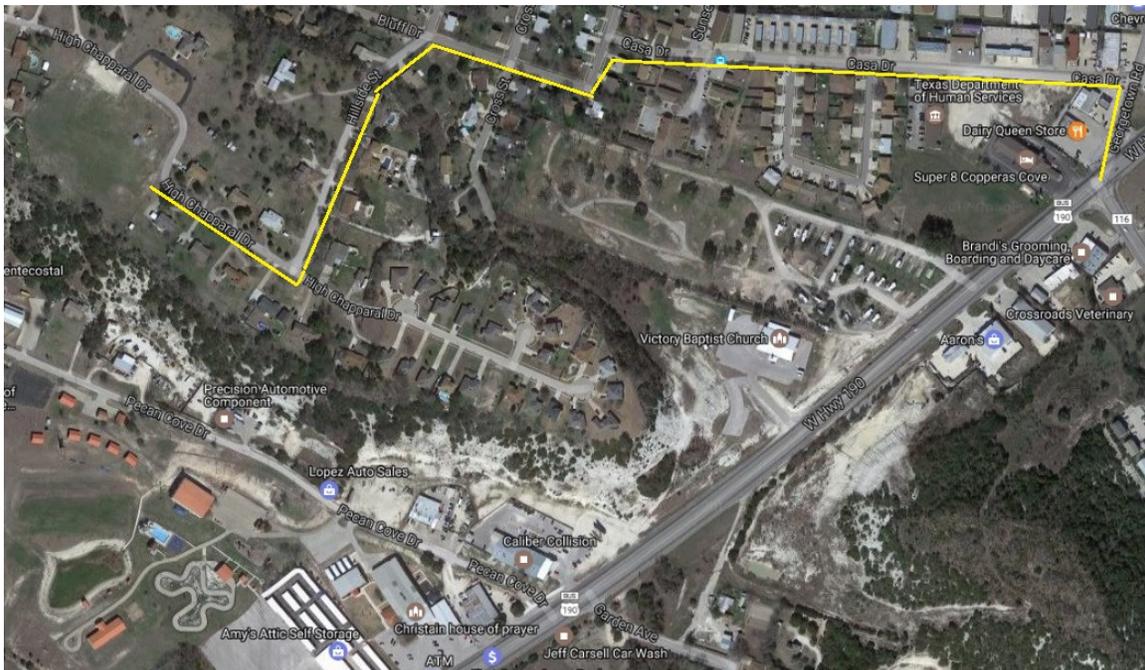
Food will not be provided to operators as a norm. The nearest fast food establishment is about two minutes away, and is the Dairy Queen, at the intersection of FM 116 and Business Route 190.

A final meeting to iron out loose ends will be done at the Copperas Cove Repeater Association's monthly breakfast meeting, at 9:00 AM, June 3rd, at the Lil Tex Restaurant, 502 South Main Street, in Copperas Cove. This will be immediately followed by a trip to the park to conduct a walk-through of ideas for set-up.



Getting to the park... High Chapparral Park is not properly listed on any maps, nor is it easy to simply explain the directions to there. However, if you can put in a map route to, or GPS coordinates to 1313, 1318, or 1319 High Chapparral Drive, the park is located right across from each of these addresses. People driving to the park should take additional care as there is a large herd of deer that patronizes this and the surrounding areas, during the late afternoon and evening hours.

Most recently - just days ago - there were 22 deer observed in this park around 8:00 PM.



From the Dairy Queen at FM 116 and Business Route 190 in Copperas Cove, head South on Georgetown Road and turn left on Casa Drive. Follow it to Bluffdale Street and turn left. Then make the second left, up the hill at Hillside Street. Follow this to the "T" intersection of High Chapparral Drive, turn right and you'll run right into the park.