



SARA Newsletter

September 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/

or

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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AMSAT Symposium

There's still "space" available to attend the 2005 AMSAT-NA Space Symposium and Annual Meeting this fall at the Holiday Inn Central in Lafayette, Louisiana--in the heart of Cajun Country and just 35 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico. Educational and technical sessions start Friday, October 7, with technical, field operations and the IARU forum to follow through Sunday October 9. Enjoy Friday's authentic Creole shrimp boil, the Saturday banquet featuring regional cuisine and great prizes, and Sunday's swamp tour too. Register on line! The conference fee, which includes a copy of the Proceedings, is \$45 for those who register by September 15. The shrimp boil, banquet and swamp tour are additional. Details and a link to on-line registration are on the AMSAT-NA Web site <<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>>.

FCC Morse Code Decision Would Not Affect CW Subbands, Privileges

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have no impact on either the current HF CW subbands or on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees.

"There seems to be a lot of confusion on these points, judging by the questions I've been getting," said John Hennessee, N1KB, of the ARRL Regulatory Information Branch. He emphasizes that the proceeding does not put forward or recommend any changes in CW allocations or privileges.

The FCC is currently accepting comments on its Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, released July 19, which proposes to do away with the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all license classes.

Hennessee further notes that the FCC also has not proposed to extend HF privileges to current Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination. The Commission's NPRM&O suggests that in a no-Morse-requirement regime, such Technician licensees would be able to gain HF access by taking the Element 3 General class written examination.

To file on-line comments on the FCC NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 or view others' comments in the proceeding, visit the ECFS site <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>> and click on "Submit a Filing" or "Search for Filed Comments."

In either case, type "05-235" in the "Proceeding" field, being careful to include the hyphen but not the quotation marks. Directions for filing comments, which can be in the form of an attached document, are on the ECFS site. Click on "Getting Started" to learn more.

As of week's end, more than 1700 comments had already been filed. The FCC has not yet established a closing date for comments in this proceeding, and it's not likely to release a Report and Order in WT Docket 05-235 until early next year.

In a separate--and unrelated--Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 04-140, the FCC agreed with an ARRL proposal to reallocate the current Novice/Tech Plus CW subbands to create additional room on certain 'phone subbands. If the FCC goes ahead with that proposal, Novice and Tech Plus licensees would have CW privileges in the current General class CW bands.

Hamfest Schedule

Thanks Carl, KB5WMY

13 Aug 2005 + West Central Louisiana ARC

<http://www.wclarc.com/>

Talk-In: 145.310 (PL 203.5); 146.520 Simplex

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Leesville, LA

Vernon Parish Fairgrounds Festival Building

Stevens Blvd.

9-10 Sep 2005 + Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest

Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest Association

<<http://www.qwha.org/>>

Talk-In: 146.79 (100 Hz)

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De Queen, AR 71832

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Mena, AR

Queen Wilhelmina State Park

3387 Hwy 88

10 Sep 2005 + SWAMPFEST '05

Southwest Louisiana Amateur Repeater Club

<http://www.qsl.net/w5bii/>

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Lake Charles, LA

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17 Sep 2005 * Arkansas State Convention (All-

Arkansas Hamfest)

Central Arkansas Radio Emergency Net

(CAREN)

<http://www.carenclub.com> Talk-In: 146.940-

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Little Rock, AR 72212

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Jacksonville, AR

Jacksonville Community Center

5 Municipal Drive

24 Sep 2005 + Benton County Radio Operators

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17619 Dennis Mitchell Road

Garfield, AR 72732

Phone: 479-359-2434

Bentonville, AR

Thomas Jefferson School

810 Bella Vista Road

7-9 Oct 2005 AMSAT-NA Technical Symposium and Annual Meeting

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>

Contact: AMSAT-NA

Phone: 888-322-6728

Lafayette, LA

Holiday Inn Central

I-10 and I-49 Intersection

8 Oct 2005 + Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club

<http://CLARC.US> <<http://clarc.us/>>

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Pineville, LA

Kee's Park

2450 Highway 28 East

12 Nov 2005 + Monroe Area Hamfest

Twin City Ham Club

<http://www.ares-nela.org/hamfest>

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Monroe, LA

Barak Shrine Temple

6620 Frontage Road

Need a Ride to a Hamfest?

**Lets Setup a Car Pool
and Save a Little Gas!**

**Send a note to K5TGP@K5SAR.com if you
are going or need a ride.**

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Registration:

Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level III on-line course (EC-003) opens Monday, August 15, at 1201 AM EDT and will remain open until all available seats have been filled or through the August 20-21 weekend--whichever comes first. Class begins Friday, September 2. Thanks to the United Technologies Corporation (UTC), the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed to students who complete the course requirements and are upgraded by their mentor to "Passed" within the 8-week course period. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/cce>>. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

The ARES E-Letter to Debut:

Licensed League members with ARRL Field Organization appointments involving emergency communication or public service will be the first to receive the debut issue of The ARES E-Letter! The premier edition of the monthly national newsletter is set for release Wednesday, August 17, and will publish on the third Wednesday of each month after that. Since 9/11, interest within the Amateur Radio community in emergency communication and public service has greatly increased. More than ever, hams are volunteering to help meet the communication needs of our nation, states and communities. Devoted entirely to Amateur Radio emergency communication and public service, The ARES E-Letter is a response to this expanding awareness. Anyone with an interest in emergency communication or public service activities can sign up online <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/about.html>> to receive The ARES E-Letter. Each issue will contain a wealth of after-action reports, editorials, technical tips, news and views--information you'd otherwise have to wait for in QST. Editing the first issue is former long-time ARRL Headquarters staff member Rick Palm, K1CE. Subscribers are invited to share a copy with club newsletter editors or with friends who may not be ARRL members but still might be interested in receiving it. Those receiving the premier edition also may opt out of getting further copies if they wish.

A Word from Mickey Cox, K5MC

At the end of next March I will have served six years as LA Section Manager and I've enjoyed it very much. However, I believe it's time for someone else to lead the Section and so I will not be a candidate for the upcoming SM election. I made a public announcement to this effect during the ARRL Forum at the Leesville Hamfest last Saturday and wanted the entire Section to know via this email message.

The October and November QST "Happenings" columns are scheduled to have the announcement about the nominations for the LA Section Manager, along with other designated Sections. Please read this announcement and be ready to nominate your candidate for SM. Our new Section Manager will take office on April 1, 2006.

I appreciate very much all the support I've received from the Section members during my tenure as SM.

73,

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Radio Noise

For those who would like to listen first-hand to different radio noise sources and possibly identify harmful interference yourself, check out this website, <http://ve3hls.tripod.com/noise/appliances.html>. Our club president used it to locate and mitigate interference at his QTH. Everyone should at least give it a listen. Some of those things you have been "putting up with" may be noise that could be identified and removed.