



AADXA NEWSLETTER April 2005

All I have to say is, what a wild ride the past few months have been....WOW!!! We have had members who have lapsed in membership come back into the fold, two new members since January, a possible place for Field Day which we've been looking at for the past three years. Hopefully I can contain myself on the actions going on in the club. Oh, plus the club callsign activation in the Louisiana QSO party in which we got a QSL card (uh oh, forgot to mail the reply OOPS!)

Yep, A wild ride. Won't you come and join with us for it?

New Members

As I said in the editor's notes, we have two new members, both from the Houma area with one having strong ties to this area

- Daniel Brown KD5UTL became a member at our January meeting and learned about us from testing with us a few years ago.
- John Welch KD5WDY became a surprise member at the February meeting and is the manager of the local Joe's Boots here in Morgan City.

Meeting Dates

Here are the official meeting dates for AADXA for 2005

The dates tentative for 2005 are April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 8th, August 5th, September 9th, October 7th, November 4th, and December 2nd. Notice the date changes to the second Friday of the month in July and September due to it being a holiday (3 day) weekend on the first Friday week.

Louisiana QSO party

(aka de wa5mc/r)

After announcing the Louisiana QSO party in the newsletter and in the meetings, Mike KC5OKP and new member John KD5WDY decided to activate the club's call sign for the contest mobile thru 10 parishes in Louisiana. The goal of the contest was to put Louisiana stations on air from many different parishes to foster good will and have a good ole fashioned contest.

Operating on February 12th, mobile running 100 watts HF on 20 and 40 meters mobile using a Icom 706 mark2 g and a hamstick. We operated from Assumption, St.Mary, Iberia, Vermillion, Cameron, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Allen, Evangeline, and St. Landry Parishes. After mobile oping for about 2 hours, We spent about an hour in a stationary setup using a dipole kit at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Boat launch, east of Grand Chenier before Murphy came and took our Dipole to the ground. After 30 minutes of resetting up a new setup, we rored back to life for about 30 minutes before being grounded and sent on our way to the next parish.

We operated mobile for the rest of the trip before trying to switch to 80 meters and making our Suburban's dash board look like Christmas in February. Luckily a restart of the vehicle took care of our problem but took out our operating chances for the rest of the night and was back in town for contest end at 0300 UTC (9pm that night).

We will hopefully have pictures and logs on the clubs website soon.

If you wish to organize a operating event like this with other members, and wish to use the club callsign, get with Guy on your plans and what members will be operating to work out the details.

Field Day

Field Day is fast approaching with hopefully good news coming soon. We are not confirmed yet but we are 90% sure of having Field Day in Amelia this year at the community center. We will possibly need people to help in site accesment for antennas in the near future. Currently we are in negotiations for the site. As it becomes definite, we will let our members and friends know more. If it is not definite, we still have a few sites on our list for Field Day.

We are looking at this newer site due to the fact of problems last year with getting certain members and others to the Field day site.

Testing

We are pre registering for ARRL VE testing at wa5mc@qsl.net due to unforseen circumstances with Pauline's phone currently happening. We still offer testing as long as we have a 2 day notice before the test due to a lack of VEs at some tests. This helps keep people from driving too far and not being able to test.

If you would like more information on becoming a VE, Please contact Guy or Mike for more information.

Upcoming Events in the Area **Upcoming hamfest and events include:**

April 29-30 Baton Rouge ARC hamfest FMI: www.brarc.org
May 20-22 Hamvention Dayton, OH www.hamvention.org
June 3-4 Hamcom Arlington, TX. www.hamcom.org
June 25-26 Field Day TBA officially soon!

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