



# SARA Newsletter

July 2006

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.K5SAR.com](http://www.K5SAR.com)

or

[www.qsl.net/nw1arn/](http://www.qsl.net/nw1arn/)

## SARA Repeaters:

145.050 - K5SAR  
DX Packet Cluster  
145.110 - N5FJ  
146.700 - K5KDO  
146.820 - K5SL  
440.900 - N5FJ

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## 2006 Club Officers

President – [Richard Lee, N5PFZ](#)  
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## UN MAKES IT OFFICIAL: MONTENEGRO NOW NUMBER 336 ON THE CURRENT DXCC LIST

A new ARRL DXCC entity came into being this week! As expected, the United Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member June 28, and that action automatically makes the tiny Balkan nation the 336th current DXCC entity.

"According to the ARRL DXCC List criteria, entities on the UN list of member-states qualify as political entities," said ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "Therefore, effective June 28, 2006 (UTC), ARRL has added The Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List. Claims for DXCC credit will be accepted immediately."

Montenegro declared its independence on June 3 following a national referendum May 21.--The Daily DX; ARRL DXCC Desk

## POST YOUR FIELD DAY 2006

### PHOTOS AND EXPERIENCES ON THE CONTEST SOAPBOX

ARRL invites participants in ARRL Field Day 2006 to post photos and narratives to its Contest Soapbox <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/>>

for all to see. It's not only fun and easy, but your photos and writeup could become part of the annual Field Day summary that appears in December QST.

Several participants have already taken the opportunity to tell their Field Day tales on the ARRL Contest Soapbox, which is open to ARRL members and non-members alike. Narratives should focus on your or your club's or group's involvement in Field Day.

The League reserves the right to edit or even to decline postings it considers inappropriate for this forum. The potential audience for your post is broad, so good taste is a must. Responsibility for all posted material rests solely with the author, and the



ARRL staff assumes no responsibility for errors, omissions or accuracy of items appearing in the Contest Soapbox.

Direct any questions and comments on to the author of the post. If you have questions or comments about using Contest Soapbox, contact the ARRL Contest Branch <[contests@arrl.org](mailto:contests@arrl.org)>.

# Field Day 2006



KG5VK Imitating a Guy Line Stake



SARA Link Internet Access



Forty, Twenty, Fifteen, and Ten Meter Beams



W3GAT Working the GOTA Station



KE5VLM Getting Ready for the Cookout



News Channel 6 Makes the Scene

If you missed the Field Day at the Bossier City Red River Boat Launch, you missed a great time. The weather was warm, but not too humid and the fun never stopped. We put up a new antenna this year, a 40-Meter MOXON pointed toward the northeast. Unfortunately, the weather in the NE did not cooperate as they were nearly flooded out this year. Still the MOXON made a great showing. However, most CW ops agree that the loop is still the best all around antenna for Field Day. Get all the details at the July SARA meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>.