



AADXA NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2001

Letters From The Editor

Welcome to the new official newsletter of the non-profit corporation now officially known as the "Atchafalaya Amateur DX Association Inc." Thats right folks, in a matter of 3 months we have done what 3 years couldn't do and that was to get our Non-Profit status recognized and an official Taxpayer Id Number from the IRS and to have a recognized official corporation in both St.Mary Parish and in the state of Louisiana! Now all our dreams can really come true

New Members

We would like to welcome two new members to our ever growing club. Martin Wade N5PZJ of Galliano,La. who helped us acheive the non-profit status and was awarded a honorary life-time membership by 100% of the people attending the January meeting and a new lifetime member Ray Tidwell KC5NNC of Bayou Vista who will be turning 60 at the end of the year. Welcome Aboard!

VE Testing in Morgan City!

The club is now testing for all classes of licenses using the ARRL VE system starting with the March 2nd meeting. The tests will be given at 6:30pm before all regularly scheduled AADXA meetings. The decision to go with ARRL was two fold in that we are a affiliated club of ARRL and No one was giving the ARRL tests in the area.(Reportedly some people dislike the W5YI system we were thinking about).

On our first test date of March 2nd we tested 4 people who either upgraded or are new Hams and we would like to congradulate each of these people here and Thank them for the pateince they had with the "green"VE's.

Pauline Barbier KD5NOX from Belle River who became a No-Code Technician

Mark Roland KD5NOY from Baldwin who became a No-code Technician

Roland Guidry KD5NOZ who came all the way from RAYNE! to become a General and

Roberta Sexton N5CSM from Patterson who upgraded from Tech+ to General

And thanks to VE's Guy W5ZIM, Mike KC5OKP, Freddie KD5FIX, and Thomas AB5DK

If you would like to become a VE, All you need to be is General Class or higher and a willingness to help out. VE forms can be found at www.arrl.org/arrlvec or by attending a club meeting.

Club News



The Official Signing of our incorporation at our January meeting
Standing (L-R) Ray KC5NNC, Ed NA5G, Paul KM5GD, Huey N5DVI, Mike KC5OKP, Phillip KC5WFV, Martin N5PZJ
Sitting (l-R) Guy W5ZIM, Ronnie KD5GAG (not shown was Freddie KD5FIX who was taking the picture)

With the help of Martin Wade N5PZJ, During our January meeting, the paperwork was finalized for the 501c3 -non profit tax forms and a club incorporation that was needed for the non-profit status. Signing the papers were President Guy W5ZIM, V-P Mike KC5OKP, and Sec/Tres Ronnie KD5GAG. We received both our tax number and our incorporation from the state in the Month of Feburary and hopefully by April, we will have a Checking account and a P.O.Box for the club.

Club Bylaws

With a new club incorporation, a new set of club bylaws had to be drawn up for the club corporation. Two versions have been sent to members for approval at our April meeting. Basically no rules have changed within the club but we now have better defined duties of our elected officials.

Field Day

We would like to remind everyone of Field Day coming on our heels shortly at the end of June. We are currently looking for a site and for supplies and man power for this event. We will run class 3A with a novice station (our last year we will be able to) as well as VHF and digital. Discussion has begun at the meetings but your input is needed to make this the best one ever.

Repeaters

The status of the 444.625+ repeater is still in limbo with no permanent site available as of yet after being forced off the Mr. Charlie by her new tenants plans to make it into an active training oil rig. The 52.450- repeater is actively on the air at Huey N5DVI's home in Amelia. This is also a temporary site looking for a new home but so far reports are favorable with Paul KM5GD hitting the repeater from his mobile at the meeting on March 2nd with 30 over s9 coming back from the repeater. Nothing is known about our 2 meter repeaters and Assumption Parish repeater plans.

Remember Your 2001 Dues

Membership dues for AADXA are due April 1st for calendar year 2001. Any person licensed or having an interest in amateur radio may join. Dues are \$12/year except to those over the age of 60 and for people who have gone above and beyond for the club, with club members approval, who are given a free lifetime membership. Don't forget like some, who forgot to pay and were dropped off the rolls after 2 years. Please join or renew today.

Net Times Changing

As passed in our laws in 1999, Our AADXA net on 146.745- with 146.910- as an alternate, will change its call-in time with the changing of the time. Our net will begin at 8pm on Thursdays starting with the April 5th net. Winter times are at 7pm. So please remember the changes accordingly. Also we are looking for hams to help in the net control duties as Mike KC5OKP has called this net by himself since August 1999 with no reliefs and wishes for someone to help take the reins if he is not present to call.

Meeting Dates

These are the planned meeting dates subject to cancellation or postponement All dates are at 7pm at the Morgan City Courthouse.They are on April 6th, May 4th, June 1st,and July 6th . Hope you can attend!

How to get in touch

If you would like to reply to anything in this newsletter or submit an article for printing, send email to either wa5mc@qsl.net or to the editor directly at kc5okp@hotmail.com or by snail mail to:

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NOTE: We do have the right to edit for size and/or content and ask that you leave your name,callsign, and a way to get in touch with you for any possible questions or clarifications.

Until we meet later down the logbook....73

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