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DATES TO REMEMBER

**REGULAR MEETING
January 2nd - 7:00 p.m.**

**Red Cross Building
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

Minden - January 11th
Hammond - January 18th
Rayne - March 7th-9th

**Each Wednesday
Lunch Bunch**

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WELCOME 2003!

Greetings from the AARA to all Amateur Radio Operators! Wishing that the Year 2003 will be filled with good health, prosperity, and fun. Year 2002 left us with some good and bad moments. I will mention the good ones first: 42nd AARA Hamfest, 2002 Field Day, PSK Kit Building Event (still in progress), AARA Club Picnic, 2002 Cajun Cup Run, 2002 Cajun Country ¼ & ½ Marathon Race, and the December Christmas Party. These are just a few of fun events that we all enjoyed during the year.

However, there was a darker side to the 2002-year that had an effect on the amateur radio community: Two of our long time club members became SK's: Eddie Miller – W5EXI and Jack Baxter – W5FRM. These two will be greatly missed by all that knew them. Also, two hurricanes visited the Louisiana coast during the year. Hurricane Isadore, which had very minor affect, and Hurricane Lili which did major damage to our area. Most amateur radio operators suffered antenna losses and damages to their homes. I don't think we will forget Lili for a long time. The January 2nd 2003 meeting agenda will be the announcement of the Nomination Committee's report on officers for the year 2003 – 2004. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on others up for office. I will have the "T" shirts from the Cajun Country ¼ & ½ Marathon Race for those that volunteered to help during the race. It is also time to consider renewing your club membership. We will also have some door prizes to be given away to those attending the meeting. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Pictures and results of the Cajun Country Marathon Race can be found at:

<http://www.lafayettefitness.org/newsarchive/>

Russell Bex, Race Director of the Cajun Country Marathon Race, would like to express his thanks to our volunteers that helped during the race and would like for us to participate in the Cajun Man Triathlon race in September.

73's de

Herman KN5GRK

**AARA Rayne Hamfest
March 7th-9th, 2003**

**Contact Kris KD5QYV to volunteer.
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WRC-03 CONFERENCE PREPARATORY MEETING EXPANDS 40-METER OPTIONS

Paul Simon sang of 50 ways to leave your lover, but participants at the just-ended Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 heard just five ways to fix 40 meters, plus a sixth that would just leave things as they are.

"The five options for change all represent improvements in the amateur band, although two fall short of fulfilling the 300-kHz worldwide requirement," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. He attended the Geneva gathering in his role as International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) secretary. "All six options maintain the existing 300-kHz exclusive amateur allocation in Region 2."

The objective of the CPM was to complete work on a 700-plus page extensive technical CPM Report, which outlines methods to address the more than three dozen items that are on the WRC-03 agenda. As for amateur issues, Sumner says 7-MHz realignment or harmonization "is one of the most difficult issues facing WRC-03." As he explains the situation, three major interests--amateurs, shortwave broadcasters, and users, mainly military, of the fixed and mobile services--have a stake in the outcome.

The IARU is on record as supporting a 300-kHz worldwide amateur allocation in the vicinity of 7 MHz. Sumner said achieving this would require the fixed and mobile services to make room for broadcasters and for the broadcasters to change their operating frequencies. The five methods for change the CPM Report describes include a variety of transition schedules to ease the impact on these other services.

* Method A would shift Region 1 and 3 broadcasters up by 200 kHz to 7300-7550 kHz in two stages and would provide the same band for broadcasting in Region 2.

* Method B is similar but would have amateurs in Regions 1 and 3 sharing the upper 100 kHz of their newly expanded band with fixed and mobile.

* Method C would provide just 200 kHz for amateurs in Regions 1 and 3. Amateurs in Region 2 would continue to contend with broadcasting interference from Regions 1 and 3 in the 7200-7300 kHz segment.

* Method D, proposed by Canada at the CPM, would provide 300 kHz worldwide for amateurs by shifting broadcasters in Regions 1 and 3 up by 200 kHz but would not expand the Region 2 broadcasting allocation. This plan would minimize the impact on fixed and mobile services in Region 2.

* Method E, proposed by the Republic of Korea at the CPM, would provide amateurs in Regions 1 and 3 with an additional 100 kHz shared with fixed and mobile (7100-7200 kHz). As with Method C, however, Region 2 amateurs would continue to face broadcasting interference from Regions 1 and 3 in the 7200-7300 kHz segment.

* Method F, proposed by Australia at the CPM, would simply maintain the status quo. This plan reflects concerns about the impact of realignment on military and national security communications capabilities.

"There is no guarantee that proposals will be limited to the six methods described in the CPM Report," Sumner said.

Amateur Radio was well represented at the CPM. Chairing the CPM was Eberhard George, DL7IH, of Germany. A three-member IARU team was headed by President Larry Price, W4RA, and included Sumner and Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM. ARRL Technical Relations Manager Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, served as a member of the US delegation. He also was named to chair the ad hoc group that dealt with the substance of the 7-MHz text. Several other amateurs were on their national delegations, some of them specifically to represent Amateur Radio and others in professional capacities. IARU Vice President David Wardlaw, VK3ADW, was on the Australian delegation.

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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.

This VE testing sessions will resume at the January meeting. At the VE testing session on November 24th Father Richard Broussard formally KA5ITZ of New Iberia passed his Tech exam and received his new call KD5UNO. Father Richard has qualified for his general class license by meeting the requirement in the rules for those having been a Tech before 1986.

For those looking to acquire a "jump kit" you might find the following web site useful. <http://www.geoduck.com/epicenter/>

For those of you looking to increase your knowledge of emergency operations, 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 meetings in January and 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.

73
AI K5DPG

**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:

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225 MAIN STREET
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January Birthdays

0101	NICK	K5QXJ
0103	BARBARA	N5AUO
0105	ERICK	AB5GI
0105	JEFF	KJ5GY
0106	PAUL	N5KNY
0107	RALPH	KA5OLE
0107	STU	WD5FDD
0109	PETE	WB5RPT
0110	DAVE	N5EEH
0114	JAMES	KB5EKC
0114	JOYCE	KA5NVH
0114	CHRIS	N5KQQ
0115	ANN	KB5WPU
0116	ROY	WD5DBV
0116	FRANK	N5GH
0117	ADAM	KC5FRP
0120	BUTCH	KC5KVD
0121	TERRY	KC5LCY
0121	NANCY	N5TVR
0122	KEVIN	NZ5O
0124	DAVE	KE5FZ
0126	JAMES	KB5TTR
0126	LURENT	KD5TGY
0130	RON	KC5EAJ
0131	GRAHAM	K5MPB
0131	BILL	WE5D

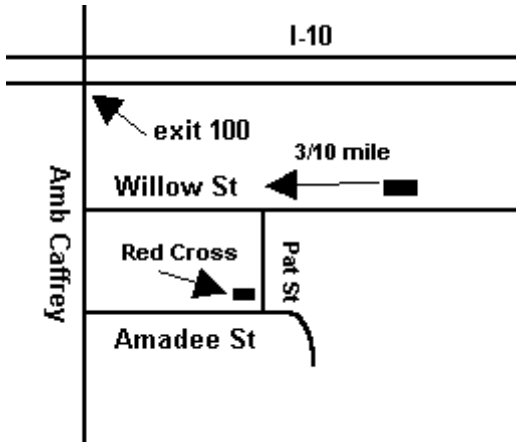
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Sponsored by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the CPM drew more than 1000 participants to Geneva during the last two weeks of November. Over the next three months, regional telecommunications organizations and groups (CEPT, CITEL, and Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, the African Telecommunications Union, and Iran and the Arab States) as well as individual administrations will be developing their proposals for WRC-03, which takes place in Geneva next summer. The ARRL Letter Vol. 21, No. 47 December 6, 2002



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From The Kitchen Of Russell Derouen NR5C

Mulled Red Wine

1 cube Sugar
Juice of 1/2 Lemon
1 dash Bitters
1 tsp Mixed Cinnamon and Nutmeg
5 oz Red Wine

Combine all ingredients in a metal mug. Warm on stove. For an exotic flair, heat a clean fireplace poker until it glows red and gently lower it into the mug.

Hold it there until the wine begins to boil.

NOTE: We would like to receive your favorite recipe. Send the by email or give them to us at a meeting. It is always nice to share.

Al and Carolyn

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>

The mailing address to the FCC is:
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