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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2005 - 7 p.m.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Baton Rouge - 29-30

Ruston - July 23

Monroe - November 12

Each Wednesday

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

Golden Corral - Amb Caffery

Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

From the Prez

Well it looks like we are off to a great start for the new year. For those of you that did not make the club meeting of March 19, 2005 we received very good news on the Hamfest. Our profit for the Hamfest was more than last year.

We had a board of directors meeting Saturday at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the Salvation Army location. Thanks to Herman for making the arrangements for us. We discussed the club Budget, and our next big event will be Field Day.

Is this a great hobby that we participate in or what? Checking through the records here the other day, I realize that I was issued the callsign KN5ARH on April 29, 1955. Fifty years and still going strong in the hobby.

Hope to see all of you at the April meeting. The meeting date is April 7, 2005. Also, don't forget that if you have not paid your dues it is time.

73 **Danny K5ARH**

Vice President's Message

I have been a member of the AARA for about ten years, and I must say that the AARA 45th Hamfest held on March 11th & 12th was the best that I have attended. I think everyone that attended had positive compliments and reported that they would be back next year including most of the vendors. Nick K5QXJ our hamfest chairperson and his assistants did an outstanding job on making this hamfest such a success. Hopefully next year's will be even bigger and better.

Our 2005-2006 year begins on the Saturday after the AARA Hamfest with the installation of new officers (they are listed on the front page of the *LARC*) and a drawing for the Icom ICV8 HT. The lucky winner this year was Cal Begnaud KD5JCT. Most of this meeting is delegated to a covered dish banquet and a general fellowship with all present. If you did not make this meeting, you sure missed some "good eating".

I think our new president Danny Griffith K5ARH will make a great president and see that our club stays very active. Of course we are always looking for new ideas, suggestions and volunteers to help make this possible, so don't hesitate to be a part of this club. The April 7th meeting would also be a good time to pay your dues and save the price of a postage stamp.

Our Senior Member Stu Rohner WD5FDD recently had surgery (March 24th) and by the time you read this newsletter, we hope he is back home from the hospital. At the time I am writing this article, he still in the hospital, eating solid food, doing a little walking around, and about to climb the walls, wanting to go home. He asked me to convey the many prayers,

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LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS - FEBRUARY 2005

Time is running out for tuition reimbursement under the ARRL grants received from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and the United Technologies Corporation (UTC). By the time the CNCS and UTC grants end later this year, some 8000 hams will have taken advantage of the tuition subsidies and received training in Amateur Radio emergency communications. The last chance for reimbursement under the CNCS grant will be in June and only a small number of reimbursable seats in each emcomm course will be offered through October under the UTC grant. No further grant-sponsored reimbursements for Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course students are on the horizon at this time.

If you have been trying to sign up online for the Level I emcomm course without success, another option is to "pre-register" for the course by postal mail. You can send your check or money order to the ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Mark your envelope "ATTN: C-CE" and in the comment section of your check or money order write "C-CE EC-001 Registration." You will be enrolled in the next available class. Be sure to include your call sign and email address with your payment so that the HQ staff can contact you if necessary. Do this now, however, if you want to be reimbursed after successfully completing the course!

It would be great for as many ARES members as possible to take the Level I emcomm course. In addition, HQ has suggested that ECs, DECes, and SECs complete all three emcomm courses (Levels I, II, and III) over a reasonable time period. National Traffic System leaders (Net Managers and STMs) should also take one or more of the emcomm courses whenever possible. Even those amateurs already certified in all three courses need to stay abreast of recent emcomm developments (such as Winlink 2000) and many pursue additional training offered by such agencies as the Red Cross and FEMA. However, nothing beats participating on a regular basis in emergency drills, public service events, Field Day, SET, and nets (including traffic nets in which formal messages are handled) to help keep one's emcomm skills sharp.

Ouachita Parish has been recognized as the most outstanding ARES unit in the LA Section for 2004 with a total score of 54 points (out of a maximum possible score of 100). Congratulations to K5ER and all of his ARES members in Ouachita Parish for achieving this accolade! Receiving honorable mentions are Lafayette, Union, Calcasieu, Caddo, and Claiborne Parishes with total scores of 40, 36, 28, 27, and 26 points, respectively. Unfortunately, I received yearly reports from only Ouachita, Union, and Claiborne Parishes (even after requesting on more than one occasion for all ECs to submit a yearly report to help me determine the scores) and therefore some of the ARES groups may have been shortchanged to some degree. I hope more ECs will review the ARES award program at <http://www.laarll.org/aresaward.htm> and participate this year. A quick study of the criteria should dispel the idea that only large ARES groups can "compete" for this recognition; if anything, the smaller (but active) ARES groups are favored over the large (but less active) groups.

Congratulations to WA5KBH for recently earning his Worked All Continents (WAC) and Worked All States (WAS) awards, both on 6 meters! George reports that he has confirmed over 275 grids on 50 MHz and is running only 100 W into a 6-element yagi. In addition, he recently received his WAZ award for confirming contacts with the 40 CQ zones.

Upcoming hamfests include the Baton Rouge ARC Hamfest in Baker on April 29-30, the Ozone ARC Hamfest in Slidell on July 16, the Piney Hills

April Birthdays

0401 ROGER	W5QEP
0409 KEITH	KC5LCX
0411 WINDALL	N5PST
0412 BURT	W5ZR
0413 JUDSON	KA5JUF
0416 J C	WO5G
0417 MICHAEL	N5LRW
0417 GARY	K5EOD
0420 ALLEN	N5OCH
0420 HEATH	N5YFT

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phone calls and visits from all his friends.

I hope to see you at the April 7th meeting and if you have anything to donate as door prizes, bring them to the meeting.

**73 de
Herman KN5GRK**

TID BYTES

At the March hamfest test session at the hamfest, the following passed TECH Michael Austin KE5EEP, John Winn Jr, KE5EEO, Jones Walden KE5EEN.

GENERAL KE5EEP, KC5TCQ, KD5ZPK.

EXTRA K5WNV, KD5OZJ, KB5YZF.

We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions at the meeting on April 7th. If you need to test at another time, let us know. We can schedule a session to accommodate everyone.

**73 Al Oubre K5DPG
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Total number of USA Licensed Amateurs by Class

As of May 14, 2000:

Novice - 49,329 Tech/+ - 334,254 General - 112,677 Advanced - 99,782
Extra - 78,750 **Total all classes - 674,792**

As of March 15, 2005

Novice - 29,098 (-41.02%) (-20,231)
Total/+ - 318,387 (-4.74%) (-15,867)
General - 137,334 (+21.88%) (+24,657)
Advanced - 77,035 (-22.80%) (-22,747)
Extra - 106,238 (+34.91%) (+27,488)

Total All Classes - 668,163

Total all classes (5/14/00) - 674,792
Total all Classes (4/21/03) - 687,860
Total all classes (9/6/04) - 674,788
Total all classes (2/15/05) - 668,163
Total loss of 6,629 since 5/14/2000 (Was 674,792)
Total loss of 6,625 since 9/6/2004 (Was 674,788)
Total Loss of 19,697 since 4/2003 (all time high of 687,860)

For the 8th straight reporting period, all classes except for Extra declined. There was a net loss of 618 licensees in this reporting period from the last reporting period.

From the last reporting period, We lost:

139 Novices
287 Tech - Tech+
151 Generals
175 Advanced

We gained:

71 Extras
Net Loss: 681 since 2/28/05

The base totals are from implementation of the then new licensing changes in May 2000. September 6, 2004 is the date that measuring was started on the changes. The peak number was in April 2003.

ARA Hamfest in Ruston on July 23, and the West Central LA ARC Hamfest in Leesville on August 13.

I am very sorry to report that KC5JCZ and KB5SJK are now Silent Keys.

Traffic totals: K5MC 191, K5DPG 99, W4DLZ 50, AE5V 25, W5PY 12.

Public Service Honor Roll: K5DPG 145, W5PY 112, K5MC 110, AE5V 95, KD5ITA 90, W4DLZ 80, K5ER 80, KC5RJV 70, W5DSG 62, KE5AJC 55, KB5UHH 33.

Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana CW Net: 28/167/39. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/68/1.

Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled.

AARA Net: 4/134/0.

Northeast LA District Net: 3/32/0.

Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 2/38/0.

Richland Parish ARES Net: 4/55/0.

St. Tammany ARES Net: 3/25/2.

ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/K5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/AF5AA, Claiborne/KD5JJP, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Iberville/W5OVV, Lafayette/KN5LSU, Lafourche/N5PZJ, Ouachita/K5ER, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/KC5RJV, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, Tangipahoa/AA5GP, Union/KA5JNL, Vermillion/KD5QYV, Vernon/WB5JZQ.



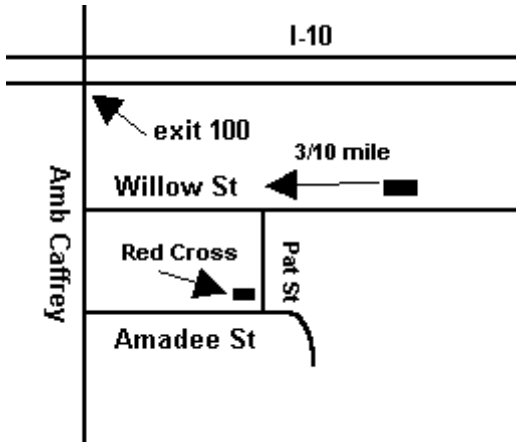
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*From The Kitchen Of
Carolyn Oubre KA5IJU*

OVEN FRIED CATFISH

1 large egg
1 1/4 cup cornmeal
2 tsp parsley flakes
1/2 tsp salt
1 1/4 tsp pepper
four 5oz catfish fillets
4 lemon wedges

In shallow bowl,lightly beat egg. On a sheet of wax paper, combine cornmeal, parsley, salt and pepper. Dip catfish fillets in egg, then in cornmeal mixture,pressing gently to coat. Place on baking sheet;spray lightly with cooking spray.

Bake 10 to 15 minutes,until golden brown and fish flakes when tested with a fork. Serve with lemon wedges.

***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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