

The W5SLA internet hamsters have been busy at work in the hamster wheel of the w5sla.net world wide website. After much code crunching, content grooming, Java drinking, Apache dancing, Word pressing, archive diving, calendar populating, document scanning, link linking and a plethora of other techno-nerd terms I am omitting I'm sure... (long exhale...) A new look for [www.w5sla.net](http://www.w5sla.net) is here from the powers that be;



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Join the Club!

The Ozone Amateur Radio Club (OARC) is headquartered in the Ozone Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Center, located at 2190 4th Street in Slidell, LA next to the City Court of Slidell. Click here for Directions. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. Information about our meetings can be found on the Meetings Page. Please join us.

We'd love to meet you in person, on one of our repeaters, on the air or on the water! If you are not yet a "ham", we'll help you get your license. If you would like further information about how to become a ham or our radio club please email us at [OARC@W5SLA.net](mailto:OARC@W5SLA.net) or visit our Membership Page.

Our hobby has been one of community service, such as providing communications in preparation for, during and after a major weather event, for walk-a-thons and other civic and athletic events.

If you are visiting the area, we frequently monitor our 2 Meter repeater on 147.270 MHz offset + PL 114.8. Thank you for checking out our site.

News Flash! News Flash! News Flash! News Flash!  
**Hamfest - July 16, 2016**  
click here for more information

Calling Meeting Meeting Reminder  
AES Net Friday Night Net

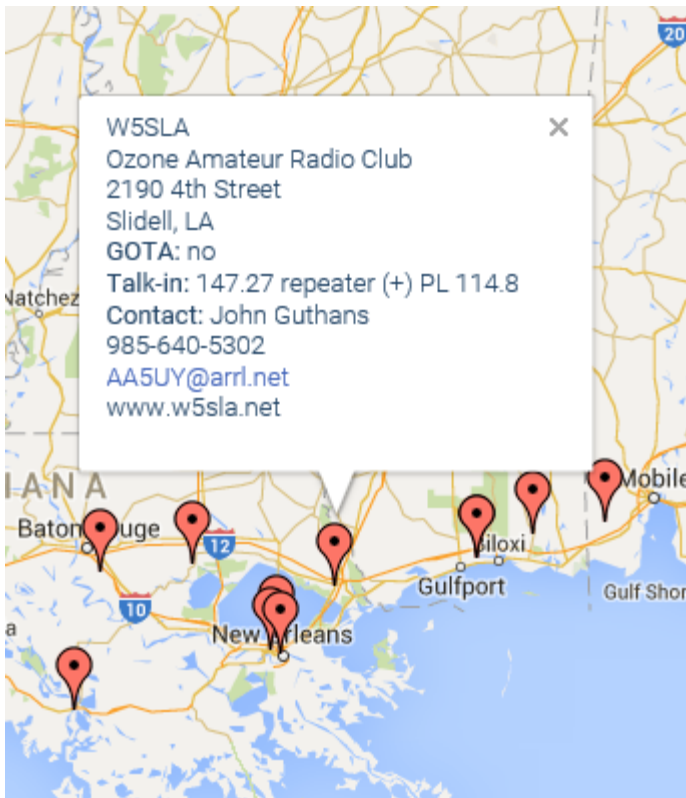
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I give it a **CLASSY** rating with an obvious eye for a finished look and functional content. Sporting custom artwork from members, exacting menus, touched up photos and a dashboard for recent news and happenings, it's obvious that the hamsters have some talent for classy content delivery. Don't take my word for it though! Check it out and let the hamster's (officers) know however you can! -SK





**W5SLA has its site registered** in the ARRL's Field day location database. I've heard some faint signals in reference to some practice days, weather permitting, where the club will be open for those that would like to practice leading up to field day. Keep your beams pointed to the club nets, packet mailboxes, reflectors and RF gain wide open for more.

-SK



## - Objective

To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

## - Dates

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2016 is June 25-26.

## - Bands

Any Amateur Radio band except 12, 17, 30 and 60 Meters.



**2 Meters Repeaters**

- 147.27 MHz (+)
- CTCSS 114.8
- 145.290 MHz (-)
- D-STAR or CTCSS 67

**70 Centimeters Repeater**

- 444.425 MHz (+)
- CTCSS 114.8
- 444.100 MHz (+)
- D-STAR (Limited Range)

**2 Meters Packet**

- 145.01 MHz
- W5SLA-4 Digi-peater only (SIL)
- W5SLA-3 Mailbox
- W5SLA-5 NWS-TNC

**St. Tammany ARES Net**

Every Tuesday at 8:00 pm  
on the W5SLA 2 meter repeater

**2 Meters Club Net**

Every Friday at 7:30 pm on  
the 2 meter repeater

**10 Meters Club Net**

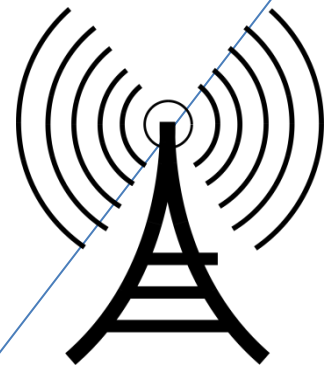
Every Friday at 8:00 pm on  
Or about 28.425 MHz USB

**75 Meter Club Net**

Every Friday 8:30 pm  
On or about  
3.925 MHz USB



**Roundup**



**Some of your  
OARC  
Facilities**



Ozone Amateur Radio Club *presents:*

# SLIDELL EOC HAMFEST

Saturday, July 16, 2016

John Slidell Park Gymnasium - 105 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA

Open to the Public 8 am to 2 pm

Admission \$7

Scouts in uniform get in free!



COMMERCIAL DEALERS - FLEA MARKET  
VE TESTING - FORUMS  
RAFFLES

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - 2 pm

1<sup>st</sup> - Yaesu FT-450D 160-6 All Mode Transceiver

2<sup>nd</sup> - Yaesu FT -60R VHF/UHF Dual Band HT

3<sup>rd</sup> - MFJ-949E 300W Antenna Tuner

Jambalaya  
Shrimp Fettuccine  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches



Donuts & Coffee  
And more!

**FOOD & DRINKS**

\*\*VE Testing is off-site @ 480 Robert Blvd.\*\*

For more information: [hamfest@w5sla.net](mailto:hamfest@w5sla.net)

TALK-IN 147.270 / PL 114.8



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News



## ARRL Reaches Agreement with Community Associations Institute on Parity Act

05/28/2016

After 2-1/2 months of intense negotiations, ARRL has reached an agreement with the Community Associations Institute (CAI) — the national association of homeowners associations — concerning amended language of the **Amateur Radio Parity Act**. This will allow H.R. 1301 to proceed to what is hoped will be passage of the bill in both houses of Congress this year.

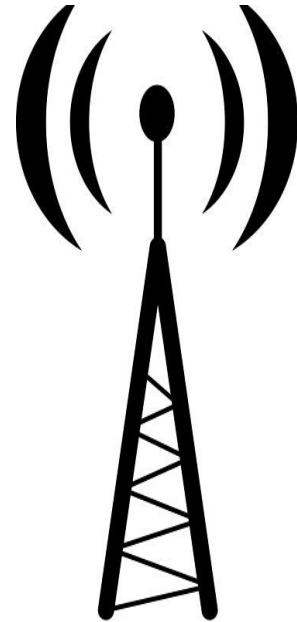
"We express support for H.R. 1301, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, as proposed to be amended," the CAI statement said.

ARRL, working with CAI and Congressional staff, agreed on an amended bill that would allow every amateur living in a deed-restricted community the ability to install an effective outdoor antenna.

"We are pleased with the agreement with CAI over new proposed language in the legislation, and thank CAI and the Congressional staffers who helped make this happen," ARRL Hudson Division Director and Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, said. Lisenco stressed that, while the agreement with CAI is significant, there is still much work to be done.

"This agreement with CAI is a big step forward, but getting the Amateur Radio Parity Act signed into law remains a long process. ARRL will still need to call upon the membership to contact their elected officials and ask for their affirmative vote on this bill," he said.

**More information** on the Amateur Radio Parity Act is available on the ARRL website.





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## Slidell EOC Hamfest

## Hamfest & Convention Application

### HAMFEST/CONVENTION

07/16/2016

**Start Date:** 07/16/2016

**End Date:** 07/16/2016

**Location:** John Slidell Park Gymnasium

105 Robert Blvd.

Slidell, LA 70458

**Website:** <http://w5sla.net>

**Sponsor:** Ozone Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.27 +600 (PL 114.8)

**Public Contact:** Paul Strickland , WB9SUG

102 Wild Azalea Drive Covington, LA 70433

Phone: 985-373-8093

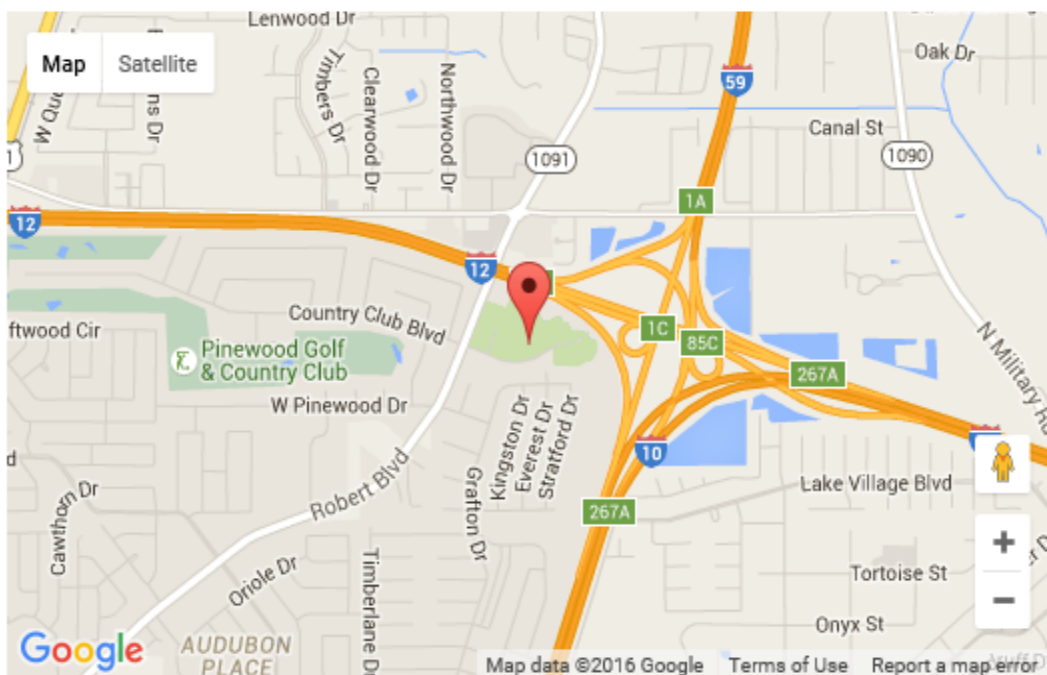
**Email:** [wb9sug@arrl.net](mailto:wb9sug@arrl.net)

**It does not get any more official** than that. The Slidell EOC Ham fest has its own entry on the ARRL web site hamfest and convention application online. Get in there to the hamfest to make it a great event;

- Find you something that you want or need
- Support our supporting vendors
- Attend a special interest group forum
- Learn more about the radio arts
- Volunteer
- Become licensed or upgrade
- Play the raffle, wait out the prizes
- EAT THE FOOD
- Buy a table
- Meet old and new fellow enthusiasts
- *See junk in trunks that you have never seen before or at least since the last hamfest. Hi Hi.*
- *Exchange boat anchor and huge antenna DX stories like retired fisherman*
- *Compare Solar panel sizes and output*

**OK, I'll stop! Plan for it. Wait for it, GO FOR IT!**

### Locations





National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce



Search NOAA sites



<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

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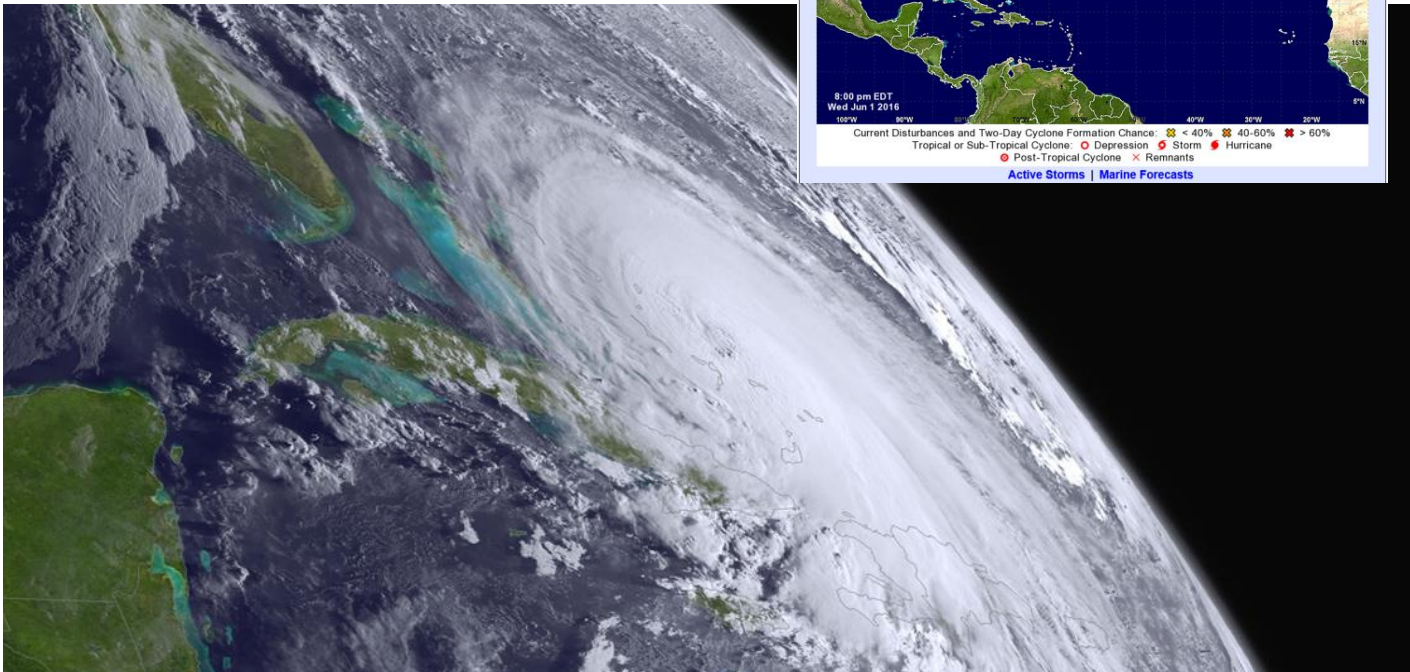
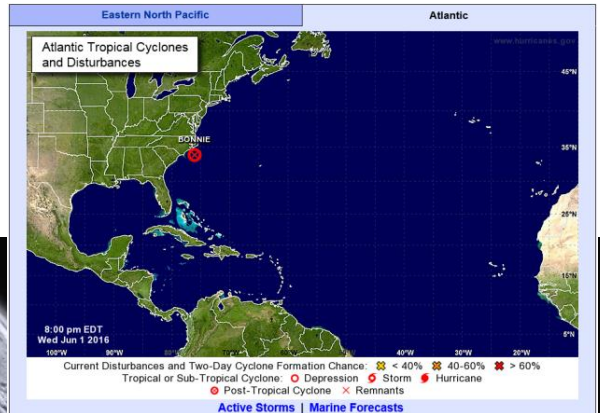
# Near-normal Atlantic hurricane season is most likely this year

## 70 percent likelihood of 10 to 16 named storms

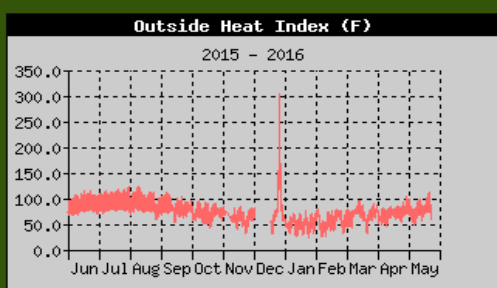
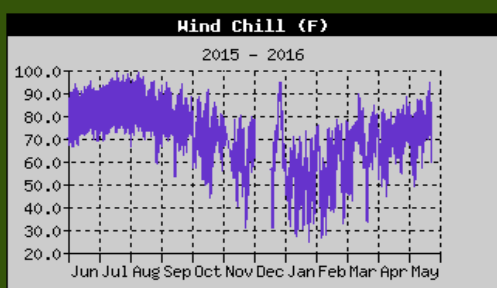
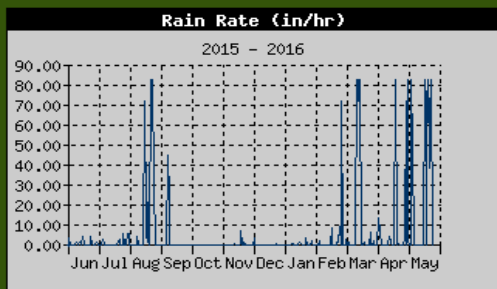
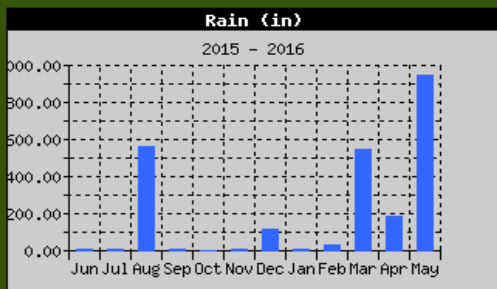
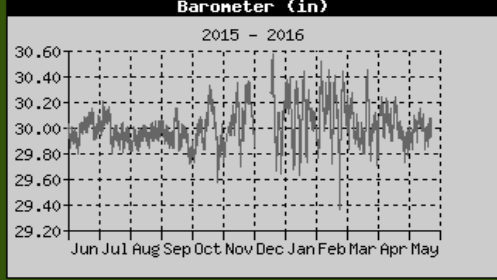
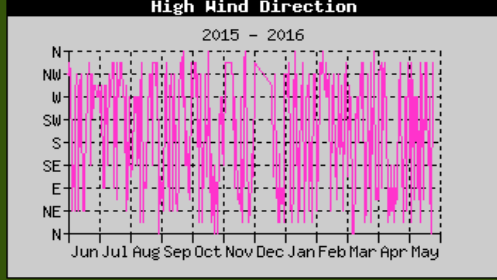
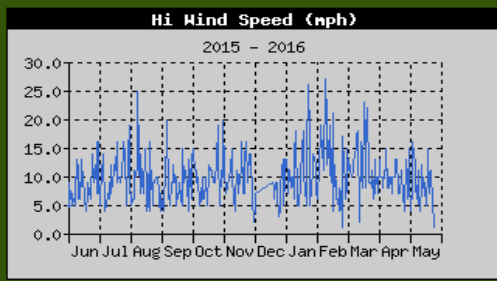
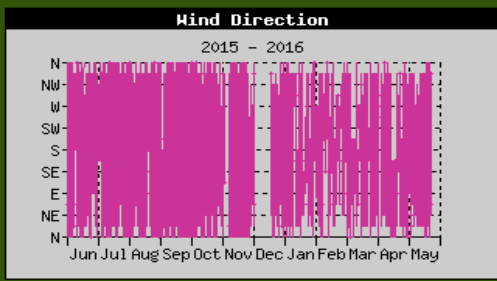
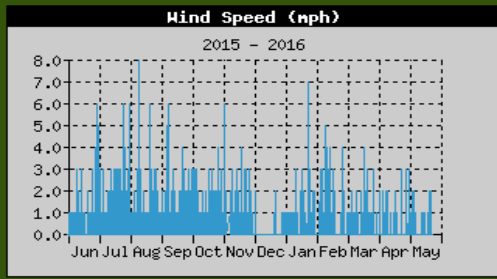
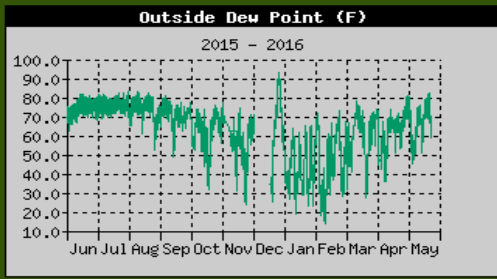
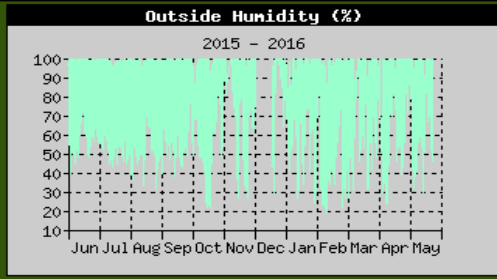
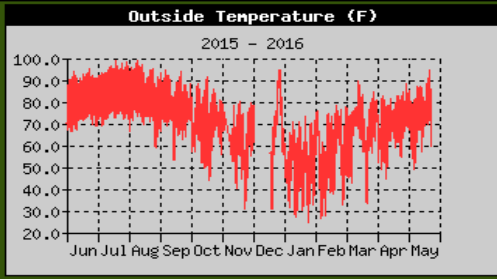


**For those of you who follow them in**, watch them spin, lookout for kin, run with the wind, want to know when, party at the inn... Hi Hi... OK! OK! I'll stop!!

There is the headlines from NOAA and here we are on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Whether it's the HF Gulf Coast Hurricane Net, Maritime Mobile Service Net, the VHF ARES Net, or just plan old QSO's, HAM radio traffic, antennas and chatter are all about to turn towards the slow and big weather.

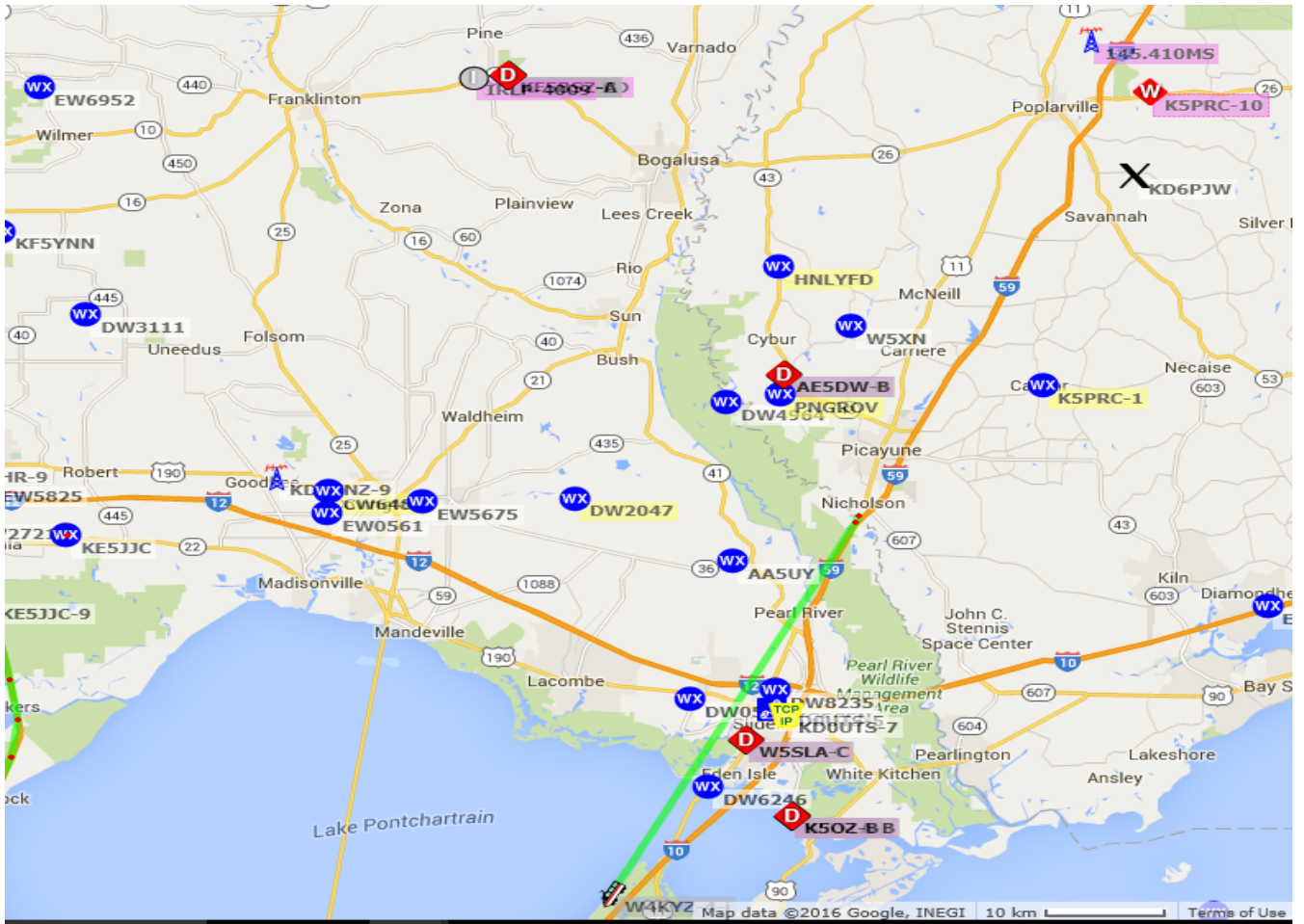


Monthly look into local shared WX station data



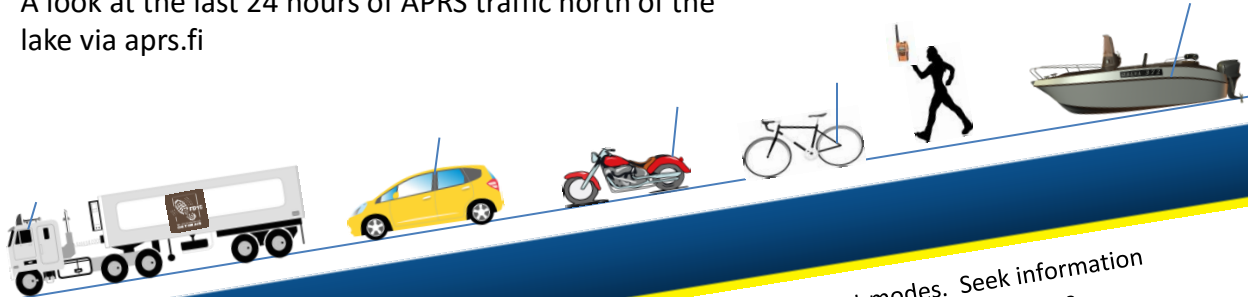
History Graphs for Pearl River, LA





A look at the last 24 hours of APRS traffic north of the lake via aprs.fi

aprs.fi



## Get on the Air

Learn to operate your station to its distance limits across different modes. Seek information and understanding of propagation phenomenon and conditions for the bands you are operating on. Listen, learn and participate in the different arts of communicating with the different types of Events/QSO's/Contests/Nets etc.... Stay positive actively and leave the negative behind leading by example while doing so. Most of all "Get on the Air!" Do this and you will become a better Amateur Radio / HAM Operator as well as enjoy all that the art has to offer.

-SK-



## What to Bring to an Exam Session

### What to Bring:

1. A legal photo ID (driver's license, passport)
2. If no photo ID is available, two forms of identification:
  - a. non-photo ID/driver's license (some states still have them)
  - b. birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal)
  - c. social security card
  - d. library card
  - e. utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person; or a postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current mailing address as it appears on the Form 605.
3. Students/minors may bring any of the above items and/or a school ID, minor's work permit, report card, or a legal guardian may present a photo ID.
4. Social Security Number (SSN) or your FCC issued Federal Registration Number (FRN); VEC's are required by the FCC to submit either your SSN or your FRN number with your license application form. If you prefer not to give your SSN at the exam session, then you may register your SSN with the FCC before exam day. Once you have a FCC issued FRN, you may no longer use your SSN on the application. For instructions on how to register your SSN with the FCC and receive a FRN, visit the [FCC's FAQ page](#) and the [FCC's registration instructions page](#). Please note that some exam teams will only accept a valid FRN on your application. Check with your local exam team before exam day.
5. If applicable, bring either a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license or a reference copy printed out from the FCC website, the license information printed from ARRL website or QRZ website, or the original(s) and photocopy(s) of any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) you may hold from previous exam sessions. If your license has already been issued by FCC, the CSCE showing license credit is not needed. The photocopy(s) will not be returned.  
*Instructions on how to obtain an official FCC license copy are on our [Obtain License Copy](#) web page.*
6. Two number two pencils with erasers and a pen.
7. A calculator with the memory erased and formulas cleared is allowed. You may not bring any written notes or calculations into the exam session. Slide rules and logarithmic tables are acceptable, as long as they're free of notes and formulas. Cell phone must be silenced or turned off during the exam session and the phones' calculator function may not be used. In addition, iPhones, iPads, Androids, smartphones, Blackberry devices and all similar electronic devices with a calculator capability, may NOT be used.
8. Bring a check, a money order or cash to cover the exam session fee(s). Check the ARRL VEC's current [exam fees](#).

## Slidell LA 70458-1345

### EXAM SESSION

07/16/2016

**Sponsor:** Ozone ARC-Slidell Hamfest

**Date:** Jul 16 2016

**Time:** 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** John H. Guthans

(985) 640-5302

**Email:** [oarc@w5sla.net](mailto:oarc@w5sla.net)

**VEC:** ARRL/VEC

**Location:** The Latter Day Saints

480 Robert Blvd

Slidell LA 70458-1345



Honor Roll Leader Board

Select Leader Board Region:

All  DXCC   WAZ   State

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Rank	Call Sign	Score
38	AA5UZ	43
57	AA5UY	41



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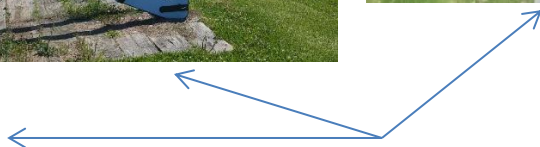
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Select Leader Board Region:

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Rank	Call Sign	Score
46	AA5UZ	340
68	AA5UY	316
97		
102		
121		



KE5QKR and the fly checking out some prospective activation targets. Did you know that you can now climb the Chalmette Monument?

**There is nothing at all to see here folks.** Move along. These aren't the event results you are looking for. Darth Vader is not looking for the battle station plans in your droids or your planning to target your home planet for test firing his death ray. These are just normal, everyday resulting numbers that **NO ONE ELSE IN THE ENTIRE STATE HAS ACCOMPLISHED (Hi Hi)** except that is for our very own John and Judy Guthans in the NPOTA Event. Move along...move along... Nothing to see here people next page please... Hi Hi.

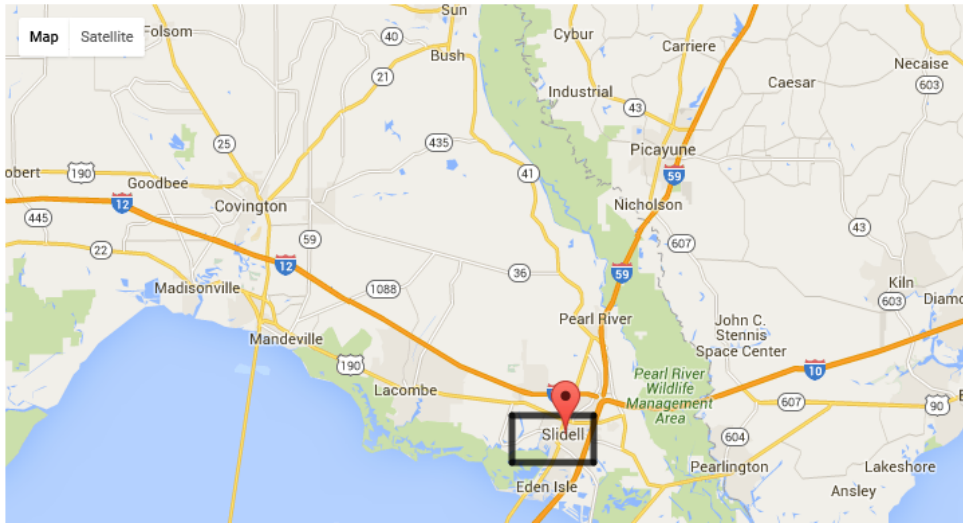
**Way to go Guthans'!** (You know I am not going to leave this alone by now right? Hi Hi)

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Latitude: 30.2743235 Longitude: -89.7793151

Maidenhead Grid Square

Grid: **EM50cg**



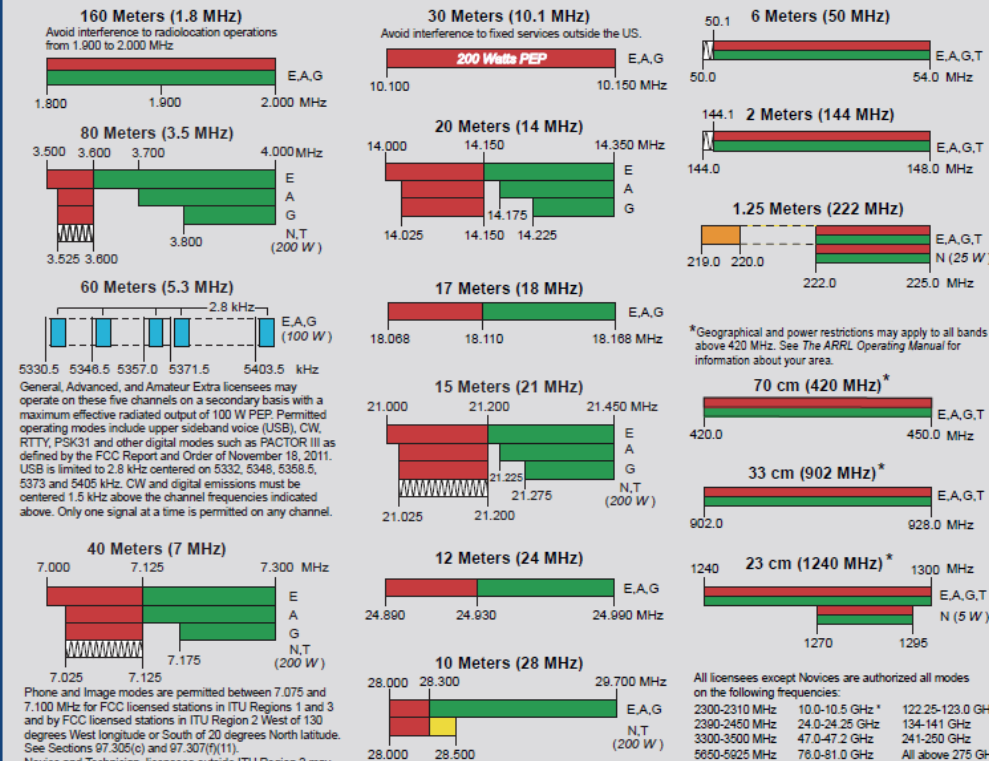
## US Amateur Radio Bands

### US AMATEUR POWER LIMITS

FCC 97.313 An amateur station must use the minimum transmitter power necessary to carry out the desired communications. (b) No station may transmit with a transmitter power exceeding 1.5 kW PEP.

Effective Date  
March 5, 2012

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**KEY**

**Note:**  
CW operation is permitted throughout all amateur bands.  
MCW is authorized above 50.1 MHz, except for 144.0-144.1 and 219-220 MHz.  
Test transmissions are authorized above 51 MHz, except for 219-220 MHz.

- = RTTY and data
- = phone and image
- = CW only
- = SSB phone
- = USB phone, CW, RTTY, and data
- = Fixed digital message forwarding systems only

E = Amateur Extra  
A = Advanced  
G = General  
T = Technician  
N = Novice

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**Eating Meeting @ Dawn's Bayou Cafe**

**When** Sat, May 14, 6pm – 8pm  
**Where** 61700 Hwy 434, Lacombe, LA ([map](#))  
**Description** Eating Meeting, please arrive by 6:00 p.m.

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar»](#)

**They Laughed! They ATE!** They Shared! They Cried! Did I mention they ATE? Hi Hi. Keep a receive antenna pointed and an empty stomach ready for the W5SLA Eating Meeting notices on the new website calendar, on the e-mail reflector and the nets for future dates, times and locations for these comradery building club events. Come join your fellow hams for some southern fried hospitality and quite possibly actual southern fried HAM... ☺ -SK

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Today | May 2016 | Print | Week | Month | Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					6	7
					13	14 6pm Eating Meeting @ Dawn's Bayou Cafe
					20	21
						28
						4

70439 • Webmaster: John Gutnans, AA5U1 • Artwork by Judy Gutnans, AA5U2

Thank you Mr. Mitchum!

The Premier *Eating Meeting - Coordinator' Potater' Head* ☺

Can't you just hear that awesome radio voice in that smile?

W5SLA's C3  
Communication  
Crafter's  
Corner

((( )))  
**Making Fast Field Day Waves  
With AA5UY**



I have one of those surplus mast that I got from a hamfest and I saw on YouTube where a ham loaded up the mast and used that as an antenna. So I did the same thing today and insulated the base from the ground and used an Icom AH-4 with a wire and hose clamp to hold the wire on the mast. Well I heard a station talking and gave my call and he heard me. Not a big signal but a respectable s 7 and I was hearing him at s 9. So I was running the rig off the battery and loading up about 25 feet of mast. I used a photo stand to hold the tuner. Seems to work pretty well. So with a counterpoise I probably could get it better. I deployed it 5 minutes and take down was about 2 to 3 minutes. So putting on the guys ropes probably will take 10 minutes to deploy at most.



I put the mast completely together and worked national park 24 today with an 5/9 signal. His call was k7gpn. NP 24 was in Nevada. So the band was working at the time I tried it today. We both got 5 9 reports. Anyway, I think I have my go bag antenna. There are easier ways to get on the air, took me 30 minutes tops to get on the air. Took me about 5 minutes to take it apart.

AA5UY – Field Day Coordinator

Who doesn't love a checklist?



**Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:**

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>



**Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:**

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Hey Bob, last week I got to replace the tubes in the amplifier and I did not burn myself or the shack to the ground and then I modified the amplifier so that it would peak on my 8th antenna on my 4<sup>th</sup> tower after adjusting the modulation properly for my ultra wide AM vintage broadcast station which my old broadcast control board is tied into that I got from when I worked in radio which has the best meter I've ever seen on a console that has worked flawlessly with just the right swing for 35 years without fail because there is nothing like that meter anywhere and even if there is it won't be like this one because they just get better with age and all the other needle materials in the new fangled modern equipment just ain't the same, hell they're just pixels anyway nowadays and not even real needles which don't do me a darn bit-a-good anyways. Hold on let me get a drink...Well Bob, I better send it back to you so I can adjust the grid current before my next TX and listen to what you have to say about your last week before getting into this week.

# 73'S

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## **HEARD' ROUND' THE BANDS RAG-CHEW / AM STYLE - JUNE 2016**

Well Jim, thanks and that is quite a story about the meter needles and I know what you mean, things just aren't what they use to be and I know that my meter is being knocked around by at least three of my neighbors with Plasma TV's that I've zoned in on much less the slow starting lights with capacitors that are going bad on the utility poles along the streets plus the leaking cable carriers with bad connections that people just aren't taking care of anymore so I got to report several of those items to the local utilities, cable companies and went and talked to the neighbors about newer TV technologies last week and this week I'm thinking of replacing my Plasma TV which doesn't make as much noise as theirs with an LED TV to see how that will help things in the shack along with taking the dog to the vet because I think the electric perimeter fence and collar may also be causing some noise and troubles with the dog as well seeing how she's jumpin' out there when I was testing it on the air and adjusting it for range and noticed that the antenna tuning was also impacted by the adjustment to the fence setting so I'm thinking that there may be some interactions there, so I better send it back to you Jim...

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Jim? You still there Jim?

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73's Jim!