

# KN5GRK

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My website is hosted by:



Thursday March 6, 2025 — AARA General Meeting will be held at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 6:00 PM. S

**VE Testing at 6:00 PM**

**Come out and enjoy the fun!**



## Words from the Editor

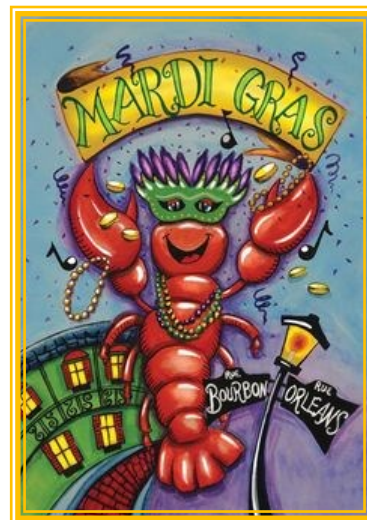
*On Thursday February 13, I experienced a problem with my e-mail provider. Seems that I could receive e-mails but could not send e-mails. Error message says that my e-mail "kn5grk@lusfiber.net" has been "Blacklisted" and someone has blocked my IP address. I contacted my internet provider and explained what was going on, not being a IT guru, I tried to explain what was going on. I stated that I have checked all settings on my (Mozella Thunderbird) e-mail client, by-passed my router, swapped out my hard drive with my backup drive, but problem still existed.*

*On Thursday morning February 20, I tried sending e-mails and apparently someone fixed the problem, I can now send mail. I called my provider and asked what was done to correct the problem, no one seemed to know what was done. Everything seems to be working fine now.*

*My next project is to purge my e-mail list and split the groups into smaller folders. This may take a while! For those using Yahoo, g-mail, etc., please empty your trash. I get some bounce back because your mailbox is full.*

Everyone have a GREAT & SAFE MARDI GRAS!

**de KN5GRK**



A good teacher is better than a barrellful of books.

—Chinese proverb

**Ham Radio - We Talk to the World!**



## AARA CLUB NEWS

### Excerpts from the February 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 General Meeting Minutes

- ◆ We are still looking for discussion topics and presenters for future meetings. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer to give a presentation, please let Michael Cavell know.
- ◆ Congratulations to Tony Buccella N5ITA for passing his General exam.
- ◆ The club is looking to hold another Tech licensing day sometime around late spring/early summer. If anyone has a different location to offer or wishes to help in any way, please let Michael KI5ARX know.
- ◆ The club is still welcoming any ideas for events/build days over the summer. If there is something you would like to do, please let a member of the board know.
- ◆ It is a good time of the year for POTAs. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Chris Ancelet N5MCY, Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB, or Curtis Lafleur KJ5GIH.
- ◆ The 2025 Rayne Hamfest is coming March 21st-22nd. Ken Turner KG5YYL has requested assistance setting up, announcing, and with possible other things. If you are available and would like to help, please email Ken at: hamfest@acadianadx.org. Admission is \$10 and will be held at the Rayne Civic Center, 210 Frog Festival Dr, Rayne La. See page 8 of this newsletter.
- ◆ Randy Hernandez KI5OQD mentioned an upcoming maintenance day at the W5EXI repeater site. The date is currently TBD, however, if you would like to help, please contact Randy.
- ◆ Chester Young KN5LSU gave a presentation on a portable operations backpack, of his own building, that included analog and digital capabilities as well as many other features. See page 4 for presentation details.
- ◆ Time to pay your AARA dues! Go to the [AARA Membership Website](#) for information on paying your dues.



### Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) VE Test Session Results February 6, 2025



It was a slow night but good outcome. One gentleman, Anthony W. Buccella, N5ITA, of Jarreau upgraded to General. Those VEs assisting were Greg ~K5LFT, Ken ~ KG5YYL, Larry ~ K5KEB & Gerard ~ KD5UPC. Congratulations to Tony & TNX to the VEs for the assist !!!

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.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session>

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@arrrl.net](mailto:k5lft@arrrl.net).



## The Greater Houston HamFest Presents The ARRL Texas State Convention



### Tickets:

On-line - \$10  
At the Door - \$15  
Children 12 & under  
Scouts, Military,  
& First Responders  
In Uniform - FREE  
Tables - \$25  
Tailgate - \$5

**Clubs get 1 Free Table**

**Raffle Grand Prize**  
**Yaesu FTDX-10**  
Also  
FTM-500DR FT5DR  
FT70DR

**Raffle Tickets**  
Single Ticket - \$5  
Five Tickets - \$20

Radio Programming Classes  
Testing & Balloon Launches  
Overnight camping available  
Free Parking Lot Shuttles

**Friday, March 7, 2025**

**12 PM to 6 PM**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**8AM to 3PM**

**Door Prizes Every half hour  
starting at 9:00 am!!**

Where:

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds  
4310 TX- 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471  
29°31'12" N 95°48'38" W

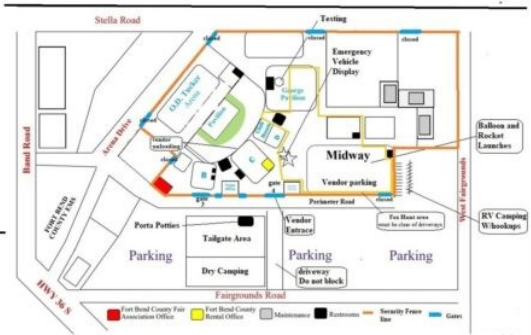
### Sponsors/Vendors

\* Ham Radio Outlet  
\* The SignMan of Baton Rouge  
\* ABR Industries  
\* EPO \* Shack-in-a-Box

### ARRL Forum

Guest Speaker

John Stratton, N5AUS  
ARRL West Gulf Division Director  
Stuart Wolfe, KF5NIX  
South Texas Section Manager



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[www.HoustonHamfest.org](http://www.HoustonHamfest.org)



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[www.HoustonHamfest.org](http://www.HoustonHamfest.org)



## Greater Houston HamFest and West Gulf Division Convention 2025

Website: <https://houstonhamfest.org>

Location: Fort Bend County Fairgrounds  
4310 TX- 36 S

Rosenberg, TX 77471

Dates: March 7th Noon to 6pm

March 8th 8am till 3pm

Ham Radio Outlet will be there!

Ham Radio Outlet:

<https://www.hamradio.com>

Main Trading Company will be there.

<https://www.mtcradio.com/>

## World Radio History



*I may have mentioned this archive websites before, but just in case I didn't, here are just a few new ones. A lot of history and good reading can be found here.*

*Click on the images to take you there.*



# FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •



## **AARA February 6, 2025 General Meeting Presentation** **by Chester Young KN5LSU**

### **Project Goals**

*Develop an inexpensive, lightweight (<15 lbs.) VHF/UHF/DMR, 2M/1.25M/70cm manpack radio system that can be operated for 72 hours on an autonomous power source while on foot. Considerable redundancy needs to be built-in for radio operations, antenna systems and power backup.*

**Budget is \$500.00**

Develop a communications system that:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has multiple radios.</li><li>• Can be used quickly after a power outage.</li><li>• Can be easily relocated from place to place with no setup.</li><li>• Can be used while mobile.</li><li>• Can be used when serving as a volunteer in a shelter.</li><li>• Light enough to be worn for long periods of time.</li><li>• Can sit on a table and be comfortably used.</li><li>• Can be carried onboard an aircraft (meets TSA requirements).</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has a number of antenna options</li><li>• Has multiple audio options (microphone, hand set, Bluetooth).</li><li>• Has common connectivity of all hardware elements between radios.</li><li>• Is easily and inexpensively upgraded.</li><li>• This also includes the possibility of replacing the backpack.</li><li>• Emergency replacement due to radio failure can be quick and easy (with almost any radio).</li><li>• Unit is TSA approved for flight travel</li></ul> |
|--|---|

Four parts of the construction were discussed:

1. Backpack
2. Radios
  - A. Requirements
  - B. Radios Chosen
  - C. Connectors
  - D. Audio Equipment
3. Antennas
4. Accessories
  - A. Wearable Antenna System
  - B. Autonomous Power Source
  - C. Supplemental Charging Kit
  - D. Environmental Monitoring



Future upgrade to include a Mobile DMR Gateway that will provide worldwide DMR coverage.



## **Acadiana SkyWarn Net — Net Control Operators Needed**

The Acadiana SkyWarn Net that meets each Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM on the 147.040 W5EXI in Duson, LA is looking for net control operators to help with this net.

David McCutcheon KG5JHR is retiring as one of the NCO's due to other issues that sometimes interfere with him being available. If you are interested in helping out as a net control operator, please check in on the net and talk to one of the net control operators.

TNX & 73 de KN5GRK





## Hurricane Watch Net Turning 60, Seeking Net Control Operators



The [Hurricane Watch Net \(HWN\)](#), founded on Labor Day weekend 1965, is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2025. The net, known for relaying surface observations into the National Hurricane Center, is also seeking volunteers to serve as net control operators.

Net Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, reports HWN is preparing for what could be, yet again, an above-average hurricane season and that the net needs more amateur radio operators to help.

“We are starting early this year in preparations and looking to add more net control stations to our roster,” said Graves. “We are looking for dedicated new members willing to train to become net control operators (NCOs). While being bilingual is not a requirement, being fluent in Spanish and English or French/Creole and English is a plus.”

If you are interested in training to become a net control operator for the Hurricane Watch Net, please visit the net control information page, [hwn.org/about-us/ncs\\_info.html](http://hwn.org/about-us/ncs_info.html).



## Ham Radio to the Rescue

DE HERMAN KN5GRK



On February 5, 2025 at 3:45 PM central, I heard a station on my VHF scanner in my living room calling for me. I went to my VHF transceiver in my radio room and answered the call. It was one of our local hams that was involved in a traffic accident and needed help.



I called 911 and told the dispatcher that I was a ham radio operator requesting assistance for another ham and passed the necessary information to the dispatcher as to the location, if injuries occurred and medical assistance were needed, how many vehicles were involved and their description, etc. No injuries were reported and State Police were sent to the scene within a couple of minutes.

This is the second time I used my ham radio to help someone in distress. The first time, I was mobile, driving through town, when I spotted a vehicle on fire. The driver was running around on foot, banging on doors, trying to find some one to help, so I used my mobile VHF radio via “phone patch”, called 911 and had a fire truck on the scene while the driver was still searching for help.

A number of times, while monitoring the National Calling Frequency 146.520 MHz, I have helped visitors not familiar with Lafayette, by helping them with directions.

## ARRL Member Bulletin

February 8, 2025



### Legislation Will Increase Communication Options During Natural Disasters

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Senators Roger Wicker, R-Miss., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Representatives August Pfluger, R-Tex., and Joe Courtney, D-Conn. announced their joint re-introduction of legislation in the Senate and House to restore the right to Amateur Radio operators to install the antennas necessary to serve their communities.

Homeowner association rules often prevent Amateur Radio operators from installing antennas at their homes even though Amateur Radio has proven to be essential in emergencies and natural disasters such as hurricanes when other means of communication fail.

“Mississippians should have access to every possible means of warning for natural disasters, including amateur radio operators. In an emergency, those warnings can mean the difference between life and death,” **Senator Wicker said**. “The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act would remove unnecessary roadblocks that could help keep communities safe during emergencies like tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires.”

When disaster strikes, amateur radio operators provide vital, often life-saving information, which shouldn’t be hindered by prohibitive rules or confusing approval processes. The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act eliminates obstacles for ham radio enthusiasts, allowing them to continue their communications and serve their communities in the face of emergencies,” **said Senator Blumenthal**.

“Natural disasters and other emergency situations that hinder our regular lines of communication are unfortunately unavoidable, which is why we must bolster our emergency preparedness by removing the barriers amateur radio operators often run into when installing antennas. Amateur radio plays a vital role in public safety by delivering critical information to people at all times. My district is home to dozens of amateur radio operators ready to volunteer in the event of an emergency, and I am proud to lead this legislation,” **said Congressman August Pfluger**.

“As we know from recent natural disasters, amateur radio operators in Connecticut can be a critical component of disaster response and emergency management. It is in our communities’ best interest that we give them the capabilities to operate at the highest level, and with the re-introduction of this bill, we’ve taken a strong step in that direction,” **said Congressman Courtney**.

#### **Background:**

The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 (H.R. 1094 and S. 459) would require homeowner associations to accommodate the needs of FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators by prohibiting the enforcement of private land use restrictions that ban, prevent, or require the approval of the installation or use of Amateur Radio station antennas. Homeowner associations have often prevented installation and use of such antennas through private land use restrictions. This has hindered voluntary training for emergency situations and blocked access to necessary communications when disaster strikes.

Among other provisions, this legislation would:

- ◆ Prohibit homeowner association rules that would prevent or ban Amateur Radio antennas
- ◆ Specify an approval process for installing Amateur Radio antennas;
- ◆ Provide a Federal private right of action to Amateur Radio operators in disputed cases.

On behalf of America’s Amateur Radio licensees, Rick Roderick, the President of The American Radio Relay League, re-confirmed the ARRL’s full support for the passage of the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 and extended his thanks and appreciation to Senators Wicker and Blumenthal and Congressmen Pfluger and Courtney for their unflinching leadership of the bi-partisan effort to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

The text of the House version can be found at this [link](#).

## The Wouff Hong

by [Scott NØZB](#) 9 July 2014



One of the most interesting and unique artifacts from the early days of radio was not powered by batteries nor did it have any electronic components. I far as I can tell, Radio Shack never stocked it on their shelves and you can't order it from Ham Radio Outlet.

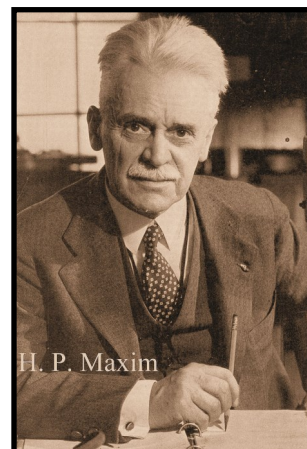
*From the 1969 ARRL "Radio Amateur's Operating Manual":*

Every amateur should know and tremble at the history and origins of this fearsome instrument for punishment of amateurs who cultivate bad operating habits and who nourish and culture their meaner instincts on the air.. This is the Wouff Hong.

It was invented -or at any rate, discovered- by "The Old Man" himself, just as amateurs were getting back on the air after World War One. "The Old Man" (who later turned out to be Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, Co-founder and first president of ARRL) first heard the Wouff Hong described amid the howls and garble of QRM as he tuned across a band filled with signals which exemplified all the rotten operating practices then available to amateurs, considering the state of the art as they knew it. As amateur technology and ingenuity have advanced, we have discovered new and improved techniques of rotten operating, but we're ahead of our story.

As The Old Man heard it, the Wouff Hong was being used on some hapless offender so effectively that he investigated. After further effort, "T.O.M." was able to locate and identify a Wouff Hong. He wrote a number of QST articles about contemporary rotten operating practices and the use of the Wouff Hong to discipline the offenders.

Early in 1919, The Old Man wrote in QST "I am sending you a specimen of a real live Wouff Hong which came to light out here . . . Keep it in the editorial sanctum where you can lay hands on it quickly in an emergency." The "specimen of a real live Wouff Hong" was presented to a meeting of the ARRL Board and QST reported later that "each face noticeably blanched when the awful Wouff Hong was . . . laid upon the table." The Board voted that the Wouff Hong be framed and hung in the office of the Secretary of the League and there it remains to this day, a sobering influence on every visitor to League Headquarters who has ever swooshed a carrier across a crowded band.



The Old Man never prescribed the exact manner in which the Wouff Hong was to be used, but amateurs need only a little imagination to surmise how painful punishments were inflicted on those who stoop to liddish behavior on the air.



The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) had a long time member, [John Myrick NQ2V](#) (who became a Silent Key on September 11, 2014), used his woodworking skill to create a "*Wouff Hong*" replica for our club. I was presented the [award/ certificate](#) many, many years ago before John became a SK and it has been setting on my shelf in the shack gathering dust. I think it is about time to pass it to someone else. Anyone have any ideas?



More information on presenting this award can be found in [The ARRL Convention and Hamfest Planner](#) page 17.

BTW, you must be a licensed amateur radio operator and a member in good standing of the American Radio Relay League to become a member of the "*Wouff Hong*".





## Acadiana DX Association Hamfest & Swapmeet



# 2025

**Sponsor:** Acadiana DX Association  
ARRL Louisiana State Convention  
Rayne, Louisiana



### This year's hamfest is dedicated in the memory of Silent Key Art Mouton K5FNQ

**Date:** Friday March 21, 2025 Doors open: 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Crawfish Boil:** 6:00 PM On Pre-Order Basis

Saturday March 22, 2025 Doors open: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Admission:** \$10.00 12 and younger free with paid adult

Free Admission to Scouts in uniform

**Raffle Tickets:** \$5.00 each - Drawing on Saturday at 1:30 PM

**Main Drawing:** Saturday at 1:30 PM

**Talk-in:** 147.040 PL 103.5 W5EXI

**Bingo:** Saturday 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

**VE Testing:** Saturday 9:00 AM — (Bring Photo ID, FRN Number, \$15 Fee, and 2 Copies of Any Previous License or CSCE)

**Tables:** \$15.00 each - 6 foot with chairs

**Website:** <https://www.acadianadx.org/>

**Hamfest Flyer & Reservation Application for Crawfish & Swap Tables:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IMYB\\_iLLXoivlRE3srWyI0DQjMqMZ9Nk/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IMYB_iLLXoivlRE3srWyI0DQjMqMZ9Nk/view)

**Location:** Rayne Civic Center

210 Frog Festival Dr.

Rayne, LA 70578

**Contact:** Ken Turner KG5YYL

Phone: (337) 298-2755

E-mail: [hamfest@acadianadx.org](mailto:hamfest@acadianadx.org)



*Coffee, Food, Snacks & Refreshments will be served by Scouts from Troops 61B and 77G*

## Louisiana Delta Ham-Fest "Spring Fling"

**Date:** Saturday May 31, 2025

**Time:** TBA

**Admission:** TBA

**Location:** [Chemin-A-Haut State Park](#)

**Camping Fee:** \$25.00 for tent campers, \$45.00 for RV's

**Website:** [https://kc5dr.org/?page\\_id=229](https://kc5dr.org/?page_id=229)



CrAwFiSh!!! That's right.. We will pull up all the stops with a Crawfish Boil, Fish Fry....Lunch \$15.00

(Tickets will be sold PRIOR to the event) Bring your own drink!

We will have Parks on the Air setup, antenna projects, and if you have something to sell or trade bring it on out. FOX HUNT!!!! We will have a fox hunt.

Quickest time wins BIG BIG BIG!!

Click here to join our Facebook page...



At the time of publication of this newsletter, the website has not been updated.



# MARCH 2025

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## Schedule of Events

- ◆ March 4 — Mardi Gras
- ◆ March 6 — AARA General Meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM—VE Testing at 6:00 PM
- ◆ March 9 — Daylight Saving Time
- ◆ March 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ March 21 & 22 — ADXA Hamfest Rayne, Louisiana

## ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS FEBRUARY 2025

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	4	83	179
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	4	50	157
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	4	73	160
Rag Chew Net - 147.040 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	3	45	402
Weekend Rag Chew Met - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Saturday	4	67	709

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 Association, Inc. (AARA) members celebrating birthdays.

3/2	AI5ON	Dorsey	Jared
3/3	KJ5GIH	LaFleur	Curtis
3/4	KD5AIB	Young	Janiece
3/12	KM6WDY	Werk	Mary
3/13	K5NCA	Carney	William "Bill"
3/14	N5QMF	Thibodeaux	Richard
3/15	KJ5IWH	Doiron	David J
3/15	KD5JIM	Zawistowski	Jim
3/16	KK6EWB	Werk	Ingo
3/18	KI5FEC	Menard	Laura

3/18	KD6MQF	Verret	Linda
3/22	K5XDF	Fullerton	David
3/24	KJ5GYK	Likens	Garth
3/31	N0JA	Allen	John



### USS Midway launched in 1945

Mar 8, 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)

### Idaho QSO Party (Spud Run)

Mar 9-Mar 10, 1900Z-1900Z, K7U, Twin Falls, ID. Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club. 7260 14260 21335. Certificate. K7U, 6424 Ustick Rd., Nampa, ID 83687. Will be operating from Canyon County.  
<https://www.idahoqsoparty.org>

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

Mar 14-Mar 15, 1800Z-0100Z, N3P, Princeton, NJ. David Sarnoff Radio Club. 14.031 14.314 7.031 7.227 . QSL. Don Corrington, AK2S, 7 Pinewald Lane, Burlington, NJ 08016-3421. [n2re.org](http://n2re.org)

### Honoring WWII Gunners at Buckingham Airfield

Mar 18-Mar 20, 1218Z-1218Z, W4LX, Fort Myers, FL. Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club. 28.360 21.360 14.270 147.345.

Certificate & QSL. FMARC Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 61183, Fort Myers, FL 33906. Honoring the Men and Woman who trained at the Buckingham Army Airfield during the late 1940's during World War II as an Army Air Forces Training Command airfield. Some 48,000 gunners were trained. [FMARC.NET](http://FMARC.NET)

### 2025 Bataan Memorial Death March

Mar 21-Mar 23, 1200Z-1200Z, K5B, Las Cruces, NM. Mesilla Valley Radio Club . 146.55 146.58 147.750. Certificate. George Earl Drexler Jr, 608 Hansen Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005-1224.  
[earld7a@gmail.com](mailto:earld7a@gmail.com)

### Cherry Blossom Special Event Station

Mar 22, 1400Z-2000Z, W4BKM, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club. 7.225 14.240. Certificate. Macon Amateur Radio Club, 305 Millwood Court, Macon, GA 31210. <https://maconamateurradioclub.wordpress.com>

### Sun & Fun Aerospace Exposition

Apr 1-Apr 6, 1300Z-2200Z, W4S, Lakeland, FL. Lakeland Amateur Radio Club. 14.40 7.40 18.93 28.40. QSL. Lakeland Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 90853,

Lakeland, FL 33804. Lakeland International Airport, KLAL [info@lakelandarc.org](mailto:info@lakelandarc.org)

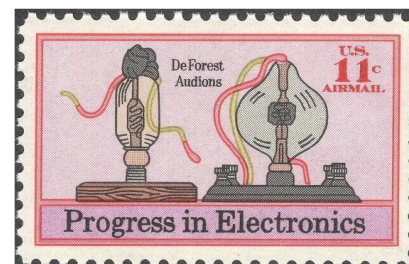


The first day of spring 2025 is on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 5:01 a.m. EDT (2:01 a.m. Pacific). For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, this is marked by the arrival of the spring equinox (otherwise known as the "First Point of Aries")



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