



# Largest Hamfest on Gulf Coast!!

Best Food of any Hamfest

## 60<sup>th</sup> ACADIANA HAMFEST 2020

Rayne Civic Center - 210 Frog Festival Drive, Rayne, Louisiana 70578

ARRL LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

Sponsored by: Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. and City of Rayne, Louisiana

Talk-in: W5DDL 146.820 (- PL 103.5) - \$8.00 admission covers both days - Students Free with ID

This years hamfest is dedicated to SK club members

Larry LeBlanc - KE5KJD and Joy Breaux - N5YCS



### MARCH 13 & 14, 2020

Friday 3 PM to 8 PM  
Saturday 8 AM to 3 PM  
Door Admission  
\$8.00 for both days



### FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

6:00 PM Crawfish Boil (Pre-register only)

### MAIN PRIZE DRAWINGS

Must be present to win Saturday's Grand Prize.  
All others can be shipped to your address on  
QRZ.com

#### Saturday Grand Prize

Ameritron AL-811 Amplifier with  
MFJ-994B Automatic Tuner

#### Other Prizes

MFJ-259D Antenna Analyzer  
MFJ-4230MV Power Supply  
MFJ-1126 Power Strip

Additional Prizes to be Announced

### Confirmed Vendors & Dealers



The SignMan  
of Baton Rouge



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### HAMFEST HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ LADIES HI Q SWEETS (Drinks & snacks)
- ◆ CAFÉ CQ (Saturday Lunch)
- ◆ LADIES BINGO (Saturday starts 8:30 AM)
- ◆ ATM ON SITE
- ◆ VE TESTING (Saturday 9:00 AM)
- ◆ GO KIT DISPLAYS (bring yours)
- ◆ RADIO TESTING TABLE AVAILABLE

### Hurricane Maria Activation Forum

On Saturday Joe Bassett W1WCN will discuss the ARRL's "Force of Fifty" deployment to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria in 2017 for which he served as director of net operations.



A very special *THANK YOU* to the City of RAYNE, LA for Co-sponsoring our Hamfest!!

### TABLES

Radio Related Swap Tables: \$10.00 each  
Flea Market (Craft) tables: \$20.00 each  
Overnight Security provided by Rayne PD  
Contact Galen at [galenw@cox.net](mailto:galenw@cox.net) or (337) 837-5175

### FORUMS (Saturday Only)

- ◆ DWARN
- ◆ ARES/ARRL
- ◆ SKYWARN
- ◆ Louisiana Contest Club
- ◆ Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs

**Host Hotel:** Best Western Rayne Inn, 337-334-0060 - Mention "AARA Hamfest" and get a "Special Room Rate" of King \$83.99 plus tax or Double Queen for \$87.99 plus tax which is a 25% savings over regular price.

Check website for details, directions, map & updates at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

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# 60<sup>th</sup> Annual 2020 AARA Hamfest Schedule

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**Friday, March 13**

- 9:00 AM Dealer & Swap/Flea Market Setup  
RV Park opens (sign in at Front Desk)
- 12:00 PM Pick up pre-registration packets (Main Entrance)
- 3:00 PM Registration and Hamfest opens to General Public
- 6:00 PM Crawfish Boil - Refreshments sold by Hi Q Sweet Shop
- 7:00 PM Friday Prize Drawings**
- 8:00 PM Hamfest closes for the day



CITY OF RAYNE

**Saturday, March 14**

**Forums** (Topics and schedule are subject to change)

|                             | <b>GREEN ROOM A</b>  | <b>GREEN ROOM B</b>          |
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| <b>Session I</b> 8:30 AM    | DWARN - Russ Plyler WI5ARD   | TBD                          |
| <b>Session II</b> 9:45 AM   | ARRL/ARES - Dave Norris K5UZ<br>Jim Coleman AI5B<br>John Mark Robinson K5JMR | LA Contest Club              |
| <b>Session III</b> 11:00 AM | SKYWARN - Roger Erickson KD5BUI  | LCARC - Matt Anderson KD5KNZ |

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM BINGO ROOM**

**PUERTO RICO "FORCE OF FIFTY" DEPLOYMENT - Joe Bassett W1WCN**

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| <p>7:00 AM Dealer &amp; Swap/Flea Market Setup<br/>RV Park opens (sign in at Front Desk)<br/>Registration Desk opens</p> <p>8:00 AM Hamfest opens to General Public<br/>Café CQ opens for Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 AM Ladies Bingo starts<br/>Forums begin in Green Room (by pool)</p> <p>9:00 AM ARRL VE Testing<br/>Please bring copies of FCC License (<b>no copy machine on site</b>), Photo ID, CSCE's and \$15.00 cash or checks only.</p> <p>10:30 AM Café CQ opens for lunch</p> <p>11:00 AM Go-Kit Owners Table Display and Q&amp;A<br/>Fox Hunt (frequency TBD)</p> <p>1:00 PM QRP Rig Owners Table Display and Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>2:00 PM Grand Prize Drawings</b></p> <p>3:00 PM Hamfest 2020 Ends</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you for coming!</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAFE CQ MENU (Refreshments)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday March 13<sup>th</sup></b><br/>Dinner (6:00 PM)</p> <p>Crawfish with potato &amp; corn<br/>(~4 lb order depending upon market price)<br/><b>**Must pre-register by March 10<sup>th</sup> **</b></p> <p>If the vendor has extra crawfish you can purchase directly from him at the event. There is <b>NO GUARANTEE</b> that extra crawfish will be available.</p> <p>Chicken and Sausage Gumbo w/Rice<br/>Crawfish Dipping Sauce<br/>Potato Salad</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup></b><br/>Lunch (10:30 AM)</p> <p>Chicken and Sausage Gumbo over Rice<br/>Potato and Sausage Stew over Rice<br/>BBQ Hamburger<br/>Potato Salad<br/>Potato Chips</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Food provided by Jamie Conques<br/>from Rayne, LA</b></p> |
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**TAILGATING IS FREE !**  
**Friday & Saturday. In designated area in front main building parking lot.**

**Any Questions Concerning Our Hamfest Contact  
hamfest@w5ddl.org**

**LADIES Hi Q SWEETS (AARA Club Ladies)**

All day Friday & Saturday, the Hi Q Sweets Ladies will be serving a variety of Homemade Cookies, Cakes, Brownies, Fudge, Can Soft Drinks (regular and diet), Bottled Water and Coffee. Special sugar free goodies upon request. Served in Main Room and Bingo Room

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## The Day Amateur Radio Was Saved Saturday 12:30 PM - Bingo Room

“The Day Amateur Radio Was Saved” is a thoughtful, in-depth, and sometimes irreverent look at the ARRL’s Force of Fifty deployment to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2017. Its presenter, Joe Bassett - W1WCN, was director of net operations for the deployment. Joe uses his personal experience, insight, and incisive wit to talk about the mission, the gear, and personnel issues faced by the “Force of Fifty”. The presentation finishes with a frank discussion of mistakes made, successes seized, lessons learned, and the future of amateur radio’s role in disaster response.”

