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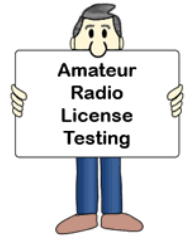
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Thursday November 2, 2023 — AARA General Club meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM.

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM.

Check out some new changes to club on page 3 of this issue.



WORD FROM EDITOR



While checking in on the Louisiana Traffic Net on 3910 KHz, net control Ryan K15GZO asked me “when was the last time you went o the Lake Charles hamfest”? And I replied “probably more than 10 years or more, why do you ask”? He explained that he and some other hams were doing some work on the Lake Charles repeater and while they were inside the storage shed, they found a hopper drum with some door prize tickets. Ryan reached in and pulled out a ticket and to his surprise, it was one with my name on it. I asked him “what did I win”? He laughed and told me that he took a picture of the ticket and would sent me a copy.

Looking at the ticket it seems that it was before I had a rubber stamp made to tag my hamfest tickets. I had made some address labels on my computer with some “crack & peel” paper that I picked up from a local print shop. I would stick them on the back of my hamfest tickets so that I would not have to fill in the info by hand.



I would also like to say “**THANKS**” to the [W5YI Group](#) for all the help in getting the Lafayette Salvation Army K5LSA club license renewed which was to expire on October 25, 2023 and me being the trustee, it was my duty to apply for renewal. The license is now good until October 2033.

I had fought the FCC system for a long time and was just about to the point of giving up the cause. It was worth the \$10.00 service charge to get this matter straightened out. For those needing to renew your license and are members of the ARRL, check out the October & November 2023 QST issues for directions in renewing your license.

“Look at all those stars! To think, God made all of that and remembered to make a little speck like me” - Wyatt Earp

Ham Radio - We Talk to the World!



Slidell EOC Hamfest Held October 7 & 7, 2023



Prize Winners

- 1st Place - Yaesu FTM-500XDR – Jennifer Premus KI5FSP of Metairie, LA
- 2nd Place - Yaesu FT-70DR – Dan Pender AD5DP of Slidell, LA
- 3rd Place - LRS (Lightning Rig Saver) – Manual Miyares WD5BJR of Covington, LA
- 4th Place - Yaesu FT-65R - Russell Plyler W15ARD of Bush, LA
- 5th Place - Yaesu FT-65R - Russell Plyler W15ARD of Bush, LA
- 6th Place - Yaesu FT-4XR – Jack LeBaron KF5UTM of Harahan, LA
- 7th Place - Yaesu FT-4XR – Craig Case KI5BOM of Picayune, LA
- 8th Place - Yaesu FT-4XR – Dan M Pender AD5DP of Slidell, LA
- 9th Place - Yaesu FT-4XR – Michael Jackson KI5GGP of Covington, LA
- 10th Baofeng GM-15 Pro - Jack LeBaron KF5UTM of Harahan, LA



4th through 10th place you had to be present to win; many times we had to redraw because the hams had already left the hamfest site. You can probably guess who bought hundreds of dollars worth of tickets. **Neither Matt Anderson or John Mark Robertson were present to present the “Ham of the Year“ Award.**



Introducing GMRS to Ham Operators

Starting in late 2022 I started learning about another radio service, GMRS. The first link below is a video that will introduce the General Mobile Radio Service to people with a Ham license. All of the comparisons between the services are described in terms that Hams should understand.

I like the GMRS environment. For my family I have purchased more than a dozen GMRS radios as Christmas presents, put up a very small neighborhood repeater (Internet linked), built a couple of GMRS websites and made a very short video. Mixed in with this is my goal of starting a NIXIE, that is described on the websites. Also the plan includes LCARE (on the website) that would provide parish level repeaters.

- GMRS INTRO FOR HAMS - a short Youtube video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiX296WYb2Q>
- DESCRIPTION OF NIXIE and LCARE - <https://kizzy03.wixsite.com/nezida>
- A TERSE INTRODUCTION TO GMRS - <https://kizzy03.wixsite.com/intro>

I hope this provides some help if you want to understand GMRS.
Steve Mahler - KF5VH & WRVM211

How to get a GMRS License in only four steps

Getting your GMRS license has never been easier. Really, it hasn't. This is because it's *never* been easy at all. Unlike the main FCC web site, the portion of the site where you get a license, known as the *Universal License System*, or ULS, seems to be it's own little ecosystem. Unfortunately, the ULS isn't exactly a modern, intuitive web experience.



This entry was posted on June 9, 2023 by Rick

Check out this website for information:



AARA NEWS

At the October 5th AARA General Meeting the following items were discussed:

Changes to membership dues were discussed and voted on by membership and can be found on the new membership application at: http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf
Time to consider paying your 2024 membership dues using the new form.

The Nomination Committee for 2024 AARA Club officers presented their slate for new officers for 2024 as:

- President: Michael Cavell KI5ARX
- Vice President: Tom Dischler W5OHJ
- Secretary: Greg Guilbeau KI5VMT
- Treasurer: Walt Comeaux KI5OQE
- Member at Large Barrett Oge KG5SSO
- Member at Large Steve Webre AF5VR
- Member at Large Phillip Verret KA8ZKR



Elections shall be held during the November membership meeting. Nominations presented by the nominating committee or from the floor must have the prior consent of the nominee

Changes to the [AARA W5DDL](http://www.w5ddl.org) website have updated by webmaster Michael Cavell KI5ARX.

SEPTEMBER ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS November 2023

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	5	87	231
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	4	39	95
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	4	48	111
Rag Chew Net - 146.820 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	3	23	199

Results posted on the 1st of the following month.
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 Session Results September 8, 2023



Pretty good evening in as much as all testing passed something. Joseph A. Konecni (K5VXX) upgraded to Amateur Extra & Odell Chance KJ5CYB of Rayne along with James R. Duplechine KJ5CYD of Scott both became Techs.

The VEs assisting were Greg ~K5LFT, Ken Turner ~KG5YYL, Larry ~K5KEB, Michael ~KI5ARX, Dave ~N4ELM & Ray ~N5KIR.

Congrats to those testing and TNX to the VEs assisting.

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

Local Amateur Radio Operator Shoots the Sun

On Saturday October 14, 2023 a annular “Ring of Fire” solar eclipse occurred over Acadiana. We are in Solar Cycle 25 which will peak in 2025.



A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth. The next total eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. This is the last one to touch North America until March 30, 2033. The only state that sees totality then will be Alaska, and the weather prospects for March in the Arctic make this one a true challenge to get into the bag.



Amateur radio operator Walt Comeaux III KI5OQE of Broussard, LA set up his telescope to capture some outstanding photos of this event using a 80mm apochromatic refractor telescope with a dedicated astro camera feeding his laptop computer to get the following photos..



Walter has plans to be at the 2024 total eclipse while at camp in Oklahoma.



Click here to check out his Facebook page.

Replacing a ICOM 706 Faceplate

By Ron Bertucci KI5AGS



Acadiana Amateur Radio Club - W5DDL

October 15 at 10:03 PM · 🌐

KI5AGS (Ron) here: Ok.. deep breath.
My ICOM 706 got a sun burnt!!!

It was very hard to look at the screen and not get a headache, so I decided to rip it apart and install a new polarizer filter. The scariest part was removing the old adhesive from the main screen using alcohol, "Q-tips" and razor blades. With a lot of elbow grease and not giving up till ever bit of adhesive was gone. The final result is like looking into a brand new radio again. I am glad I did it but it was not for the faint of heart. Hi Hi!

<https://www.facebook.com/W5DDL>



LA ARES SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST (SET) REPORT

by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

On Saturday October 21, ARRL Louisiana held a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM operating on 7.211 MHz and 3.910 MHz. Every half hour, there were NCS changes on 7.211 Mhz.

Net control operators were:

0900-0930 local	Jim	AI5B
0930-1000 local	W5MMC	K5ARC GOHSEP
1000-1030 local	LeRoy	W5VG
1030-1100 local	Mike	WB5LJQ



Jim Lewis AB5YS stood by on 3.910 MHz to handle traffic along with Domonic W5DGM. The secondary frequency was 3.878 MHz if needed or propagation dictates.

GOHSEP station simulated by the Ascension Amateur Radio Club operating K5ARC from their communications trailer.

I operated during the event using the Lafayette Salvation call "K5LSA" and passed one RADIOGRAM to GOHSEP. Click on image to see a larger view



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RADIOGRAM

1001	TEST R	Q	K5LSA	14	LAFAYETTE LA	1001	1001	OCT 21
PHONE NUMBER:		NAME:		ADDRESS:		CITY:		STATE:
TEST:		MESSAGE:	THE:	LAFAYETTE:	SALVATION:			
ARMY:		CAN:	SHELTER:	22:	PERSONS:			
AND:		SERVE:	50:	MEALS:				
HERMAN:		K5LSA:						
FROM:	DATE:	TIME:	TO:	DATE:	TIME:			

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AIR FORCE MARS

75th Anniversary Special Event
5 — 11 November 2023

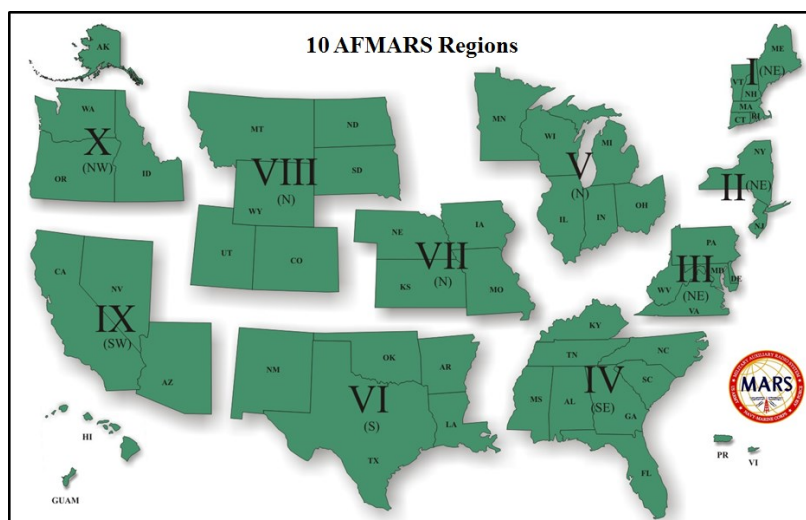


The Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System (AFMARS) celebrates 75 years of service to United States Military and Civilian government organizations during November 2023. In observance of this milestone, the “Air Force MARS 75 Years” Special Event will include communications on Amateur HF bands (160-6) in the General License portion of the band and in the Technician License portion of 10 meters using SSB, CW and digital modes.

AFMARS Organization	FEMA Region	Call Sign
1 st AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 1 MA, NH, VT, CT, MA, RI	W1A
2 nd AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 2 NJ, NY	W1B
3 rd AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 3 DE, MD, DC, PA, VA, WV	W1C
4 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 4 AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, PR-VI	W1D
5 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 5 IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI	W1E
6 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 6 AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	W1F
7 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 7 IA, KS, MO, NE	W1G
8 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 8 CO, MT, ND, SD, WY, UT	W1H
9 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 9 AZ, CA, NV, HI	W1J
10 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 10 AK, OR, WA, ID	W1K
Pentagon MARS Station	Region 3	K4AF
Travis AFB AFMARS Station	Region 9	KE6UEU

Those wishing to participate should listen for the above-listed stations (frequencies will vary by geographic region) and respond to the “Air Force MARS 75 CQ” calls.

Stations which have made a confirmed contact with one or more Communication Wings will be eligible to receive a electronic certificate. Stations contacting 5 wings will be awarded a “Bronze” endorsement . Contact with 10 wings will be denoted “Silver”. Stations contacting all 10 wings and the Pentagon and Travis AFB stations will receive “Gold” endorsements on their QSL Certificates.



NO QSL'S CERTIFICATES ONLY

Certificates may be downloaded from <http://cert.elemoshopfloor.com> after November 30, 2023.

Event details, including schedules, bands, and modes are posted on the official Web Site at:

<https://community.apan.org/wg/air-force-military-auxiliary-radio-system-afmars/afmars-75-years/m/documents/447922>

Event details shortcut: <https://tinyurl.com/5859r4vi> or:



The NTS™ Letter

National Traffic System®



There's a new newsletter in the ARRL repertoire as of this week. The first issue of The NTS Letter was published on October 3, 2023. The NTS Letter is a monthly digest of all things related to the ARRL National Traffic System®. It is edited by Marcia Forde, KW1U, who is a veteran traffic handler and serves as the Section Traffic Manager for the ARRL Eastern and Western Massachusetts and Rhode Island Sections.

The NTS Letter is published monthly and is free of charge to ARRL members.

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Minden Amateur Radio Association N5RD

Minden Christmas Hamfest 2023

Sponsored by: Minden Amateur Radio Association (MARA)

Date: Saturday December 16, 2023

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Admission: \$10.00 - includes 1 door prize ticket

Talk-In: 147.300 or 444.650 PL 186.2

VE Exams: Begins at 9:00 am
Registration Required

Location: Minden Civic Center
520 Broadway St.
Minden, Louisiana 71055

Tables: \$15.00 per table for those who wish to sell merchandise. (To reserve swap tables, contact on our "[Contact Us](#)" page.)

Website: <https://n5rd.com/mara-hamfest/2023-mara-hamfest>

Swap tables will be available for \$15 per table for those who wish to sell merchandise.

Tickets:

Tickets may be obtained from any member or contact Fran, KD5LKB, or Dustin, W5CFI (email addresses at 'Contact Us' on main menu strip, top of page).

Entrance tickets are \$10 each (includes 1 prize ticket), available at door at the hamfest.

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Door Prizes: (Must be present to win)

Great hourly door prizes drawn throughout the day!

Grand Prizes: (Must be present to win)

1st Prize - \$1250 MTC store credit or \$1000 cash.

2nd Prize - \$500 MTC store credit or \$400 cash.

3rd Prize - \$250 MTC store credit or \$200 cash.

Grand prizes furnished by [Main Trading Company](#)

Those vendors who have agreed to participate this year in the hamfest include:

[Main Trading Company](#)

[The SignMan of Baton Rouge](#)

Name badges and other items made on-site

Wishing You Merry Christmas

Contact: John Beck KB5LE
318-636-5845
KB5LE@arrl.net

EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL

Mountain Bayou Scout Camp Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) Saturday, October 21, 2023



This was a Cub Scout event (K-5th grade). It was one of their two day "Adventure Day Weekend" put on by the [Evangeline Area Council](#). This one coincided with JOTA.

Members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association (AARA) operated from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on 40-20-10 and 2 meters using home made antennas with over 130 Cub Scouts attending and obtaining their JOTA merit badges. Some of the other activities included archery and BB gun competition.

Greg Guilbeaux KI5VMT reported that it was his first time to assist in helping the Cub Scouts get their JOTA communications badge. Scouts were amazed to be able to talk to other scouts around the world sharing their hobbies, locations, ambitions, and other interests. To many, it was their first time on the radio and were somewhat a little shy and lost for words at first but soon overcame these problems.

Greg also found that he and their parents enjoyed the experience as much as the scouts and is looking forward to helping next year. Most of all...it was a "FUN DAY"!



AARA Club members helping (l to r)
David Desormeaux N5DEZ - Greg Guilbeaux KI5VMT - Tom Dischler W5OHJ - Michael Cavell KI5ARX and Jake Domingue KI5JMD. Not shown: Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB submitted the photos.



Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

- * Larry K5KEB for heading up this event.
- * Michael KI5ARX and Greg KI5VMT for submissions for this article.
- * Kellee Menard, our Scout contact
kelleemenard@gmail.com

More pictures on the next page



November 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		

Schedule of Events

- ◆ November 2 — AARA General Club meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
- ◆ November 5 — Daylight Saving Time Ends
- ◆ November 11 — Veterans Day
- ◆ November 23 — Thanksgiving



More photos of the JOTA Event



28th Anniversary, Sinking of Edmund Fitzgerald

Nov 1-Nov 12, 0000Z-2359Z, W8F, Livonia, MI. The Livonia Amateur Radio Club. 14.260 14.050 7.260 7.050. Certificate & QSL. Fitzgerald Special Event W8F, w8f@livoniaarc.com, LARC, P.O. Box 51532, Livonia, MI 48151-5532. On Sat. Nov. 11 only, 1530-2030 UTC, W8F operates from Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle Park, Detroit, MI., POTA K-1487. Club operators will be on all bands/modes Nov. 1-12 - check spotting sites. NEW QSL INFO-SEE W8F Page at www.QRZ.com/db/w8f_livoniaarc.com

Air Force MARS 75 Years

Nov 5-Nov 11, 0001Z-2359Z, W1A-K*, All USA. Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System. Technician and General portion of the 80 - 10 meter bands; SSB, CW, and digital modes. Certificate. See website, for e-certificate, information. Call signs W1A through W1K, K4AF and KE6UEU. See website for updates on bands and modes, and how to receive a certificate. <https://community.apan.org/wg/air-force-military-auxiliary-radio-system-afmars/afmars-75-years>

Veteran's Day Remembrance

Nov 11, 1600Z-2130Z, W5KID, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. 7.040 7.250 14.040 14.250. QSL. USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, 305 S. River Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. CW, SSB, and FT8 Operation aboard the USS Kidd (DD-661), a World War II Fletcher-class destroyer. www.qrz.com/db/w5kid

1st Transatlantic Ham Radio QSO (1923)

Nov 18, 1400Z-2200Z, K3S, Baltimore, MD. Nuclear Ship Savannah ARC. 7 14 21 28. QSL. ULIS FLEMING, 980 PATUXENT ROAD, Odenton, MD 21113. Operating from the ship. Please check the spotting networks since we may be operating anywhere on 40, 20, 15, or 10m SSB or CW. qrz.com/db/k3s

152nd Birthday of the NRA, Operating from Gunsite Academy

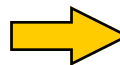
Nov 17, 1500Z-2359Z, K7GST, Prescott, AZ. Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. 7.040 7.250 14.040 14.250. Certificate. Downloadable PDF, certificate available at, www.w4gkf.com/k7gst/qso.htm. www.w7yrc.org/nrabirthday

W2W Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration

Dec 1-Dec 11, 1300Z-2200Z, W2W, Hunt Valley, MD. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. 14.241 14.041 7.241 7.041. Certificate & QSL. K3NY, 108 Brent, Arnold, MD 21012. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum (ARCNEEM) will operate W2W in commemoration of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day and the role of electronics in WWII. If the Museum station is not available, operators may operate from their home stations. Primary operation will be Dec 1-Dec 7 with additional operation possible during the Dec 8-Dec 11 period as operator availability permits. Operation on 80M (3.541, 3.841) and digital modes possible during event. Frequencies +/- according to QRM. QSL and Certificate available via SASE; details at ww-2.us

Flight 19 The Missing Avengers

Dec 2, 1300Z-2100Z, K4P, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Parrot Amateur Radio Club Inc. 14.240 7.210 18.150 21.315. QSL. Gerald Deitch, 2621 NW105 Lane, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33322. send SASE for qsl card info@parrotarc.org



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Time Change:
Sun, Nov 5, 2023
Set Clocks back one hour.

