



# SARA Newsletter

June 2004

Shreveport Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting:

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

## SARA Net:

Each Wednesday evening at 8:30 P.M.

## Local Amateur Information

Available at:

[www.k5sar.com](http://www.k5sar.com)  
[www.qsl.net/nw1arn/](http://www.qsl.net/nw1arn/)

## SARA Repeaters:

145.050 - K5SAR  
DX Packet Cluster  
145.110 - N5FJ  
146.700 - K5KDO  
146.820 - K5SL  
440.900 - N5FJ

## 2004 Club Officers

President – [David Crosby, K5SRZ](#)  
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## Field Day 2004

Rain or Shine – well, there was not much shine, but we had plenty of rain.



The weather looks bleak, but Field Day begins in spite of clouds and rain.



KG5VK, Steve Smith in the phone tent tunes up for the 1:00 pm start time. Later, Channel 3 interviewed Steve for local news. LifeShare also participated in a SARA sponsored blood drive.



Here are the QRO twins heading for the refreshment tent.



This is before the rain.



Formal Attire for Field Day

# Congressman Hears about BPL

## From local Hams

This is the letter sent to Mickey Cox, Louisiana Section Manager by Gary Stratton after meeting with Congressman Jim McCrery.

Mickey:

We were very pleased with our reception by Congressman McCrery this afternoon. The meeting went well and Jim had many good questions, showing his concern for the BPL issue. Richard Lea and Randy Fulco attended with me and added many great points to the executive summary that I presented. Rick Ware had a doctor appointment that he just couldn't break. I certainly wish that he could have been there to present the local government and first responder views. Richard Lea left a packet of information with Jim explaining the BPL technology and a CD with visual results of the BPL field interference tests and passed along information that Rick Ware wanted in the presentation.

Congressman McCrery complimented us on our preparation and presentation. Said that he wished all who visited him were prepared as well.

Congressman McCrery requested that he be contacted by our national ARRL administration and that he be provided (by ARRL) with a concise letter suitable for his presentation to the Energy and Commerce Committee (under whom the FCC operates) outlining our concerns with BPL. He indicated that he is sympathetic to our cause and would pass our concerns to his colleagues. He also recommended similar visits to other Congressmen such as Tauzin of the 3rd district who is on the Energy and Commerce Committee. He especially recommended visits in Texas with Congressman Joe Barton, who is (if memory serves me) chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee. His intention is that, through the E&C Committee, the FCC will be informed that they are under Congressional watch concerning their handling of BPL.

We also discussed HR-713. He promised that he would discuss it with the Congressman Bilirakis who introduced the bill. At first blush, he had no problem with co-sponsoring it after his discussion with Bilirakis.

Please communicate this upward in the Field Organization as soon as possible so that we can benefit from the meeting.

Thanks to Richard and Randy for their help and support. I needed all I could get.

Gary L. Stratton K5GLS

## A Final Look at Field Day

### Bad Weather Loop

