



## **OCTOBER 2000 EDITION NEWSLETTER**

### **LETTERS FROM THE EDITORS**

Well the pundits were wrong, It looks like we survived Y2K unhurt, But should the need have arisen, we proved June 26th how amateurs can get out with 1062 contacts made for 4100 points at Field Day 2k! We made almost 200 contacts more than last year! This proves what a little cajun ingenuity can do when the needs arise!

### **PRESENTATION**

At our October 6th meeting, a member of the national weather service from Lake Charles is to present a presentation on skywarn, a program where participants become reliable front line spotters for severe weather in the area. The need has come up in the St.Mary parish area for people wanting to help in this important line of defense.

### **CLUB ANTENNA**

A discussion on needing a new antenna for contests and club events was made at the August meeting. Mr. Paul made mention he is holding a 6 element antenna for the club with tower at his home in Thibodaux. The club then asked if this antenna may be modified and mention was made it possibly could be done but none had done before. So we will either use this antenna or proceeds from sell of this antenna and a donation fund that was started that night will fund for a new three element, three band yagi with cost estimates to be at about \$300 with tax for a hygain from radio shack as quoted by Freddie KD5FIX.

### **P.O.BOX**

A mention was made at our July meeting, that if our tax status forms are to be filled out, the club should look into a club mailing address where as

the club progresses, we can still receive our mail instead of relying on officers home addresses that may change in the future. At the August meeting a mention was made of cost with a box being \$55 in Berwick and Morgan City, and \$ 15 in Patterson and Amelia with costs to possibly go down after receiving our tax exempt status. Nothing was done on this but a proposal that was to be proposed at our canceled September meeting, of Donations to cover the cost of a box in Morgan City for one year until our hopeful status change happens, has been made by Mike KC5OKP and will be brought up at the October meeting.

### **REPEATERS**

The report on our repeaters is disappointing this time around. All club repeaters are off the air at this time due to problems. The 6 meter is still off awaiting Huey N5DVI to have time to check into it "hanging up" problem. The 440 is off air due to no power at the Mr. Charlie from financial problems at the repeater site involving the Mr. Charlie foundation and the city of Morgan City for services. And our 2 meter repeater frequency has been given to another group in Baton Rouge when it was proven we didn't have ours up in time (2 years is given between coordination and being online). So the hunt for a new frequency and a renewed urgency for a 2 meter repeater is on our minds.

Mr. Newton N5BOD's 146.745 and 146.910 are functioning normal.

### **2 METER NET**

This is to inform everyone that we still call a net on thursdays at 8pm cdt on 146.745, with 146.91 as alternate with Mike KC5OKP as net control. Two announcements however with one being the net will move back to 7pm cst on November 2nd because of the time change back to standard time on October 29th in accordance to our rules passed last year. The second announcement is we are looking for new help for net control as we were without a net control 2 weeks in August due to family concerns. Mike makes this plea as he doesn't wish to see the net end as it has twice before. So if you wish to help call please contact Mike on the air, or by the address at the end of the letter.

### **CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Nominations will be taken at the next meeting October 6th for officers for 2001. Some current officers have stated they will not seek or accept nominations again due to other pressing issues .so we need some people

willing to volunteer for the good of the club. Nominations will also be taken in November when the election will be held. Please come help shape the club for the new millinum, vote November 3rd!

### **MEETING DATES**

The next meeting dates are to be October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st with a special meeting possibly to help plan for an unplanned as of press time Christmas party, and January 5th,2001.

### **WEB PAGE**

The club's web page is still up and functional, after many questions on where the Field day 2000 pictures were. Guy W5ZIM has said he is holding off publishing the pictures until a new site is built with the help of Joel KC5RFO and Jared W5WOS.

### **NEW ARRIVAL**



(L-R) Joel KC5RFO,Parrish,Sagan,and Michelle Ohmer

Congradulations goes out to Joel KC5RFO, his wife Michelle,and step-son Parrish on the arrival of a new baby son. Named after the famous astronomer, author and writer Carl Sagan; Sagan Michael Ohmer was born September 14th at 1:45am at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center weighing 6 pounds 7oz. and 20 in. in length. More information can be found at:  
<http://www.petronet.net/johmer/baby.html>

### **BUY,BARTER,SELL,TRADE**

Freddie KD5FIX is looking for old C band satellite dishes and/or satellite receiving equipment ( the old butt ugly 6 foot or bigger dish) for free, take down or reasonable prices (under \$100). He has plans for them as receivers for weather satellites and for tv reception at his home. To contact him email at [kd5fix@stargazer.net](mailto:kd5fix@stargazer.net) or phone at 225-474-4909.

### **HOW TO GET IN TOUCH**

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### **UNTIL NEXT YEAR ..73**

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