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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING
October 6, 2005 - 7 p.m.
Scott VFD - Dulles Drive
HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Pineville - October 8
Monroe - November 12
Hammond - January 14
Rayne - March 11 & 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. I hope that you all weathered the storms OK. We were lucky here with only minimal damage to the wooden fence around the back yard. I sure did not know what was going to happen when I mentioned last month that we were approaching the peak of hurricane season. I guess that we still need to maintain a lookout for the next two months.

Well, we are spending some money on AMOS this month. We utilized AMOS at the evacuee center at the Rayne Civic Center. We almost did not get there with the van it was running so bad. We also had trouble getting AMOS back to Rick Breaux's QTH. We wound up calling a wrecker and hauling AMOS to a shop in Lafayette. It appears that there were a bunch of small problems and a bad fuel pump.

We will meet at the Scott Volunteer Fire Department located on Dulles Drive. If Coming from I10 area turn right onto Dulles. Go past two (2) traffic lights. Fire station is just past second light on the left. Of course, if coming from the Mall of Acadiana area, turn left on Dulles. Dulles is between the Shamrock gas station and the Burger King. Check 146.820 for assistance. Due to the resignation of the secretary, we will hold a special election to fill that position as required by the by-laws.

The 147.040 went off the air during Rita due to power failure. I had a call from the chief engineer with KRVS yesterday telling me that the building had lost most of its roof during the storm. They reroofed the building Sunday and he had unplugged everything and turned the air conditioner to dry things out. I went out Monday and checked the repeater out, and put it back on the air. It appears that we suffered no damage.

Welcome home Gary K5EOD after your tour in Iraq, and thank you very much for what you and your compadres did for America.

See you at the meeting October 6, 2005.

73 Danny K5ARH

Double Trouble

Sounds like the title for a movie. I am sure everyone knows what I am talking about. Everywhere you turn you are hearing about Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, two bad ones that have left most of the Gulf Coast in shambles and as I am writing this article, there may be more to come. Let's hope not! Katrina did not affect the Acadiana area very much but Rita did a good job in wreaking havoc all over Acadiana and the Southwest part of Louisiana including the Southeast part of Texas. Many are still without power while I am writing this article.

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LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS - AUGUST 2005

In late August our state was turned upside down by Hurricane Katrina, the most catastrophic natural disaster to ever strike our country. In mid September as I'm preparing this monthly report, some of our ham friends in southeastern LA and southern MS are just beginning to return to their homes. For others it may be weeks, months, or even years before they can return.

Katrina virtually destroyed the communications infrastructure in most of the disaster zone. Hams have been providing emergency communications for government officials, hospitals, relief agencies, and others while the infrastructure is being restored. Trained operators from states as far away as CO and WA have been deployed in the disaster area to assist LA, MS, and AL amateurs in the relief effort.

Detailed reports from the field are now starting to come in. For those of you involved in the relief effort, please document your participation and submit your reports to Gary K5GLS (LA SEC) at garystratton@cmaaccess.com in the near future. In addition, Al K5DPG wants anyone with pictures to send them to him at k5dpg@cox.net as well as ARRL Headquarters so that he can post them on our section's web site. Amateur radio has performed admirably during this disaster and our story should be told for all to hear and see.

ARRL HQ has announced a Ham Aid reimbursement program to help cover out of pocket expenses for hams providing emergency communications in the field along the Gulf Coast. The expense reimbursement will be \$25 per day for a maximum of four days for a total reimbursement per radio amateur of \$100. Hams will only be permitted one expense reimbursement during Katrina operations and will be processed on a first come, first served basis as long as funds are available. Check the League web site for more details of this program.

Lee KC5AHA has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Beauregard Parish. I'm very sorry to report that W5OUD is now a Silent Key.

Our 2005 Simulated Emergency Test, rescheduled for November 5 because of previous conflicts, has been cancelled for this year. In the coming weeks and months those involved in the relief effort need to meet to discuss the lessons learned from Katrina. Some of these discussions will likely occur during forums at upcoming hamfests, but we probably should have a special meeting on a non-hamfest weekend so that everyone can focus on how we can be better prepared for the next emergency. Please send your suggestions concerning the date and location of such a meeting to either K5GLS or me.

Upcoming hamfests include the Central LA ARC Hamfest in Pineville on October 8, the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest in Monroe on November 12, and the MARA Hamfest in Minden on December 17.

This month's station activity reports, along with net and ARES reports, are scanty due to Katrina. I will include August reports next month for those of you who wish to submit them. Traffic totals: K5MC 136, AE5V 72, N5KWB 14. Public Service Honor Roll: K5ER 322, AE5V 310, W5HUD 310, KC5RJY 310, N5KWB 214, KD5ITA 131, K5MC 110, KE5BLL 4. Local ARES net reports: sessions/check-ins/traffic. Lafayette (AARA Net): 5/141/1

73,

Mickey Cox K5MC

AARA OCTOBER MEETING AT THE SCOTT VFD ON DULLES

October Birthdays

1001 RAY	N5LRZ
1001 JAY	KC5BYD
1004 GREG	K5LFT
1005 RENT	KB5WKU
1006 GLEN	KA5RMJ
1006 SHANNON	KE5CKT
1010 HERMAN	KN5GRK
1010 JONATHAN	KC5JPC
1012 JOHN	WA5TWL
1012 LEE	KX5J
1012 MARIA	KC5YYD
1012 JAMIE	KC5GUK
1013 TAD	N5NRK
1015 CAROLYN	KA5IJU
1015 ROBERT	KC5TSI
1015 ALLEN	KC5JWO
1017 MARY	WA5TTH
1019 JEAN	N5FMX
1019 CHRIS	KB5RYB
1021 ROBERT	WD5DBZ
1024 MICHAEL	W5UKF
1025 DAVID	KC5UKQ
1026 JIMMIE	KC5JUW
1028 CAL	WA5AWM
1029 DURPHY	N5MLF

TID BYTES**AARA Special Event Station****W5C**

Thanks to those who stepped up to the plate and did something to support the emergency communications needs of Acadiana during the past six weeks. It will not do this club any good to get into a name calling, and finger pointing event. We are all aware of our short comings, I know that I am and have done some sole searching to make corrections needed.

The one thing I think that we can all agree with is that many of us lacked the training necessary to really be affective, but that did not stop some folks for trying. These are the ones who will be stronger from this experience. Let us all come together and pick up the pieces and move forward together.

At the speial test session Wesley Gibson passed all three written exams, the code test and received the call AB8VB. He was a volunteer working in Lafayette after Katrina, and met Kris KD5QYV.

We will be conducting an ARRL VE testing sessions at the meeting on October 6th. If you need to test at another time, let us know. We can schedule a session to accommodate everyone.

73**Al Oubre K5DPG k5dpg@w5ddl.org***(Continued from page 1)*

Well, our September General meeting had to be cancelled along with the Lake Charles Swampfest due to the fact that most of our amateur radio operators were involved in the storm in one way or another. The 2005 AMSAT-North America Space Symposium in Lafayette had to be cancelled due to accommodations being full with storm evacuees. Radio operators from Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas manned the emergency nets to direct the passing of health/welfare/priority and emergency traffic statewide and between shelters. Many of our local hams took part in this work and they are to be commended in doing a great job.

After Katrina, our emergency van AMOS was moved to the Rayne Civic Center to help pass traffic to the Lafayette Cajundome, both large shelters for disaster area evacuees. AMOS had wireless internet linked to the Red Cross Database to help located displaced persons. On the eve of Hurricane Rita (Friday Sept. 23 at 10:00 PM) a Skywarn Net was called on the 146.820 repeater with 25 check-ins. Reports were given on damage, and what kind of power was being used at that time. A lot of other stuff happened in the last month but not enough room in the **LARC** to list.

I don't think things will ever get back to normal after these hurricanes, I am sure they will make the history books. I hope to see you at the October General Meeting on Thursday the 6th. The **Red Cross building will be NOT** available. We will be meeting at the Scott Volunteer Fire Station on Dulles Drive. Check in on the Monday Night Net and check your e-mail for details. If you have some things to donate as door prizes, bring them to the meeting.

73's de**Herman KN5GRK****Vice President AARA**

The Carencro Centennial Celebration - October 8 thru 9th, 2005 The Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) will be doing a Special Event Station W5C on Saturday October 8, 2005 to celebrate the 100th year of the founding of the city of Carencro, Louisiana. We will be operating from our Amateur Mobile Operations Station (AMOS) in downtown Carencro.

DATE/TIME/FREQUENCY

October 8-9 2005, 1200Z to 2400Z. We will be operating SSB on or near the following frequencies: 28.340, 21.320, 14.270, and 7.240

We will be issuing a 8 1/2" X 11" certificate for those making a contact and sending a SASE to the following QSL Manager: Roland Guidry NA5Q, 701 S. Arenas St., Rayne, LA 70578, USA

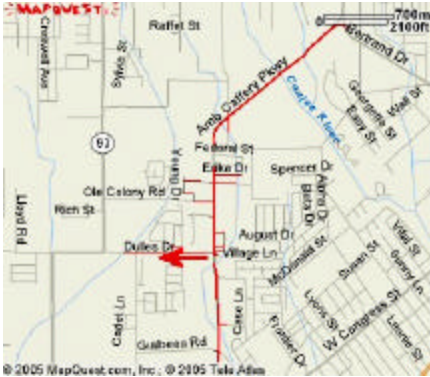
We will be adding some links and pictures at a later date.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK

2005 AMSAT-North America Space Symposium and Annual Meeting October 7 - 9, 2005, has been cancelled due to the two hurricanes that affected this area.

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Scott Volunteer Fire Department

From The Kitchen Of Carolyn Oubre KA5IJU SESAME CHICKEN

- 2 (5 OZ.) SKINLESS BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST HALVES
- 1/2 CUP BUTTERMILK
- 2 TBSP. PLAIN DRY BREAD CRUMBS
- 1 TBSP. SESAME SEEDS
- 1/2 TSP. CAJUN SEASONING
- 2 TSP. OLIVE OIL

Combine the chicken and buttermilk in a small bowl, cover and refrigerate about 30 minutes Preheat oven to 350 degrees Mix together the bread crumbs, sesame seeds, and Cajun seasoning on a sheet of waxed paper. Lift a chicken breast from the buttermilk, allowing the excess buttermilk to drip off. Coat the chicken on both sides with the crumb mixture, pressing gently so it adheres. Repeat with the remaining chicken: discard any remaining buttermilk and crumb mixture. Heat the oil in a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook until golden 2-3 minutes on each side. Transfer the skillet to the oven and bake until the chicken is cooked through, about 10 minutes.

Cook an extra one for a sandwich filler or salad topper the next day....

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>

The mailing address to the FCC is:
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