



SARA Newsletter

November 03

Shreveport Amateur Radio Association

DECEMBER SARA ELECTIONS

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 - K5KDQ

146.820 - K5SL

440.900 - N5FJ

2003 Club Officers

President - [Terry Atwood, WA5ARJ](#)

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

Treasurer - [Robert Fincher, KI5XE](#)

Secretary - [Laura Webb,](#)

The slate of officers was decided at the November meeting. David Crosby for President, Glenn Pettiet for Vice-President, Laura Webb for Secretary, and Randy Fulco for Treasurer. Additionally, it was determined that the Board of Directors would be reduced to five as prescribed by the By-Laws.

Officer nominations for officers will be taken from the floor and considered in the vote of members present along with the slate. Board members will be the top five "vote getters" from the members present.

FLASH – As an additional incentive to get "paid up" members to attend this important meeting, there will be a drawing for a handi-talkie (or some equally cool item). No tickets are necessary, just show up, pay your 2004 dues, and vote. Remember, vote early and vote often.

John N5APB in Minden reports that long time ham William P. "Bill" Watson had died last week. His call was W5UNY and he was a retired chief radio officer of an oil tanker. He is survived by his wife Virginia. He was the first ham I knew of who bragged about the horizontal 160-meter loop antenna fed with a 4:1 balun to make it a multi-band antenna. He had one up at his house in Sibley, LA in the late 1970's or early 1980's. When his ship was sent to the Persian Gulf during the first Gulf War he maintained a daily sked with his wife on 17-meters at noon each day all the way to the Gulf region. He also was the author of a book about Bonnie and Clyde.

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Floyd Hoskin's son is home from the hospital after being in intensive care after an oil field accident.

Henry Carter, W5PKV, is also home from the VA Hospital after suffering a stroke a few weeks ago. Doctors discovered a brain tumor and Henry underwent two brain surgeries to remove the tumor. Henry has been very active in the Civil Air Patrol radio communications and was teaching a class at the downtown Airport when he had the stroke. He is a familiar sight for anyone trading with Centenary Hardware.

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Terry Atwood, W5ARJ, took his mother to W-K Greenwood Road Hospital after she called us saying her left arm started shaking then went limp for a few minutes. A CAT scan early the next morning showed some bleeding on the right side of her brain. She seems to be recovering well.

By the way as Ruth was getting her out of the car at the emergency room she heard 15-20 gunshots. As Terry arrived a few minutes later a car running with a flat tire and loud engine knocking rolled up to the emergency room with two gunshots.

RETURNING SUNSPOTS


Space Weather

<http://spaceweather.com>

Using a technique called helioseismic holography, astronomers can do something amazing: look through the sun to find sunspots on the far side of our star. On Nov. 11th and 12th their holographic maps revealed giant sunspots 486 and 488--the same active regions that caused so much intense space weather a few weeks ago.

These spots are still active. Explosions from their vicinity have been hurling clouds of gas over the sun's limb in recent days. The sun's 27-day rotation will soon carry the pair around to the Earth-facing side of the sun. More solar storms are possible when they reappear on or about Nov. 19th.

Meanwhile, another one of last month's giant sunspots has already reappeared. Active region 484 is peeking over the sun's eastern limb. The sunspot looks smaller than it did in late October, but it too remains active--hurling a bright



coronal mass ejection into space on Nov. 13th.
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