



# LARC



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NO REGULAR MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 16th - 7:00 p. m.  
Red Cross Building**

## **HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

**Rayne - March 9-10, 2002**

**Each Wednesday Lunch  
Bunch**

BJ's Pizza & Deli - Congress Street  
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

**Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.**

AARA 2 meter net 146.820 - 600

## **Count-Down to Hamfest 2002**

The AARA hamfest will be on March 8th (Fias-Do-Do), 9th, and 10th. I think almost everything that needed to be done has been done. A few last minute details and we're ready for a great Hamfest.

This month, the club meeting will be on the Saturday after the Hamfest, March 16. A Hamfest report will be given and new officers will be installed. A pot luck meal will follow the meeting. The club will furnish turkey and boudin. Members are asked to bring a side dish, SALAD, or desert.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital will set up a ham station in their operations room within the next few months. They are paying for the equipment and installation. Once it's all in, some of us need to go by and familiarize ourselves with the equipment and location. In a disaster situation, all we'll need to supply is an operator.

Field Day is the next major project for the AARA. At the April meeting, I will appoint people to head up different aspects of the project, so, if you are interested, tell me before the April meeting.

**Rick, N5RLM**

## **ELECTION REPORT**

**The membership elected the following members for the year 2002 2003.**

**Rick Breaux, President  
Herman Campbell, Vice President  
Al Oubre, Secretary  
Joy Breaux, Treasurer  
Stu Rohner, Director  
Calvin Begnaud, Director  
Glenn Breaux, Director**

### **AARA OFFICERS 2001-2002**

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**Ward Tilly NG5T**

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
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## The Squeak Speaks

First, I would like to mention that in the last couple of months, our club membership seems to have had its share of accidents, hospital stays, and other serious illnesses. We want to keep them in our prayers and to be there in case the need arises.

Our Hamfest is right upon us; we need all the assistance available to help with this project. It is one of the major projects of the year and in order to make this one a success, we will need your help. Speaking of "Major Projects", AMOS (Amateur Mobile Operations Service) is almost ready for wiring power to the unit and equipment. Rick will be looking for volunteers knowledgeable in this field to help out. AMOS will be at the hamfest site for public viewing. Other upcoming major events are Field Day, JOTA, Louisiana QSO Party, and a few other contests. Plans are being made to participate in these events and we will need volunteers. I assume that by now, you know that we came out with top honors in the 2001 Louisiana QSO Party.

Our AARA Monday Night Net has picked up in attendance, we have had an average of 20 check-ins for the last three weeks. We are also seeing the 146.820 machine being monitored and used more and more each day. Some of these users are newly licensed operators and the AARA wishes to welcome them to this new hobby.

That's about it. Hope to see you at the Hamfest! Help keep Amateur Radio alive in Acadiana.

**73's de Herman KN5GRK**  
**A.k.a. "Squeak" V.P. AARA**  
**kn5grk@w5ddl.org**

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## FCC PROPOSES WRC-RELATED RULES CHANGES

The FCC has proposed changes to the Part 97 Amateur Service rules as a result of actions taken at recent World Radiocommunication Conferences. In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket 02-16, released February 7, the FCC proposed to delete Section 97.401(b) from the rules along with references to international footnote S.5120.

Section 97.401(b) states that when normal communication systems are overloaded, damaged or disrupted because of a natural disaster in an area not regulated by the FCC, a station providing "essential communication" and "facilitating relief actions" may only do so in accord with ITU Resolution 640, which, under S.5120, specified use of the 80, 75, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 2-meter bands. Resolution 640 was eliminated at WRC-97, and S.5120 at WRC-2000. The FCC said US amateurs can continue to communicate with foreign stations in disaster areas under Section 97.111(a)(1) and Section 97.101(c).

In a footnote, the FCC pointed out that WRC-2000 deleted international footnote S.5124, which had allocated the band 3950 to 4000 kHz to the broadcasting service for domestic use in Canada. "Once the Canadian Government has implemented this allocation change, the band 3500-4000 kHz will be allocated exclusively to the amateur service in Canada," the FCC said.

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## FCC REDESIGNS AMATEUR SERVICE WEB SITE

The FCC has redesigned its Amateur Radio Service Web site and changed the URL <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/>>. The new layout makes it easier to find information on topics most requested by amateurs, including licensing, amateur exams, filing an application, changing an address or using the Universal Licensing System (ULS). The refurbished site also provides links to recent Amateur Radio-related news from the FCC.

"The new design is a part of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's continuing effort to meet the needs of the Amateur Radio Service operators as identified in focus groups, letters, phone calls, and e-mails," the FCC said in a news release.

The new design clusters FCC public notices, news releases, and other official documents affecting Amateur Radio operators on the right side of the page. On the left side of the page, the new navigation scheme displays information on the Amateur Radio Service, the sequential call sign system, licensing and vanity call signs as well as amateur-related communications policies such as reciprocal agreements. The site also offers links to information on the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1, the Part 97 Amateur Service rules and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and ULS sites.

The site, launched on February 20, includes a search engine for the entire FCC Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov>>. Direct questions or comments concerning the FCC's Amateur Radio Service Web site to Bobby Brown, [babrown@fcc.gov](mailto:babrown@fcc.gov), or Jennifer Bush, [jbush@fcc.gov](mailto:jbush@fcc.gov). For information concerning the Amateur Radio Service,

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## TID BITES

As we begin a new year for AARA, the club has a renewed interest in the activities. Get involved and become a part of what's going on. A way to become involved is to bring a new idea to the meeting.

We welcome articles from everyone for publication in the newsletter. Send your articles to me via email, if possible. Thanks to Rick N5RLM, Herman KN5GRK, and John NQ2V for their contributions during the past year. We try to bring you information about ham radio and our club. Articles from a member is always well received.

The club elections took place at the February meeting. The new officers take over the Saturday after the hamfest, March 16th. Come to this Special Meeting and bring the family.

If you are interested in obtaining a call sign license plate for your vehicle, the address is:

Prestige Plate Unit  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
PO Box 64886  
Baton Rouge, LA 70896  
(225) 925-6264

Ask to speak to Lillian.

See you at the hamfest.

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## LONE MISSING APPLICATION HOLDING UP VANITY SYSTEM

And then there was one. The FCC indicated this week that a lone missing paper vanity call sign application filed last October is holding up the resumption of routine vanity processing. On February 27, the FCC processed 33 vanity applications received last October 23 and 24. The following day, it ran another 41 applications received October 25 and 26. Processing remains stalled beyond that receipt date, however. FCC efforts, assisted by the ARRL, to contact the elusive applicant to have the individual resubmit a vanity application have proven more difficult than ever anticipated.

The FCC appears determined to hold off further processing until the remaining applicant is given an opportunity to resubmit an application and, thus, retain a place in the processing queue. Prior to this week, no amateur vanity call signs had been granted since February 1, when applications received at the FCC October 22, 23 and 24 were processed. The FCC later rescinded vanity grants for October 23 and 24, however, after it realized that it needed further information for an October 23 application. Until late January, no vanity call signs had been issued since October 30.

The ARRL estimates that some 2050 vanity applications now are in the FCC's processing pipeline--the majority of them filed electronically.

## March Birthdays

0304	Keith	WA5ISZ
0305	Ashley	KC5LWM
0313	Art	K5FNQ
0314	Gene	W5DBR
0314	Lance	KD5QHB
0316	Alice	N5SYD
0321	Chuck	K5PR
0322	Corwin	KC5KDR
0323	Fred	KB5YVO
0323	Darryl	KC5OAN
0325	Gene	KB5DUP
0325	Mickey	K5MC
0328	Stephanie	N5SYF

The FCC's policy is to give equal processing weight to paper and electronic applications. Some two weeks' worth of October paper vanity applications apparently were mislaid after mail was sent off last fall for anthrax decontamination.

F C C W i r e l e s s  
Telecommunications Bureau  
personnel at the FCC's Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, office used information gleaned from payment receipts to contact the known paper

## AARA HAMFEST

MARCH 8-9-10, 2002  
RAYNE CIVIC CENTER  
RAYNE LOUISIANA

SPECIAL AARA MEETING  
MARCH 16TH - 7 P. M.  
RED CROSS BUILDING

HAMFEST REPORT  
INSTALLATION OF  
OFFICERS FOR 2002

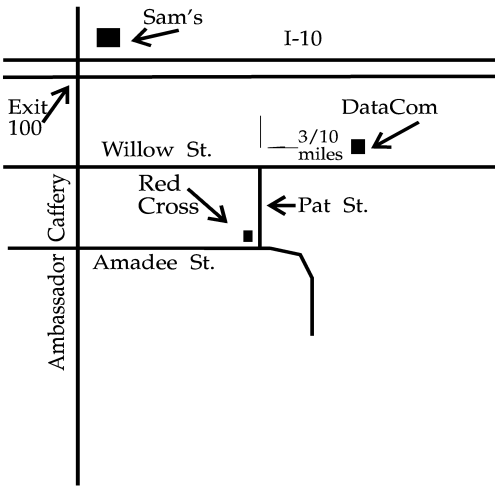


**JOIN THE ARRL.** Membership is the best bargain in amateur radio. To sign up go to the ARRL Web site and sign up online. If you do not have access to the internet, send your name, call, full address, and dues for 1 Year \$39, 2 Years \$74, and 3 Years \$105 to:

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE  
225 MAIN STREET  
NEWINGTON CT 06111  
WEB SITE: <http://www.arrl.org/join.html>

**Carolyn Oubre, KA5IJU**  
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**New Iberia LA 70563-8624**

**<http://www.w5ddl.org>**



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## From The Kitchen Of Carolyn Oubre KA5IJU

### Texas-style casserole

2 cups frozen hash rown potatoes  
2 cups green giant southwestern style corn and roasted peppers, frozen, thawed  
8 oz. louis rich turkey polska kielbasa, diced  
1 cup fat free skim milk  
1/2 cup fat free egg substitute  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
3/4 cup low-fat shredded cheddar cheese, sharp  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9 inch square glass baking dish with cooking spray.  
Place potatoes and then remaining vegetables in the baking dish:top with kielbasa.  
Beat together milk, egg substitute, salt and peper. Pour over kielbasa: sprinkle with cheese.  
Bake until casseroles is hot and cheese is browned, about 45 minutes. Cut into 6 pieces and serve.

## ***FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE***

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries -- including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or [ulscmm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscmm@fcc.gov).

Web site:

<<http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/>>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

Web site: <http://www.arrl.org/vec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:  
Federal Communications  
Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road,