



## JULY, 2000 EDITION

### EDITORS NOTES

I was going to write a long paragraph about club spirit and all for this month's editorial. But seeing this picture that Newton N5BOD took of the kids having fun with some left over ice from field day spoke volumes to me. Just by their actions, they have this club's spirit. How to take nothing, throw a few friends in the mix, and have fun while doing it. Thanks kids for the picture that said a thousand words.



Clockwise left to right: Dillian (Noel KB5GON's son), Heath (Huey N5DVI's son), Heidi (Huey's daughter), Danielle (Noel's daughter), and Corey (Freddie KD5FIX's son)

### FIELD DAY

On June 24 and 25, the AADXA held its third annual ARRL sponsored Field Day competition at the St. Mary Civil Defense building in Morgan

City. Competing at the 3A level we made numerous contacts on 80 thru 2 meters. Results haven't been tallied yet, but will be announced at the July 7th meeting. Operating CW, SSB, and Packet for 24 hours were those pictured below as well as Jared W5WOS, Thomas AB5DK, and Charlie KT5W. We had support from numerous family members and Brett KB5YZB who made a late night run to Walmart for us also! Thanks to all who participated and results will be sent to you after the meeting.



Field Day 2000 group photos shot courtesy of Newton N5BOD.  
Back row (L-R) Ronnie KD5GAG , Ed NA5G , and Noel KB5GON  
Second row : Freddie KD5FIX, Paul KM5GD, and Phillip KC5WFV  
Third row : Newton N5BOD and Huey N5DVI  
Front row : Mike KC5OKP and Guy W5ZIM

## **UPGRADES**

With the changing of the FCC rules regarding amateur radio on April 15th, the amateur community expected 10 to 12,000 newly upgraded generals and extras in each category. A few of our local members upgraded due to this and two are in the process of getting their credentials to become VEs that are so needed in the area. Upgrading were:

Mike KC5OKP to Extra                      Jared W5WOS to General and is now a VE

Guy W5ZIM to Extra                      Freddie KD5FIX to Extra and is now a VE

Congrats to all who upgraded!

## **REPEATERS**

The 6 meter repeater is still off the air at press time due to lack of free time by trustee Huey N5DVI to repair a faulty T/R switch. The 444.625+ repeater is still operating but is suffering from lack of use so trustee Noel

KB5GON asks people to please use it when they can. The proposed 10 meter and both 2 meter repeaters are waiting on parts and attention. and lastly the 146.745-, 146.910-, and 147.120+ St. mary parish repeaters are operating normally.

## **MEETINGS**

The aadxa will hold its next meetings on July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st to round out the year. Please make a note of it to attend.

## **TRI BAND HF ANTENNA DONATIONS**

At the next meeting of the club on July 7th, a motion will be brought up that was descussed at Field Day of the club buying thru donations from members, A tri-band HF antenna for the purpose of club functions such as Field day and the CQ HF contests. This antenna will be strickly used for this purpose only and will run roughly \$200-\$300 as estimated by The newsletter staff.

## **TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

We now have a person willing to help us in our quest for tax exempt status. Martin Wade N5PZJ has volunteered his time to help us with the paper work and club charter that are needed for the 501c3 status. A board of directors was needed for the charter so at the May meeting it was decided to ask the original 8 founding members to be the directors. So far Mike kc5okp, Jared w5wos and Guy w5zim have volunteered and still needing word from Calvin kb5gzu, Noel kb5gon, Craig nt5k, Joel kc5rfo, and Huey n5dvi on their ability to serve so we are in limbo until they have decided.

## **WRITER'S VIEWS**

I would like to pose a question to the readers of the newsletter, Reading the ARRL Repeater directory for 2000, I came across a repeater frequency of 145.170- listed for Morgan City with no information as well as a

443.450+ frequency here also. If you have any information please contact me Mike KC5OKP at kc5okp@hotmail.com . Thanks!

### **Buy Swap Sell Trade**

Member Ronnie KD5GAG, is looking to buy a 2 meter HT with extended receive. If you have an item to sell him contact Mike at kc5okp@hotmail.com

### **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 kc5okp@hotmail.com or wa5mc@qsl.net or for those who like to write, snail mail us at our club address at:

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

NOTE: We do have the right to edit for size and/or content and ask you to please leave your name, call sign, and a way to get in touch with you for possible questions or comments.

### **UNTIL NEXT TIME ...73S**

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