



## **AADXA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2001**

When I first started to write the newsletter this month, I didn't know what to put in this space, Maybe some words to upgrade or something. But within 4 days of each other, tragedy struck our club twice.

First on Friday September 7th; we lost one of our members, Alvin Arceneaux N5VIL to a terminal illness. Then on September 11th, a day that will be remembered forever etched in every American, The attack on 4 airliners bringing 2 into the world trade center in NYC, one into the pentagon, a one into a field in Pennsylvania killing scores of innocent people in the buildings, on the ground, as well as those who flew.

If there is supposed to be a message in this editorial it is to please always remember the fallen. In your prayers and in your hearts as you would wish to be remembered.

### **Silent Key**

As reported in the Editorial, Alvin Arceneaux N5VIL, passed away at 6:43pm September 7th at a hospital in Houma. It was reported to the club that he suffered from a terminal illness that had a hand in taking his life. He was 66 and a member since 1998. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Bobbie Sue, Two Brothers, a sister, and three grandchildren. He was a retired Master carpenter for SLMC Hospital in Houma, and was active in camping and amateur radio. 73 Our good friend 73

### **Notes From The President**

As I sit here to write this, with all that's happened recently, I'm speechless. Watching the news over the past couple of weeks has been horrifying. Just to think that there are some people that are desperate enough to commit such evil. God bless all those brave policemen and firefighters who are still fighting to this day, through the rubble and devastation.

Through this disaster, it truly shows that terrorism maybe able to dent the spirit of this nation, but it surely will never break it!

Every morning while driving from my home to LSU, seeing American Flags proudly flying from almost every house or red, white and blue ribbons tied around each mail box is enough to make any person proud. However, the brightest sight I believe I've seen so far, has taken place on a corner of an intersection in Baton Rouge. Four fire trucks parked on each corner with their ladders stretched high in the air and on top of each ladder was Old Glory while every fireman was collecting for all the fallen firefighters in Washington and New York.

Also, lets not forget our fellow Amateur Operators who are gallantly fighting allong with the police and firemen to help provide emergency communications. They are our bright and shining stars through this as for they are representing us all. They make me hold my head up high for the job that they are doing and god forbid our time may come through all of this, but if something may happen in our area, may we all do as good a job as they are doing.

Sadly enough, we also have had a tragedy of our own. We have lost a true friend, and member, Alvin N5VIL. May our prayers and good wishes go out to his family.

Hope to see you all soon at the meetings as for we have a busy schedule to close out the year of 2001.

God Bless,  
Guy W5ZIM

### **New Members**

We would like to welcome two new members to our ranks. Neil O'Malley KD5HWB from New Orleans who tested with us twice and decided to help us out in both the Field Day antenna fund and in general with his membership. And another who tested and became a member was Raymond Tassin N5THI of Houma who became a General and a member in the same night. Thanks and Welcome aboard to both!

### **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 also looking into giving the commercial radio (GROL) test at our meetings using the W5YI VE system with Thomas AB5DK handing those duties. We do need any one

General class or above to please consider becoming a ARRL amateurVE as a few times we had to rush around to find a third person. A simple open book 45 question test and a copy of your ticket is all that is needed. For more info please contact Guy at the club P.O. Box or w5zim@arrl.net .

The following is people we would like to congratulate on passing their ham tests:

Darren Mullen KD5PDM of Harvey to Technician No Code  
Johnathan Boudreaux KD5PDL of Slidell to Tech + (A no code license with a one year grant of plus)  
Neil O'Malley KD5HWB of New Orleans to Extra  
Raymond Tassin N5THI of Houma to General  
and James Lee KD5PUQ of Berwick to Technician No Code  
Congradulations to all who passed!

### **Repeaters**

There is no new news to report on the repeaters. 444.625+ and the 2 meter member owned repeaters are operating properly. The 6 meter is still down awaiting a site and some other small modifications.

### **Dues**

This is a reminder that dues for calender 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 ever member renewal and NOW \$15 for every new member we introduce to ARRL. For this you receive a magazine (qst) as well as membership benefits such as lowered qsl rates etc.

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

### **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 (La182) and Myrtle st. in Morgan City. The next four scheduled meetings are October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th, 2001 and January 4th, 2002

### **Elections**

This is a reminder that nominations for officers for 2002 will occur at the November 2nd meeting with elections on December 7th. We will be electing for the positions of President, Vice president, and secretary/treasurer. A few have already stated they do not wish to be nominated so please check with us before you nominate :-).

### **P.O.Box**

As voted on by the club previously, The club now has an official Post Office Box now! Due to prices and availability of members to check mail, we as a club decided to go with one in Amelia. As this box was \$33/year compared to \$55/year at other area post offices unless we wanted to travel further west than Patterson. Our new snail mail address appears below so please make a note of it.

### **Awards**

Nominations for Ham, straight key, and DXer of the year will be taken at our October meeting. This program was started 2 years ago but wasn't done last year due to lack of participation.

Ham of the year goes to the person who has done the most for the club in the previous year(s), straight key goes to the best straight key morse finger in the club and dxer of the year goes to the person with the most dx contacts in the previous year(s) proved either by qsl card or logbook (notes must be taken on contact). Paul is in line for dxer of the year by his qsl cards but who will get the others? The awards will be handed at our Christmas party.

### **Club Events**

The club is planning on holding two events in the near future but details are still not finalized and subject to change.

On October 20th we plan on joining the boy scouts for Jamboree on the air where Boy/Girl scouts across the United States contact each other using the magic of amateur radio. They can also get a radio merit badge for participating. We are still trying to iron out the details on this one so please watch your email, the webpage ([www.qsl.net/wa5mc](http://www.qsl.net/wa5mc)), or by radio.

And in December, we plan on finally having a Christmas party. Location and date are not set yet but the plan is to invite Governor M.J. "Mike" Foster from Franklin to get together to show him the true meaning of ham radio in his home parish. Awards and election results will be announced there also.

So help us wring in the holiday cheer!

## **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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**Hasta la vista ...Baby** (as quoted from the terminator)

**Mike Robichaux KC5OKP    Freddie Crochet KD5FIX**