



## **AADXA NEWSLETTER JULY 2001**

The dust has settled from the flood of 2001 caused by tropical storm Allison, and luckily no one was injured in the local area unlike other areas of the state. Even though we weren't called up, Field Day proved we could again get stations going at a moment's notice.... Something that no other non-emergency communications group can say in this area. So please keep those who did loose from the storm in your prayers and hope that the next one won't be the big one coming for us.

Also we would like to thank Newton N5BOD for helping us with a meeting site and Field Day 2001 at the OEC on Barrow st. when the "courtroom" where we normally meet at had been undergoing major renovations. Hopefully now in July we may get to meet at our normal place please note email or other notification for any possible changes.

### **Notes From The President**

Dear Members and Friends,

Another Field Day has come and gone. It was real nice to see those of you that were there and for those of you that weren't, you missed a good one and hope you can be a part of it next year. Our CW operators kind of struggled this year but still had a fine weekend with over 300 contacts made. Our voice operators had a great showing this year with just under 900 contacts made. A definite improvement and something I'm personally proud of. This was a great year and luckily, unlike last year, the A/C didn't go out until the end they said. All in all, it was an improvement over last year and we'll see how we do when the final results get posted in QST. I take my hat off to you AADXA for another good outing and I know we will have an even better one next year.

73's

Guy W5ZIM

### **New Members**

We would like to welcome Mark Robinson KD5NOY of Baldwin who joined our club at the June meeting after passing his No-code with us in March and participating with us at Field Day 2001. We also would like to welcome Pauline Barbier KD5NOX of Belle River who joined in April after passing her test in March and was a big contributor to Field Day also .Thanks to both for being a part of the AADXA group.

### **Testing**

We are now testing at 6:30 pm at the meeting site (courtroom in April and OEC in May and June) using the ARRL testing material. Note that now all VE's now must use either one minute solid copy or fill in the blanks as of July 1st. AADXA had been using the multiple choice up until the deadline. and Now for the congratulations round....

Neil O'Malley KD5HWB from New Orleans who went from Tech+ to General

Greg Brigola KD5OAX from Crowley who became a ham at our April meeting

Paul Cancienne KM5GD from Thibodaux who went from Advanced to Extra

Thanks to everyone who tested and hope to see you test or volunteer soon!

### **Field Day**

Field Day 2001... Four Radios..... Better Antennas..... Nine ops.... Four people in support .... equals 1182 contacts . Thats right the AADXA did better than last year from the confines of the St.Mary OEC in Morgan City; lent to us courtesy of Newton N5BOD. After we started "abusing" the call sign of WA5MC at 1pm Saturday and working all major HF bands from 80-6 meters this Field Day,we can say that this year was better than ever before even though we were missing some of our key operators .We would like to thank all of those who helped and participated. More information on the outcome and a possible award! for the club from the Louisiana Section Manager, will be published as it becomes available.



### **Say Coax!- Field Day 2001 Picture**

From Top Left : Newton N5BOD, Pauline KD5NOX, Ed NA5G

Middle: Mike KC5OKP, Ronnie KD5GAG, Huey N5DVI

Bottom : Guy W5ZIM

Not Pictured: Paul KM5GD, Charlie KT5W, Mark KD5NOY, Thomas AB5DK, and Non-member Neil KD5HWB

Picture taken by : "Brah, I wasn't there I swear" (thanks Noel KB5GON and son Dillian )

### **Checks And Balances**

The club; as of our May meeting, now has a checking account with Patterson State Bank in Patterson helping us with our accounting/expense keeping as well as helping at renewal time as checks can now be made out to the club instead of having to write one to the treasurer. Fees are at \$2.50 a month and was the cheapest we could get without going into a commercial account because of the nature of the club (as we are legally a corporation now).

### **Repeaters**

A lot of action has been going on in the repeater arena in the Morgan City area. First the 146.745- N5BOD repeater's antenna pattern has been moved from an easterly one to one pointing into the west toward the Patterson area to help in that repeaters coverage of East St. Mary parish in the event of a emergency. Also it has come to our attention that due to time constraints, Newton has also taken over the control operator duties of the 147.120+ repeater in Franklin. No more is known at this time..... The 6 meter 51.450 repeater is off the air for tweaking and the 444.625+ KB5GON repeater finally has a new home at the OEC building right next to the

146.910- repeater. Reports are of like coverage as before so please put this repeater to use.

Some thing else that has come to the attention of the newsletter group is of the frequency coordinator (LARC) in the state of Louisiana's intention of moving repeaters from a current 15 khz spacing to a 20 khz spacing in the 2 meter band requiring the move of some local repeaters. This is not finalized yet but the following was copied from the 2001-2002 ARRL Repeater directory and is an idea of the plans underway.

Berwick 146.740- (146.745) N5BOD

Franklin 147.120+ (147.120) KA5TJQ (N5BOD)

Morgan City 145.170- ? <does anyone have info on this>

Morgan City 145.430- KB5GZU <our unused AADXA 2meter frequency>

Morgan City 146.920- (146.910) N5BOD

### **Two Meter Net-MIA**

It was decided by Net Control Mike KC5OKP, that the 2 meter net would be put into hibernation as of April 2001 due to lack of participants, difficult band conditions, and lack of help in calling the net. Since this time, a person has come forward willing to help but as of press time; the net is still currently off the air and will resume hopefully shortly on either 146.745 or 146.910.

### **Light Moments**

Well the famous coax cutting contest didn't happen again this year between Mike KC5OKP's mouth and Paul KM5GD's Knife ("when I mean off, I mean it's coming off"), so here is a few light moments from Field day....

"Hey when's the CB contest starting?!? Im itching to call Indonesia on 27.555 "- Thomas AB5DK during the contest....:-)

"<picture of a One finger salute > This is my final answer" -Shirt worn by Ronnie KD5GAG on Sunday.

" So this is what my radio looks like all lit up...." Guy W5ZIM commenting on the lack of use of his Yaesu 840

"Either our antenna is pointed the wrong way or the code operators are all at home watching the last Baywatch" Ed NA5G and Charlie KT5W commenting on the state of the code at Field day

"But honey....This is what Field Day is ... a bunch of guys hanging out together talking on radios for 24 hours.." Mark KD5NOY explaining to his wife what field day is all about

"You know....It does work better with a ground...." Paul KM5GD after putting a ground strap on his 5 band vertical.

"So what band is this radio on anyway? I think I was operating 30 meter ssb a while ago " Mike KC5OKP trying to figure out Huey N5DVI's Yaesu FT-101 (note: 30 meters doesn't have ssb!)

"So in other words Field Day is like Bingo, but you don't know who wins until December?" Quote from Pauline KD5NOX

"Whiskey American 5 Mad Cow" ...phonetics that made the most contacts at Field Day

Note :All Light Moments were ficticious quotes made up from excerpted real quotes; except the shirt which was really worn by Ronnie though, so if you believed any of this was for real... PLEASE CHILL OUT!! :-)

### **Where To Write**

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.

NOTE ALSO That The club will get a P.O Box hopefully in Berwick soon so please make a note of this when the notice of address change is sent out as the street address will no longer be valid after that time -Thanks Guy

**Happy Trails to you ...until we meet again ....** <sung by Roy Rogers>

**Mike Robichaux KC5OKP    Freddie Crochet KD5FIX**