



LETTERS FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to another edition of the newsletter. As the leaves start to fall, activity is moved to the indoors with the ham operations and get togethers. This newsletter is being sent early because we would like our members to please show up at our October meeting to welcome a fellow ham from France and his family whom are traveling on a 3 week sightseeing trip of South Louisiana. He has been in contact with Guy KC5ZIM over e-mail to set up this event and we hope to be able to welcome him to Louisiana AADXA style.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome two new members to the club. In July, Ed Conti KC5MMG of Houma joined our club after hearing about our activities from our members. In August, Thomas Lacazes AB5DK of Amelia came to us on the advice of local hams. Welcome aboard Ed and Thomas!

2- METER NET

Two big events have come about in the last few weeks with our Thursday night net. In our August meeting, it was decided to move the net to 8pm during daylight savings time to boost net check-ins as most people are still outside at 7pm during the summer time. The net will then be moved back to 7pm during the winter as it was previously scheduled. The second big news is Mike KC5OKP has graciously volunteered his time to call the net since August 19th and was made one of the net controllers officially at our September meeting. Mike is calling the net as Joel KC5RFO and Guy KC5ZIM have previous commitments keeping them away from calling the net.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime memberships were put up for discussion at our last 3 meetings as proposed by Tommy KC5TGK. Most comments however were against the idea as it would bring in much needed money now, but would hurt us later on as we are a small club and we could not support ourselves during the lean times. The motion was voted down unanimously at the September meeting.

REPEATERS

Our repeater outlook has been a dark one with recent events taking the AADXA back off the air. The 444.625+ repeater was struck by lightning in late July and is sharing the same fate as our 6 meter repeater in being off the air while awaiting Huey N5DVI's technical expertise. The 2 meter repeater is still being built slow but surely will shine for us when it is up.

The 146.745-, 146.910-, and 145.210- repeaters; owned by individual club members, are still operating normally with complaints of low audio on .745 during net check-ins however.

JOTA (JAMBOREE ON THE AIR)

The boy scout jamboree on the air, where local boy scouts use amateur radio to contact other boy scouts through out the nation. The event will held on the weekend of October 16th. Location as of press time has not been determined.

KK5VL TO LEND HF RIGS

Tim Chapman KK5VL; has graciously donated at our September meeting, use of some of his HF ham rigs to the club for events such as JOTA and Field Day. As he had commented that most of his rigs were sitting around and could get some good use at one of our events.

INTERNET NEWS

The Internet web site is slowly being improved by Guy KC5ZIM as time permits and includes news items of the club between meetings as well as the pictures from Field Day 1999.

The web site is located at www.qsl.net/wa5mc

ELECTIONS

This is a reminder that nominations for club offices are held at the November meeting and elections for the club offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary/ Treasurer, public relations, as well as editor and co-editor of this newsletter are held in December. Please vote as these are the people you have to put up with for the rest of the year!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The AADXA will meet for our monthly club meetings on October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd, and January 7th 2000 if the power companies are willing.

EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS

A proposal has been brought to us by Noel KB5GON at the August meeting for the club to form a emergency preparedness committee to study ways AADXA could help in local disasters. The motion on forming a committee was tabled at the September meeting until such time as Noel has a clearer plan on how to implement his ideas.

AWARD PROGRAMS

The three award programs that were voted in earlier this year, will be coming up for nominations at our October meeting. The three awards are Ham of the year (the person who has done the most for the club in 1999), DX'er of the year (the person with the most qsl confirmed contacts between May and October <sorry folks, 11 meter contacts do not count!>) and the straight key contest (the best fist in the west). Awards will be handed out at our Christmas party in December.

ARRL REMINDER

This is to remind our members that you may renew your ARRL membership through the club allowing us to collect \$2 off of every renewal and \$5 off all new memberships, which helps the club deeply in this low fund season for the club. Renewals are handled by Guy KC5ZIM and we ask that you pay in cash as the club still does not have a ID to cash checks with.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to reply to anything in this newsletter or to submit an article for printing, send email to wa5mc@qsl.net or you can snail mail us at:

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NOTE: We do have the right to edit for size and/or comment and ask that you leave your name,call, and contact information for any possible questions or comments.

...UNTIL Y2K, 73 TO YOU AND YOURS
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