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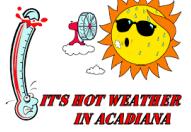
Thursday August 3, 2023 7:00 PM

AARA General Club meeting at:

<u>Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop</u>
in Scott, LA.

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM.





Heat Advisory Down South

It has been extremely hot all away from Texas to Florida for the last several months. Record breaking highs across the Gulf Coast.

Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to your pre-designated cool location. Wear lightweight, loose clothing and take cool showers or

baths. Limit your outdoor activity. Stay hydrated by drinking water and electrolytes such as Gator-Aid. If you are out and about, be sure to wear the proper sun screen and protective clothing.



Acadiana SkyTrack

Ed Roy, WA5TNK, Acadiana Meteorologist, has set up a new Facebook room called "Acadiana SkyTrack" that would be a gathering place for people interested in weather. In short, when the weather turns bad it would be a meeting place online for anyone wanting the latest Acadiana info and also be willing to report what's going on around them.

Once you have joined the room, you will be able to upload your weather photos and comments which may be sent to the National Weather Service.

Ed has the capability of live streaming real time radar images with his narration of what is taking place plus a lot more information on current weather events.

Check out the "Acadiana SkyTrack" yourself and leave your comments at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2635361453284015 Ed's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ed.roy.3



"Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get."

- Mark Twain

The ARRL Letter



John E. Ross, KD8IDJ, Editor

July 6, 2023

ARRL Home Page

Morse Code is still thriving in amateur radio, 24 years after its last commercial use. On July 12, 1999, the original dot/dash system, invented by Samuel F. B. Morse in 1837, gave way to the rapid development of analog and digital communications. The final message sent in Morse code for commercial use was the same one that Morse hammered out on his telegraph key 155 years earlier in 1844, which was, "What hath God wrought?" But this time the message was followed by SK, meaning silent key, or deceased.

The International Maritime Organization replaced Morse code with the Global Maritime Distress

ARRL Letter Archive

and Safety System -- an automated ship-to-shore and ship-to-ship system that use satellites and/or terrestrial radio systems with digital selective calling technology. Morse Code is also still used in aviation. Pilots listen to a Morse code identifier to verify that their navigation receivers are tuned to the correct radio aid, such as a VHF Omni-Directional Range (VOR) or Instrument Landing System (ILS) approach guidance system. Railroads stopped usin Morse code in the mid-1970s.

While Morse code is no longer used commercially, it is still an integral part of amateur radio. Amateur radio operators are no longer

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required to learn Morse code to obtain their license, but many learn the code on their own or by using study guides and taking classes

Every day, amateurs around the world use Morse code to communicate with each other, test their radio equipment, or pass along friendly information.

Morse code is essential in helping people communicate during disasters and emergencies because of its signal ability to penetrate adverse weather issues and propagation disturbance. ARRL offers a variety of resources for those interested in learning Morse code. Visit http://www.arrl.org/learning-morse-code for more information.



Volcanoes on the Air (First Official)

Aug 25-Aug 27, 1000Z-2300Z, N8PPQ, Muskegon, MI. Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council: W8ZHO. 28.440 21.340 14.260 7.260.

Volcanoes on the Air is expected to grow and evolve according to user preferences.

Rules for this first event are as specified by N8PPQ on the website. However, rules and website content will become dynamic. Authenticated users, (having created login name and password) will be able to add/delete/change anything.

Rather than a top-down system with a web master, users will make decisions on what can be viewed and what the rules changes will be. Authority and responsibility will belong to the authenticated users. vota.world

QSL. Dan Mills - N8PPQ 1817 Mills Ave. Muskegon, MI 49445.



SILENT KEYS





Walker Winans WB5MPV -Silent Key

1945 - 2023

Walker Drake Winans of Baton Rouge, Louisiana died on July 13, 2023 at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Melinda KD5PRB, daughter Lara Phillips, his sister Meriget Turner, his brother Bob Winans, nephew Fonville "Beau" Winans, and niece Wendy Winans. He is preceded in death by his father Fonville T. Winans and mother Helen Winans.

While serving in the Navy, Walker trained to be an electronics technician. An early career in radio and TV repair and interest in computer programming led to a position designing and installing oceanographic survey instruments at Coastal Studies Institute of LSU. He worked at CSI for 33 years, retiring in 2008.

His hobbies included ham radio, carpentry, travel and cooking. In his younger days, he enjoyed motorcycles, scuba diving, boating, and piloting his airplane. He was a member of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, Eastgate Lodge #452 F&AM and the Gourmet Club. He was known for his fondness for learning phrases in the languages of countries he traveled to, his kindness and sense of humor, and addressing longtime friends as "you ol' buzzard".

Per his wishes, he was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a future date.



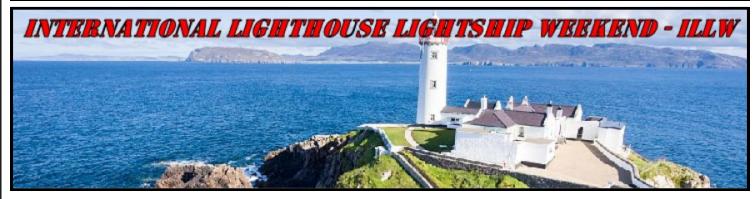
James Romero K5CNU - Silent Key

A memorial service was held on Friday July 7, 2023 at Our Savior's Church in Abbeville, LA for James Romero who passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2023. Ken Turner KG5YYL did the Eulogy.

Those who knew James found him a very humorous, gentle and loving person that would go out of his way to help anyone with a need.

As a ham operator, you could find him on many of the nets especially "rag chewing" frequencies in the 75/80/40/20 meter bands operating his mobile or fixed station. One of his most popular nets was the "Louisiana Traffic Net" found on 3910 KHz @ 6:00 PM central time. James took a lot of "ribbing" on the air, but he always came back with a funny answer. James was a "hotshot" truck driver and traveled the highways all over the Gulf Coast operating mobile

on HF and VHF, so he met a lot of other hams along the way, his wife Melissa W5MLC and daughter Paige KG5VPR were also licensed amateurs.



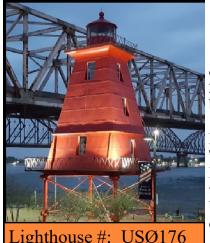
August 19, 2023 @ 00.01 UTC thru 24.00 UTC August 20, 2023 (48 hours)



International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend

An annual amateur radio event - ILLW





Southwest Reef Lighthouse Special Event

The BEARS (Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service) (BEARS) club of Morgan City, Louisiana will be taking part again this year on August 20 and 21, 2022 operating from the Southwest Reef Lighthouse Park (USØ176) on the banks of the Atchafalaya River in Berwick, Louisiana.

Date: August 19 & 20, 2023

Times: 0001Z 8-19 to 2400 Z 8-20

Frequencies: 40 Meters: 7.272 MHz - 20 Me- Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio ters: 14.272 MHz - 15 Meters: 21.372 MHz

Visitors are welcome to come out and enjoy the

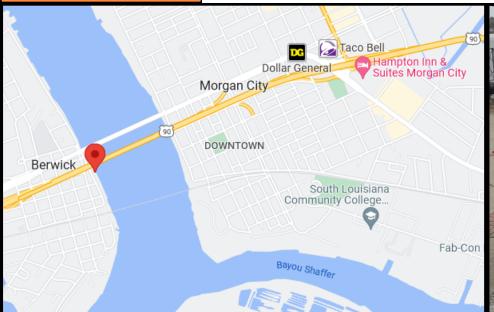
event

OSL via SASE to:

Deborah Price N5FMI

Service 708 Front St.

Morgan City, LA 70380





Southwest Reef Lighthouse: https://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=341

NET CONTROL OPERATORS NEEDED

If you have a General or higher class amateur license and a HF station with a decent antenna and power, you have the main ingredients to make a good net control operator.

Here are a few HF nets looking for Net Control Stations (NCS)

Sunday mornings at 7:00 AM Central time: The "Post Office Net" on 3.905 MHz. 7:30 AM Central "Delta 75 Net" 3.905 MHz.



Monday thru Saturday at 7:00 PM Central "Delta 75 Net" on 3.905 MHz

Daily at 0030 Z on 3.925 MHz "The "Gulf Coast Single Sideband Net"

Most of all the HF nets could use some help as most are getting up in their years and health problems limit their time. Young operators are in demand. 73 de KN5GRK



ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS July 2023

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	5	78	199
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	4	39	101
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	4	51	137
Rag Chew Net - 146.820 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	3	23	270

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 July, 2023



This evening we had only one testing to upgrade, Al Pringle ~KE5UPM .He now has to use /AE when on HF for a while.

The VE's in attendance were: Greg \sim K5LFT, Larry \sim K5KEB, Ken \sim KG5YYL, Dave \sim N4ELM, Michael \sim KI5ARX & Ray \sim N5KIR.

Congratulations Al & TNX to the VEs for the assistance.

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: <u>k5lft@arrl.net</u>.

ARRL Louisiana Section Members:

It's that time again to accept nominations for ARRL Louisiana Section Member. Please email me at: k5jmr@arrl.org and I will get you the information.



Please remember to be as detailed about your nominee as possible.

Minimum requirements for a nominee – 5 years uninterrupted ARRL membership. (Committee may waive this for a new Ham who is an ARRL member and has shown exemplary participation and accomplishments.)

On an attached page please use only **BULLET** statements to document the nominee's participation and accomplishments.

Do not use a name, call sign or any statement information that would identify the nominee in the bullet statements.

Nominations will be accepted beginning August 1 thru September 15, 2023. The winner will be announced at the Slidell Hamfest on October 7, 2023.

73,
John Mark Robertson, K5JMR
k5jmr@arrl.org

ARRL Louisiana Section Manager

ARRL Louisiana Section Website: http://www.laarrl.org/ss/





A tribute from Richard Stubbs at MFJ Enterprises, Inc. to the memory of James Romero K5CNU SK

Throughout my ham radio career, I have come to know and be friends with some of the best gentlemen on the planet. All were ham radio operators. I have lost many of them as I have continued into these years. Some were famous ham radio guys like Dave Ingram and Doug DeMaw and Chip Margelli. It hits hard when you see those SK headlines on QRZ.com and in the issues of QST Magazine.

A couple weeks ago now I lost James Romero from Louisiana. Now nobody is going to know him as "ham radio famous", nor would most even care to get to know him. But I did. He first introduced himself to me as "*just call me dummy load*" in that thick cajun accent you only really hear when you are deep down in the toe part of the boot that is Louisiana.

James helped me year after year, unloading my truck, loading it back up at the Rayne Hamfest, one of the best shows out there due to the food, the crawfish eating on Friday night and the Fais deDo music. It was a good hamfest too. James was instrumental on me to keep coming back. He gave the sweat off his back without never asking for nothing. He was there to help and God love him! He did help me. I got to know his daughter and his wife, they even fed me a bunch of boudin sausage at one show.

James was not a rich man, he worked hard to put food on the table, driving across country in his old pickup truck on runs that paid very little. He was a fireman, a husband, a father and a good, good man. There is something to be said about men like James Romero. We need more like him. Guys that just jump in and help get the job done. He brought back the Rayne Hamfest (with some help) and didn't have a clue what he was getting into, but he jumped in with bare fists ready to get the job done.

RIP James, aka Dummy Load. I am sure gonna miss the hell out of you!



Wrist Radio

Dick Tracy used a 2-way wrist radio. But that is not where the idea started. The wrist watch was invented by Swiss watch maker Patek Phillippe in 1860 and it was marketed initially to women. The first men's wrist was a later convention possibly as late as one made by Girard-Perregaux in 1890. They didn't become popular until WWI and were most popular in Germany than in the US initially. But after they caught on in the US we wanted to strap everything to our wrists: compasses, radios, televisions, calculators, pagers... whatever we could make small enough to fit.

The first attempt I know of was from October of 1936. It was an article in Popular science that described a"Build Yourself a Wrist Watch Radio." This device used full size headphones, a wristwatch the size of a Polaroid camera, a few feel of antenna cable you draped over your shoulder and battery packs that one was to wear around the waist like batman's utility belt. I consider this a failed attempt because it in no way was contained on the wrist. The first successful device I am aware of was made

In April 1952 two engineers at Western Electric come up with a wrist radio that was only 1.5" x 2" x 3.25". It was wrist watch sized, but still did not include the speaker, antenna or battery. In 1963 M.E. Quisenberry designed a one transistor wrist-radio with a single earphone. The US Signal Corps made their own version that used 3 transistors and a tiny mercury battery. It's antenna ran up your sleeve. The book The Portable Radio in American Life by Michael B. Schiffer has some great pictures of it.



by Dr. Cledo Brunetti, an engineer at the US Bureau of Standards. He produced his first working model in 1947. This was pre-solid state design so it came complete with miniature vacuum tubes. But his was not an Am radio, it was meant as a real deal Dick Tracey radio designed to operate from 460-470 megacycles. it only weighted 3 ounces. It was never produced commercially. There was a toy version manufactured that was really just a tiny crystal kit that worked like crap. Still, in 1951 Hugo Gernsback predicted the manufacture of such a device "an excellent superheterodyne receiver, no

larger than a wrist watch." The transistor had de-

buted in 1950 so the idea was no longer a lark.



From thereon home brew wrist AMAZING NEW Wrist Radio radios littered the classified of Popular Mechanics. Huckert Electronics sold a model by direct mail starting in 1954. In 1956 there were 2.5 ounce semicomplete wrist radios for sale in the back of magazines marketed to teens like Boys Life. It cost almost \$30, was the size of a

pack of cigarettes and clearly the antenna was still external but it was a bit sleeker looking. In 1964 Mellinger sold another model for \$3, with a 1/8" headphone jack that really fit the basic idea. Finally in 1976 there were commercially available \$10 wrist radios that was self contained loudspeaker, battery and antenna. These duly qualify but were over-sized. By the mid 1980s LCD wrist watches with AM radio were small, and readily available for a mere \$15. But there was still future times to be predicted. A 1970 article in Popular science wrote:

"...by the end of this century the most common type of watch will be a form of wrist radio. It would decode and display a super-accurate time signal received from a communications satellite. Some models would include transmitters by which their wearers could keep a central office computer informed of their whereabouts."

Posted by Jose Fritz at Wednesday, May 29, 2013 Labels: Cledo Brunetti, wrist radio

https://tenwatts.blogspot.com/2013/05/wrist-radio.html

You Know You're a Ham When...

This list came from the Portland Amateur Radio Club website, that notes: "Originated by Mike Lazaroff KB3RG. Downloaded from the 'Wireless Institute of Australia, New South Wales Division' Web Pages on the Internet, and slightly Anglicised by myself.



- The only time you get up at 6 am is for a hamfest.
- You know you can run all your home appliances on your equipment back-up battery.
- Someone in a Music shop asks you what bands you like and you answer two meters and seventy centimeters.
- A bank clerk asks you to spell your name and you do so phonetically.
- In a conversation, you wait for the Roger tone before speaking.
- You hear a scraping sound when driving through multi-storey car parks.
- A band opening is more important than a grand opening.
- Sight-seeing on holiday amounts to looking at roof-tops for antennas.
- The radios in your car are worth more than your car.
- You develop a plan to get it to resonate on 160 meters.
- When you walk out of the house you not only feel your pockets for your keys and your wallet, but also your hip for your handheld.

- Your child's schoolteacher calls you on the phone to ask why your child identified countries on the world map as JA, ZL, VE, G, UA and XE.
- If you refer to your house as "Ohm, sweet Ohm".
- You're talking on the phone and end every sentence with "(callsign) this is (callsign), over".
- Your prime criterion for a new car is that it have zero ignition noise.
- You and your girlfriend/wife hike to the top of a famous mountain, but rather than enjoy the magnificent sunset and giving her a kiss, you fire up the Hand Portable to see how many repeaters you can hit.
- You realize that you've been studying code too long because you try and find out who did it in 'Inspector Morse' by listening to the background music.
- You look at the Pennine Mountain Range and try to figure out how to get an antenna mounted on the highest peak.
- You look at the Severn Bridge and develop a plan to get it to resonate on 160 meters.

https://www.rfcafe.com/miscellany/humor/know-youre-ham-when.htm



Louisiana State Fairgrounds Agriculture Building 104 degrees outside — 65 degrees inside FREE Parking — Easy Access

Sponsor: Shreveport Amateur Radio Association (SARA)

Date: Saturday August 12, 2023

Time: 7:00am - 2:00 pm

FREE Parking — Easy Access

Admission: \$10.00 at door

Website: http://www.k5sar.com/sbhamfest/

Shreveport-Bossier Hamfest

The Shreveport Amateur Radio Association (SARA) is pleased to sponsor the 2023 Shreveport-Bossier Hamfest. Rendezvous with old friends and make new ones. Browse the latest equipment from our featured vendors. Sell your used gear or find the perfect new or used equipment for your rig.

Prize Tickets: Purchased at the door 1 ticket – \$5.00 5 tickets – \$20.00 30 tickets – \$100.00

Prizes: Main Trading Co. Gift Card or [CASH]

1st Prize: \$1250 MTC GC or [\$1000

Cash]

2nd Prize: \$500 MTC GC or [\$400 Cash] 3rd Prize: \$250 MTC GC or [\$150 Cash] Along with numerous hourly door prizes.

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	39	31		

Schedule of Events

- August 3 AARA General Club meeting at <u>Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop</u> in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
- August 12 <u>Shreveport-Bossier</u> <u>Hamfest</u>
- August 19 & 20 Southwest Reef Lighthouse Special Event & International Lighthouse / Lightship Weekend
- August 19 & 20 <u>Huntsville Hamfest</u>
 Stuff I have for sale—click here







Von Braun Center South Hall August 19 & 20, 2023

700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

Huntsville Hamfest

Hours: Saturday 9 AM - 4:30 PM, Sunday 9 AM - 3 PM

ARRL Alabama State Convention.

Sponsor: Huntsville Hamfest Association

Hamfest Hours: We will be open to the public Sat, 9:00–4:30 PM and Sun, 9:00–3:00 PM.

2023 Admission Tickets: \$12 for both days \$15 after August 5, ages 12 and under free. For tickets: https://hamfest.org/event-tickets

Tables: \$45/table, \$50 after June 15. Optional power drops provided by the VBC are \$70, \$75 after June 15.

Each flea market vendor must purchase admission \$12, \$15 after August 5.

Talk-In: 146.94 - 100Hz Huntsville's Wide Coverage D-STAR System is W4WBC: 145.36-, 443.425+,

1285+ and 1251 DD Yaesu Digital Fusion Users: Use 147.14+, 100 Hz PL DMR Users: DMR Networked System 442.275+. For Talk Group info, go to N4HSV.net for more and

code plugs.

Grand Prize drawing: Saturday @ 4:00 PM (need not be present to win). Yaesu FT-710 AESS

Main Prize drawing: Sunday @ 2:00 PM (must be present to win). ICOM IC-705

Website: https://hamfest.org/

Public Contact: Mark Brown, N4BCD

631 Lynchburg Hwy Mulberry, TN 37359

Phone: 256-503-8887

Email: mark.n4bcd@yahoo.com

Major door prize each day plus hourly door prizes.

A Newsletter from Amateur Radio Station of Herman Campbell

US Coast Guard 233 Birthday

Aug 4-Aug 5, 1400Z-0400Z, K1CG, Port Angeles, WA. USCG CW Operators Association. 3.552 7.052 14.052 21.052. QSL. Send, QSL information to, station worked. www.qrz.com/db/klcg

The Brickyard 400 - Race Three

Aug 7-Aug 13, 0000Z-2359Z, W9IMS, Indianapolis, IN. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC. 3.840 7.245 14.245 18.140. Certificate & QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 30954, Indianapolis, IN 46230. See the website for ALL information! w9ims.org

Texas Rangers 200th Anniversary

Aug 10-Aug 25, 0810Z-0825Z, W5R, Waco, TX. Heart Of Texas DX Society, W5DXS. 28.437. Certificate & QSL. Larry Merritt, 3200 Colcord Ave., Waco, TX 76707. For full information as to Certificate & QSL requirements and band / mode operating updates please refer to the W5DXS website.

https://w5dxs.tripod.com/

Olivia Digital Mode August 2023 QSO Party

Aug 11-Aug 14, 0000Z-2359Z, NW7US, Worldwide, OT. Olivia Digital DXers Club. 28.1225 21.0725 14.0725 7.0725. Certificate. Tomas Hood, PO Box 110, Fayetteville, OH 45118. Olivia is the digital (HF) protocol developed at the end of 2003 by Pawel Jalocha. This is the 20th Year Anniversary QSO party by the Olivia Digital DXers Club (we're on Clublog). OliviaDigitalMode.org

Navajo Code Talkers

Aug 13-Aug 19, 0000Z-0000Z, N7HG, Lukachukai, AZ. N7HG. 14.265 21.265 7.265 18.133. Certificate & QSL. Herbert Goodluck, PO Box 06, Chinle, AZ 86503. Native Americans severing in WWII. n7hgster@gmail.com

Hurricanes Katrina and Ida Commemoration

Aug 29-Aug 30, 0000Z-0000Z, W5GAD, Metairie, LA. Jefferson Amateur Radio Club. 7.235 14.285 7.035 14.035. QSL.

Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70005. SSB, CW and FT8 on various HF bands; D-STAR on REF048C. Not all bands and modes will be operated simultaneously. w5gad.org

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VJ Day at the USS Razorback

Sep 2, 1500Z-2100Z, W5R, North Little Rock, AR. Pine Bluff Amateur Radio Club. 7.285 LSB 14.283 USB 14.074 FT8. QSL. Dr. Michael Gunter, W5KZ, 8719 Middle Warren Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71603. From the USS Razorback at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum, 120 Riverfront Park Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72114.

www.grz.com/db/w5r or www.pbarc.net





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