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My website is hosted by:



AARA Club News

The AARA General Club meeting will be held at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA on February 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM. VE Testing @ 6:00 PM.
1/18/23

The club's 146.820 MHz repeater has been placed back into service. However, the 443.000 MHz repeater will remain out of service for an undetermined period of time.

The AARA Monday Night Net and Silent Key Memorial Net will be held on the 146.820 MHz repeater.

The SKYWARN Net and Rag Chew Net will remain on the 147.040 MHz repeater in Duson.

EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE & FUN MARDI GRAS.



NEW ADDITION TO THE CAMPBELL CLAN

I try to keep my newsletter orientated toward amateur radio events and topics, but I had to put this in print.

On January 11, 2023 a new addition was added to the Campbell family. Ramona KG5HNO (my XYL) has been wanting a cat ever since her cat "Squeaky" passed away 2 years ago. She (Ramona) went on-line to put in a request to adopt one from the [Lafayette Animal Shelter](#) and after looking at some felines on their website, she put in a request. In a few days, the shelter responded to her request stating they had one that met her specifications for \$25.00, but if you were a Senior Citizen, the cost was zero.

I had to go with Ramona to make the adoption as Ramona was not quite a Senior Citizen. The shelter gave us cat food, litter, litter box and a female Siamese cat that was spayed, chipped and had all her shots with the name "**Bella**". Bella had been in the shelter for three days before she found a new home. Makes us wonder why anyone would give up such a beautiful animal.

Bella has since then been exploring her new domain, checking out all the nooks and crannies, and getting into all kinds of forbidden places, which is natural of the feline species.

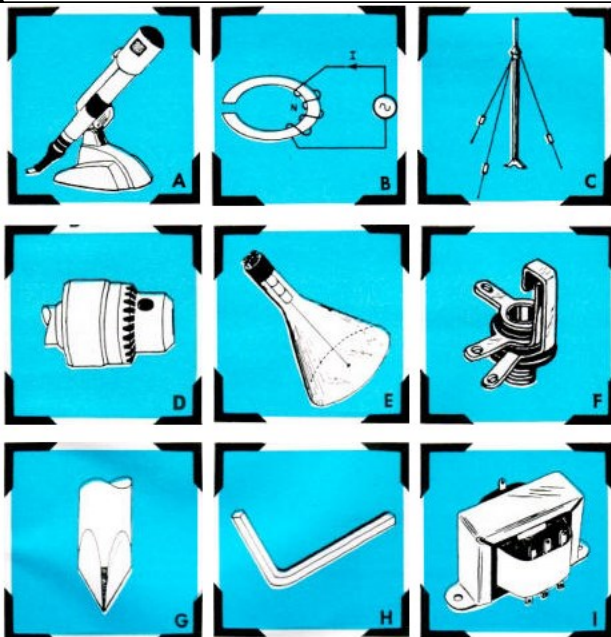
Now, I have never been much of a feline lover, but this one has stole my heart.

All three of us are happy although I am outnumbered 2 to 1.

Here is a picture of her:



"Radio is the most intimate and socially personal medium in the world"
- Harry Von Zell, radio announcer and actor.



- 1 - Jack ____
- 2 - Henry ____
- 3 - Ray ____
- 4 - Gilbert ____
- 5 - Chuck ____
- 6 - Mike ____
- 7 - Phillips ____
- 8 - Allen ____
- 9 - Guy ____

Electronic Photo Album Quiz

March 1963 Popular Electronics

This is a different type of electronics-related quiz from Quizmaster Robert P. Balin.

Mr. Balin created many monthly quizzes for Popular Electronics magazine.

Here you are provided a series of images and a list of men's first names, and you need to match the image to the name. There are nine in all. Sure, it's kind of hokey (especially B and I), but it is a good afternoon challenge to help pass the time until the weekend begins.

Enjoy.

See answers on page 7

Electronic Photo Album Quiz
March 1963 Popular Electronics

ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS January 2023

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	5	79	179
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	5	53	248
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	4	48	122
Rag Chew Net - 146.820 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	2	18	120

If the 146.820 is having problems, the alternate frequency will be the 147.040 repeater located in Dunson, LA

Updated 2/1/2023



Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) VE Test Results January 5, 2023



Not a bad session for the first of the year, 2 in and 2 out with a ticket. We had John Blanchard (K5ICU) of Scott updated to General & John K. Manuel of Maurice became a Tech. and received the call KI5ZLC.

The VE's in attendance were Greg ~K5LFT, Ken ~KG5YYL, Michael ~KI5ARX, Larry ~K5KEB, Gerard ~KD5VPC & Ray ~N5KIR.

CONGRATULATIONS to the testers & TNX to the VE's .

73, de GREG ~ K5LFT

When possible, Amateur Radio Examinations (VE Exams) will be conducted prior to the club meetings starting at 6:00 PM. Information regarding VE Exams can be found here.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/VE%20Exams.htm>

Please arrive as early as possible to help insure adequate time is available to complete your exam before the meeting starts.

Anyone needing additional information regarding VE Exams should contact Greg Dolan K5LFT at:

k5lft@arrl.net.

VIRGIE AUBIN - N5JXV
SILENT KEY
1932 - 2022



Services were held at St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church, 5354 Plank Road, Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, January 21, 2023 for *Virgie Aubin N5JXV* who became a Silent Key on December 25, 2022.

Many of the older ham radio operators may have chatted with Virgie on 75/80 meters on some of the HF nets, one in particular was the Gulf Coast Single Sideband Net on 3925 KHz along with her hubby Warren K5DVQ (Extra Class) having become a Silent Key at the age of 82 on January 30, 2004 a ham for 54 years.

One of Virgie and Warren's favorite pastime was to tour the country by motorcycle and travel by camper she helped build along with sharing ham radio. Virgie had a General Class License.

Popular in the Baton Rouge, Thibodaux and Lafayette Amateur Radio Clubs, she is also remembered as Saturday Evening Net Control for the Gulf Coast Single Sideband Net. Virgie and Warren often could be found at most Louisiana Hamfests along with daughter Marie.

Years later after Warren became a SK, Virgie decided to donate their ham radio station to the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) with the stipulation that she would like received a hard copy of the AARA Newsletter which I have been doing over the many years.

I, for one, will miss Virgie's many telephone calls thanking me for the newsletters and telling about how she enjoys cooking, especially Cajun dishes.

She is "truly one of a kind".

- de Herman KN5GRK



Marie, Warren & Virgie

"What we have once enjoyed
we can never lose. All that we
love deeply becomes a part of
us."

— Helen Keller





**Central Louisiana Amateur
Radio Club** **N5AEX**

Article found on CLARC Facebook Page.
January 10, 2023

I thought it worthwhile to publish it in my newsletter.
- KN5GRK

I asked an A.I. (ChatGPT) to write an article explaining why amateur radio makes a great hobby for youth.

Here is it's response:

Amateur radio, also known as ham radio, is a hobby enjoyed by people of all ages, but it can be particularly beneficial for youth. This hobby allows young people to explore the world of electronics and communication, while also fostering a sense of community and responsibility.

One of the key benefits of amateur radio for youth is the opportunity to learn about electronics and communication technology. Ham radio operators use a variety of equipment, from simple hand-held radios to complex computer-controlled stations, and learning to use this equipment can provide a solid foundation in electronics and computer science. In addition, amateur radio allows youth to experiment and learn about the physics of radio waves, which is a fascinating and complex topic.

Amateur radio also provides youth with a sense of community and connection to others. Ham radio operators belong to a worldwide community of like-minded individuals who share a passion for communication and technology. This community provides opportunities for young people to make new friends and learn from experienced operators. Additionally, through amateur radio, youth can also connect with other youth radio operators, helping them to expand their social circles and feel part of a global community.

Additionally, amateur radio allows youth to experience the responsibility and excitement of operating their own station. With a license, youth radio operators can communicate with other operators around the world, providing valuable service during emergencies and participating in public service events. This hands-on experience can help young people develop leadership and problem-solving skills that will serve them well in the future.

In conclusion, amateur radio is a hobby that can provide a wide range of benefits to youth. By providing opportunities to learn about electronics and communication technology, fostering a sense of community and connection to others, and allowing youth to experience the responsibility and excitement of operating their own station, amateur radio can help young people develop valuable skills and interests that will serve them well throughout their lives.



The Amateur's Code

The radio amateur is:

CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement, and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which amateur radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

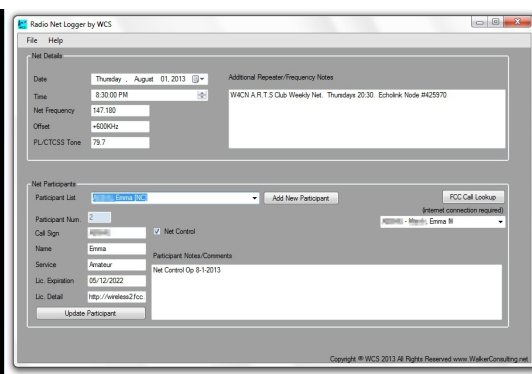
PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kind assistance, cooperation, and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school, or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Radio Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.



For Radio Amateurs and Other Radio Operators

Many radio operators participate in on-air meetings called nets. From ham radio clubs or groups of friends who want to stay in touch, to emergency response and weather spotting teams practicing for emergency communications on simplex frequencies and repeaters, both planned and spontaneous, there are on-air meetings going on somewhere at almost any time.

WCS Radio Net Logger Windows software by Walker Consulting Solutions is a convenient way to keep track of your net operations.

With this software, you can log the frequency details (frequency, tone, offset, notes) as well as net participant information (name, call sign, notes and more).

Net information is displayed on screen in the user-friendly interface and reports can be saved to text files for later reference. This data can also be exported to Extensible markup language (XML) files. These data files can later be imported back into the software to review the net and participant information or to make changes. This also makes it easy to share the net info with others who weren't able to check in to the net.

Didn't quite catch a net participant's name? WCS Radio Net Logger has a convenient call sign lookup feature that will get participant info directly from the FCC license database using the FCC's application programming interface (API) functions. An active internet connection is required for this feature.

WCS Radio Net Logger is the perfect way for all radio operators to keep track of their on-air meetings. Whether you're a net control operator, amateur radio net participant, emergency coordinator or you are just taking notes, this software makes it easy to record information about your nets. And, best of all, it's completely free (although, if you really like it and want to help out, there is a PayPal donate button to contribute).

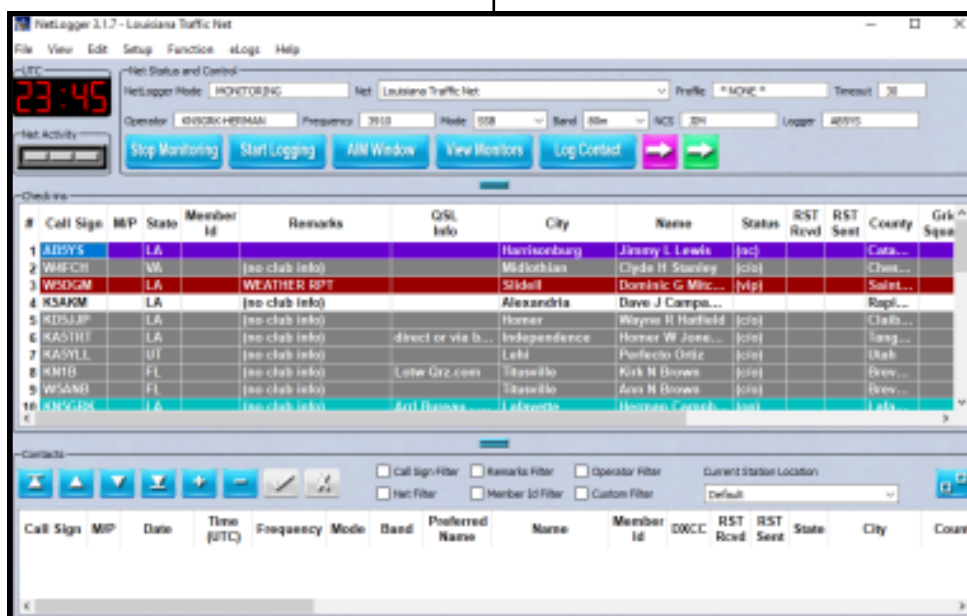
The authors created this software for the radio community at large. If you have questions, comments, ideas for more ham radio software or other feedback on this software, please use the ['Contact Us'](#) function of their website.

Download WCS Radio Net Logger Now

[Download the zip file containing the software and user guide](#)

[Click here to view the user guide only \(PDF\)](#)

I have downloaded and installed Net Logger on my hams hack computer and am now in the process of getting familiar with setting it up with the user guide.
- KN5GRK



2023 ORANGE HAMFEST



Hosted By
Orange and Jefferson County
Amateur Radio Clubs
-ARRL Sanctioned-



Date: Saturday February 25, 2023

Time: 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Orange County Convention & Expo Center
11475 FM 1442
Orange, TX 77632

Hamfest Event Schedule:

- 6:00AM — Setup, Dealers & Tailgating
- 7:30AM — Hamfest opens for flea market, dealers & tailgating
- 10:00 AM — VE testing in Meeting Room #2 @ 10:00 AM
- 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon — Programs & Forums - Check out forum schedules at website listed below
- 1:30 PM — Grand Prize Drawings
- 2:00 PM — Close

Fees:

- Admission \$10.00 per person (Age 12 years & younger free admission)
- Dealer tables \$15.00 each
- Flea market tables \$15.00 each
- Tailgate spaces Free - there is limited spaces in designated tailgating area
- Friday Dinner \$12.00 per plate

Website: [https://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files/HAMFEST INFO/hamfest info.htm](https://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/hamfest%20info.htm)

Check out his website for confirmed vendors, Friday Night Diner, table reservations, tailgate information & more

Hamfest Flyer & Schedules (PDF): [Click Here](#)

2023 Grand Prizes:

1. Yaesu FT-DX10 HF+6M Hybrid SDR Xcvr
2. Kenwood TM-V71A Dual Band FM Xcvr
3. TBA

2023 Door Prizes:

TBA

The tickets for the Grand Prize and door prizes are:

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, etc.

The Grand Prizes will be drawn at 1:30 p.m.

You **NEED NOT BE PRESENT** for the Grand Prize drawings.

You **MUST BE PRESENT** for all door prize drawings.

Door Prize tickets will be put back in for The Grand Prize Drawings.

VE TESTING

VE testing will start at 10:00 A.M Saturday, Feb. 25th.

No pre-registration is required for VE Testing.

The FCC now requires new amateur radio applicants to create a FCC user ID and register for a FCC Registration Number (FRN) on the FCC registration website before taking their examination.

Bring your FRN, the original and a copy of any current FCC License And any C.S.C.E.'s, picture ID, and \$15 (cash preferred) testing fee.

We will have the latest forms available

Contact for hamfest information:

Rocky Wilson N5MTX

n5mtx55@gmail.com

(409)-985-8906



ADXA Hamfest & Swapmeet

Sponsored by: Acadiana DX Association
Rayne, Louisiana
March 11, 2023



Date: Saturday March 11, 2023

Time: Public 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Vendors Set-up at 6:00 a.m. or by Arrangement

Location: Rayne Civic Center - Gossen Memorial Park

210 Frog Festival Dr.

[Click here to see map](#)

Rayne, LA 70578

Admission: \$10 - Children 12 and Under Free with Paid Adult
(Correct Change Appreciated to Avoid Delays at Door)

Door Prize Tickets: 1 for \$1.00 - 6 for \$5.00

Talk-in: 147.150 PL 103.5

ARRL VE License Testing: 9:00 a.m.

(Bring Photo ID, FRN Number, \$15 Fee, and Two Copies of Any Previous License or CSCE.)

Swap Tables: Standard 6 Foot Tables with Chairs—\$15 per table, prepaid in advance (\$20 at the door)
Tables include two admissions—Please indicate the number of admissions needed total including the admissions included with tables. [Click here for Pre-Table Reservations Form](#)

Vendor Set-up: Vendor doors open for setup at 6:00 am Saturday morning, unless arrangements are made before hand

Dealers & Vendors: [Sign Man of Baton Rouge](#) - [N5IAW Connectors](#) - [Cablehelp Antennas](#)
[ABR Industries](#) - [TN07 Engineering](#) - [Richard East \(N5IAW\)](#) Connectors -
US Gov. Surplus Electrical & Electronic Parts - Others to be added later

Hamfest Flier: [Click here for hamfest flyer](#)

RV Parking: City of Rayne RV Park Over 300 camper spots available in
Gossen Memorial Park \$30.00

Payment to be made at Rayne Police Station - They do not take
payment by telephone.

Lots of Great Treasures

Grand Prize at 1:30 p.m. **(Do not have to be present to win)**

Awesome Door Prizes Hourly **(Must be present to win)**

Contact: James Romero K5CNU

337-319-6414

k5cnu@att.net

Check out he "[Acadiana DX Association](#)" Facebook Page



A couple of shots of the SELARC 41st Hammond Hamfest 2023

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Schedule of Events

- **February 2** — Groundhog Day
- **February 2** — AARA General Club meeting at Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
- **February 13** — World Radio Day
- **February 14** — Valentine's Day
- **February 18** — Winterfest 2023 – Hoxie, Arkansas
- **February 21** — Mardi Gras
- **February 25** — Orange Hamfest



What is Groundhog Day?

The premise is that every year some time in the morning of this day, a groundhog comes out of its den and if it sees its shadow on the ground and returns into the hole, that means there will be six more weeks of winter from that date. However, if the groundhog does not see its shadow, and stays out of its hole, it means that spring is near, and will arrive early.

Pierre C. Shadeaux, the Cajun Groundhog, New Iberia put a local twist on a national tradition with it's "Cajun Groundhog Day."



However, instead of using the usual rodent, neighbors opted for his cousin – a nutria named Pierre C. Shadeaux.

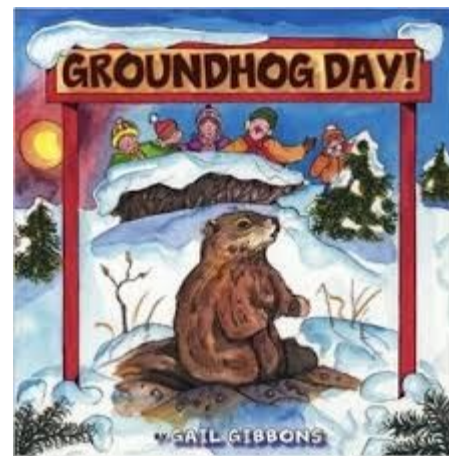


Photo Album Quiz Answers - from Quiz on page 2

- 1 - F A Jack is an electrical connecting device designed for the insertion of a mating electrical plug.
- 2 - I A Henry is the electromagnetic unit of inductance or mutual inductance. Its magnitude is a measure of a coil's ability to produce a back e.m.f.
- 3 - E The Ray in a television picture tube is the beam of electrons which originate at the cathode and strike the fluorescent screen.
- 4 - B A Gilbert is a unit of magnetomotive force whose magnitude is proportional to the current I and turns N in a coil.
- 5 - D A Chuck is a mechanical device which holds the bit on the shaft of an electric or hand drill.
- 6 - A A Mike is, of course, a short common name for microphone.
- 7 - G A Phillips screwdriver has fluted cruciform tip which fit slots in a screw head designed to receive it.
- 8 - H An Allen wrench has a hexagonal cross-section designed to fit inside a similarly slotted screw head.
- 9 - C Guy wires are used to hold an antenna mast in place and/or reduce mast swaying.

74th Anniversary of Merci Train Boxcar

Feb 1-Feb 28, 0000Z-0000Z, NV7AL, Las Vegas, NV. American Legion Paradise Post 149 and 40&8 Voiture 306. 7.074 7.250 14.074 14.250. QSL. Robert Bencsko - AD7J, 2548 Fort Lauderdale Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89156. This special event station is set up to raise awareness of the 40&8 "MERCY Train Boxcar" 74th Anniversary Watch for us on DX Summit QSL with SASE to AD7J <https://www.qrz.com/db/NV7AL>

Super Bowl 57 Special Event

Feb 6-Feb 14, 0001Z-0001Z, W7ASC, Phoenix, AZ. CARL - Center for Amateur Radio Learning. 7.265 14.265 21.465 146.52. Certificate & QSL. W7ASC c/o: Thomas Boza NE7X, 13609 N. 49th Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85254-3505. eQSL via QRZ & LoTW Direct US Mail with SASE for Certificate or QSL. CARL is located in the Arizona Science Center, downtown Phoenix AZ. <https://www.qrz.com/db/w7asc>

1st Ever Olivia Digital Mode Weekend QSO Party, Valentine's Day

Feb 11-Feb 13, 1400Z-0200Z, NW7US, Anytown. Olivia Digital DXers Club. 14.071 7.071. Certificate. Tomas Hood, PO Box 110, Fayetteville, OH 45118. This is the FIRST ever weekend QSO party for Olivia. OliviaDigitalMode.org

2023 National Inventors' Day

Feb 11, 1400Z-2000Z, N2I, Edison, NJ. New Jersey Emergency Communications Team. 7.275 14.315. Certificate. Via Email -, Link will be on the N2I, QRZ Page. QSL Certificate via email; request link will be posted on the N2I qrz.com information page. We will operate from the Edison Center Museum in Edison, NJ.....this is the exact location where Thomas Edison and his team invented the Incandescent Light Bulb, Phonograph, and the Carbon Microphone for Bell's Telephone system. This location is also a Parks On The Air designated park - all QSOs will receive Parks On The Air contact credit. nject.us

Commemorating first US Navy carrier air strike in WW2

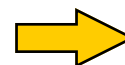
Feb 11, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 14.070 PSK31 DSTAR on Papa system repeaters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

George Washington's Birthday

Feb 20-Feb 22, 1800Z-2359Z, WS7G, Moses Lake, WA. Columbia Basin DX Club. 14.322/14.255 7.222/7.260 3.855/3.960. Certificate & QSL. Brian Nielson, 11650 Road 1 SE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. <https://cbn.homestead.com/ws7g.html>

Cascade Radio Club 75th Anniversary of ARRL affiliation.

Feb 25-Feb 26, 1600Z-0400Z, W7EK, Bothell, WA. Cascade Radio Club. 3.925 7.250 14.250 21.250. QSL. Cascade Radio Club, 5505 189th St. SE, Bothell, WA 98012. www.cascaderadioclub.org



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