



# KN5GRK

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## Newsletter



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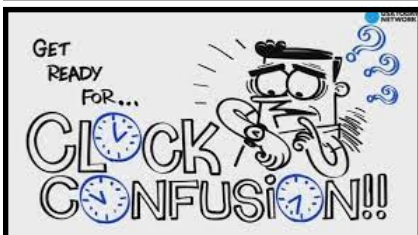
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**Thursday March 2** — AARA General Club meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing @ 6:00 PM. If you have not paid your 2023-2024 membership dues, now is a good time to do so.

The Salvation Army SATERN Net for the Southern Territory area is now taking place on the first and third Saturdays at 0930 Central on 7.268 MHz. operating from Jackson, MS remote station.  
Bill Feist WB8BZH or Joe Bassett W1WCN usually call the net.



### TIME CHANGE

On Sunday March 12, 2023 you will need to set your clocks up one hour as we go into Daylight Saving Time.

There is a bill in Congress to make Daylight Saving Time permanent. This bill is called "[Sunshine Protection Act](#)". The Sunshine Protection Act is a proposed United States federal law that would make U.S. daylight saving time permanent, meaning the time would no longer change twice per year. The debate over the bill mainly concerns the effects on human health, traffic accidents, and whether it is better to have more sunlight in the morning or the evening.

### Upcoming Hamfests - Near Lafayette, LA

HAMFEST NAME:	DATES:
<a href="#">Arkansas River Valley Hamfest</a>	Saturday March 4, 2023
<a href="#">Greater Houston Hamfest</a>	Friday March 3 & Saturday March 4, 2023
<a href="#">Acadiana DX Association Hamfest &amp; Swapmeet</a>	Saturday March 11, 2023
<a href="#">Carter Strong 3rd Annual Hamfest</a>	Saturday May 13, 2023
<a href="#">Mobile, Alabama Hamfest</a>	April 22, 2023
<a href="#">Shreveport - Bossier Hamfest</a>	Saturday August 12, 2023
<a href="#">Slidell EOC Hamfest</a>	Saturday October 6, 2023



My website is hosted by:



A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere.  
—Groucho Marx (1890–1977), American humorist

## Acadiana SkyWarn Activation

On January 24 @ 1645 CST on 147.040 Repeater, Ed Roy WA5TNK, activated the Acadiana SkyWarn repeater and asked for area hams to check in and report any weather observations in their area which was relayed to the National Weather Service in Lake Charles. LA



SKYWARN® is a national network of volunteer severe weather spotters.

The spotters are trained by local National Weather Service Forecast Offices on how to spot severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, hail and flooding.

In some parts of the country, spotters also report snowfall and ice accumulation.

Acadiana SkyWarn Net is on Tuesday evening @ 1900 hrs on the 147.040 repeater.

Those that participated in this event were:

K5KEB Larry, K5XDF Dave, W5OHJ Tom, KN5GRK Herman, KI5GIY Jeremy, KI5VMP Greg, KD5JIM. Jim, KI5NVE Barry, KG5QKH Ray, KE5JXC Arnold, KF5FNP Glen, and KI5WCR Nick. There may have been others, but these are the ones I heard while I was monitoring.

Net shut down at 18:45 PM a total of 2 hours.

## ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS February 2023

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	4	57	165
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	4	35	92
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	4	51	141
Rag Chew Net - 146.820 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	3	14	110

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



## Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) VE Test Results February 2, 2023



Good night, 1 in & 1 out with a General ticket. The gentleman is Robert A. Jarred of Lafayette and received the callsign KI5ZSP.

The VEs assisting were many, Greg ~ K5LFT, Ray ~ N5KIR, Dave ~ N4ELM, Ken ~ KG5YYL & Larry ~ K5KEB.

Congratulations Bob & TNX to all VEs

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](mailto:k5lft@arrl.net).



## ADXA Hamfest & Swapmeet

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



### This Year's Hamfest is Dedicated to Silent Key Mel Simon WD5CAE

**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 each or - 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](#) - - [Cablehelp Antennas](#) - [Richard East \(N5IAW\) Connectors](#) - [ABR Industries](#) - [TN07 Engineering](#) - US Gov. Surplus Electrical & Electronic Parts  
Others to be added later

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

**For RV Camping Contact:** James Romero K5CNU  
337-319-6414  
[k5cnu@att.net](mailto:k5cnu@att.net)

**Main Prizes: Do not have to be present to win**

<b>1ST - Yaesu FT-710 GRAND PRIZE</b>	HF/50 MHz band 100W Compact SDR Transceiver
<b>2ND - Yaesu FM-300DR</b>	50W C4FM/FM 144/430 MHz Dual Band Digital Mobile Transceiver
<b>3RD - MFJ 259D Antenna Analyzer</b>	100 KHz-230 MHz and 2200 Meter band!

FORUMS:	NAME:	TIME:
ARRL	David Norris K5UZ	9:00 AM
ARES	Jim Coleman AI5B	10:00 AM



MEL WD5CAE

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

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

**Contact:** James Romero K5CNU  
337-319-6414  
[k5cnu@att.net](mailto:k5cnu@att.net)

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

Our **THANKS** go out to James Romero K5CNU, Ken Turner KG5YYL, Herman Campbell KN5GRK and many more involved in making this hamfest possible.

## GULF SOUTH RADIO CLUB - W5RX Winter Field Day 2023



I received these photos and text on the Gulf South Radio Club Facebook page and thought I would give the guys some recognition.

Some of the guys listed are not familiar to me and was unable to get their names.

de Herman KN5GRK



1 George Broussard KA5HCO, 2 Tom Jue WB5JHY, 3 Jeffery Jue KD5ABT, 4 Scott Menard N5MEG, 5 ??????????????, 6 Wendell Magnon N5PST, 7 ???????????

The whole reason for this was to be a part of the winter Field Day festivities and get Kent Boudreaux previously N5WXO and Pat Angelle KB5QMH excited about getting their licenses and hopefully their old calls back. The event was held at the QTH of Wendell N5PST in Branch, Louisiana.

Comment from Kent Boudreaux: "It was a fun time. It was nice to get to operate a radio. It's been awhile. Thanks to Wendell for hosting the event and for all who attended. See you guys next year. CQ FIELD DAY WHISKEY 5 RADIO X-RAY. 73's".

The W5RX call sign is for the *GULF SOUTH RADIO CLUB* - Scott Menard N5MEG is trustee.



### LOUISIANA TRAFFIC NET

Join us early each evening at 1730 hrs central time on 3.910 MHz for some really good clean amateur fun. The net kicks off at 1800 hrs with the latest weather news, NTS Traffic handling and announcements.

There is usually a interesting trivia question at net closing, see if you know the answer.



# Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Winter Field Day 2023



MICHAEL KI5ARX - STEVE AF5VR - RANDY KI5OQD  
- GREG KI5VMT - DANNY KD5JSM - DAVE N4ELM



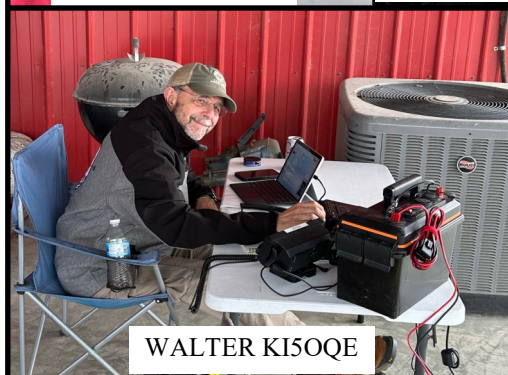
GREG KI5VMT



DAVID N5DEZ - TOM W5OHJ -  
& PHIL KA8ZKR



BARRETT KG5SSO



WALTER KI5OQE



GREG KI5VMT & JAKE KI5JMD



GREG K5LFT & JOHN K5ICU



WINTER FIELD DAY



Members of the Acadiana Amateur Association, Inc. (AARA) held their 2023 Winter Field Day at Steve AF5VR and Mel's farm in Church Point, LA. Steve's farm has some wide open acreage and low noise levels make this an ideal area to hold ham radio events.



While making contact with other amateurs was the main objective, other subjects were on the agenda, such as making and setting up antennas, soldering techniques, radio operation, enjoying good food and most of all, just some really nice fellowship.

Thanks to Steve and Mel for their hospitality during these events and use of their beautiful farm and also thanks to Danny Daigle KD5JSM for volunteering as Winter Field Day 2023 coordinator.

## SELARC Hammond Hamfest 2023 Photos & Main Prize Winners



The Southeast Louisiana ARC held their annual hamfest on January 21, 2023 at the Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N. 5th St. Ponchatoula, La. from 8:00 Am to 4:00 PM.

Here are some photos of this event with main prize winners.



### Southeast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club, Inc

SELARC 2023 Main Prize Hamfest winners:

- 1st - FT-891 - Wylde Bill (N5GQ)
- 2nd - FT-200DR - Ernie Bush (N5NIB)
- 3rd - FT-70DR - Louie White (KG5EFQ)
- 4th - Telescoping Mast - Bill Price (KB5OBW)

# MARCH 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	29	30	31	

## Schedule of Events

- **March 2** — AARA General Club meeting at Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
- **March 3 & 4** — Greater Houston Hamfest
- **March 11** — Acadiana DX Hamfest & Swapmeet
- **March 12** — Daylight Saving Time
- **March 17** — St. Patrick's Day
- **March 22** — National Goof Off Day



## Bicentennial of Lafayette

In 2023 Lafayette Parish will celebrate its bicentennial with a series of events throughout the year that honor the history of the parish and look to what the future holds.

Lafayette Parish has a long and profound history of various cultures, starting with the indigenous Atakapa-Ishak, Choctaw, Chitimacha, and Opelousa. They were some of the first to inhabit the area. About 18,000 Acadian refugees settled in the area after being expelled from Canada in 1755 when Great Britain captured the land from France. The Acadians married other native, French, Spanish, and African settlers, forming the many cultures that make up Lafayette Parish.

It has been nearly two-hundred years since we were chartered by the Louisiana Legislature in 1823. Two years earlier, in 1821, Jean Mouton, a wealthy planter donated a parcel of land to the community known as Vermilionville, for a Courthouse, and a Cathedral. Jean Mouton became known as the founder of Vermilionville, that became the city of Lafayette in 1884.



**100 Years of WWV Time and Frequency Broadcasts**

Mar 6-Mar 12, 0000Z-2359Z, WW0WWV, Various towns and states. WWV Amateur Radio Club. 7.048 7.248 14.048 14.248. QSL. WWV ARC, PO Box 273226, Fort Collins, CO 80527. This is an operating event, on all HF bands, CW, SSB and standard digital mode frequencies. QSL via LOTW, OQRS and PO Box 273226, Fort Collins, CO 80527 [www.wwv.org](http://www.wwv.org)

**Commemorating the launching of the USS Midway March of 1945**

Mar 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](http://www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw)

**PI Day - David Sarnoff Radio Club, Princeton, NJ**

Mar 14, 0000Z-2359Z, N3P, Burlington,

NJ. David Sarnoff Radio Club. 14.031 MHz 14.314 MHz 7.031 MHz 7.227 MHz. QSL. Don Corrington, 7 Pinewald Lane, Burlington, NJ 08016-3421. [n2re.org](http://n2re.org)

**Celebrating 104th Birthday American Legion**

Mar 15, 1600Z-2200Z, AF4CB, Cartersville, GA. Carl Boyd Post 42 American Legion Amateur Radio Club. 7.242 SSB 14.342 SSB 7.074 FT8 14.074 FT8. QSL. Joel Myers, 513 Cassville Rd., Cartersville, GA 30120.

**Cherry Blossom Special Event Station**

Mar 18, 1400Z-2000Z, W4BKM, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 7.225. Certificate. Macon Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208-4862. <https://maconamateurradioclub.wordpress.com>

**Kentucky Bourbon Trail**

Mar 19, 1300Z-2100Z, K4KJQ, Lexington, KY. Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society. 7.230 7.245 7.260 7.265. Certificate &

QSL. Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, P.O. Box 13206, Lexington, KY 40583. [bluegrassars.org](http://bluegrassars.org)

**National Vietnam War Veterans Day**

Mar 29, 1800Z-2100Z, N3TAL, Lanham, MD. American Legion Post 275 Radio team. 7.275Mhz +/- LSB. QSL. American Legion Post 275 ART Team, 8201 Martin Luther King Jr Hwy, Lanham, MD 20706. [n3tal.275@gmail.com](mailto:n3tal.275@gmail.com) or [www.qrz.com/db/n3tal](http://www.qrz.com/db/n3tal)

**165th Annual Tater Day Festival - Yam It Up!**

Mar 31-Apr 3, 0000Z-2359Z, KI4HUS, Benton, KY. Marshall County Amateur Radio Association. 3.820 7.250 14.325 28.350. QSL. Steve French, KM4JZJ, 3640 Olive Hamlett Rd., Benton, KY 42025. For a QSL card, send your card along with an SASE to [Steve French - KM4JZJ](mailto:Steve French - KM4JZJ)



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