



# SARA Newsletter

January 2005

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/](http://www.qsl.net/nw1arn/)

or

[www.K5SAR.com](http://www.K5SAR.com)

## SARA Repeaters:

145.050 - K5SAR

DX Packet Cluster

145.110 - N5FJ

146.700 - K5KDO

146.820 - K5SL

440.900 - N5FJ

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## 2005 Club Officers

President – [Richard Lee, N5PFZ](#)

Vice President – [Glenn Pettiet, K5TGP](#)

Treasurer – [Randy Fulco, K5SL](#)

Secretary – [Ellen Dupuy, K5LND](#)

# 2005

## A New Year to Reach Out

What kind of New Year's resolutions have you made this year? Mine include things like "losing weight," "exercising more," and "quit smoking." Well, I have never smoked, but I thought someone might identify with removing some habit or another. The problem with these resolutions is no substance, no plan, no way to measure. BOTTOM LINE: We all make resolutions, most of which fall away by the end of January. The trick is learning how to make a resolution and stick with it.

SARA is making some resolutions this year too. The officers and board resolve to proactively seek direction from the membership and lead in that direction and our January meeting is the first step. Everyone at the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will complete a questionnaire designed to identify general areas of interest and provide specific examples of how to explore those interests. Additionally, the officers and board have outlined specific activities and goals that must be rated for importance.

During January, the officers and board will compile a plan of action and define how success will be measured. Each monthly meeting the membership will get a report detailing the plan, its updates, and how things are going.

Sounds good, right? It is good. (Now comes the "but.") However, the officers and board have real jobs too so to make this resolution a reality; YOU must take an active role. Special events like JOTA, Kid's Day, and Field Day are made possible by dedicated folks making it happen. Those folks are a committee. Recruiting and training (youth and adults) – a committee. Public affairs, service, fundraising, repeater maintenance and upgrade, club equipment – all committees.

Get prepared. SARA is going places. Are you going to help drive the train, just ride along on someone else's effort, or be drug kicking and screaming? It's a new year and SARA is reaching out to you and the community.

## ARISS: Amateur Radio on the International Space Station



With the help of Amateur Radio clubs and ham radio operators, space shuttle astronauts have been speaking over the ham airwaves while in orbit. They are talking directly with large groups of the general public, showing teachers, students, parents and communities how Amateur Radio energizes youngsters about science, technology, and learning. The program was called SAREX, the Space Amateur Radio Experiment and is now called ARISS, Amateur Radio on the International Space Station.

# Operating Opportunities

## 2005 ARRL Contest Calendar

Date(s)		Contest
<b>January</b>	1	Straight Key Night
	8 - 9	ARRL RTTY Round-Up
	22 - 24	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
<b>February</b>	14 - 19	School Club Roundup
	19 - 20	ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
<b>March</b>	5 - 6	ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)
<b>June</b>	11 - 13	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
	25 - 26	ARRL Field Day
<b>July</b>	9 - 10	IARU HF World Championships
<b>August</b>	6 - 7	ARRL UHF Contest
	20 - 21	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
	10 - 12	ARRL September VHF QSO Party
<b>September</b>	17 - 18	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
	5 - 7	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
<b>November</b>	19 - 21	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
	2 - 4	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
<b>December</b>	10 - 11	ARRL 10 Meter Contest

## Special Events of Local Interest

### January, 2005

**Buckhannon, WV:** Barbour County Area Amateur Radio Club, WV8BC. 1300Z-2100Z **Jan 29**. Klondike Derby with the Allohok Council of Boy Scouts. 7.235 3.865. QSL. Steve Milligan, 11 Park St, Buckhannon, WV 26201. <http://wv8bc.tripod.com>.

### February

**Lubbock, TX:** Buddy Holly Memorial, W5B. 2200Z **Jan 28**-0400Z **Feb 4**. 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly. 28.336 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. W5B Buddy Holly QSL, c/o Bryan Edwards, 3801 68<sup>th</sup> St, Lubbock, TX 79413. [www.amcrc.com/w5b](http://www.amcrc.com/w5b).

**Nacogdoches, TX:** Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, W5NAC. 1300Z **Feb 5**-0100Z **Feb 6**. The Space Shuttle *Columbia* Recovery Special Event. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. NARC, 167 County Road 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. [www.w5nac.com](http://www.w5nac.com).

**Davis Mountains, TX:** Tyler Amateur Radio Club, K5TYR. 1200Z **Feb 26**-2400Z **Feb 27**. DM-80 TXpedition commemorates the Last Unspoiled Frontier. 432.150 144.250 50.150 14.250. QSL. Tyler Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 6393, Tyler, TX 75711. [www.tylerarc.com](http://www.tylerarc.com).

**Baton Rouge, LA:** USS *Kidd* ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z **Feb 28**-2230Z **Feb 28**. 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the launching of USS *Kidd*, DD-661. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP sub bands 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS *Kidd* Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS\\_Kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm).

## "The Big Project"

The goal of the Amateur Radio Education & Technology Program is to improve the quality of education by providing an educationally sound curriculum focused on wireless communications. The project emphasizes integration of technology, math, science, geography, writing, speaking and social responsibility within a global society.

Amateur Radio is best known to the general public for its role in emergency communications during disasters. Despite many advances in communications technology, emergency management agencies and relief organizations continue to call upon Amateur Radio for assistance and to respect the contribution made by

radio amateurs during times of crisis.

For its licensees, Amateur Radio is not only an opportunity to serve the community during emergencies but also a source of friendship, recreation, and personal growth. In addition, many people began their path towards careers in electronics and wireless communications with experiences in Amateur Radio as children and teenagers.

Amateur Radio is a significant resource for the classroom teacher in the education of America's youth for life and work in a global, technological society. Applications of Amateur Radio in the classroom help students become employable, informed, conscientious citizens. ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio, has developed an education project to introduce teachers to this resource and enable them to make the most effective use of it in their classrooms.



## If You Build It...



Photos from Four Days in May 2004

## Field Day

What else could we have done? Got Rain?



Consider a different location? Build a floor? Wear waders? Bring a swimming suit?



## SARA

Shreveport Amateur Radio Association is the strongest best equipped group of amateurs in northwest Louisiana. We have wonderful members with a broad assortment of expertise and energy. Where will the club be at the beginning of 2006? Join us this Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. in the Bossier City Main Library Heritage Center and help plan for the future.