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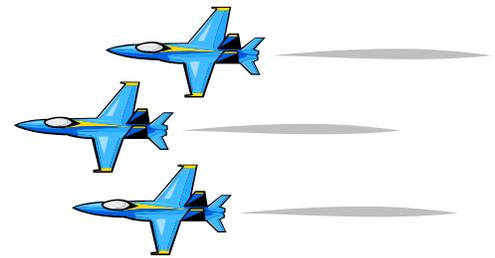
KD5WRO Commentary

AIR RACE Is Coming

Sat. Nov. 19 AIR RACE begins at 10:00 A.M. with 30 to 40 aircraft departing Taylor airport. These planes will fly a 130 nautical mile course over Central Texas and return to Taylor. See Map included in this newsletter mailing. Spotter/Operators are needed to report the status of the aircraft. PLEASE SIGN UP. This will be an important training event.

Turn locations are listed below:
Turn 1—Dam at Footprints Lake

Turn 2—Campground Somerville Lake
Turn 3—Hearne Airport
Turn 4—Granger Dam
Turn 5—Dock on Malish Lake



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NET SCHEDULES

Milam County ARES Thursday 7 PM 147.020 PL Tone 123.0
Bell County ARES Thursday 8 PM 147.140 PL Tone 123.0
STXARES HF NET Monday 7:30 PM 3873 Khz

EVENTS

November 9th 1:00 p.m. Central Time will be the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The purpose of this test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system in alerting the public. EAS is a media communications-based alerting system that is designed to transmit emergency alerts and warnings to the American public at the national, Tribal, state and local levels. EAS participants broadcast alerts and warnings regarding weather threats, child abductions and other types of emergencies. EAS alerts are transmitted over television and radio broadcast, satellite television and satellite radio, cable television and wireline video services. The system provides the ability to send messages regionally or nationally, though it has never been tested at these levels. A major disaster such as an earthquake or tsunami could require the use of the system to send life-saving information to the public. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), along with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct the nationwide test on 11-9-2011 at 1:00 pm Central Standard Time. The alert will be transmitted throughout the country and will be monitored by the EAS participants. After the test has been completed, the EAS participants will report back to the FCC on the results of the test. During the test, the public will hear a message indicating "this is a test". The audio message will be the same for everyone, however due to limitations of the EAS, the video message may not be the same and may not indicate "this is a test". This is due to the use of a "live" national code-the same code that would be used in an actual emergency. They anticipate the test will last approximately 3 minutes.

Amateur Radio Testing:

To practice testing check
out the website:
www.QRZ.com

