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Thursday May 2, 2024 — AARA General Club meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM.

VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM
See page 2 for more information about the meeting.



Words from the Editor

1. I have noticed many times that people have posted on my [e-mail reflector](#) items they want to sell, however they failed to put contact information on the items, I therefore receive e-mails back inquiring about said items. I do not have the time to answer their questions as they assume that it is me selling the equipment. **Please put your contact information on the request** otherwise, it will not get sent.
2. Sometimes I miss a event going on in the ham radio world others may be interested to our hobby, this is because it is unknown to me. I try my best to search out these events but they sometimes elude me. The only source of my articles is either on Facebook, ARRL, or e-mails I receive from my readers. Things are moving so fast now-a-days, it is hard to keep up with what is going on. Websites change, e-mail addresses change, it is not easy to keep up with the world today and with my age, it is getting hard to remember some things.
3. A few months ago, my computer hard drive crashed and I had to go thru the experience of re-installing my programs, Luckily, I have backup of my operating system, data, programs, e-mail lists and other vital information. I am one of those persons that really don't trust outside on-line data storage. I went shopping around for a good "cloning" software package and after researching, I found one that meets my needs without having to pay a monthly subscription. It is *NTI Echo 5*, I installed it and it installed like a "breeze". I was able to clone my SSD hard to a larger SSD drive without any problems. I checked out some other software packages but most of the good ones want a monthly subscription. I keep a lot of my important and personal data on a separate SSD drive and try to do a monthly backup.

My computer is old and slow like me, but we manage to get the job done!

Herman KN5GRK



My website is hosted by:



"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never Happened".
(Mark Twain)

Ham Radio - We Talk to the

AARA CLUB NEWS



The AARA held a “Tape Measure Antenna Build” on Saturday April 20, 2024. See article on page 9 for details.

On May 2, 2024. The AARA General Meeting, preparations on upcoming Field Day June 22-23 will be discussed as to where it will be held and who will be chairman for the event. A presentation on “*Getting Started on POTA*” by Larry Kebedeaux K5KEB is scheduled.

Michael Cavell KI5ARX and Jake Domingue KI5JMD and the UL Club is in the process of putting together a Technician Class in the near future. As soon as the details are finalized, it will be made public.

2024 ARRL Field Day is June 22-23

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>



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ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS April 2024

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	5	91	223
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	5	56	151
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	4	68	161
Rag Chew Net - 146.820 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	3	34	302

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 April 4, 2024



I'd have to say it was a pretty gun night !!! Three in and three out, covering all classes of license. First there was Randy E. Gothreaux KJ5FRK of Lafayette earning his Tech license then there was Richard R. Thibodeaux formally N5QMF of Carencro getting a new General (was Advanced) & Daniel P. Meaux ~ KJ5DZY of Maurice advancing to Amateur Extra. So a hearty congratulations to all three !!!!!

The VEs assisting were : Greg ~ K5LFT, Ken ~ KG5YYL, Ray ~ N5KIR, Michael ~ KI5ARX, Dave ~ N4ELM (TNX and good fortune in N.C. !!!), John ~ K5ICU & Charlie ~ N5WE (TNX for the presentation on contesting). So again I say TNX to all participating both sides of the table !!!!!!!!!

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

Amateur Radio Regional Meeting Report

On April 20, 2024, a Amateur Radio Regional Meeting was held at the Old Bank Building on 201 Everett St., Morgan City, LA from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, hosted by the **BEARS Club**. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce Huston Polson N5YS the newly elected ARRL Louisiana Section Manager for letting us in on some of his plans for the future during his administration.

A slide presentation can be found ⇒ [“HERE”](#)



Words from Houston Polson N5YS - ARRL Louisiana Section Manager

N5YS – Who Am I?

In my opening remarks, I told them, I was honored to be elected Section Manager and I was humbled by the confidence shown by the members in me to lead this group but I was excited by the opportunities we have.

I told the group a little more about me as I recognize I'm not well known in the southern part of the state. I explained my experience in leading organizations as a military officer and as a Dean and Professor of Business and a Business Department Chair. They understood I'm a Deputy Sheriff – Bailiff so if I don't return a text or call quickly, that's probably the reason. My experience in emergency management is predominantly as a liaison or staff not as a communicator but I'm a quick study.

ARRL-Who Are They?

I have a basic theory that many ARRL members don't have a good understanding of the many benefits of membership. I explained – I believe many members felt they were subscribing to QST and the ARRL membership was a benefit and not the other way around. In my opinion, The League has done a poor job of explaining the benefits of membership and what it accomplishes for ham radio in general. [Slide 4](#) describes the FCC's perspective of the Amateur Radio Service. The **BOLD** items show my emphasis and how they relate to [Slides 5](#) and [6](#). [Slide 7](#) tells more of the benefits available that many members either don't know about or don't think about as benefits.

Louisiana Section – Who Are We?

The top table of [Slide 8](#) provides the FCC statistics as of Thursday April 18. I pointed out the 64 novices in Louisiana and asked what we need to do help convince them to upgrade. The second table provides the membership stats for the Delta Division as of 31 March. [Slide 9](#) provides a list of my current senior staff and their positions. Only those I've confirmed want to stay on are listed. [Slide 10](#) lists field services positions the Section Manager appoints. All positions require the incumbent to be and maintain Full Membership in the ARRL. I'm looking for a couple of Technical Specialists that are skilled in web design and updating. If you know anyone, please let me know.

“Now You Caught That Bicycle...”

That was my wife's first comment after my call from HQ informing me, I had won. She looked at me and said (rather bluntly), “Okay, Now you've caught this bicycle, what are you going to do with it?” I thought to be the perfect title for my plans.



In my presentation, we spent considerable time on [Slides 10 and 11](#). [Slide 10](#) gives some of the items I want to set as goals for the Section. For example, the FCC lists 152 club licenses in Louisiana, yet only 29 are ARRL Affiliated. I'd like to see that number increase, significantly. The club is the foundation of ham radio. They provide a means to Elmer newcomers.

During the monthly Section Manager ZOOM meeting, we were told the League received \$500K from the ARDC for grants. The application window should open about 1 June. The max amount available to an individual club is \$25K. It was emphasized that it must be a club and the project must be “transformative.” In other words, if a club wants \$5K for a new repeater, that's not transformative. Unfortunately, a better definition wasn't forthcoming, but we were promised one before the application window opens

Energizing younger hams is something I really want as a focus during my time as Section Manager. I want us to find and support a school that wants to be the first in Louisiana to talk to the ISS. (Now that would be a “transformative project.”) It was pointed out that it's difficult to get on the list. I agreed but we need to try.

I've spoken to several folks, and all have agreed that a Club of the Year would be a great idea. I explained, I approached several people about what the criteria for selection should be, and each talked about items their club was doing. I also said, while I didn't know who would be on the selection committee, no one in the Section (and probably not the Delta Division leaders) would be.

The group also liked the idea of a Louisiana POTA Day.

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Amateur Radio Regional Meeting continued from page 3

Slide 12 was designed to get discussion going. Several asked if they could email me ideas; of course! This isn't a One-Man Gig. I need help to accomplish all these ideas. I want more ideas. If they work, I'll certainly give credit where it's due. If they don't, well that's on me. (According to legend, Abe Lincoln once state, "It is amazing how much I can get done when I don't care who gets credit." I agree with Abe!)

Slide 13 summarizes my philosophy. To succeed, we as a Section must be in the public eye (Be Visible); our services must be timey and of a type that can be used by our served agencies and customers (Be Viable); they must be seen as providing a needed service (Be Valuable.)

Louisiana Section – "How We Doin'?"

That was the question I asked in the title slide and felt I needed to answer. While Matt and John Mark left me a section in good shape, it's not without challenges and opportunities. Over the next two years I want to lead the charge to overcome those challenges and take advantage of those opportunities. But as I said earlier, it's not a one-man gig. I need the help of all.

Slide 16 gave my contact info. Please feel free to publish it. You can also use this address – hbpolson1@gmail.com

Cheers and 73
Houston, N5YS
318-209-8843



This event was hosted by the Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service a.k.a "BEARS" of Morgan City, Louisiana with the following club members attending:

- Jackie Price KA5LMZ
- Frank Price N5LOD
- Deborah Price N5FMI
- Rudy Duchan WA5QNH
- Mike Galler III WD5JTZ
- Tina Galler KA5HSL
- Herbert Dinger-Worth KI5YLL



The Louisiana Section officers attending were:
Houston Polson N5YS - Louisiana ARRL Section Manager
John Marrk Robinson K5JMR - Assistant LA Section Manager
Jim Coleman AI5B - Section Emergency Coordinator

A Certificate of Merit was presented to John Mark Robertson K5JMR by Houston Polson N5YS for his service as ARRL Assistant Delta Division Manager.



Hurricane Season 2024

June 1 — November 30, 2024

Colorado State University hurricane researchers are predicting an extremely active Atlantic hurricane season in their initial 2024 forecast. The team cites record warm tropical and eastern subtropical Atlantic sea surface temperatures as a primary factor for their prediction of 11 hurricanes this year.

When waters in the eastern and central tropical and subtropical Atlantic are much warmer than normal in the spring, it tends to force a weaker subtropical high and associated weaker winds blowing across the tropical Atlantic. These conditions will likely lead to a continuation of well above-average water temperatures in the tropical Atlantic for the peak of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season.

Given the combined hurricane-favorable signals of an extremely warm Atlantic and a likely developing La Niña, the forecast team has higher-than-normal confidence for an April outlook that the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season will be very active. This is the highest prediction for hurricanes that CSU has ever issued with their April outlook.

The CSU Tropical Weather and Climate team is predicting 23 named storms during the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. Of those, researchers forecast eleven to become hurricanes and five to reach major hurricane strength (Saffir/Simpson Category 3-4-5) with sustained winds of 111 miles per hour or greater.

So far, the 2024 hurricane season is exhibiting characteristics similar to 1878, 1926, 1998, 2010 and 2020. “Our analog seasons were all very active Atlantic hurricane seasons,” said Phil Klotzbach, senior research scientist in the Department of Atmospheric Science at CSU and lead author of the report.

The team predicts that 2024 hurricane activity will be about 170% of the average season from 1991–2020. By comparison, 2023’s hurricane activity was about 120% of the average season.

The report also includes the probability of major hurricanes making landfall:

- 62% for the entire U.S. coastline (average from 1880–2020 is 43%).
- 34% for the U.S. East Coast, including the Florida peninsula (average from 1880–2020 is 21%).
- 42% for the Gulf Coast from the Florida panhandle westward to Brownsville (average from 1880–2020 is 27%).
- 66% for the Caribbean (average from 1880–2020 is 47%).



2024 ATLANTIC STORM NAMES		
ALBERTO	HELENE	OSCAR
BERYL	ISAAC	PATTY
CHRIS	JOYCE	RAFAEL
DEBBY	KIRK	SARA
ERNESTO	LESLIE	TONY
FRANCINE	MILTON	VALERIE
GORDON	NADINE	WILLIAM

Local Ham & Total Eclipse

by Walter Comeaux III KI5OQE

My wife, Dana and I traveled to Beavers Bend State Park which is located in Broken Bow, Oklahoma on Thursday April 4. The eclipse occurred on Monday April 8. The weather leading up to the eclipse was great with plenty of sun but weather forecasts were calling for cloudy skies and rain on the day of the event.



The morning of the eclipse I set up two telescopes and cameras one camera to be controlled by computer and the other manually with a time delay so I wouldn't induce vibration while triggering the shutter.

The weather forecast was correct in that I could not see the sun because of cloud cover. I roughly pointed both telescopes at the sun but would need to finely point and focus if I was to capture the eclipse.

First contact, or the beginning of partial eclipse was to begin at 12:28 local time.
Second contact, or the beginning of totality was 1:45
Third contact, or the end of totality was 1:49
Fourth contact or the end of partial eclipse was 3:06

After first contact (which we couldn't see) we had a couple of misty rain showers. I had to cover both rigs but was not willing to give up.

About two minutes from totality I looked down at my computer and heard hundreds of people yelling and when I looked up the clouds had parted. This started a mad scramble to finely point and focus both rigs which I was able to accomplish before totality.

Unfortunately during the scramble I must have disturbed tracking on the computer controlled setup and was therefore unsuccessful in gathering any images with that rig. I was successful however in capturing several nice images with the manual setup.

This was my second total eclipse, I was able to witness and image the eclipse in 2017 in Casper, Wyoming. Dana and I were not married at that time and my greatest wish was that she would get to experience this very unique experience.

Walt
KI5OQE

Amateur Astronomer



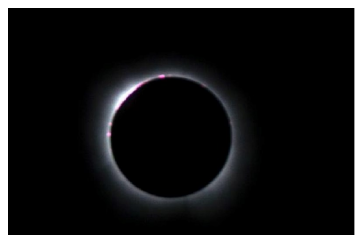
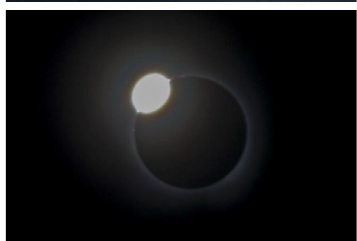
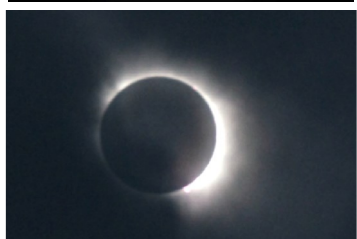
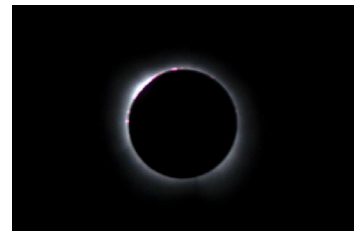
2024
Total Solar Eclipse
ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME
ECLIPSE EVENT

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 12:30PM-3PM

PARTIAL BEGINS AT 12:28 PM
TOTALITY BEGINS AT 1:45 PM
TOTALITY ENDS AT 1:49 PM
PARTIAL ENDS AT 3:06 PM

WHAT IS IT? A SOLAR ECLIPSE OCCURS WHEN THE MOON PASSES BETWEEN THE SUN AND THE EARTH AND BLOCKS THE SUN.

DO NOT LOOK AT THE SUN WITHOUT SPECIAL ECLIPSE GLASSES UNLESS IT IS IN TOTALITY!





Robert E. Langsfeld (WB9TZC) - Silent Key

It is my sad duty to inform you that Central Territory SATERN Co-ordinator Robert E. Langsfeld (WB9TZC) was promoted to glory and became a Silent Key on Monday, 01 April 2024, at the age of 70 years.

I had the pleasure of working with Bob off and on for several years as both the National SATERN Liaison and the Southern Territory SATERN Coordinator. Bob worked hard on behalf of SATERN in the Central Territory and as a member of the National SATERN Committee. He provided truly dedicated service in spite of the many health challenges he endured during the last year.



Bill Feist WB8BZH
Territorial SATERN Coordinator
USA Southern Territory
Emergency Disaster Services



What Is New on the 145.370 SkyWarn Repeater Lafayette, Louisiana

Updated 4/20/2024

The repeater upgrade is still ongoing and it may be unavailable for short periods

- ◆ The repeater has changed from a multi-receiver to a single receiver located at the previous transmitter site in Downtown Lafayette.
- ◆ Some of the equipment from the previous repeater will be reused.
- ◆ Your radio will not have to be reprogrammed. Use your previous "Central Receiver" channel memory. At your convenience, you can remove the memory channels for NE, SE, SW, and NW remote receivers.
- ◆ Program these settings in **your** radio if you haven't used the repeater before:
 - ⇒ Receive - 145.370 MHz
 - ⇒ Transmit - 144.770 MHz
 - ⇒ RX and TX Tone - 103.5 HZ



The repeater trustee is Ed - WA5TNK

A Proposal ... A New Type of Repeater Operation in Lafayette Parish

Steve - KF5VH & WRVM211 240329

See details here:

https://e9b4ea50-193b-4b44-a27b-08d1f249a800.filesusr.com/ugd/9c7364_b51d347d550b4167884b387d8e0c1391.pdf

Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Test

The Department of Defense will host this year's Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Test, scheduled for **May 11, 2024**. This annual event is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and will not impact any public or private communications. For more than 50 years, military and amateur stations have taken part in this event, which is an interoperability exercise between hobbyist and government radio stations.



The AFD Crossband Test is a unique opportunity to test two-way communications between military communicators and radio stations in the Amateur Radio Service (ARS), as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111.

Military stations will transmit on selected military frequencies and will announce the specific ARS frequencies monitored. All times are ZULU (Z), and all frequencies are Upper Side Band (USB) unless otherwise noted.

The following stations will be making two-way radiotelephone contacts with stations in the ARS between the time periods listed on the frequencies listed in Kilohertz below:

- ◆ **AAC** - BARROW ARMY RESERVE CENTER, KY (USB + RTTY) 1100Z - 2259Z 4011.0 kHz 5346.5 kHz 6,968.5 kHz 13,963.5 kHz 18,254.0 kHz
- ◆ **AAN** - U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND, CO 1 (USB + RTTY) 1300Z - 2100Z 6,970.5 kHz 14,550.5 kHz
- ◆ **AAZ** - FT HUACHUCA, AZ Call 1500Z - 2359Z 7,645.0 kHz 14,579.0 kHz 18,211.0 kHz
- ◆ **AF4NPD** - NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY MID-SOUTH, MILLINGTON, TN 1200Z - 2200Z 4,575.0 kHz 7,540.0 kHz 13,993.0 kHz
- ◆ **AGA0WJ** - NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND OAK HARBOR, WA (USB + RTTY) 1600Z - 2200Z 5,403.5 kHz 7,431.5 kHz 13,528.5 kHz 18,272.5 kHz
- ◆ **AGA2SY** - HANCOCK FIELD, NY 1200Z - 2000Z 4,540.0 kHz 7,473.5 kHz 15,807.0 kHz 19,955.0 kHz 20,740.0 kHz 27,736.0 kHz
- ◆ **AGA5SC** - SCOTT AFB, IL 1600Z - 2300Z 5,186.0 kHz 7,938.0 kHz 14,832.0 kHz 27,736.0 kHz
- ◆ **AGA5TR** - TRAVIS AFB, CA 1700Z - 2359Z 7,329.0 kHz 14,411.0 kHz 20,873.0 kHz 27,877.0 kHz
- ◆ **GRIFFIN1** - 193rd RTI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BETHANY BEACH, DE 1300Z - 1800Z 7,533.5 kHz 14,441.5 kHz 18,293.0 kHz
- ◆ **NAF** - NEWPORT NAVAL RADIO STATION MUSEUM NEWPORT, RI (USB + CW) 1400Z - 2300Z 7,498.5 kHz 14,463.5 kHz
- ◆ **NGBC** - USS HORNET AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ABLEMEDA, CA (USB + CW) 1500Z - 0000Z 7362.5 kHz 14,375 kHz 21,886 kHz 27,860 kHz
- ◆ **NEPM** - USS IOWA BB 61 LOS ANGELES, CA (USB + RTTY + CW) 1400Z - 2300Z 7,469.0 kHz 14,667.0 kHz 18,444.0 kHz 21,856.0 kHz 21,918.0 kHz
- ◆ **NIIW** - USS MIDWAY CV-41 SAN DIEGO, CA (USB + CW + RTTY) 11May 001Z-0400Z 11May 1400Z-12May 0300Z 4,010.0 kHz 5,371.5 kHz 7,455.4 kHz 14,476.0 kHz 18,060.0 kHz
- ◆ **NMC1** - US COAST GUARD BASE ALAMEDA, CA (USB + RTTY) 1700Z - 2359Z 7,3530.0 kHz 14,461.0 kHz
- ◆ **NSS** - US NAVAL ACADEMY ANNAPOLIS, MD (USB + CW) 11May 1300Z - 12May 0200Z 4,038.5 kHz 5,330.5 kHz 7,533.5 kHz 9,447.0 kHz 14,487.0 kHz
- ◆ **NWKJ** - USS YORKTOWN PATRIOTS POINT, SC 1400Z - 2300Z 4,027.0 kHz 7,360.0 kHz 14,438.5 kHz 3,325.0 kHz 6,913.0 kHz 9,988.5 kHz 13,974.0 kHz
- ◆ **WAR** - PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC (USB + CW + RTTY) 1200Z - 2400Z 4018.0 kHz 5,357.0 kHz 7,305.0 kHz 14,383.5 kHz 20,997.0 kHz

The AFD Defense Message will also be sent at 1400Z and 2000Z on the frequencies designated below.

AAC: MILSTD110/RTTY 13,963.5 kHz USB

AAZ: MILSTD110 14,579.0 kHz USB

ADB: MILSTD110 20,994.0 kHz USB

AGA0WJ MILSTD110/RTTY 13,528.5 kHz USB

NEPM: RTTY 14,667.0 kHz USB

NIIW: MILSTD110/RTTY/CW 14,476.0 kHz USB

NWKJ: MILSTD110 14,438.5 kHz USB

NWVC: CW 13,974.0 kHz USB

WAR: MILSTD110/RTTY/CW 14,383.5 kHz USB

An AFD message will be transmitted utilizing the Military Standard (MIL-STD) Serial PSK waveform (M110) followed by MIL-STD Wide Shift FSK (850 Hz RTTY) as described in MIL-STD 188-110A/B. Technical information regarding these waveforms is provided at:

<https://drive.google.com/drivefolders/1pYDj7kQbm-QA4Y4RPtx0dOXKohjaEjq9?usp=sharing>

EVER WANTED TO TALK TO A SPACE STATION? Tape Measure Antenna Build

Article & Photos by Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB - Edited by Herman Campbell KN5GRK



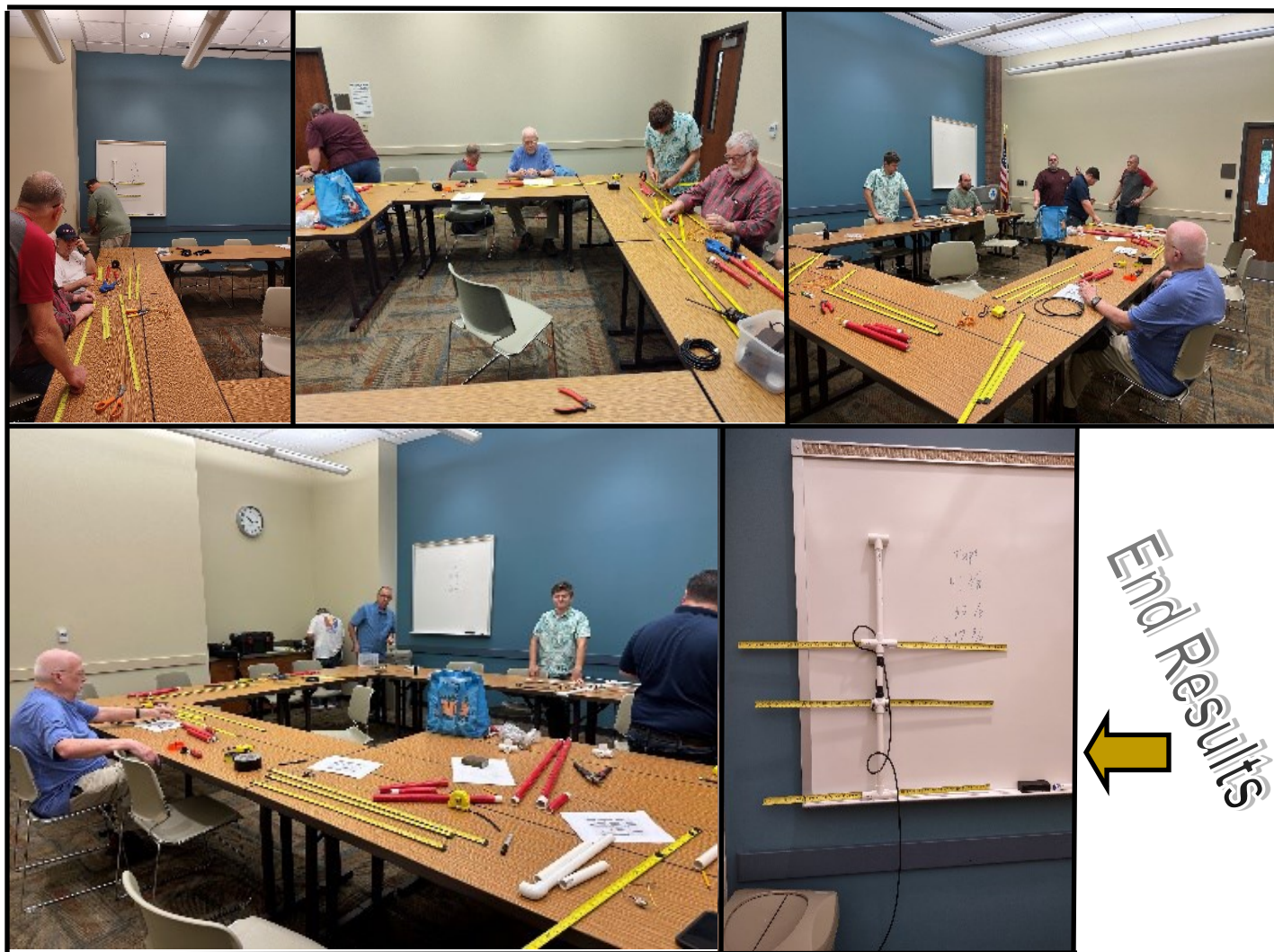
Ever want to talk to the Space Station? Or download a packet from it? Ever want to hunt in a fox hunt? Well, you missed your chance...

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association (AARA) had an antenna build party held at the Lafayette Parish Library downtown on Saturday April 20, 2024 at 9:30 AM and by 12:30 PM, each of the 8 club members that attended left with a antenna capable of reaching the Space Station with Micheal Cavell's KI5ARX expert supervising.

We started by cutting the pvc pipe to length, then cutting the measuring tapes for the elements. They were put together and the coax soldered to the antenna to complete the job.

Thanks to Michael Cavell KI5ARX and Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB for taking their time to help Greg Guilbeau KI5VMT, Gage Ancelet KI5YNM, Russell Thibodeaux KJ5EDS, Lucas Bruno WH6U, Edwin Howard KJ5DVB, Tyler Abshire KJ5FOI and Jarad Dorsey AI5ON.

If you missed it and would like to build one, contact Michael Cavell for the web page with the instructions for the build.



Active Hurricane Season Predicted for 2024

Hurricane Season June 1—Nov 30, 2024

04/13/2024

Colorado State University (CSU) hurricane researchers predict an active Atlantic hurricane season (June 1 to November 30) in their initial 2024 forecast.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, attended the National Hurricane Conference in Florida in late March, where the CSU prediction was issued. "The common discussion at the National Hurricane Conference this year was the potential for a very active year, and the forecast from CSU enforces that thought," said Johnston. "Several of the forecasters were pointing to indications that we are moving from an El Niño to a La Niña and that could potentially cause a more active season."

The [CSU Tropical Weather & Climate Research team](#) predicts 23 named storms during the Atlantic hurricane season. Of those, researchers forecast that 11 will become hurricanes and five will reach major hurricane strength, as measured by the [Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale](#), with sustained winds of 111 mph or greater. The prediction is above the 30-year average for hurricanes and storms and is above the total of 20 storms, seven hurricanes, and three Category 3 or higher hurricanes in 2023.

Senior Research Scientist in the Department of Atmospheric Science at CSU and the lead author of the report Phil Klotzbach said, "So far, the 2024 hurricane season is exhibiting characteristics similar to 1878, 1926, 1998, 2010, and 2020. Our analog seasons were all very active Atlantic hurricane seasons."

The team predicts that 2024 hurricane activity will be about 170% of the average season from 1991 - 2020.

By comparison, 2023's hurricane activity was about 120% of the average season. The report also includes the probability of major hurricanes making landfall, including a 62% probability for the entire US coastline.

The average landfall from 1880 - 2020 was 43%. The report also indicates increased landfall probabilities of 34% for the East Coast of the US, including the Florida peninsula (the average from 1880 - 2020 was 21%); 42% for the Gulf Coast, from the Florida panhandle westward to Brownsville (the average from 1880 - 2020 was 27%), and 66% for the Caribbean (the average from 1880 - 2020 was 47%).

The National Weather Service (NWS), National Hurricane Center (NHC), and Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) are prepared for an active hurricane season. Amateur radio operators can take part in activations on 14.325 MHz during the day and on 7.268 kHz at night. As propagation changes, the HWN may operate both frequencies simultaneously.

At the Florida conference, Johnston also highlighted the relationship between ARRL and [the Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#), as well as ARRL's position as a net control station within the [SHARED RESOURCES HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO PROGRAM \(SHARES\)](#) managed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

"Now is the time to prepare for emergencies of any type by building relationships, training and refreshing skills, and testing and preparing equipment," added Johnston.



ARRL VE TEST SESSION - ALL LEVELS

When: Saturday May 11, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM
Where: BEARS Club House
201 Everett St.
Morgan City, LA 70380

REMINDER: Exam Candidates are REQUIRED to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. Direct candidates to the FCC CORES User Account and Registration page: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/user>



After clicking on the SUBMIT BUTTON, please wait for a confirmation message to appear on screen to verify your registration has been received by the ARRL VEC.

May 2024

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

- ◆ May 2 — AARA General Club meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM
- ◆ May 11 — Armed Forces Day Crossband Test
- ◆ May 11 — BEARS VE Test Session
- ◆ May 12 — Mother's Day
- ◆ May 24 -- Ramona's Birthday
- ◆ May 27 — Memorial Day



MFJ Closes Doors

April 25, 2024

Dear Fellow Hams and Friends,

MFJ Enterprises, Inc. It is with a sad heart as I write this letter.

As many of you have heard by now, MFJ is ceasing its on-site production in Starkville, Mississippi on May 17, 2024. This is also the same for our sister companies: Ameritron, Hygain, Cushcraft, Mirage and Vecronics.

Times have changed since I started this business 52 years ago. Our product line grew and grew and prospered. Covid changed everything in businesses including ours. It was the hardest hit that we have ever had and we never fully recovered.

I turned 80 this year. I had never really considered retirement but life is so short and my time with my family is so precious.

I want to thank all of our employees who have helped build this company with me over the years. We have many employees who have made MFJ their career for 10, 20, 30, 40 and more years.

We are going to continue to sell MFJ products past May 17, 2024. We have a lot of stock on hand. We will continue to offer repair service work for out-of-warranty and in-warranty units for the foreseeable future.

Finally, a special thanks to all of our customers and our dealers who have made MFJ a worldwide name and a profitable business for so many years. You all are so much appreciated.

Sincerely Yours, 73s

Martin F. Jue, K5FLU



You will be greatly missed!

Golden Spike Celebration

May 10-May 11, 1500Z-2300Z, W7G, Corinne, UT. Ogden Amateur Radio Club (OARC) - W7SU. 14.255 7.235 14.040 7.040. QSL. Ogden Amateur Radio Club, - W7SU, PO Box 3353, Ogden, UT 84409. Commemorating the anniversary of the 1869 Driving of the Golden Spike completing the Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory Summit, Utah. Golden Spike National Historical Park.

www.ogdenarc.org - www.nps.gov/gosp/index.htm, or w7g.org

Commemorating Armed Forces Day

May 11, 1600Z-2300Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship. 7.250 14.320 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/ni6

National Maritime Day

May 18, 1300Z-2100Z, K3S, Baltimore, MD. Nuclear Ship Savannah ARC. 7.114.1 21.1 28.1. QSL. K3LU, 980 PATUXENT ROAD, Odenton, MD 21113. Single transmitter SSB and CW aboard N/S Savannah. Please check

spotting networks for frequencies. Info on QRZ.com www.qrz.com/db/k3s

Red Cross Founders Day

May 21, 1500Z-1800Z, WE4NC, Heathsville, VA. Northumberland County VA Communicators. 7.078 JS8CALL; 7.074 FT-8; 14.250 SSB. QSL. WE4NC SPECIAL EVENT, 2705 Northumberland Hwy, Lottsburg, VA 22511. ALL DIGITAL FROM 15:30 UTC -19:30 UTC SSB ON 20 METERS 1930 UTC 2030 UTC

Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Special Event Station

May 24-May 25, 2200Z-2200Z, K9V, Columbia City, IN. Whitley County Amateur Radio Club. 7.243 14.243 21.343 28.343; FT8 on all frequencies (10M thru 80M).. QSL. WC9AR - K9V, P.O. Box 652, Columbia City, IN 46725. www.wcarc.org

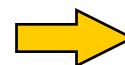
Memorial Day

May 27, 1800Z-2100Z, N3TAL, Lanham, MD. American Legion Post 275 Amateur Radio Team. 7.275 MHz (+/-) LSB. QSL. American Legion Post 275 Amateur Radio Team, 8201 Martin Luther King Jr Hwy,

Lanham, MD 20706. N3TAL275@gmail.com or www.qrz.com/db/n3tal

45th Hank Williams Sr Festival

May 31-Jun 1, 1500Z-2359Z, W4H, Georgiana, AL. Jim Bell Wireless Association. 14250 SSB 7180 SSB 14074 FT8 7074 FT8. QSL. JBWA - W4H, 274 W Pettibone Rd, Georgiana, AL 36033. The festival celebrates the legendary Hank Williams Sr career with live entertainment and vendors. The special event station will be at Watson Park across from the festival grounds. Send a SASE for QSL. For additional information: hank@k4tns.com <https://www.k4tns.com/hank>



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