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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2005 - 7 p.m.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Slidell - July 16
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, we have gotten the year off to a good start. We bought the truck body and have installed it at John KA5BSE's place. The last two weekends, we cleaned all of our stuff out of Rick's shop and also moved all of our stuff from the Stor and Lock in Scott to our new storage facility. Now we have all of our hamfest stuff, field day stuff and the generator in one place. John and I have keys to the facility if something comes up and we need something out of the building.

Our next biggie for the year will be Field Day which is June 25 and 26. As most of you probably know, we are looking for a volunteer to be our Field Day chairman this year. We will be discussing Field Day at the May meeting. I am sure that we will be looking for volunteers, so don't be bashful.

On another subject. Several people have been complaining about some of the operations on the repeater. A couple of people have been bad about coming on and calling another station while there is a QSO already in progress. That is rude operating procedure. Please listen before transmitting. If a QSO is in process, either join then or wait until they finish. Let's all try to become better and courteous operators in 2005. See you at the meeting on May 5.

73

Danny K5ARH

Notes from the Vice President

As we go into our 2005-2006 year, I am happy to report a few changes that have taken place. First of all, I would like to congratulate Joey Richard KE5AOF for accepting the position as the AARA Monday Night Net Manager. I have looked high and low for someone to take up some of the slack of calling the net and Joey has volunteered on numerous occasions to do so in the past. Now we have four net controllers that will help with the net. The first Monday of the month will be John Martin KA5BSE, the second Monday will be Shannon Lytle KE5CKT, the fourth will be Joey Richard KE5AOF, and I will cover the third and fifth Mondays. At the April meeting, the membership agreed that we do a little contest. Beginning January 1st 2005 thru December 31st, each time you check in on the Monday Night Net you will get one point. At the end of the year the person with the highest score will receive a new ARRL Amateur Radio Handbook, in case of a tie, we will hold a drawing for the lucky winner. Part of Joey's job will be to keep score of check-ins and to send a monthly report to the ARRL Section Manager (Mickey Cox K5MC). Again, thanks to Joey for accepting this job and being active in the club.

Field Day is right around the corner, this is the second largest event of the year. The Mayor of Rayne has agreed to let us use the pavilion at the Rayne Civic Center this year. As you know, last year we had a rainy

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LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS - MARCH 2005

The winners of the 2005 LA QSO Party are as follows:

Pat KF5ER, highest resident CW score (36,112 points)

Ray W5EW, highest resident mixed-mode score (48,860 points)

Don N5YE, highest resident phone score (25,360 points)

Scott W5WZ/Mark K5ER, highest rover mixed-mode score (83,056 points)

CW NO5W, highest rover CW score (70,526 points)

The highest scoring non-resident CW, mixed-mode, and phone stations were W2LHL, N4PN, and W8DJC, respectively. A total of 51 logs were submitted from the USA, Greenland, Portugal, Canada, and Lithuania. John KD5WDY, LA QSO Party Chairman, reports that the committee was very pleased with the participation and the Thibodaux ARC is looking forward to sponsoring the QSO Party again next year! In addition to congratulating the winners, on behalf of the LA Section I want to thank the TARC for its excellent work in sponsoring this year's QSO Party.

The Ozone ARC and the Twin City Ham Club have both been renewed as Special Service Clubs. Benson AE5V has qualified for his Public Service Honor Roll certificate by earning at least 70 PSHR points for the past 12 consecutive months. Grady KB5SDU attended the annual Handi-Ham Radio Camp in CA and turned in an outstanding performance in the camp's simulated emergency test according to K9HI, one of the volunteer instructors and past Section Manager for Eastern MA. Keg K5CZD recently received his 50-year membership pin from ARRL Headquarters. Ray W5EW and John N5FJ received their 40-year membership pins as well. Congratulations to all!

Forrest KD5PKS has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Tangipahoa Parish. Nick K5QXJ, Shannon KE5CKT, and Mark N5HMH have all been appointed Official Emergency Stations. Thanks very much to each of you for your dedication to our ARES program.

An excellent monthly newsletter devoted to emergency communications is the EMCOMMWEST Bulletin. There are no charges, dues, or membership fees for this bulletin. I particularly encourage all ARES members and traffic handlers to subscribe to this newsletter if you aren't already doing so. You can read a sample issue at <http://www.emcomm.org/em/> and fill out the form at www.emcomm.org/subscription.htm for your free subscription.

I'm extremely happy to report that nearly 80 percent of our ECs submitted monthly reports on behalf of their ARES groups for March, surely an all-time record for our section. K5GLS (LA SEC) and I appreciate these reports very much. Please keep up the good work and let's see if we can achieve a response rate of 90 percent for April!

By all accounts, the 2005 LA State Convention/Rayne Hamfest was a great success. The Friday afternoon emcomm seminar presented by K3UFG from ARRL HQ was very well attended, as was the special ARES forum on Saturday morning presented by K5GLS, WB0TAX, and AE5V. Kudos to the Acadiana ARA for doing a superb job in hosting this year's convention.

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

The fourth annual Cookout and Tailgate Party sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport will be at the Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Park from 10 am to 4 pm on May 14. Contact Robert N5GHJ (n5gsv@softdisk.com) for further information.

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May Birthdays

0515 MIKE	KD5UTQ
0517 MICHAEL	KE5DSQ
0519 BARRY	KM5OR
0524 KAREN	KA5PDP
0526 KATIE	KA6RKI
0526 KATHY	KD5TJZ
0526 CHARLIE	KI5XP
0529 STEVE	KF5VH

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weekend and we had to operate under "marsh-like" conditions. The members agreed that this will be another "FUN" event, which means anyone can come out and operate. Do plan to take part in our Field Day activities this year.

I would also like to report that Stu is at home from his almost one month stay in the hospital. What was supposed to be a minor surgery, turned into some complications. Stu asked me to say "THANKS" for the prayers and concern from all his friends.

A final thought, if you have any things to donate to our door prize fund, bring them to the May 5th meeting.

73 de KN5GRK
Herman Campbell
Vice President - AARA

TID BYTES

At the April meeting test session KE5CHS passed the code test, and KE5DSQ passed the general exam. Both are now General class.

We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions at the meeting on May 5th. If you need to test at another time, let us know. We can schedule a session to accommodate everyone.

73 Al Oubre K5DPG

Lauren "L. R." Stagg NX50 SK

LAFAYETTE - Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005, in the Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers for Lauren "L.R." Stagg, 85, who died Monday, April 18, 2005, at the Medical Center of Southwest Louisiana. Entombment will take place at Calvary Mausoleum.

The Rev. Truman P. Stagg, (Nephew), and the Rev. Perry Sanders will conduct the funeral services. Musical selections will be played by Clista Stagg and his grandniece, Laura Stagg, will sing.

Mr. Stagg, the son of the late Truman Stagg and the former Delia Bruner, was a native of Rayne and a resident of Lafayette.

L.R. Stagg attended SLI (now ULL), was a graduate of Port Arthur College, First National Radio & Television Institute of Kansas City, Missouri, and attended the U.S. Navy Radio School in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Stagg served in the U.S. Navy from 1940 to 1946. During World War II, he served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion and Patrol Craft Sailor's Association. Prominent in Masonic circles, he was a 64 year member and Past Master of Rayne Lodge No. 313, charter member and Past Master of M.E. Girard Lodge No. 450 and was Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Mr. Stagg was past president of the Louisiana State Bowling Association, was a charter member of the Beavers Club and was a member of the American Radio Relay League and **Acadiana Amateur Radio Association**.

Prior to World War II, Mr. Stagg worked at Radio Station KVOL, Lafayette, and WJBO, in Baton Rouge. After the war, he was chief engineer for radio station KANE, New Iberia and commercial manager at radio station KSIG, Crowley. A pioneer in the communication field, his was the first voice on the air on KSIG in 1947. From 1950 to 1975, Mr. Stagg and his wife owned and operated the Stagg's Music Shoppes Inc. of Lafayette and New Iberia. Mr. Stagg was Lafayette's first TV weather reporter for KLFY-TV from 1955 to 1963. He was also a member of the crew of engineers who constructed the transmitter of KLPB-TV, the Lafayette Public Broadcasting System station. Between 1975 and 1980, Mr. Stagg was employed by the Lafayette Utilities System as plant instrument mechanic for the Bonin and Rodemacher Plants.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, the former Louise Boudreaux, of Lafayette; one son, Larry L. Stagg and daughter-in-law, Melissa, of Greenville, S.C.; and two grandchildren, Cory L. Stagg and Nichole Marie Stagg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Truman C. Stagg and Harry L. Stagg.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Billy Graham

Don't forget to let Rick K5UR (Delta Division Director) know your views on the draft bandwidth proposal recently worked out by the League's Executive Committee. Details on this proposal are available on the ARRL website. The full Board of Directors will consider this issue at its upcoming meeting in July.

Traffic totals: K5MC 164, K5DPG 118, W4DLZ 66, NF5B 44, W5PY 33, AE5V 23. Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 193, K5DPG 180, NF5B 140, W5DSG 136, K5MC 110, N5KWB 107, K5ER 106, KE5AJC 96, KC5RJV 96, W4DLZ 90, KD5ITA 90, AE5V 84, KB5UHH 26, KE5BLL 11. Section net reports: sessions / check-ins / messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/330/68, Louisiana CW Net: 30/145/51.

Local ARES net reports: sessions/check-ins. Calcasieu: 2/12, East Baton Rouge: 4/15, Jefferson: 4/28, Ouachita: 7/133, Rapides: 4/10, Richland: 4/53, St. Bernard: 1/6, St. Tammany: 2/41, Tangipahoa: 4/45, Terrebonne: 2/28, Union: 4/43, Vernon: 1/5.

ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Caddo/Bossier/K5SRZ, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Caldwell/KC5BSC, Cameron/AF5AA, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desoto/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson/KD5EWD, Lafourche/N5PZJ, Lincoln/AD5AQ, Ouachita/K5ER, Rapides/KD5DFL, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/KC5RJV, St. Bernard/KD5BPW, St. Tammany/KC5WLA, Tangipahoa/AA5GP, Terrebonne/KB5UOO, Union/KA5JNL, Vermillion/KD5QYV, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Webster/KB5WFE, West Baton Rouge/KB5YHI, West Carroll/KD5DJ.

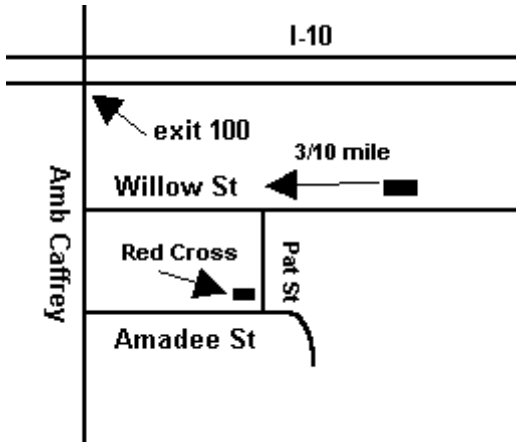
73, Mickey Cox K5MC

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

Strawberry Delight

1 box (4 serving size) sugar free vanilla pudding (the one you cook)
2 cups water
1 box (4 serving size) sugar free strawberry jello
1 1/2 cups sliced strawberries
cool whip of choice regular, fat free, or sugar free

Put pudding mix and water in a small heavy saucepan. Cook till thickened. Turn off fire and remove from heat. Immediately dissolve the jello powder in the hot mixture.

Put strawberries in 3 dishes...top with cooled jello/pudding mixture. Refrigerate at least 2 hours...top with cool whip. Serves 3

Turtles

1 small pretzel twist, 1 rollo candy, 1 pecan half

Put pretzel on pan, top with candy, then pecan half..Warm till candy becomes soft, either in toaster oven or microwave...Make as many as needed.

***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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