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KD5WRO Commentary

Upcoming Exercises

On **April 18th** the Brazos Valley Regional 2012 Exercise will be held in the Brazos Valley area. A tornado will strike the Luminant Oak Grove Power Plant at 7:30 a.m. The exercise will last 8 hours and all emergency services in that area will be involved. Milam ARES should monitor 443.450 Mhz. tone 127.3 Khz. This will be a good time to find if you can communicate from your location.

On **May 5th** the Texas combined ARES/MARS/RACES exercise will be conducted throughout Texas. The exercise will run from 8 AM to 2 PM. This exercise assumes the entire Internet will go down and no cell phones will work. The exercise will emphasize digital communications for handling large messages between various served agencies.

The South Texas EC has offered to send a team to Milam County on May 5th to set up digital VHF and possibly HF links to handle messages from Milam County. Brad Davis, NA5BD from Round Rock will come to Milam County on Wednesday, April 18th to survey sites to set up digital communications for the May 5th exercise. Any one interested in learning more about digital techniques is welcome to come and meet Brad. Please give me a call at 254-605-0678.

100 years ago in History

The Titanic struck an iceberg on the night of April 14, 1912 and sank a few hours later with 2223 passengers and crew. 712 people got into lifeboats and survived. The survivors were picked up by the Carpathia, a ship which heard the SOS from the Titanic. The 3 radio operators, who guided the Carpathia were heroes. They were Jack Phillips, on the Titanic, who died in an overturned lifeboat, Harold Bride, on Titanic, who was rescued but had badly burned feet from frostbite and Harold Cottam, operator on Carpathia, was ending his shift and going to bed when he gave one last listen on his radio and heard Titanic calling for help.

Frequency List

Enclosed is a frequency list which is now being used in the Milam EOC. We should all be able to monitor these frequencies. This list includes ARES repeaters in adjoining counties which we may need to contact during emergencies.

73 Franklin

NET SCHEDULES

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM

147.020 PL 123.0

Bell County ARES Thursday 8 PM

147.140 PL 123.0

