



AADXA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2002

Someone from another ham club recently approached me on the subject of youth coming into amateur radio. As he had reported to me, his youngest member was 19, but his only active participation in amateur radio was using the autopatch as sort of free cell phone which with his dues were less than one month of service with even the cheapest cell company. He wondered about what today's kids, whom grew up on worldwide internet would ever see in ham radio in the future.... I'm happy to report that after speaking with a few young hams, Today's young hams are mainly into the same stuff as us, just that they are more into the computer modes chasing the rare one, and those not yet into the radio had shown some interest but were put off by the licensing. So if there is anything to this editorial, it's that we need to show kids that amateur radio is fun and can go worldwide into the places the internet still hasn't and and which still has people who are interested in the same stuff as they are, just not anywheres near a modem.

On another note, I would also like to welcome Mark Robinson KD5NOY as the new newsletter co-editor and bid adew to my former co-editor of two years Freddie Crochet KD5FIX; thanks to both for the jobs you have/will do.

73 Mike KC5OKP

As the newly appointed co-editor for the newsletter I would like to thank all who supported this decision. This being a new position for me I hope to work closely with Mike KC5OKP to make this newsletter meet the expectations of the membership. New articles, or ideas for the newsletter are always appreciated and should be submitted to Mike KC5OKP or Mark KD5NOY. The coming year will produce challenges for the club, growth of membership, equipment, changes in testing, with the continued support of members these will all be met. Again Thank you for your vote of confidence in me as your co-editor.

73 Mark KD5NOY

Silent Key

Another member has unfortunately passed on. Lew Cazes KD5FNR formerly of Belle River and recent resident of Port Allen, passed away on November 15, 2001 of a heart attack while performing rehabilitation at Lakewood Quarters Nursing Home in Baton Rouge. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Melba and four daughters Jeanne Smith, Janet Cazes, Pamela Taylor, and Shari Giurintano. He was an amateur for 3 years after many years as an 11 meter operator. In the 3 years with our club he graciously donated use of his radios and towers for field day, his home for an unheld crawfish boil as well as working to put a 2 meter repeater in his adopted home parish of Assumption before his untimely illness. He will be sorely missed by all of us . 73 and 88 Papa BearSK

Elections 2002

At our December 2001 meeting we had our elections for club offices for the calendar year 2002. The voting was real close (yeah right; we got suckered into it again this year-ED) and the following is the officers for 2002.

President - Guy Morrison W5ZIM
Vice-President - Michael Robichaux KC5OKP
Secretary/Treasurer - Ronald Barbier KD5GAG
Newsletter Editor - Michael Robichaux KC5OKP
Newsletter Co-editor - Mark Robinson KD5NOY

These are the positions after the public relations office was officially cancelled after no one wanted the position and was rolled into the duties of the secretary/treasurer office. And as said in the editorial we would like to thank Freddie Crochet KD5FIX for his two years of service to the newsletter but do to family constraints decided to leave the position to a new person.

Notes From The President

Dear Members and Friends,

I'd like to welcome you to the year 2002 and hopefully another good year for the AADXA. I'm very proud I was chosen to lead you again and hope to make this an even better year for all of us. We accomplished many long term goals set by the club years ago in 2001 and I hope for us to

continue this trend. Lets all pull together and make the AADXA a club to proud of.

I'm also sorry to have to say that we've lost another valued Friend and Member, Lew Cazes KD5FNR. He was an active member since his introduction and induction to amateur radio in 1998 and he will be truly missed. I'd like to dedicate this year's Field Day in his honor that way Field Day 2002 will have a special meaning for all of us.

Until Next Time,
Guy W5ZIM

New Members

We would like to welcome Bruce Kachline KD4WDD and Jacklyn Thomas KD4UJP of Morgan City who became members of the club in December after attending a meeting and decided to join both us and ARRL after checking us out on the web (www.qsl.net/wa5mc)! Thanks to both for the vote of confidence!!!!

Testing

Testing for those who dont know, is held at 6:30pm on the First Friday of the month and we give all tests from No-code Tech to Extra using the ARRL VEC system with Guy W5ZIM as contact VE. We are asking those of you wishing to test please contact Guy by email instead of by telephone as he is no longer residing in Morgan City due to his school comitments. We do however still gladly accept walkins also. We are still looking for a few good amateurs to become VEs also. A simple open book 45 question test and a copy of your General class or above ham ticket is all that is needed. For more info please contact Guy at the club P.O. Box or w5zim@arrrl.net.

The following are people we would like to congradulate on passing their ham tests:

Mark Robinson KD5NOY of Baldwin who went from No-code to General
Craig Maxson KD5QBK of Baton Rouge who became a No-code

Technician

and Robert McMullen KD5QWY of Abbeville who became a No-code
Technician

Congradulations to all who passed!

The Amateur Extra class (Element 4) question pool has been released to the public. This new question pool will be used to compile all Extra class examinations on and after July 1, 2002. An additional 131 questions have

been added to the pool bring a total of 806 possible questions. These new questions cover Electrical principles, circuits, signals, and emissions.

The new Extra class Element 4 question pool can be seen at the **ARRL** web site (<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/pools.html>). All members who are considering upgrading and who are studying the current question pool should give serious thought to testing before the July 1 deadline due to the addition of the harder questions.

Dues

This is a reminder that dues for calendar year 2002 are coming up fast. Our deadline is April 1st, 2002 and dues are \$12/year per person under 60 years of age with Family members and those over 60 belonging for free.

Also as a member of the club, you can join the ARRL thru us and help us out. Dues for them are \$39/year and we receive \$2 for every member renewal and NOW \$15 for every new member we introduce to ARRL. For this you receive The ARRL magazine QST, as well as membership benefits such as lowered QSL rates, outgoing QSL bureau, people to fight for your amateur frequencies etc.

Note, you do not need to be in ARRL to join or renew with AADXA but is encouraged.

We have included a form for dues attached to this newsletter and hope you will use it in your renewal to us for 2002.

Meetings

The AADXA meets on the first Friday of every month at 7pm at the Morgan City courtroom at the corner of Business US 90 (LA 182) and Myrtle St. in Morgan City. The next four scheduled meetings are January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, and April 5th, 2002.

Hamfests

One of the hamfests everyone looks forward to, The 22nd annual Hammond hamfest will occur on January 19th, 2002 at the SLU university center on University Ave. (1 3/4 miles east of I-55 exit 32). Doors open at 8am with talk in on 147.000-. For more information contact Bill Borstel KB5SKW at wborstel@hotmail.com or check the hamfest website at www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm

Club Events

The club had a "Happy Holidays" party on December 29th at the St.Mary Parish EOC on Barrow St. in Morgan City. It was decided to change it to after Christmas due to the large amount of members not having a common night before Christmas in which to gather. Even though it was short notice, we had ten people show up and enjoyed a main dish of fried chicken (cause we didnt want to get another turkey drunk this year :-) Those in attendance included Willie KC5OME and his family,Bruce KD4WDD,Jackylyn KD4UJP,Guy W5ZIM, Ronnie KD5GAG,Pauline KD5NOX,and Mike KC5OKP. We would also like to thank Newton N5BOD for free use of the building and opening it when he was under the weather. Thanks

Weird News

Occasionally we like to throw in some weird news and figured you may like this one.

As reported by Parade magazine in their December 30,2001 issue; The British it seems, have a new religion coming on big over there. In the 2001 census, so many people put down their religious affiliation as "Jedi Knight" that the Goverment officials had to make a seperate listing for this new "star wars religion". (We wonder if the blessings include "may the force be with you"? :-)

Where To Write

If you would like to reply to anything in this newsletter or submit an article for printing, send email to the editor directly at kc5okp@hotmail.com, the co-editor at kd5noy@qsl.net 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.

Au revoir pour maintenant

Michael Robichaux KC5OKP Mark Robinson KD5NOY

