



January 2001 Newsletter

Letter From The Editors

Thanks for joining us again in reading this newsletter. The official start of the new millennium is here and hopefully this century will be good to amateur radio like the last one was. To think, we went in 100 years from Tesla and Marconi putting together the ideas that would become radio using morse code over a few miles, to talking around the world with computers using a form of code all of its own. From licenses that required a thorough understanding of tubes, "cat whiskers", and the workings of a regenerative receiver; to our present day exams, that test our knowledge on the basics of everything we use in ham radio today such as the data rates used in packet, slow scan tv, spread spectrum technology and the volunteer examination system. Oh if the next hundred years could be ever so gentle.....

Letter From The President

I hope everyone had a very safe and happy holiday season. I have big plans this year for the club, but I need everyone's help. We have been doing great and getting better each and every year. The one thing that seems to be lacking is member participation. We've come a very long way in just a very short time. With your help, I'm sure that we can make this the best year yet for the club. I vow to get our tax ID business completed and we're starting early with our plans for Field Day so not to be caught in a bind at the last minute like previous years. A fox hunt that will actually happen would be great! I really look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and know we can break our meeting attendance record of 13 people this year. I'd like to thank Huey N5DVI for the job that he did last year and hope that I can do just as good.

73's

Guy W5ZIM

Important Late News!

We wish for all members to attend the meeting in January due to final preparations in finally getting our tax status taken care of. The elected officials have been in contact with Mr. Martin Wade , who has graciously volunteered his services , and we need members there to vote on proposals for the expenses needed to get us officially on the road to non-profit status. So please attend this special meeting at all possible.

Elections 2001

Elections were held on December 1st, using parliamentary procedure (hey guys, what's that? :-), The Club would like to announce the officers for 2001.

President - Guy Morrison W5ZIM
Vice-President - Michael Robichaux KC5OKP
Secretary/Treasurer - Ronald Barbier KD5GAG
Newsletter Editor - Michael Robichaux KC5OKP
Newsletter Co-editor - Freddie Crochet KD5FIX
Public Relations - Open

We would like to thank all of those who accepted the positions and also a big thanks for a job well done to Huey N5DVI our former president, Paul KM5GD our former vice president, and to Noel KB5GON our former public relations officer. These men all did their job wonderful, but all had wished to step down due to family and work constraints. Guy moved over to the president's position as his former job as secretary/treasurer was too much with his school/work load. The Public relations office is open to any amateur member who wishes to be a contact person with the public media concerning events with the club. Any one wanting more information, please see one of the elected officials on this matter.

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 who are given a free lifetime membership when that milestone is reached. Don't forget like some, who forgot to pay and were dropped off the roles after 2 years. Be proud and renew today.

Repeater Taken Down

The KB5GON 440 repeater on the Mr.Charlie which was down for a few months due to lack of electrical power on the Charlie, was put back on air on November 30th and was physically taken down December 9th due to problems with the new tenants leasing the Mr. Charlie. No other information from Noel was available at press time.

Meeting Dates

These are the planned meeting dates subject to cancellation or postponement like October and November's meetings were. All dates are at 7pm at the Morgan City Courthouse.

They are on January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, and June 1st . Hope you can attend!

Christmas Party 2000

A christmas get-together was held at Tampico's mexican restarant on December 16th to try to bring the club together for some joyous cheer,celebration and to renew some lost ties within the club. However it was cancelled soon after starting as only Huey N5DVI,his wife Darlene and Mike KC5OKP were the only ones in attendance. 2001 has been hoped to finally bring another covered dish supper as 1999 and now 2000 have both been busts. Please give any ideas to make this coming christmas a better one.

Web Page

The web page should have its makeover on its way during the Christmas Holidays with updates from Field day 2000, the elections, and etc. finally making the page. The address is:

<http://www.qsl.net/wa5mc>

January Meeting Agenda

With the new officers taking over in January, The topics planned to be covered are for Field Day 2001; with more planning and set up this year hopefully to overcome some of Murphy's law on antennas not working right, and the possibility of bringing VE testing to Morgan City using the ARRL VEC system. If you would like anything else discussed please attend.

Late News Flashes

Two things affecting Amateur radio have come up as this letter was being produced. The first one involves testing, where exams that in 2000 were \$6.65 will now be charged \$10 later on in the year 2001 at both ARRL and W5YI VE test sessions. This was voted on by their respective boards to cover their test giving expenses. The current fee of \$6.65 is based on a provision in the Communications Act, adopted in 1984, that established a \$4 cap on reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs with an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index. More recent legislation removed this cap. An FCC announcement of changes in its rules, reflecting the change in the law, is expected toward the end of 2000. The second one involves legislation that permits the enforcement of certain FCC Citizens Band regulations by state and local governments. In short, the measure authorizes states and localities to enact laws that prohibit the use of unauthorized CB equipment not consistent with FCC regulations. This would include the use of high-power linear amplifiers or equipment that was not FCC-certificated. FCC-licensed stations in any radio service, including the Amateur Service, are excluded from such state or local enforcement, and state or local laws enacted under this legislation must identify this exemption. President Clinton signed this legislation into law in Late November after passing in both houses of congress. For more information on the 11 meter bill, please check out this web site:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2000/11/29/3/cbbill.html>

(Thanks to the ARRL letter and W5YI report for help in this story)

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73...Happy Holidays and Happy new year 2k1 from ...

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