



SARA Newsletter

September 03

Shreveport Amateur Radio Association

Meeting:

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Bossier Main Library History Center

Local Amateur Information

Available at:

www.qsl.net/nw1arn/

SARA Repeaters:

145.050 - K5SAR

DX Packet Cluster

145.110 - N5FJ

146.700 - K5KDO

146.820 - K5SL

440.900 - N5FJ

2003 Club Officers

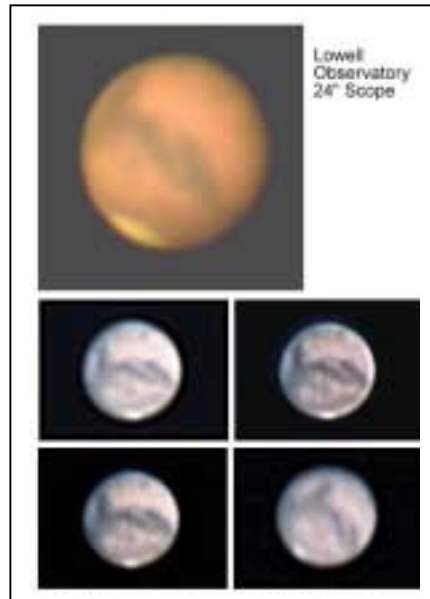
President - [Terry Atwood, WA5ARJ](#)

Vice President - [David Crosby, K5SRZ](#)

Treasurer - [Robert Fincher, K15XE](#)

Secretary - [Laura Webb, KD5IHT](#)

Shooting Mars



Steve & Ellen Dupuy will make a presentation of how we imaged Mars using a webcam and telescope. They have some great images of Mars as well as the Moon.



Mars has just passed as close to

Earth as it will during our images have professional astronomers of techniques. to understand astronomers see minute see the the images the final image.



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Happy Birthday

Reputed "oldest ham in the US" turns 103: The man believed to be the oldest Amateur Radio operator in the US--Byrl "Tex" Burdick, W5BQU, of El Paso--turned 103 on September 25. First licensed in the fall of 1930, Burdick is on the air every day--most recently on 15 meters (look for him on or about 21.314 MHz), and he enjoys rag chewing.

RED CROSS UNIT COMPLIMENTS AMATEUR RADIO ASSISTANCE DURING ISABEL



"I want to thank the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the amateur radio community for coming out and supporting the American Red Cross over the critical 72 hours when Hurricane Isabel passed over Maryland," said Frank M. Eilbacher, KCOEKL, a Red Cross disaster communications lead. "We recognize you took time away from your families and, for some of you, your own personal disasters to support us."

During the storm's peak on September 18, Eilbacher said, electrical power and telecommunication problems abounded, but ham radio operators "filled the gap providing a crucial communication link between Red Cross chapters and shelter locations." Amateurs in the storm-struck region staffed state and county emergency operating centers and shelters, as well as the Maryland/Delaware American Red Cross Hurricane Watch Center.

In keeping with the Boy Scout motto, "Be prepared," Venturing Crew 80 of Alexandria--in Northern Virginia just outside Washington, DC--responded to requests for assistance from the Alexandria EOC and Fairfax ARES as Hurricane Isabel approached. The crew specializes in emergency communication and first aid and counts several ARES members among its membership and leadership. Some of the scouts remained on duty for several days.

MORSE PETITIONS' COMMENT DEADLINE LOOMS

The period for public comments on seven separate Morse code-related petitions for rule making--some of which would altogether eliminate Element 1, the 5 WPM Morse test, from the Amateur Service rules (Part 97)--ends Monday, September 29. US amateurs may comment on the petitions--RM-10781 through RM-10787--using the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>>.

As of week's end, the seven petitions had attracted more than 1800 comments from the amateur community. The FCC has yet to invite comments on two other Morse-related rule making petitions. The petitions, both filed in August, have not yet been put on public notice by the FCC.

HF Contests

Oceania DX Contest--Phone, 0800Z Oct 4 - 0800Z Oct 5

EU Autumn Sprint--SSB, 1500Z - 1859Z Oct 4 (CW is 1500Z - 1859Z Oct 11).

California QSO Party--CW/SSB, 1600Z Oct 4 - 2200Z Oct 5.

QCWA QSO Party--CW/Phone, 1800Z Oct 4 - 1800Z Oct 5.

RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest--SSB, 0700Z - 1900Z Oct 5.

International Hellschreiber Contest--1400Z - 1600Z Oct 4 (80-m), 0900Z-1100Z Oct 5 (40-m)