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Thursday January 2, 2025 — AARA General Meeting will be held at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. See page 2 for details.

VE Testing at 6:00 PM



Words from the Editor

We welcome the new year. The year 2025 holds a lot in the future for many of us, new President, new laws to go into effect, just to name a few. May the new year bring you good health and prosperity.

I call 2 HF nets each week - The Gulf Coast Singleband Net on 3925 KHz and the Post Office Net on Sunday morning at 7:00 AM on 3905 KHz. I will be purging my roster on both of these net of those who have not checked in in the last three months, starting the first of January 2025.

On January 11, 2025, Ramona and I will celebrate the second anniversary of our shelter rescue "Seal Point Siamese" cat Bella. I never thought a cat could be as smart, fun and enjoyable as she is to us.



My website is hosted by:



Ramona & Herman

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." – Vern McLellan

Ham Radio - We Talk to the World!

AARA CLUB NEWS



AARA January General Meeting will be held Thursday January 2, 2025 at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 6:00 PM. VE Testing at 6:00 PM. On the agenda probably will be discussion on Winter Field Day location (see page 3).

Club Officers:

At the November 7, AARA General Meeting, elections were held for the year of 2025. They will be installed at the January 2nd 2025 General Meeting.

President - Michael Cavell KI5ARX
Vice President - Ken Turner KG5YYL
Secretary - Tyler Abshire KJ5FOI
Treasurer - Walt Comeaux KI5OQE

Members-at-Large
Chance Odell KJ5CYB
Phil Verret KA8ZKR
Randy Hernandez KI5OQD

Club Dues: MEMBERSHIP DUES \$30 due on January 1st of each year.

The AARA 2024 membership year ended December 31st. Membership for 2025 can be renewed by mail, online at the W5DDL.org website or in person at the Club meetings. If you chose to use PayPal for payment don't forget to include your callsign in the comments. Online payment still requires a membership application to be submitted. The membership application was emailed earlier this year and is also available on the website. Attached is a pdf fillable version of the form that can be used if you choose.

Discount Types:

New Amateur: FREE (for the year you become licensed)
Youth Member: FREE (Must 18 years old or younger on Jan 1st)
Family: FREE (share household with a paid member.)
Senior Discount: \$10 off (65+ years old on Jan 1st)
Payment of dues can be made with Cash, Check or Online with Credit Card.
Online payment details at <https://www.w5ddl.org/membership>.
Make checks payable to the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association or AARA.

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc, would like to extend our thanks to the [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) for allowing us to hold our monthly general meetings over the past year.



Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) VE Test Session Results December 5, 2024



Pretty good evening !!! Had 4 testing of which all passed the tech test and one passed the general also.

Those passing the Tech were Jeremiah Reddoch KJ5IWW of Lafayette, LA, Arthur J. Lamke KJ5IWX of Port Barre, LA and Anthony W. Buccella KJ5IVC of Darreau, LA.

The lone General was David J. Doiron KJ5IWH of Lafayette, LA.

The VE's in attendance were: Greg ~ K5LFT, Ray ~ N5KIR, Larry ~ K5KEB, Michael ~ KI5ARX & Ken ~ KG5YYL. Congrats to all and TNX to all VE's for the help. 73, de Greg ~ K5LFT

When possible, Amateur Radio Examinations (VE Exams) will be conducted prior to the club meetings starting at 6:00 PM. Information regarding VE Exams can be found here:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/VE%20Exams.htm>

Please arrive as early as possible to help insure adequate time is available to complete your exam before the meeting starts.

Anyone needing additional information regarding VE Exams should contact Greg Dolan K5LFT at:

k5lft@arrrl.net



Winter Field Day 2025

WFD is always on the last full weekend of January, beginning at 16:00 UTC on Saturday and running through 21:59 on Sunday. You can operate on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter HF bands and all bands above 50 MHz. All participants are asked to submit their log entries before 11:59 UTC on March 1st. Late entries may not be included in results.

What is WFD?

Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. You may choose to participate solo or get your your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is organized by the [Winter Field Day Association](#). The association strongly believes that ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.



The Winter Field Day event aims to help participants improve their preparedness for disasters and enhance their operational abilities in adverse conditions. Amateur radio operators have the freedom to use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands while employing voice, CW, and digital transmissions. The event designates specific objectives to encourage a diverse range of activities, including the use of non-commercial power sources, the deployment of multiple antennas, establishing satellite contacts, and more. [Click here to read more about the history and purpose of winter field day.](#)

ARRL Asks Hams to Send Radiograms via Web

December 17, 2024

In a [recent issue](#) of the [NTS Letter](#), the ARRL encouraged amateur radio operators to utilize the [Radiogram portal on the web](#) to submit messages to friends and family.



While plenty of NTS volunteers are standing by ready to relay Radiograms, there's a need from hams to send messages:

“We have had approximately 70 applicants authorized to become “radiogrammers” and we are very grateful for their offers of help, but they would really benefit from more messages to generate and relay”

. Sending Radiograms helps volunteers hone their skills in preparation for emergencies.

Source: [ARRL](#)

Check out the Louisiana Traffic Net each evening on 3910 KHz at 6:30 PM local time.

ARRL — the national association for Amateur Radio™							
RADIOGRAM							
NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
TO				THIS RADIO MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT			
PHONE NUMBER				AMATEUR STATION		PHONE	
E-MAIL				NAME		E-MAIL	
				STREET			
				CITY, STATE, ZIP			
FROM				DATE		TIME	
REC'D				TO		DATE	
<small>This message was handled at no charge by a licensed Amateur Radio operator whose address is shown in the box at right above. No compensation can be accepted by a "ham" operator. A return message may be filed with the "ham" delivering this message to you. Further information on Amateur Radio may be obtained from ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or www.arrl.org.</small>				<small>The ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio and the publisher of QST magazine. One of its functions is promotion of public service communication among Amateur Radio operators. To that end, the ARRL has organized the National Traffic System for daily nationwide message handling.</small>			
				1320 2/11			



The Louisiana Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

Held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM CST.

Report by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

On the above date and time, I participated on the SET using my call KN5GRK and the Lafayette Salvation Army call K5LSA of which I am the trustee. I was running 100 watts into a inverted 75 meter inverted "V" at 30 feet. This is how it went from my location. The 3873 KHz band conditions were noisy but could copy most of the signals. When the net QSY'ed to the 7.211 MHz frequency, I had no problems hearing most stations 10/S9.

0900 / 1500Z

Jim Coleman AI5B, Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) opened the net on 3873 KHz by using the ARES Net Preamble then commenced to take check-ins from Louisiana sections 1-9. WB5LHS in Ascension Parish Communications Trailer acted as the GOHSEP.

0915 / 1515Z

AI5B asked John AA5UY to relieve him for a few minutes.

0925 / 1525Z

AI5B resumed NCS

0925 / 1525Z

K5LSA requested permission to pass traffic to WB5LHS

Traffic as such:

"THIS IS A DRILL - A HazMat incident at the intersection of I-10 / I-49 has shut down traffic.

Alternate routes are to be used. - **HIS IS A DRILL"**

0944 / 1044Z

AI5B requested that the 3873 KHz net QSY to 40 meters at 7.311 MHz due to propagation conditions.

1003 / 1103Z

K5LSA requested permission to pass traffic to WB5LHS

Traffic as such:

"THIS IS A DRILL - The Lafayette Salvation Army can shelter and feed approximately 25 additional homeless during the frigid weather. HazMat has cleared the I-10 / I 49 spill and traffic in now moving as per Louisiana State Police. - **THIS IS A DRILL"**

1016 / 1116Z

AI5B secured the 7.211 MHz frequency and released all stations.

Jim, AI5B, reported that 20 radio operators participated on the HF nets during the SET. GOHSEP observers in the Ascension Parish Communications Trailer were very happy with the results as they did a outstanding job. Eric Waxley KJ5FAP of Montgomery, Louisiana reported that 6 persons took part in the exercise on the 147.330 repeater in Alexandria, LA



The SELARC 43rd Annual Hamfest 2025

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Admission: \$5.00 Admission (includes 1 prize ticket)

Website: <https://www.selarc.org/about/hammond-hamfest.html>

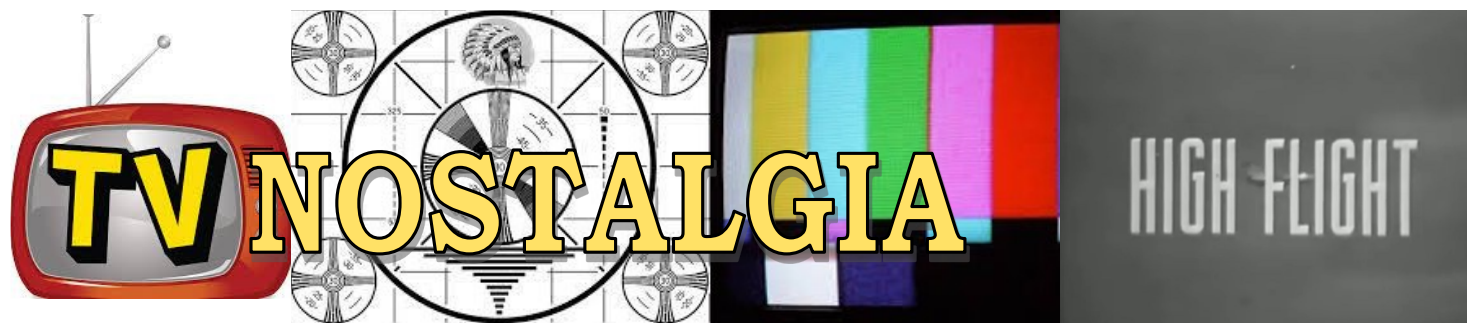
Talk-in: 147.000 PL 107.2

Hamfest Flyer: [Click here](#)

Location: Ponchatoula Community Center
300 N. 5th St.
Ponchatoula, La. 70454



Contact: Tyrone Burns - N5XES
985-687-2139 / n5xes@arrl.net
www.selarc.org/10-hamfest.html
Email: wb5net@arrl.net
POB 1324, Hammond, La. 70404



On December 13, 2024, I met Paul Coats AE5JU on 75 meters and our discussion lead to the reminiscing back to the old TV days which lead to some e-mail chats some of which are:

Paul — “Back when I was a kid in the '60's growing up in Jennings, LA, we had three TV channels, KLFY in Lafayette, LA (where Herman KN5GRK worked), KATC channel 3 in Lafayette, and KPLC in Lake Charles. Jennings is halfway between Lafayette and Lake Charles, so we could either turn the Yagi east toward Lafayette and pick up CBS and ABC clear, and NBC a little fuzzy off the backside, or point it west toward Lake Charles and get it clear, and the other two a little fuzzy... Haha! And I was the manual rotator... or is that rotar in hamspeak?”

All the poetry I wrote in school I always added the line "Burma Shave" to the end and pissed off the teachers.

Anyway, my favorite poem of all time was the sign off on KLFY. I had found the video long ago and had the link. I sent it to Herman and at the same time Herman sent it to me. Well, different links, but the same video”.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzQYd_INSOg

There is another recited by William Conrad which is good, great voice, but I think this one linked above is better. He re-paragraphs it and I think flows more naturally. This is the way I recite it:

History

High Flight

* Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Royal Canadian Air Force

“Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth Of sun-split clouds, – and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air...Up, up the long, delirious burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace Where never lark, or ever eagle flew – And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod The high untrespassed sanctity of space, Put out my hand, and touched the face of God”.

During the dark days of the Battle of Britain, hundreds of Americans crossed the border into Canada to enlist with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Knowingly breaking the law, but with the tacit approval of the then still officially neutral United States Government, they volunteered to fight Hitler's Germany.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr., was one such American. Born in Shanghai, China, in 1922, Magee was just 18 years old when he entered flight training. Within the year, he was sent to England and posted to the newly formed No 412 Fighter Squadron, RCAF, which was activated at Digby, England, on 30 June 1941. He was qualified on and flew the Supermarine Spitfire.

Flying fighter sweeps over France and air defense over England against the German Luftwaffe, he rose to the rank of Pilot Officer. At the time, German bombers were crossing the English Channel with great regularity to attack Britain's cities and factories. Although the dark days of the Battle of Britain were over, the Luftwaffe was still on the job of keeping up the pressure on British industry and the country.

On September 3, 1941, Magee flew a high altitude (30,000 feet) test flight in a newer model of the Spitfire V. As he orbited and climbed upward, he was struck with the inspiration of a poem -- "To touch the face of God."

Once back on the ground, he wrote a letter to his parents. In it he commented, "I am enclosing a verse I wrote the other day. It started at 30,000 feet, and was finished soon after I landed." On the back of the letter, he jotted down his poem, 'High Flight'.

Just three months later, on December 11, 1941 (and only three days after the US entered the war), Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Jr., was killed. The Spitfire V he was flying, VZ-H, collided with an Oxford Trainer from Cranwell Airfield while over Tangmere, England. The two planes were flying in the clouds and neither saw the other. He was just 19 years old. He is buried in the churchyard cemetery at Scopwick, Lincolnshire.

PARKS ON THE AIR (POTA) Activation Sherborne Wildlife Management Area US-4082 November 30, 2024

On Saturday November 30, 2024, members of the [Acadiana Amateur Association \(AARA\)](#), [The Ascension Amateur Radio Club \(AARC\)](#) and [Jefferson Amateur Radio Club \(JARC\)](#) gathered at the Sherborne WMA just across the river from Krotz Springs to activate POTA US-4082.



AARA members met by the Big Alabama boat launch near the Shooting range. Talk-in was 146.520 simplex. Other clubs met at different spots in the same area. Michael Carville KI5ARX and Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB made 31 phone contacts, Barrett Oge KG5SSO made 11 CW and 3 phone contacts. These are just a few of the operators at the activation, you can see more at the following POTA activation website at: <https://pota.app/#/park/US-4082>

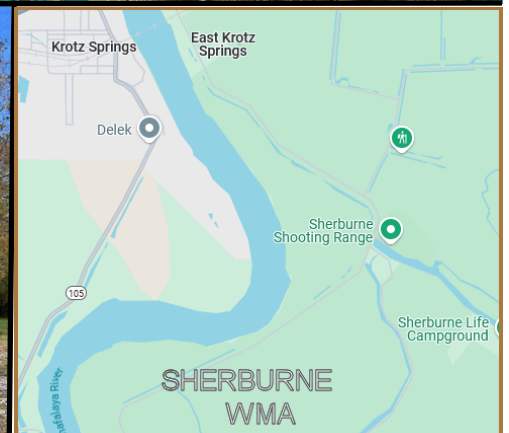
It was a nice brisk clear day and was enjoyed by all. Part of the fun was getting to meet with other clubs while sharing their experiences with other POTA activations they have taken part.



Greg KI5VMT — Larry K5KEB — Michael KI5ARX



Barrett KG5SSO



More photos on page 7

PARKS ON THE AIR (POTA) Activation — continued from page 6



ARRL Kids Day is Only a Couple of Weeks Away on January 4, 2025

Kids Day runs from 1800 UTC - 2359 UTC. Operate as much or as little as you like.

The event is designed to give on-the-air experience to young people, to foster interest in getting a license of their own, and give older hams a chance to share their stations and love for amateur radio with their children. You can share the excitement with your own kids, grandkids, a Scout troop, a church, or the general public!

All participants are encouraged to post their story and thumbnail photos to the [Kids Day Soapbox page](#). Tell the world about your operations, the fun you had, and the contacts you made! Remember, ARRL must have a completed [release form](#) in order to include youth photos (younger than 18 years of age) in ARRL publications.

There will be a second ARRL Kids Day on June 21, 2025. More information, including frequencies, suggested exchanges, and how to download a certificate, can be found at [Kids Day](#).



Bellevue (Nebraska) ARC and The Science Club at Yates Illuminates kids show their On The Air certificates from January 2024 Kids Day.

The Hobby Ham Radio — from Facebook page of [Ramon Paulino](#)

November 11, 2024

Ham radio, also known as amateur radio, is a fascinating hobby that involves using radio equipment to communicate with other amateur radio operators, or "hams," around the world.

Here are some key aspects of the hobby:

1. Communication: Hams can talk to each other across town, around the world, or even into space, all without relying on the internet or cell phones.

2. Technical Experimentation: Many hams enjoy building and experimenting with their own radio equipment, antennas, and other gadgets.

3. Emergency Communication: Ham radio can be a lifeline during emergencies when other communication services fail.

4. Social and Educational: It's a great way to meet people, learn about electronics and radio technology, and participate in community events.

5. Contesting and Awards: Hams often participate in contests to see who can make the most contacts in a given time period, and they can earn awards for various achievements. To get started, you'll need to study for and pass a licensing exam, which covers basic radio theory, regulations, and operating practices.

Once licensed, you can set up your own station and start exploring the many facets of this diverse and rewarding hobby.

Now you know!



Honey Bars

Submitted by Bee Keeper
Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB



1 Cup sugar
¾ cup veg. oil (I use canola oil)
¼ cup honey
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
Mix above by hand then add:

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup finely chopped pecans
(optional)



Press into a large cookie sheet pan with sides. Bake at 325 for 15 to 20 minutes.

While warm spread with the following icing:
1 cup powdered sugar and 2 teaspoons water
Mix and spread over warm honey bars



Everything to Know About the Health Benefits of Honey

- Contains a variety of nutrients. ...
- Rich in antioxidants. ...
- Better for blood sugar levels than regular sugar. ...
- May improve heart health. ...
- Promotes burn and wound healing. ...
- May help suppress coughing in children. ...
- Easy to add to your diet.

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Schedule of Events

- ◆ January 1 — New Year Day
- ◆ January 2 — AARA General Meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM.
- ◆ January 4 — ARRL Kid's Day
- ◆ January 18 — SELARC Hamfest
- ◆ January 20 — Inauguration Day
- ◆ January 25-26 — Winter Field Day
- ◆ January 31 - February 1 — [Capitol City Hamfest - Jackson, MS](#)



ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS DECEMBER 2024

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	5	98	236
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	4	36	94
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	3	38	90
Rag Chew Net - 147.040 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	3	28	432
Weekend Rag Chew Met - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Saturday	5	54	1140

Results posted on the 1st of the following month.

If the 146.820 is having problems, the alternate frequency will be the 147.040 repeater located in Duson, LA.

Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) members celebrating birthdays.



1/1	K5QXJ	NICK	PUGH
1/3	K5AFF	AL	PRINGLE
1/5	W5AG	ARCHIE	HILL
1/10	KJ5GVS	JOHNATHON	CHOATE
1/10	N/A	JULIA	TURNER
1/18	KI5ARX	MICHAEL	CAVELL
1/20	KI5VUO	JOHNNY	MURRAY
1/21	N5DEZ	DAVID	DesORMEAUX
1/21	KI5ARZ	BLAIR	MICHAEL
1/26	N5MCY	CHRIS	ANCELET
1/30	KJ5CYB	CHANCE	ODELL
1/30	KA8ZKR	PHILLIP	VERRET

"Remembering W0JH Father Metcalf" at Belwin Conservancy

Jan 2-Jan 4, 1600Z-2300Z, W0JH, Stillwater, MN. Stillwater (MN) Amateur Radio Assn - SARA. 3.860 7.260 14.260 21.360. Certificate. Shel Mann - N0DRX, 1618 Pine St W, Stillwater, MN 55082. This event pays tribute to the original W0JH, Father George Metcalf. As a WWII Chaplain for General Patton, Fr. Metcalf drafted the famous "Weather Prayer." The General and his troops believed it ended 3 months of cloudy, rainy skies in December, 1944. QSL certificates may ONLY be requested and will ONLY be sent via email. Send requests WITH W0JH QSO CONTACT INFO to: W0JHrequest@gmail.com. IMPORTANT: ONLY W0JH confirmed contacts qualify (See www.radioham.org and QRZ.com (W0JH) for more details.) www.radioham.org

19th Annual Straight Key Month

Jan 2-Jan 31, 0000Z-2359Z, K3Y, Ellicott City, MO. SKCC - Straight Key Century Club. 3.550 7.055 14.050 21.050. Certificate & QSL. SKCC c/o Ted Rachwal - K8AQM, 6237 Twin Lakes Drive, Kimball, MI 48074. K3Y/0 thru 9 plus KH6,

KL7, KP4 and DX member stations in six WAC areas operating straight key, bug and cootie keys. QSL card confirms one QSO per area, up to 19 for all-area sweep. See URL for op sched/map, stats, etc. <https://www.skccgroup.com/k3y>

Battle of Princeton

Jan 3-Jan 12, 0059Z-0059Z, W2P, Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association. 14.280 21.280 28.430 7.220. Certificate & QSL. Delaware Valley Radio Association, PO Box 7024, Trenton, NJ 08628. www.w2zq.com

Beaumont Amateur Radio Club 66th Anniversary

Jan 11, 0400Z-1100Z, W5RIN, Beaumont, TX. Beaumont Amateur Radio Club. 14.258 14.025 10.136. Certificate. Beaumont Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 7073, Beaumont, TX 77726. For QSL/ Certificate information view our QRZ page. W5RIN.com

Commemorating USS Midway arrival at San Diego for museum ship conversion 1/10/04.

14.320; 14.070 PSK31; DSTAR on PAPA System Repeaters. QSL. USS Midway

Jan 11, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship. 7.250 Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw

Discovery of Gold in California

Jan 25-Jan 27, 1700Z-0100Z, AG6AU, Coloma, CA. El Dorado County ARC. 7.248 14.248 21.348 28.348. QSL. El Dorado County ARC, PO Box 451, Placerville, CA 95667. edcarc.net

Winter Field day

Jan 25-Jan 26, 1900Z-1859Z, W2GSB, West Babylon, NY. GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB . 28.340 21.250 14.246 7.245. Certificate. W2GSB, PO BOX 1356, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. We will be running three stations using CW SSB FT 8 GSBAC prides itself on all its operating activities and the public service it provides for its members and the Town of Babylon and Suffolk County. We are running on Battery power We look forward to working you all on the bands, and good luck to all WWW.GSBARC.ORG



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