



# LARC



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**January 6, 2005 - 7 p.m.**

**Lick'en Stick'en Party**

### **HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

Hammond - January 15

Rayne - March 11-12

Baker - April 29-30

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

## **GREETINGS 2005**

Again another year has managed to zip by and as you get older, it seems the years get shorter. Nothing we can do about that except maybe spending that short time having fun. Year 2005 promises to be a fun year. If you are part of the fun, I have listed a few of the events the AARA is planning to participate during the year, I am sure there will be others. Louisiana QSO Party – February 12-13th Acadiana Hamfest – March 11-12th Field Day – Last full weekend in June Jamboree-on-the-Air – 3rd weekend in October Cajun Cup Run Cajun Country ½ Marathon Race Cajun Man Triathlon – This is new event for us. Russell Beck (Race director for the Cajun Country ½ Marathon) mentioned to me that they would like to have us helping with this race. It is the biggest one around, involving a half-mile swim, a 20-mile bike run and a 3.1-mile marathon. This race will cover a lot of territory between Lafayette and Broussard on/near Stone Road and we will need plenty of volunteers.

Speaking of Marathon races, the Cajun Country ½ Marathon held on December 4th turned out to be one of the fun events of 2004. We had 17 amateur radio operators at Acadiana Park stationed around the course relaying needed information back to the command post and race officials. After the race, we were treated to some excellent gumbo and spaghetti. We also received a nice “T” shirt for our participation. For those that have not received their shirts, I will have them at the January meeting. Those helping with this event were: John-KA5BSE, Stu-WD5FDD, Ed-WA5TNK & Dags-KE5CGN, Mike-KE5AWZ, Ralph-WB5GAF & Phoebe-KC5VRN, Danny-KD5JSM & Kathy-KD5TJZ, Glenn-KD5NVC, Chester-KN5LSU, Jay-KC5BYD & Pam-KC5IOB & Joey-KE5AOF Greg K5LFT and Herman-KN5GRK. [See picture on page 3.]

Our January meeting will be a very important one for you to be present. The Nominating Committee will present their lineup for Officers for the year 2005-2006. There will also be a “Lick'em Stick'em” party to take care of the flyer mail-outs for our upcoming Hamfest in March. This meeting will also be a good time to renew your membership dues.

It was mentioned to me that we set a goal for the year 2005 to get at least 25 new hams into the hobby. Hopefully, some of these will be younger persons, as we need someone to do some of the jobs that we “elders” cannot do.

Hope to see you at the January 6th 2005 meeting, and if you have some door prizes to donate, please bring them.

**73's**

**de Herman KN5GRK  
VP AARA**

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## LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS - NOVEMBER 2004

Congratulations to the Twin City Ham Club (W5EA) and the Thibodaux ARC (W5YL) for winning the LA Section Top Club Award in the large club and small club categories, respectively, for Field Day 2004! Plaques were presented to representatives of the two clubs during the ARRL Forum at the Monroe Hamfest. Operating in the 3A category, W5EA improved on its 2003 score by a considerable margin and came in tenth place nationally in its category, in addition to winning the large club plaque for the second straight year. The competition this year for the Top Club Award among the section's 1A/2A entries was particularly keen; in fact, the average score per transmitter for the Central LA ARC was only about two percent less than that of W5YL, which operated in the 1A category. For its outstanding performance in the 2A category, the Central LA ARC was also presented a plaque. In addition to the three plaque winners, the following clubs were active during this year's FD: Baton Rouge ARC, Minden ARA, Springhill ARC, Southwet LA Repeater Club, Gulf South RC, Acadiana ARA, Atchafalaya Amateur DX Association, Jefferson ARC, Union Parish ARES, Opelousas Area ARC, West Central LA ARC, and Southeast LA ARC. Congratulations to all and good luck next year!

W5WZ reports that a number of logs submitted for the 2003 LA QSO Party were lost for over a year and were only very recently received from the post office! Scott has processed these newly delivered logs and the final LA Section winners for last year's QSO Party are as follows:

W5OT (Single Op/Low Power/CW)  
 W5EW (Single Op/Low Power/Mixed Mode)  
 N5YE (Single Op/Low Power/Phone)  
 AF5P (Single Op/High Power/Phone).

ARRL Headquarters has announced that the Minden ARA has officially been renewed as a Special Service Club for two more years in recognition of its continued efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio and services to its community. On behalf of the section, I want to thank all of the club's officers and members for their dedication and hard work.

Our new District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for Southwest LA is WA5LQZ. K5GLS and I both really appreciate Alan volunteering to serve the section again in a prominent ARES leadership position. Angela KC5IOD has been recognized for her ARES efforts by being appointed Official Emergency Station.

Commissions to affiliated clubs that administer ARRL membership renewals have now been reinstated. For the past couple of years, clubs have earned \$15 commissions for new memberships only. Effective immediately, clubs will also earn \$2 for each renewal they turn in. The program applies to regular and senior membership dues. Check out the League's website at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/club-commission-program.html> for more details.

A number of SKYWARN operators and ARES groups in central and north LA were active during the severe weather outbreak around Thanksgiving. Members of the Central LA ARC were recognized for their public service work (storm spotting) in a very nice newspaper article in the Alexandria Town Talk.

KC5LFB (LA PIC/NE DEC) is now W5DSG. Congratulations, David, on the new call!

Upcoming hamfests include Minden on December 18 and Hammond on (Continued on page 3)

## January Birthdays

0101 NICK K5QXJ  
 0101 JON N1TFP  
 0103 BARBARA N5AUO  
 0105 ERICK AB5GI  
 0105 JEFF KJ5GY  
 0107 RALPH KA5OLE  
 0107 STU WD5FDD  
 0109 PETE WB5RPT  
 0110 DAVE N5EEH  
 0114 JAMES KB5EK  
 0114 JOYCE KA5NVH  
 0114 CHRIS N5KQQ  
 0115 ANN KB5WPU  
 0116 ROY WD5DBV  
 0117 ADAM KC5FRP  
 0120 BUTCH KC5KVD  
 0121 TERRY KC5LCY  
 0121 NANCY N5TVR  
 0122 KEVIN NZ5O  
 0124 DAVE KE5FZ  
 0126 JAMES KB5TTR  
 0126 LURENT KD5TGY  
 0127 JOHN KC6MNO  
 0130 RON KC5EAJ  
 0131 GRAHAM K5MPB

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## TID BYTES

Remember that your dues for 2005 are due. A membership application/renewal form can be down loaded from the

<http://www.w5ddl.org/memberlist.htm> Send your form and dues to the club PO Box.

At the December testing session two people passed tests. One was Laurant KD5TGY who passed his General written and Lewis Gaddis passed the Tech and General written exam and received the call KE5DGW. We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions at the January meeting. If you need to test at another time, let us know. We can schedule a session to accommodate everyone.

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73 Al Oubre K5DPG

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January 15.

Traffic totals: K5MC 315 (BPL), K5DPG 251, NF5B 75, W4DLZ 67, N5KWB 47, W5PY 16, AE5V 16.

Public Service Honor Roll: K5DPG 165, KD5ITA 122, N5KWB 110, W5DSG 110, K5MC 110, NF5B 110, W5PY 101, AE5V 87, W4DLZ 74, K5ER 72, KB5UHH 34.

Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 30/306/111. Louisiana CW Net: 28/112/48. Louisiana ARES Net: 3/61/0.

Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. AARA Net: 5/182/0.

ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Cameron/AF5AA, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Franklin/N5ASA, Iberville/W5OVV, Ouachita/K5ER, Richland/KC5RJY, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, Terrebonne/KB5UOO, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/KB5JZQ, Webster/KB5WFE.

73, Mickey Cox K5MC

LA Section Website: [www.laarl.org/](http://www.laarl.org/)

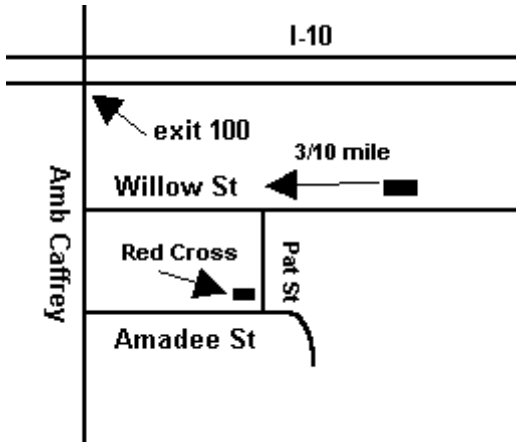
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***From The Kitchen Of  
Carolyn Oubre KA5IJU***

***BEEF MARSALA***

4 cups (4 oz) wide egg noodles  
1/4 pound top round steak, about 1/4" thick, sliced crosswise into 4 pieces  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper  
2 tsp olive oil  
1 onion sliced  
1 tbsp all purpose flour  
1 8oz pk sliced mushrooms  
1/3 cup Marsala wine  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
2 tbsp chopped parsley  
Cook noodles, keep warm.. Sprinkle steak with salt and pepper  
Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Swirl in 1 tsp oil, add beef. Cook till lightly browned, 2 minutes per side. Transfer to plate, keep warm. Put skillet back on heat. Add other tsp oil, onion, flour. Cook, stirring occasionally 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook till softened about 4 minutes.  
Pour in Marsala, broth, bring to boil. Cook till sauce thickens. Add beef, cook until heated through. Remove from heat. Serve over the noodles.

***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](mailto:ulscmm@fcc.gov).

Web site:

<<http://wireless.fcc.gov/usl/>>

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

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

The mailing address to the FCC is:  
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