



# SARA Newsletter

June 03

Shreveport Amateur Radio Association

## Meeting:

**First Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Bossier Main Library History Center**

## Local Amateur Information

### Available at:

[www.qsl.net/nwlam/](http://www.qsl.net/nwlam/)

## SARA Repeaters:

**145.110 - N5FJ**

**146.700 - K5KDQ**

**146.820 - K5SL**

## 2003 Club Officers

President - [Terry Atwood](#),

[WASARJ](#)

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Secretary - [Laura Webb](#),

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## NO JULY MEETING

The July 3rd SARA meeting has been cancelled due to the long holiday weekend starting Thursday afternoon July 3rd. Our August meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. August 7th at the Bossier History Center.

## SHUTTLE DEBRIS RECOVERY

Our June speaker, Bob Earhardt W5ZX, presented the problems of putting together a communications network within 48- hours of the Shuttle Columbia disaster. The thick pine woods of east Texas defeated cell phone communications and caused problems for the various agencies involved in the recovery. Earhardt, net manager for the Texas ARES net, organized a volunteer group of hams who used 2-meter handheld talkies to provide communications between the search parties and headquarters when the various agencies' communications such as the FBI, Secret Service, Forest Service, and Sheriff's Department found they had problems trying to talk to each other.

## RANDY FULCO

## AUGUST SPEAKER

Randy Fulco, K5SL, will discuss "**Correct Repeater Etiquette**" at our August 7th meeting. He plans to cover how to access the phone patch and cover other functions available on the SARA repeaters.