



EDITORS NOTES

The leaves are starting to return to the trees and as thoughts of antenna tune-ups ,contesting and the great outdoors dance in our heads, another thing should dance in our heads , which is attending the meeting or voting on the club web site for the future of our club. Great proposals have come from Sonny KC5MSK and others such as going to the schools to intice a younger generation to ham that usually goes toward the high tech of the Internet that hams had a part in building and another of a complaint review committee that never came about due to lack of participation. People in this club compare some of our activities to the other two local ham clubs and say we are not fun anymore... fun is what you make it and active participation is what makes it happen not just Huey,Paul,or Guy running with the preverbal ball but all of us. So make a meeting or leave ideas on our web site for us as the club needs your input to keep from dying on the vine like the other clubs in the past have.

NEW MEMBER

We would like to welcome new member Ed Sexton NA5G of Patterson. Ed has actively participated in Field Day for us since the beginning and decided to join this past January THANKS ED!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The club would like to remind it's membership that if you have not paid your membership by April 1st for 2000 your membership privileges will be suspended until such time as you pay. The club is not wealthy like some others in the area and field day in itself almost kills the club treasury every year so your dues are really needed. We have had to drop 5 members of the club for this very reason as they had not paid in 1999 or 2000 as of the 1st. Don't be a statistic be a member join today.

REPEATERS

The 6 meter repeater is currently off the air due to relay problems but as Huey N5DVI has time it will be fixed. The 444.625 is working properly and plans are in the works to possibly set up a repeater in Belle River courtesy of Lew KD5FNR as soon as we can secure duplexers, controllers, and adjust the radios to 2 meter ham from their business band frequencies. He has tentative permission to put it on a new water tower there but nothing more is known. The 146.745 and 146.910 owned by member Noel N5BOD are operating properly.

FIELD DAY

The club is starting to actively look for sites for Field Day 2k. We are looking preferably for a site in the East St. Mary parish area but other areas will be looked at. We are trying to secure permission to go back to the V.J. Bella Fire Station in Berwick from Ray WB5LKR who had a few headaches from our last visit when someone accidentally left the roof trap door open and left a few feet of water in the fire station the next day!

HAM AWARDS

The votes are in and the awards were presented at our January meeting and the winners are:

STRAIGHT KEY CONTEST- Huey N5DVI
DXer OF THE YEAR- Mike KC5OKP
and **HAM OF THE YEAR IS - Guy KC5ZIM**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO WON !

TWO METER NET

This is a reminder of our Thursday AADXA net held at 7pm CST and 8pm CDT on the 146.745- repeater and controlled by Mike KC5OKP. The net has been averaging about 10 checkins every week and is getting noticed by more hams from outside the area and is even included on Hammond, La's southeast Louisiana arc's net list on their club web site!(www.selarc.org) Thanks to all who check in making this one of the better known nets.

CALL SIGN CHANGES

Guy Morrison and Jared Bourgeois both applied for vanity call signs and received them on January 25th. Guy is now W5ZIM (formally KC5ZIM) and Jared is now W5WOS (formally KC5WOS). congrats on the new call signs and both wanted me to pass on e-mail address changes because of the call sign changes. Guy can now be reached at <zedd@petronet.net> and Jared at <w5wos@hotmail.com> please make a note of this.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Upcoming meetings for the club are April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, and July 7th.

LOUISIANA GAMES

We have been asked by the Louisiana Games officials to help with communications during their race thru Morgan City. The games which are a triathlon thru the area is to take place on April 8 and 9 but as of press time no other information is available. For more information check the web site or contact Guy at <zedd@petronet.net>.

INTERNET NEWS

The web site is going strong and is giving the club much needed exposure. We had a ham from New Iberia check in to our 2 meter net and express his interest in our club because of the club the web site.

AADXA WEB SITE-<www.qsl.net/wa5mc>

ARRL VEC

As we are having a lot of members who are upgrading to General or Extra due to the new Fcc amateur rules effective April 15, 2000; we are asking that those who do upgrade to please become a VE so we can start giving tests in Morgan City using the ARRL vec tests which test takers like more and the fact that they will be publicized by the arrl free of charge on their web site. Information will be given out at the next couple of meetings for those interested.

SATELLITE NEWS

Phase 3D, the long awaited amateur satellite, is said to be ready for its launch in French Guiana this July aboard an Arienne Rocket giving amateurs a satellite that is supposed to stay in the same orbit and be in the same place every 48 hours if plans are followed giving amateurs a easy to track bird.

A new FM repeater is on the air and the owner is requesting that people use it or he will turn it off to conserve fuel. UO-14 is a former store and forward satellite thats store system failed and has been turned into a single channel fm repeater. the uplink is 145.975mhz and downlink is 435.070mhz.

EXTRAS

We would like to congratulate Alvin N5VIL on his retirement this past December from his job as a carpenter at a local hospital. His plans are to do some much needed honey-dos, putting more time on the ham band and to spend more time enjoying himself at Lake End park camping.

The following is from the W5YI report dated March 1st.

Adrian Robinson G7WFM of Nottingham,England is the first Amateur radio station in the world to be granted permission to link his station to the Internet using a 70cm (431.075mhz) simplex frequency.He received a special variance from the uk's regulatory Agency.

You will find G7WFM on the air and in the Internet phone chats under the repeater and ham radio groups. He has made contact with more than 300 hams world-wide using his system. For more information on how to use the Internet link visit his web site at<<http://www.crosswinds.net/~g7wfm/>>

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to reply to anything in this newsletter or submit an article for printing,please e-mail to wa5mc@qsl.net or the editor direct at kc5okp@hotmail.com or snail mail to the club address at:

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marking on the envelope that it is for the newsletter please.

NOTE: We do have the right to edit for size and/or comment and ask that you leave your name, call sign, and how to get in touch with you for any possible questions or comments.

....AND AS ALWAYS, SEE YA..... 73'S
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