



(Our Temporary Logo)

AADXA NEWSLETTER July 2004

Field Day 2004

Field day took a nostalgic turn back in time for the AADXA club as we "went back to our roots" and held Field Day 2004 on the Mr. Charlie oil rig museum in downtown Morgan City. Running 3 HF rigs in voice, CW, and digital (a first) on the Charlie itself. We competed in the 3A category gaining 321 contacts and 2124 points in the process. Murphy attacked with full force this year with antenna problems (with us mainly operating on bazooka dipole antennas and HF verticals) as well as power problems. After almost 4 hours of fighting Murphy back in the rain, we operated attack free for almost 16 hours non-stop. We actually stopped Field Day early this year as major rains were forecasted and we didn't want to be caught by the rains again.



Field Day 2004 Group Photo: Mark KD5NOY, Mike KC5OKP, Huey N5DVI, Paul KM5GD
(Not shown but helping were Noel KB5GON, Noel's son Dillian, Phillip KC5WFV, Ronnie KD5GAG, and Guy W5ZIM)

We had 6 operators and 3 more in support roles for our 2004 attempt. We would like to thank Noel who put in countless hours to afford us to go back on the Mr. Charlie as well as Mr. Virgil from the International Petroleum Museum & Exposition who assisted us on the rig and granted permission for us to do Field Day this year from there.

New Logo (finally?)

After almost a year and a half without an official logo, we may be coming to an end of our search with ideas using stuff we already have. Mark KD5NOY at the end of the May meeting, proposed the following to club members present.



(One of two Mark presented- Edited here for size)

Guy has built upon the ideas and has some working prototypes on other ideas to be voted upon by club membership at the July meeting. This would go on the club website, newsletter, any official business of the club as well as a hopeful QSL card. Hopefully after a year and a half, we may have a logo yet...

Meeting Site changes?

It was brought up at the April meeting, that we may have to move once again due to security being tightened up at Cal-Dive due to federal government concerns. Nothing has become of this since being mentioned at the club meeting, however a new possible place is in the works for the club, which would be a lot easier on the membership to be able to attend. More will be discussed at a future club meeting.

Meeting Dates

Here are the official meeting dates for AADXA for 2004

The dates till the end of the year are July 9th, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd.

Closer to October, 2005's schedule should become more readily known.

Testing

Our testing registration hotline is 985-518-3945. This is VP Pauline KD5NOX's phone number and she is currently giving information and helping pre-register for the VE tests. We also pre register at wa5mc@qsl.net. We are currently pre-registering due to the use of security guards at our current meeting spot.

Upcoming Events in the Area

Upcoming hamfest and events include:

July 17 Ozone ARC hamfest Slidell, La. <http://www.w5sla.org> ,

kc5wla@arrl.net , or 985-639-9690 (after 5 PM)

August 14 WCLARC hamfest Leesville, La. <http://www.wclarc.com> ,
wb5jzp@bellsouth.net , or 337-239-7613

September 11 SWLARC swapfest Lake Charles, La. at the HABIBI
SHRINE TEMPLE w5bii@arrl.net for more information as none is
currently available on this event.

October 16 CLARC hamfest Pineville, La. <http://www.clarc.us/hamfest.htm>
, 318-641-6635 or email to hamfest@clarc.us

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