



SARA Newsletter

December 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

SARA

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2005 Club Officers

President – [Richard Lee, N5PFZ](#)

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

Treasurer – [Randy Fulco, K5SL](#)

Secretary – [Ellen Dupuy, K5LND](#)

Annual Membership Meeting, Auction, and Christmas Party

Once again, our membership meeting will be combined with our annual Christmas party and auction. The door prize this year is a \$200 gift certificate to:

Rad-Comm Radio

Rad-Comm Radio is based in Lubbock, Texas and will be at the Minden Hamfest on December 17th. They always have an excellent selection of ICOM gear and some of the best prices on books anywhere. The winner can also call them or visit their website to have them bring something special when they come to Minden. To be eligible for the door prize, you must be a member of SARA with paid up dues, new member, individual, or family, for 2006.

Before the door prize is awarded, we will hold the annual auction with the interplanetary renowned amateur radio auctioneer, Bobby Matthews, KF5XV. **This is the auction where you donate items to the club that are excess to your shack.** We auction them off to the highest bidder and pocket the money for club activities (like paying for the door prize and renting air-conditioned trailers for Field Day). The auction is more fun than allowable by-law.

This year perhaps Steve's, KG5VK, YL will bid against him to get a straight key to match that wonderful paddle she bought last year. Carl, KB5WMY, is sure to have his jaw set for another web-browsing email system to latch to a television, and Randy, K5SL, is looking for yet another book.

But most of all the next meeting is about membership. Meeting the new members that you missed. Getting to know each other and sharing the joy of the Christmas season with other amateurs. Let's not forget the food. Yes, we are meeting at Chef Lee's for a somewhat non-traditional Christmas meal, unless you are from China. In any case, lots of food, friends, gifts for yourself, and a great door prize.

Skywarn Recognition Day

The seventh annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) special event will take place Saturday, December 3, from 0000 until 2400 UTC. Cosponsored by the National Weather Service and ARRL, SKYWARN Recognition Day is the Weather Service's way of expressing its appreciation to Amateur Radio operators for helping keep communities safe. During this 24-hour special event, teams of radio amateurs set up stations at local NWS offices to contact other hams across the US and around the world.

The object is for amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many NWS stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters, and 70 cm. Contacts via repeaters and Voice over Internet Protocol modes, such as EchoLink and IRLP also welcome. Operators exchange call sign, signal report, QTH, and a one or two word description of their weather, such as "sunny," "partly cloudy," "windy," etc.

An 8.5 x 11-inch certificate is available in exchange for a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a list of NWS stations worked. Address requests to SKYWARN Recognition Day, 920 Armory Rd, Goodland, KS 67735. Separate stations will issue individual QSL cards. For more information, contact Matthew Mehle, KC0TER <matthew.mehle@noaa.gov>.

SARA Election Results

President

Treasurer

John Stewart, AA5KV

Vice President

Paul Blankenship, KD5RUI

Secretary

Ellen Dupuy, K5LND

Board of Directors

Retta Davis, WB5HDX

David Davis, W5WRG

Steve Dupuy, K5STE

Rick Westerfield, KH2DF

Carl McNair, KB5WMY

Robert Fincher, K5RDF

Lawrence Lea, W5PQ

Richard Lea, NZ5S

As you can see, there is a slight problem with the election results. All nominations for president have declined due to unforeseeable events.

The SARA Board of Directors reviewed the SARA By-Laws and could find no specific directive to accommodate this situation. However, they used the By-Laws to outline a course of action.

The Board nominated two individuals who have agreed to serve as President if elected, Floyd Hoskins, N5FH, and Richard Lea, NZ5S. You may recall that Richard, our current President, withdrew his original nomination prior to the previous election due to being accepted to graduate school, but reconsidered at the urging of the Board. Floyd has served during 2005 as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and during 2004 as a Board Member.

An election for President will be held at the next membership meeting, December 1st, and additional nominations will be accepted at that time provided the nominee accepts the nomination. Votes will be counted immediately and the winner announced before the end of the meeting.

ARRL Continuing Education

Registration remains open through Sunday, December 4, for these ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses: Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002), Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003), Antenna Modeling (EC-004), VHF/UHF Beyond the Repeater (EC-008), and Propagation (EC-011), HF Digital Communications (EC-005) Classes begin Friday, December 16. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html>> or contact the CCE Department <cce@arrl.org>.

DX Report from ARRL

SAINT MARTIN, FS. John, K9EL will be QRV as FS/K9EL from November 30 to December 7. His activity will be limited since he is on vacation. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

SVALBARD, JW. Roger, LA4GHA will be QRV as JW4GHA from Bear Island, IOTA EU-027, from December 1 to July 2006. Activity will be on 160 to 2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL to home call.

NETHERLANDS, PA. To commemorate the 2000th anniversary of the Roman City of Nijmegen, look for special call sign PA2000N to be QRV from November 26 to December 11. This includes a Multi/Multi entry in the CQ WW CW contest. QSL via bureau.

ANGUILLA, VP2E. Gordon, N5AU and Ray, KC5EA will be QRV as VP2E during the CQ WW CW contest as a Multi/Single entry. QSL via N5AU.

GIBRALTAR, ZB. Jorma, OH2KI will be QRV as ZB2X in the CQ WW CW contest as a Single-Op/All-Band or Single-Band entry. QSL to home call.

AUCKLAND AND CAMPBELL ISLANDS, ZL9. Richard, W5VTS plans to be QRV as W5VTS/ZL9 starting November 26 for about 24 hours. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using CW. QSL via operator's instructions.

