

AARA 58th Hamfest Highlights

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My name is Jason Johnston KC5HWB of Grapevine, Texas. I will be attending the 58th AARA Hamfest on Friday and Saturday March 9th & 10th, 2018 in Rayne, Louisiana. I started the Video Podcast in 2014 and named it "Ham Radio 2.0" because I wanted to focus on the next steps for Amateur Radio.

This series has grown beyond my original expectations and it is time to take it to the next level. Watch for upcoming updates to this series and the direction it will be going for 2017 and beyond at: <http://www.livefromthehamshack.tv/>



Nick Pugh K5QXJ will again be in charge of the "Fox Hunt" Saturday afternoon. The winner will receive 100 door prize tickets.

So be sure to bring your HT's and antenna and see how good you are at locating the "Fox" hidden somewhere at the hamfest location.



Saturday from 0830 to 1200, **Ladies Bingo** will take place. Admission into the Bingo Room is a \$10.00 donation.. The donation includes all of your bingo cards for the 20+ games and a chance to win over 30 GREAT prizes during 3 hours of play.

Also as in years past, the AARA Ladies from Hi Q Sweets will make a few rounds through the bingo room with refreshments.



FREE TAILGATING - Tailgating available in a designated area in front of the Rayne Civic Center building on a First Come / First Served basis.

RADIO TESTING TABLE - When you purchase a radio and would like to make sure it works, bring it to the testing table. Equipment will be available to check it out to make sure it works.

GO-KIT DISPLAYS - Bring your kits to put on display to others. Make sure you label your equipment so others will know who belongs to the kits and who to direct questions they may have.

ICS-100, 200, 700 - Training - FREE ADMISSION (only 25 seats available) - 0830 Friday March 9, 2018 - Skip Breeden -LA DOTD Director of Emergency Operations. For reservations, contact Brandon Stelly KG5LQM at: brandonstelly@gmail.com

BASIC SKYWARN TRAINING - BINGO ROOM Saturday March 10th 1230 - 1330 by Ed Roy WA5TNK.

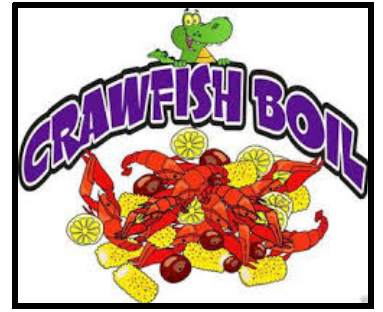
RV CAMPING - Those arriving between March 5th & March 11th, 2018 call at the Rayne City Hall (337) 334-3121 upon arrival in Rayne and request a parking space. Inform them that you are with the AARA Hamfest. Someone will meet with you to assign a parking space for your RV. \$20.00 per night. <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/rvinfo.htm>

Elecraft® Table - This year the club is again sponsoring an Elecraft® Volunteer table. Elecraft® will be providing banners and equipment brochures.

DXCC CARD CHECKING - Saturday all day by Bobby Baker WM5H of Monroe, Louisiana - Cell 318-732-9239

See rules: <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-field-checking>

CRAWFISH BOIL AND CAJUN MUSIC (Fais-Do-Do) - Friday 6:00 PM for Crawfish Boil - 7:00 PM for Cajun Music.



CAFE CQ MENU (Refreshments)

Friday Noon - TBA - For dealers, vendors, and workers.

Friday Night (6:00 PM)

\$8.00 Chicken & Sausage Gumbo with potato salad
\$7.00 Chicken & Sausage Gumbo w/o potato salad
\$24.00 Crawfish Boil 4 pounds with 2 potatoes and 1
corn - must pre-register (see website)

Saturday (Breakfast 0800)

\$3.50 Egg and sausage sandwiches
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\$1.50 Sausage biscuit
\$.50 Biscuits

Saturday (Lunch 12:00)

\$9.00 BBQ pork steak plate lunch with rice, dressing
beans, potato salad and slice of bread.
\$3.00 BBQ Burger
\$8.00 Chicken & sausage gumbo with potato salad
\$7.00 Chicken & sausage gumbo w/o potato salad
\$.50 Chips
Soft drinks, coffee & bottle water available

Catering by Chris Trahan - boogtrahan@yahoo.com

LADIE'S 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, etc.
Can Soft Drinks (regular and diet), Bottled Water and Coffee.