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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2005 - 7 p.m.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Leesville - August 13

Lake Charles - September 10

Pineville - October 8

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, 8:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

From the Prez

Greetings everyone here in the middle of a very hot summer. I was in Kansas last week, and it was also very hot up there. Temperatures were running in the 103 to 104 range. We had a very uneventful trip and a very nice visit with our daughter.

I guess it is also time to thank our lucky stars so far with the tropical weather season. However, it is not time to let our guard down as it is only the end of July. Traditionally, the peak of the hurricane season occurs on or around September 10.

Well, by the time that you read this, the W5DDL repeater on 147.04/.64 should be back on the air from the KRVS tower northeast of Duson. I am waiting on a call from the chief engineer telling me when we can bring the equipment to the site. Apparently Homeland Security has done some work on the tower, and the antenna is standing straight again.

Also, it is not too soon to start thinking about the 2006 Hamfest. I guess the first priority is finding someone who would be willing to serve as Hamfest Chairman. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Take care and I will be looking to see you August 4th at the August club meeting.

Don't forget the troops overseas and keep them in your prayers.

73

Danny K5ARH

Vice President Message

Well, it has been extremely HOT and the ham bands almost DEAD! The Caribbean and Gulf have been pretty active and probably even increase in activity, which is the prediction for this season. We need to all be prepared for anything coming our way. Just stay COOL, HYDRATED, and keep our fingers crossed.

It looks like we are going to have some fun in October. The AARA is sponsoring a special event for October 8th celebrating the 100th anniversary

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LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS - JUNE 2005

Kudos to Lee KM5QB on completing the League's Level I Emergency Communications Course.

A U.S. Senate version of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act has been introduced that is identical to the House version already introduced. ARRL Headquarters is encouraging all members to urge their congressional representatives and senators to sign aboard. Sample letters for HR 691 and S 1236 are available on the ARRL web site for us to use as guides in writing our members of Congress. To expedite delivery, you can send your letters as an attachment to specbill@arrl.org and the ARRL will bundle correspondence addressed to each Member of Congress for hand delivery.

Our 2005 Simulated Emergency Test will be conducted during the morning hours on October 8. Although Gary K5GLS will be contacting our DECs and ECs in the near future with some suggestions and guidelines, I can already report that there will be a minimum of direction from the section level for this year's SET. It will be left almost entirely to the imagination of local and district ARES leaders, in consultation with their local served agency officials, to design their disaster scenarios. Just as last year, however, a net covering the LA, MS, and STX Sections will be in session to handle any simulated emergency traffic, along with special NTS nets and representatives to receive any simulated health and welfare traffic generated during the event.

Field Day activity messages were received from the following clubs and groups: Acadiana Amateur Radio Assn./W5DDL, Atchafalaya Amateur DX Assn./WA5MC, Fist and Mouth Contest Co./K5FMC, Northeast LA ARES/K5ER, Ozone ARC/W5SLA, Thibodaux ARC/W5YL, and Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club/W5BII. Remember that all FD entries must be postmarked, emailed, or submitted to ARRL HQ by July 26.

Although we won't know which affiliated clubs in LA will claim the plaques for 2005 Field Day for another three months or more, I have already received some comments that next year's criteria for our FD awards program needs to be more "fair" than that used for the past three years. After careful consideration, I am proposing the following criteria for the 2006 FD awards program.

1. The highest scoring category A affiliated club, regardless of the number of transmitters used, will be presented the "Top Club" plaque. The total score includes all bonus points. This is what we did the first two years of our program in 2001 and 2002 when the Baton Rouge ARC took top honors.
2. The category A affiliated club with the highest average number of QSOs per transmitter will be presented a special achievement plaque. For example, the total number of contacts made by a 2A entry (including any GOTA and free VHF/UHF station contacts) will be divided by two to obtain the average number of QSOs per transmitter.

If the same club "wins" for both items above, it will receive only one plaque. In addition, special achievement plaques may be presented to any 1A, 2A, or 3A affiliated clubs that place in the top ten nationally in their respective category. ARES groups operating in category F may also be recognized for outstanding efforts.

August Birthdays

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	WA6MDI
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
0831 JOHN	KD5WYX

TID BYTES

Thank to Herman KN5GRK, we are back to or normal format. He provided us with his copy of the publishing program.

At the July meeting test session Christopher S Gennugo passed the Tech exam and received the call KE5FJF.

We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions at the meeting on August 4th. 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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Please let me know your thoughts on our FD awards program. However, keep in mind that the basic purpose of our awards program is to promote more FD activity by having a friendly competition among our affiliated clubs and no club should feel slighted if it doesn't receive a plaque.

Upcoming hamfests include the West Central LA ARC Hamfest in Leesville on August 13, the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Swampfest in Lake Charles on September 10, the Central LA ARC Hamfest in Pineville on October 8, and the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest in Monroe on November 12.

I am very sorry to report that K5DSD and WB5SOT are now Silent Keys.

Traffic totals: AE5V 508 (BPL), K5DPG 215, K5MC 107, W4DLZ 63, NF5B 43, W5PY 19. **Public Service Honor Roll:** KC5RJY 325, KE5AJC 316, W5PY 164, KE5BLL 152, NF5B 145, N5KWB 117, K5MC 110, AE5V 101, K5DPG 83, KB5UHH 38, N5HMH 27. **Section net reports:** sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana CW Net: 30/156/57. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/75/0. **Local ARES net reports:** sessions/check-ins. Calcasieu: 4/36, Cameron: 1/10, East Baton Rouge: 4/54, Franklin: 2/26, Lafayette (AARA Net): 4/88, Ouachita: 4/40, Richland: 4/33, St. Tammany: 4/42, Tangipahoa: 4/25, Terrebonne: 2/32, Vermillion: 4/43, Vernon: 4/5. **ARES reports:** parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/AF5AA, Claiborne/KD5JJP, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Lafayette/KN5LSU, Lafourche/N5PZJ, Ouachita/K5ER, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/KC5RJY, St. Tammany/KC5WLA, Tangipahoa/AA5GP, Terrebonne/KB5UOO, Union/KA5JNL, Vermillion/KD5QYV, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B.

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of the founding of the City of Carencro, Louisiana. We have already obtained the 1x1 special event call "W5C" for the event along with announcements in QST and CQ magazines. We will be issuing a 8x10 certificate for those persons sending in a SASE. We will need people to help set up our AMOS van and operators to man the radio, so this will give you a chance to operate HF if you have not done so before. We will operate on the following frequencies on SSB: 28.340 - 21.320 - 14.270 - 7.240.

Plans are under way for another Simulated Emergency Test (SET) to be held in October. I have not received any word on what part the Acadiana District will play at this time, but will inform you when I have the word.

The month of August promises those that like to work 10 meters a chance to make some contacts. August 6th 0001Z to 2359Z August 7th - 10-10 International Summer Phone QSO Party. I always find this a fun contest although I have not scored really big but I have had my call listed in the 10-10 International News. Another 10 meter contest I like is the 10-10 Sprint on October 10th which happens to fall on my birthday each year. Check out QST on page 85 of the August issue for more fun contests.

Hope to see you at the August 4th General Meeting. If you have some door prizes to donate, bring them to the meeting.

73's de Herman KN5GRK

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FROM Carole W5NQQ

I decided it was time to take down the tower that my silent key OM, Bill, W5NQR, had put up in 1974. It was getting rickety and I didn't want to be responsible for anyone climbing it. I'm not on the air much although I wouldn't give up my license for anything. I had an old Drake TR-5 that had been my mother's, K9AXS. (She is now 92 1/2 and in a nursing home in Illinois.) I also had a Kenwood transceiver with several years on it. One day a local ham came by to say hello and visit. In the process, I said I'd like to get the tower taken down and he offered to help, said he knew a fellow who liked to climb towers. On the same day that the Columbia blew up over East Texas, several hams came and took down the tower successfully. Then they offered to take the equipment and see what it could be sold for. I would then use the money to pick up a new hand-held 2 meter rig of some kind. Well, guess what, two years have passed and I have never seen the tower people again or received a penny for the gear.

So you see, some hams just aren't the honest people I remember from LARC! 73 to all,

Carole Allen, W5NQQ

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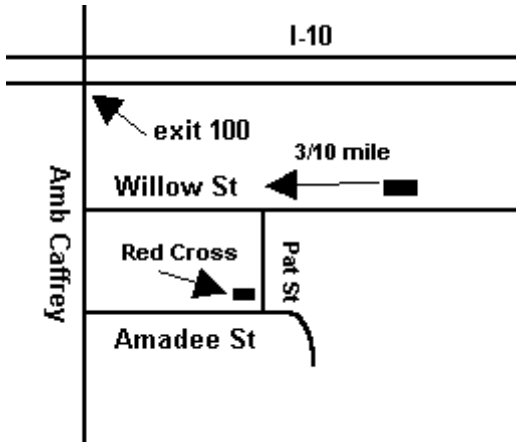
Editor's note: Bill & Carole were the first editors of this newsletter. When they moved to Houston they were made Life Members of this club.

**2005 AMSAT-North America
Space Symposium and
Annual Meeting October 7 -
9, 2005, Lafayette, Louisiana.**

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>

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From The Kitchen Of Carolyn Oubre KA5IJU

STUFFED FLANK STEAK

- 1 Flank steak (1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
- 1 small bag stuffing mix
- 1 3 to 4 ounce can chopped mushrooms
- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 1 can tomato soup

Slice meat in half sandwich style. Mix stuffing per instructions on bag and add mushrooms and celery to it. Lay stuffing on bottom half of steak and cover with top half of steak. Secure with toothpicks. Lay steak on a rack in a pan and cover with undiluted tomato soup. Tent with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Slice and serve covered with pan drippings.

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 ulscomm@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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