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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2004 - 7 p.m.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Baton Rouge - 30 Apr/1 May 04
Slidell - July 17

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello everyone. Well another year has gone by and looks like it was very good. I sure enjoyed it and had lots of fun. I think we still need more people to get involved in the club.

I want to thank every one for there support and help and look forward to a new year. We do need some ideas for events and projects for the coming year, so put on your thinking caps. Field day is not that far away so we will need volunteers to help and operate the radios. Please let us know what area you would like to help in. We will be doing some work on the tower, and trailer soon and will need help on this project. So let all pitch in and help. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on April 1st. Get the thinking caps on!!!

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JUNK-IN-THE-TRUNK

There will be a "JUNK-IN-THE-TRUNK" sale at the QTH of Silent Key Gerald Chassion W5VUY on Saturday April 3rd at 8:00 AM local time. Gerald was a long time tv serviceman and ham radio operator operating moon bounce, microwave, HF, VHF, and UHF. He has over a period of time acculimated a lot of "junk" from hisbusiness and hobbies. So if you might be interested in some of this stuff, please come out and check it out. He has a large barn full of "we know not what". We do know that he still has a bunch of tubes of all sorts.

BTW, if you have some items you might want to get rid of, throw them in the trunk and you never know, someone might have need.

Directions: Head east on I-10 to the Henderson exit 115, go under the I-10 overpass toward Arnaudville, when you get to the first 4 way stop, take a right, go down to you come to a "S" curve, you will see a geodome home on the left, a little further you will see a "large" EME dish on the left, that is Gerald's QTH.

Head west on I-10 to the Henderson exit 115, take right toward Arnaudville when you get to the first 4 way stop, take a right, go down to you come to a "S" curve, you will see a geodome home on the left, a little

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LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS -- FEBRUARY 2004

New club officers for the Jefferson ARC are AC5TM, President; W5KB, Vice President; W5AFD, Secretary; and W5RMX, Treasurer. Officers for the Baton Rouge ARC are WA5IMF, President; KD5KNZ, Vice President; KD5UDB, Secretary; and K5VMI, Treasurer. The 2004 officers for the Twin City Ham Club are KC5LFB, President; KB5YEN, Vice President; and W5WZ, Secretary/Treasurer.

It's not too early for clubs and ARES groups to be planning for Field Day! The rules and entry packets for FD 2004 are now available at www.arrl.org/contests/forms/ There are no changes in the rules from last year. Local ARES groups should remember that participating in FD this year as a class F station will be worth 10 points toward the new LA Section ARES Award.

Our 2004 FD Awards Program will follow the same rules as last year. Clubs operating as either 1A or 2A entries are considered "small" clubs for the purpose of this awards program. The ARRL-affiliated club in the 1A or 2A class having the highest average score per transmitter will be recognized as the top small club; similarly, the affiliated club in the 3A or above class with the highest average score per transmitter will win the plaque as the top large club. A club's average score per transmitter will be found by dividing the club's total score (including all bonus points) by the number of transmitters as determined by the category (1A, 4A, etc.).

AD5AQ (Lincoln Parish EC) reports that the 444.875 MHz repeater in Ruston now has EchoLink. The West Central LA ARC in Leesville also has recently added EchoLink to its club repeater on 145.310 MHz.

The upcoming BRARC Hamfest on April 30 and May 1 will be the sixty-seventh annual fest sponsored by the Baton Rouge ARC! In addition to being the section's oldest hamfest, this year's BRARC Hamfest is the 2004 LA State ARRL Convention. Among the many activities planned is a special forum on traffic handling by NF5B, the Central Area Net Manager for Cycles 1 and 2. Anyone interested in emergency communications, particularly those ARES members who have little or no experience in sending and receiving formal messages, will enjoy Richard's forum very much. I am sorry to report that W5VUY and KD5SZN are now Silent Keys.

Traffic totals: K5MC 430 (BPL), W4DLZ 172, AC5VN 108, K5DPG 96, W5NK 65, NF5B 57, N5KWB 30, W5PY 8, WB5LBR 2. Public Service Honor Roll: K5DPG 120, AC5VN 119, NF5B 110, K5MC 110, W4DLZ 90, N5KWB 90, W5PY 83, W5NK 80, K5ER 64, KB5UHH 28, WB5LBR 12. Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 29/438/171. Louisiana CW Net: 29/178/125. Louisiana ARES Net: 5/87/1.

Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/92/1. Northeast LA ARES Net: 4/38/0.

73,

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0401 ROGER	W5QEP
0404 DAN	KD4VBV
0409 KEITH	KC5LCX
0411 WINDALL	N5PST
0412 BERT	W5ZR
0413 JUDSON	KA5JUF
0416 J C	WO5G
0416 LANDEN	KC5QDZ
0417 MICHAEL	N5LRW
0417 GARY	KD5QYU
0420 ALLEN	N5OCH
0420 HEATH	N5YFT
0422 JOHN	N5JUJ
0424 STEVE	KF5M
0425 PAUL	KC5OAM
0426 RICK	K5UR
0427 CONNIE	WB5KSL

TID BYTES

Many new items have been added to the LA Section web site at www.laarrrl.org A new LA Army Mars site is up and running at www.lamars.org

At the Hamfest the following passed the Tech element 2 exam and received their calls. Raelle Frost KE5ASF, John Vaussine KE5ASG, Ronald Hartwell KE5ASH, Robert Butler KE5ASI, and Jase Thibodeaux KE5ASJ. Michael Rew KD5WJG passed the General and Ralph Gaudet WB5GAF passed the Extra.

We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions at the April meeting. If you need to test at another time, let us know. We can schedule a session to accommodate everyone.

73

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further you will see a "large" EME dish on the left, that is Gerald's QTH.

Use the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette for directions if you get lost.

Make plans now. Hope to see you there.

FUN - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP!

I have just about recovered from the AARA Hamfest held on the weekend of March 12, 13, 14th, we all had a "GREAT" time and I think everyone that attended went home happy. A lot of hard work was involved, everyone pitched in and got the job done. Thanks – GUYS & GALS! All comments I heard were all positive with plans to attend next year. The following Saturday (March 20th) the AARA held their March General Meeting The meeting consisted of installation of new officers for year 2004-2005 the only change from last year was Roland Guidry - NA5Q replacing Rick Breaux - N5RLM as board member. A report on the hamfest was given by Hamfest Chairman, Nick Pugh - K5QXJ. The drawing for the Icom T2H handi went to Rick Breaux – N5RLM. The main event of the evening was the "FOOD-FOOD-FOOD". We had crawfish e'toufee for the main course prepared by Maureena and John Martin – KB5SMX & KA5BSE, and boy was it good! Club members were asked to bring a "covered dish". We had 31 persons in attendance and none went home hungry Thanks to all that prepared the food and to those who served and cleaned up afterwards.

On Saturday April 3rd at 1:00 PM, the AARA will hold a board meeting to set up the budget for the year 2004-2005. The meeting will be held at the Salvation Army, 212 6th Street, Lafayette, LA All board members are expected to be there if possible. All members are invited to attend.

FYI, member Dan Warren – KD4VBV e-mailed me to report that the History Channel's Deep Sea Detectives will present a episode dealing with last year's finding of the U-166 sunken WWII German submarine found in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast. The movie will air April 12th, 2004 around 9:00 PM Central time. Dan is a Marine Archaeologist with C&C Technologies, Inc. and is involved in this project. Looks like Dan has a very fascinating job. More info can be found at:

www.pastfoundation.org/U-166.htm

Some of the things in the planning stages are: antenna parties, junk-in-the-trunk, starting an ARES group and net, Field Day, JOTA, and a couple of "Special Event Stations". We are going to stay active if possible.

See you at the meeting, bring some door prizes if you have some.

73's de

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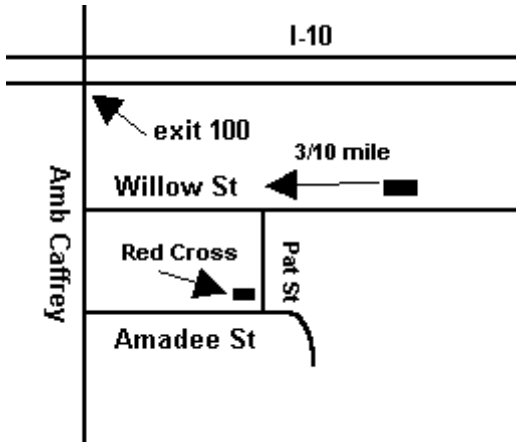
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*From The Kitchen Of
John Martin KA5BSE*

SYRUP CAKE

2 EGGS
1 CUP SUGAR
1 CUP COOKING OIL
1 CUP STEEN'S SYRUP
2 TEASPOONS BAKING SODA
1 TABLESPOON NUTMEG
1 TABLESPOON CINNAMON
2 CUPS FLOUR
1 CUP HOT WATER OR MILK

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream eggs, sugar, oil and syrup. Add baking soda, nutmeg and cinnamon to the creamed mixture. Mix flour, a cup at a time to the mixture. (Secret to this recipe) Add the hot water as the last ingredient. Stir all ingredients until well blended. Pour into well-greased (solid shortening or Pam) 9x12 oblong pan. Bake in 325 degree oven for 30-40 minutes. Cake is done when a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. The cake will have a shiny appearance. Be sure to let cool and cut into squares.

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/usl/>>

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

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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