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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING
February 6th - 7:00 p.m.

Red Cross Building
HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Rayne - March 7th-9th

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

Elections

This month, we will hold elections for club officers for the 2003-2004 term. The nominating committee announced their choices at the January meeting, and nominations from the floor will be taken before the election. The new officers will take office at the March general meeting, which is held on the Saturday after the hamfest (Mar 15).

A few weeks ago, five club members participated in the ARRL RTTY Round-Up at W5WMU's camp (Not an AARA sponsored event). To date, the submitted logs indicate that we placed 4th in the world in our class. This was an exciting 24 hour contest with four of the five participants being excellent contest operators. KI5XP is very aggressive and will work them whether they want to be worked or not. (As long as he's fed ALPO and Crown) KA5BSE finds a frequency and works them at a rate of 2 or 3 a minute. WA5CHX likes to search and pounce and does so with very good results. W5WMU does his own thing and wins contests. N5RLM needs more experience.

Hamfest 2003 preparations are almost complete. With only four weeks to go, some details still need to be worked out. Volunteers are needed for the many jobs necessary to make the event a success. Contact Kris KD5QYV, kd5qyv@w5ddl.org if you are able to help.

Memberships are still being accepted for 2003. Applications will be available at the meeting, and are also available on our web site, www.w5ddl.org.

Rick N5RLM
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Stu WD5FDD, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for consideration

President	John Martin KA5BSE
Vice President	Herman C KN5GRK
Secretary	Dan Daigle KD5JSM
Treasurer	Joy Breaux N5YCS
Members-at-Large [two to be elected]	
	Calvin Begnaud KD5JCT and Glenn Breaux KD5NVC
	Rick Breaux N5RLM as the Immediate Past President will automatically serves as a Members-at-Large for one year

AARA OFFICERS 2002-2003

President Rick Breaux N5RLM
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ELECTIONS – HAMFEST - SPECIAL EVENTS

Those are the main topics to be presented at the February 6th AARA General Meeting; however some others may be discussed.

At this meeting, the nominations chosen by the Nominating Committee will be presented with other nominations from the floor for club officers. If you have any ideas for any officers, you need to come to the meeting and express yourself.

Preparations are under way for one of the best Hamfests the AARA has ever presented. Kris - KD5QYV, is doing an outstanding job as Hamfest Chairperson. His experience with the media and numerous contacts will probably make this the largest attended of the AARA Hamfests in recent years. You can check out our Hamfest web page for up to date information at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>.

On January 23, 2003, the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. completed 50 years of affiliation with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). A certificate from the ARRL in recognition of this achievement will be presented to the club at this meeting. A copy can be found at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/awards.htm>. This is quite a feat for our club. The only other club in the state to top this, is the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, completing 65 years on March 5th, 2003. John Martin - KA5BSE, has suggested that we try to do a "Special Event" commemorating this feat. A possible date for doing this event is on the weekend of the Fourth of July, which falls on Friday. We could set up "AMOS" in one of the parks and maybe have a "Club Picnic" along with the "Special Event". We need your input so we can get the ball rolling in order to get a listing in *QST* along with certificates and QSL card layouts to the printer.

Hope to see you at the February 6th meeting.

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W1CW Cajun Award 8 SK

Some might ask, What is the Cajun Award? Well back in the 1970's the AARA presented this award each year at the hamfest banquet. Those who received the award had done something significant for ham radio. Among those who received the award are Max Arnold W4WHN SK CA1, Roy Albright SK CA2, Harry Daniels W2HD CA3, Ellen White W1YL CA4, John Sanders WB4ANX CA5, Gary Uldricks WB5INY SK CA7, Bob White W1CW SK CA8, and Evelyn White Barlet WA5MPW CA9. About that time for many reasons the award was discontinued. Publically the award was called the "Cajun Award", but the real name of the award was the "Coonass Award". The plaque was the rear of a coon mounted with the tail sticking up. It was great fun being part of this award which gained the club national attention. Both CA4 and CA8 still are proudly displayed in the White's hamshack in Seffner FL. **AI K5DPG**

sB QST ARL RLB070 DXCC
legend Bob White, W1CW SK

Former ARRL Headquarters staff member Robert L. White, W1CW, of Seffner, Florida, died November 22 from complications arising from pneumonia. He was 83.

Known to many as "Mr DXCC," White was the manager of the ARRL's DX Century Club program from 1952 until 1976, establishing the award--and its stringent standards--as Amateur Radio's premier DX achievement. White codified the rules for the DXCC program and oversaw the checking of some 250,000 QSL cards submitted yearly, often working as many as 90 hours a week to ensure that the job got done right. During his tenure at Headquarters, White also oversaw the ARRL QSL Service. He belonged to the ARRL for 62 years and was a

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HAPPY VALENTINE DAY

AARA Rayne Hamfest
March 7th-9th, 2003

Contact Kris KD5QYV to volunteer.
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TID BYTES

The year 2002 has been good and bad for many of us in the AARA. Several of us have ended up in hospitals and we have lost two long time club members. Another long time club member, Danny Griffith K5ARH, suffered a heart attack, and is in ICU at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette. Rick Breaux N5RLM is now home after being in the hospital for five days for kidney stones. We can tell you from personal experience that kidney stones hurt, ouch. Several women who have had both kidney stones and giving birth to children say that kidney stones are much worse.

At the VE testing session on January 2nd EJ KD5SZN upgraded to Extra, and Michael Baldwin of Lafayette passed his Tech test and received the call KD5UTQ.

For those of you looking to increase your knowledge of emergency operations, the ARRL offers three Emergency Communications Courses. If you an ARRL member, you can take the Level I Course under the Federal Grant. When enrolled in a grant funded session, one pays the fee, and when the course is completed successfully the fee is refunded. If you want to enroll in a grant funded session, contact Mickey Cox K5MC, the LA Section Manager at k5mc@arrl.org. Ceck <http://www.arrl.org/cce/> for more info.

Also, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Independent Study Program (ISP) offers several courses. Check the FEMA web site at: <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/ishome.htm>

We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions after the meeting in February. In March testing will be done at the hamfest. If you need to test between meetings, let us know. We can schedule a session to accommodate everyone.

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VE TESTING AT THE CLUB MEETING



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>

February Birthdays

0204	WESTON	KB5WI
0204	LIZ	KC5JPE
0205	JOHN	KC5JPD
0207	ART	KZ5D
0208	DAVE	K5TS
0210	KRISTY	KC5YAO
0213	TIM	N5RKK
0214	GLEN	K5DSD
0214	CLINT	N5QOP
0214	BOB	KB5AWT
0215	CLEM	N5ADK
0215	JIM	WU3V
0216	GLENN	KD5NVC
0217	JOHN	N5NKN
0218	LEW	N5MLA
0220	PHIL	KB5EKD
0224	CHESTER	KC5TKT
0224	WESLEY	KK5HS
0225	FRED	K5ET
0226	DEL	WB5MRK

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Life Member.

“Dad was the guy who made DXCC what it was,” said White's son, Jim, K4OJ, in a posting to the CQ Contest reflector. “He didn't cut any corners--everyone was held to the same high standard--and this is what made holding DXCC meaningful.”

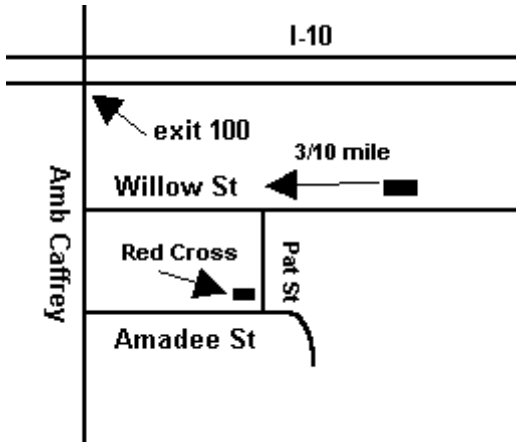
Introduced to Amateur Radio in his youth, White was first licensed in 1938. He served as a radio operator in the US Navy during World War II.

White was an avid DXer and CW enthusiast. Active in the First-Class CW Operators' Club, White was also inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1998.

His wife Ellen, W1YL, and his son Jim, K4OJ, survive him; both are former ARRL staff members. Friends may send condolence messages via e-mail to wlcw@tampabay.rr.com or to 6607 Flicker Ct, Seffner, FL 33584. The family invites memorial donations to the WICW Memorial Fund-Florida Contest Group, c/o Frederick M Perkins Jr, 3437 Lake Josephine Dr, Lake Placid FL 33852. Per White's request, there

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From The Kitchen Of Carolyn Oubre KA5IJU

KING CAKE

1 cup boiling water	2 tablespoons granulated sugar	
2-1/2 teaspoons salt	1 tablespoon melted shortening	
1 cup evaporated milk	yeast cake	1/4 cup lukewarm water
6 cups sifted flour	6 tablespoons brown sugar	
1 teaspoon cinnamon	Desired filling - apple, cream cheese, blueberry etc.	
Icing - powdered sugar and water		

Pour boiling water over sugar, salt and shortening, add milk and cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in lukewarm water, add to milk mixture and add flour, 1/2 cup at a time. Mix until smooth after each addition. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead until dough is smooth and elastic to the touch and bubbles appear under the surface. Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise until double in bulk. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead again. Divide dough into 2 portions. Pat and stretch each portion into a sheet about 9-inches square. Sprinkle with mixture of brown sugar, cinnamon and filling. Roll up like jelly roll, then twist and connect to form a circle. Cover and let rise again until doubled in bulk. Bake in hot oven, 425 degrees, 15 minutes, reduce heat to 375 degrees and bake 25 minute longer. Remove and let cool. When cool, glaze with vanilla icing and sprinkle with colored

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.

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>

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