



LARC



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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2004 - 7 p.m.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Leesville - August 14
Lake Charles - September
Pineville - October 16
Monroe - November

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Check 146.820 - repeater for info
Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Monday, 8:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Vice President's Message

Are there still 60 seconds in an hour today? Well, the way time has been flying by, it seems like only 45! I guess it must be old age taking effect. Seems like the year is flying by at such a fast pace that I find it hard to keep track. Some of the things I want to mention in the LARC are as follows: John Martin KA5BSE, our Club President, will be undergoing more surgery this week and he has asked me to fill in at the General Meeting for him. Hopefully, this will be the last surgery he will have to undergo for a long time. Keep him in your prayers. I don't know what we would do without John. He is always willing to help when we have problems concerning amateur radio.

It looks like the Louisiana QSO Party is on hold this year due to lack of a sponsor and participation. The 2004 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will take place on Saturday, September 25 from about 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM with Louisiana, Mississippi and South Texas taking part in a large-scale ice storm scenario. We will be operating on HF & VHF voice, VHF Packet and HF Pactor digital modes. We will be looking for some other events to keep our club active. If you have any ideas please let someone know.

I believe we have finally found a place that seems to suit everyone for our "Wednesday Lunch Bunch". That place is the "Golden Corral" located on Ambassador Caffery Parkway near the big Wal-Mart store. I have not heard any negative comments so far. So come out and visit on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to about 1:00 PM. They have a nice buffet with about any kind of food you want from salads to deserts at very reasonable prices. The old Geriatric / Altimeters Net is back on the air on Tuesday night at 8:00 PM on 147.570 simplex. Last Tuesday we must have had about ten persons rag chewing. Remember not to forget.

Finally, the AARA would like to extend our THANKS to Ken Vallot KD5YWB for his donation of a non-metallic heavy duty tool box that is now mounted on the tower trailer. Exposure to the elements did a number on the old wooden box and replacement was due. Ken had just what we needed. Also, John Holliman WA5TWL will soon be making a QTH move to Texas. We will miss John very much but we plan to stay in contact via ham radio. John has been very active in our club. He has served as president and treasurer, and always participated on Field Day on CW, attended most club functions, and has helped out in numerous occasions with his knowledge in amateur radio. We will miss seeing him but we will not forget him!

Don't forget to bring anything you might have laying around for door prizes at the meeting.

73's de
Herman KN5GRK

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LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS - JUNE 2004

Jim KD5IGG and Alan KE5AJC have just been appointed District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) and Public Information Officer (PIO), respectively. I really appreciate Jim and Alan volunteering to serve in our section's Field Organization.

With the appointment of KD5IGG as the Central LA DEC, our section now has only one DEC vacancy (Acadiana District). Many parishes are still in need of an EC, however. All LA leadership and station appointments are listed on the section's official website at www.laarrrl.org/ maintained by K5DPG.

Field Day messages to either the SM or SEC were received from the following: Ozone ARC (W5SLA), Atchafalaya Amateur DX Association (WA5MC), Thibodeaux ARC (W5YL), Westside ARC (W5ABD), Jefferson ARC (W5GAD), Twin City Ham Club (W5EA), Acadiana ARA (W5DDL), Baton Rouge ARC (W5GIX), Shreveport ARA (K5SL), and Union Parish ARES (N5JU).

The Jefferson ARC operated the special event station W5D on the weekend of June 5 and 6 at the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. AE5DW and W5AFD (LA PIO) report that over 600 QSOs were made and the station display was very well received by visitors and Veterans alike. Governor Blanco even stopped by to participate in a contact! For more information, visit the JARC website at www.w5gad.org/

The Ham Radio Field Day video that W5AFD put together of the JARC's 2003 FD activities won First Place in the Photo Essay category with the New Orleans Press Club! Congratulations, Albert.

Nearly 60 LA hams have now received certification for the ARRL's Level I Emergency Communications course. All ARES members are strongly encouraged to take the Level I course; those holding either an ARES or NTS leadership or station appointment are encouraged to complete the Level II and Level III courses as well if possible.

Upcoming hamfests include Slidell on July 17, Leesville on August 14, Lake Charles on September 11, and Pineville on October 16.

Traffic totals: AE5V 966 (BPL), K5DPG 204, N5KWB 64, W4DLZ 57, K5MC 53, NF5B 43, AC5VN 38, W5PY 24.

Public Service Honor Roll: K5ER 170, K5DPG 150, AC5VN 120, NF5B 110, N5KWB 110, K5MC 110, W5PY 104, AE5V 84, W4DLZ 71.

Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 30/293/109. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/63/0.

Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/76/1. Northeast LA ARES Net: 4/53/0. AARA Net: 4/115/0.

73, Mickey Cox K5MC

LA Section Website: www.laarrrl.org/

August Birthdays

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| 0801 | NEIL | KC5BLQ |
| 0802 | ROBERT | N5OA |
| 0803 | CHARLIE | KC5LTL |
| 0806 | ALTON | KB5RKP |
| 0806 | BILL | KC5GUR |
| 0810 | JAMES | N5KNX |
| 0811 | PHIL | WA5GRM |
| 0811 | BILL | KC5KDU |
| 0814 | RONALD | KC5AOV |
| 0814 | KEITH | N5VTK |
| 0815 | JOE | KA5RML |
| 0815 | DICK | WA6MDF |
| 0817 | BARBARA | KA5IMA |
| 0818 | DOROTHY | W5DCA |
| 0819 | CHARLES | KC5IHQ |
| 0819 | SCOTT | N5MEG |
| 0820 | YVONNE | KC5QDN |
| 0824 | ESTHER | N5YOP |
| 0824 | KAREN | KC5ISI |
| 0825 | JOSHUA | KD5CUF |
| 0827 | PHOEBE | KC5VRN |
| 0830 | REID | WA5UBG |
| 0831 | JOHN | KD5WYX |

TID BYTES

There have been important things happening in ham radio during July. The ARRL implemented a digital network, ARESCOM, and other far reaching changes is the ARES® program. See the ARRL web site, *QST* August and September issues. The struggle to prevent BPL continues at a fast pace.

At the July testing session no one tested. We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions at the August 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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* Spoofing generates new round of spurious arrl.net e-mail messages: Recent e-mail messages purporting to be from "noreply@arrl.net," the "ARRL.net Support Team" or some similar variation are not from the ARRL. These messages are the result of a recent variant of a virus permeating the Internet. ARRL has heard from members who have received e-mails alleging that their ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service (@arrl.net) address has been used to send out spam and urging them to open an attachment to help resolve the situation. Opening the attachment will infect the recipient's computer. Outside of routine correspondence, the ARRL only sends e-mail to members who request mailings, such as W1AW bulletins and The ARRL Letter, and none of these are sent via the ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service. As a defense against these kinds of viruses, we recommend installing virus protection software on all personal computers

* AMSAT asks patience as Echo AO-51 checkout continues: AMSAT-NA says "much more work and testing is yet to be done" before it can open the EchoAO-51 Amateur Radio satellite for general use by the amateur community. Commissioning continues for AO-51, with ground controllers checking out the satellite's software on the ground and reloading and testing software on the satellite, an AMSAT bulletin reported. When Echo is in the sun, telemetry data also are being collected to work on attitude determination. AMSAT says the command team also must ensure that the satellite's hardware is working properly before making it available for use. At some point in the AO-51 proveout, the satellite will become available for experimental operation. "At the present time it is anticipated that Echo will be opened initially in 9k6 digital mode, via the BBS system," AMSAT said. "After running a few days in that mode, the FM repeater may be enabled." AMSAT says all modes will start at low power and gather data while looking at the overall health of the satellite--specifically the power consumption in each configuration. Power will gradually be increased as ground controllers monitor the data. "The command team asks at the present time, that you continue to not transmit to Echo," AMSAT said. "Please continue to show restraint, and you will be making your first contacts through Echo soon." AMSAT-NA will issue a bulletin when AO-51 becomes available for use.--AMSAT News Service via Mike Kingery, KE4AZN

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HURRICANE NAMES 2004

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| Alex | Lisa |
| Bonnie | Matthew |
| Charley | Nicole |
| Danielle | Otto |
| Earl | Paula |
| Frances | Richard |
| Gaston | Shary |
| Hermine | Tomas |
| Ivan | Virginie |
| Jeanne | Walter |
| Karl | |

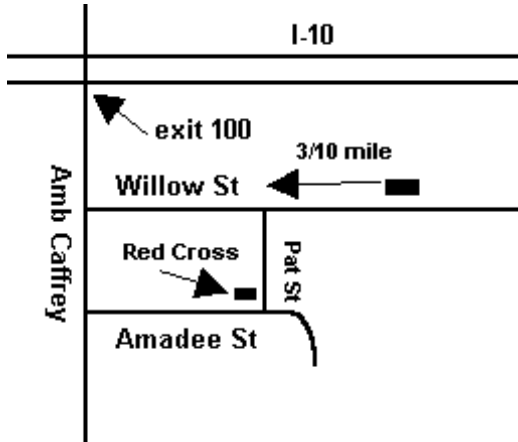


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SERVICE

TATER TOT CASSEROLE

2 lb. bag Tater Tots 1 small onion, chopped
1 can cream of chicken soup 1 can evaporated milk
salt and pepper to taste 2 lb. ground meat
3 tbsp. oil

In heavy skillet, saute onions in oil; add ground meat, brown; add seasonings and set aside. In saucepan, combine chicken soup and milk. Heat over low heat until warm. In 2 quart casserole dish, alternate layers of ground meat, soup and tater tots. Bake in moderate oven 45 minutes to 1 hour until tater tots are brown

HEAVENLY HASH

30 large marshmallows, 1 can condensed milk, 2 small pkgs. chocolate chips and 1 cup nuts
Cut marshmallows in pieces and place in a buttered pan. Melt chocolate chips over hot water. Remove from heat, add condensed milk and nuts. Pour over marshmallows. Let set several hours or overnight before cutting into candy bars.

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/us/>

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

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

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