

JEFFERSON REPORT

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May 2006

Due to the flooding of the clubhouse, the next meeting will be held at the Coast Guard Station. Please see w5gad.org for the latest information.

General Meeting:
June 8

Board Meeting:
June 22

Open clubhouse: none until further notice

Tuesday Net: 9:00 P.M.
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Deadline: 2nd Friday of
the month



May Features Busy Meeting

The May General Meeting was a busy one. Keith, W5KB gave a post Dayton report (see page 2), and Charles Jouglard, K5CFJ and Joel Colman, NO5FD gave updates on the section's emergency plans for the upcoming year and a report on the New Orleans hurricane drill that was just completed. Chris, W5CTV gave updates on working with Ochsner and presentations at the Jefferson Parish Libraries (see page 3). After the meeting one group went off to the Coast Guard station cafeteria for a VE session for the students in the Educating the Educators class. The other group stayed in the meeting room and built tape measure antennas with the help of Dave Warren, N5YCP, for this weekend's foxhunt (see below for more info on both).

Fox Hunt

The next fox hunt will take place on Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 A.M. in Lafriener Park. This will be a walking fox hunt and will begin at the Pavillion. For more info, contact Dave, N5YCP at davewarren65@cox.net.

Important Dates

June 17: Westbank Regional Library Demonstration
June 24-25: Field Day at the Coast Guard Station in Metairie
Early July (TBA): JARC 50th Anniversary Celebration in Kenner Rivertown
July 15: Eastbank Regional Library Demonstration

New Member

The following have applied for membership and will be voted on at the General Meeting.
James Peterson, Metairie, Associate Membership

New Hams

We had eight people take tests after the General Meeting. Five completed the requirements for the Technician Class License. One passed Element 3 and only needs the code to make General.

John Crutti Jr. - KE5GUQ, passed element 3
Gwen Cathcart - KE5IRR, Technician
Michael Ducote - KE5IRS, Technician
Carli Fried - KE5IRT, Technician
Donald Griglack - KE5IRU, Technician
Carolyn Kenyon - KE5IRV, Technician
73's, Doug, WF5O

Upcoming hamfests

Upcoming hamfests include the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville, the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Hamfest in Lake Charles on September 16, and the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville.

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Amateur Heaven = Dayton Hamvention

Heaven, a place that we all hope we will end up when our journey on Mother Earth is complete. No amateur radio licensee's journey through the hobby can be complete without at least one pil-

market. That is where seasoned veterans go to snatch up the real bargains.

Imagine the floor of the Louisiana Superdome multiplied times 3, filled with people selling and displaying everything from napkins

to help. As many have heard in the past, Doug Richardson, owner of Memphis Amateur Electronics, has been very involved in helping rebuild JARC. Doug joined me in speaking with Phil Parton, National Sales Manager for Kenwood U.S.A.'s Amateur Radio division. I had met Phil Friday morn-

had room for a box. I said sure, and he said follow me. We went to where Kenwood U.S.A. was storing their stock where Phil handed me a brand new Kenwood, TS-480 HX HF Rig (see picture below). To say I was shocked would be an understatement. I suggest that you strongly consider supporting Kenwood when deciding on

future amateur purchases. The other major manufacturers had little time for us!

I must add that Hy-Gain, Bencher, Ameritron, MFJ, Alpha Power and Alfa Spid, have committed to help assess our remaining equipment needs and provide support in the form of discounts or donations.

We purchased

a lot of equipment for the club at great discounts this past weekend and I will share more about that at the meeting on Thursday night. Please come and enjoy the fraternity that Amateur Radio is.

By the way.....there is already talk of returning next year. Anyone interested let us know.

73,
Keith, W5KB



grimage to Amateur Heaven. What is even more fun is elmering a fellow Amateur through his or her very first trip to Dayton. It was like watching a youngster the first time he really got it that Christmas was magic. It was like watching a child wander sleepily into the living room where Santa had done his thing!

I saw that when Albert, W5AFD made it into the Hara Arena for his first Hamvention. What really strike's a Hamvention newbie is when, after roaming around the place for 6 hours, you realize that you have not even seen half of the place. Newbie's, Albert included, (and me too since this was only my second time in Heaven) realize a bit too late that the place to start is in the flea

to surgical equipment. Not to mention the amateur related gear that we all travel to Dayton to enjoy. Emergency communications buses, trailers, go kits, and, like Mardi Gras, some sites and smells (mostly food cooking) that are just too many to describe. Dayton is like the great movie that when watched over and over again reveals things that you hadn't seen the last time you watched it.

One also realizes the generosity that this fraternity shares. As I walked from one booth in the dealer display area to another, describing the plight of the Jefferson Club, we found people ready



ing while I was introducing myself to the manufacturers telling our story. Phil had already mentioned that he knew of our plight and would help us out after the smoke from Hamvention cleared. When Doug and I approached Phil it was like old friends were gathering for a laugh and a brew. The next thing that happened was surreal. Phil asked if I

JARC in the Community

Jefferson Parish Library Demonstrations

To help us spread the word about Amateur Radio, the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club will go out in the field to give emergency communications demonstrations at the Eastbank and Westbank Regional Libraries. The first will be held Saturday, June 17 at the Westbank Regional Library in Harvey. We will setup for 10:00 A.M. and operate throughout the day to show the public what we like to do. A presentation about Amateur Radio will be given at 2:30 P.M. This is also Amateur Radio Kid's Day, so we will be trying to get as many kids to take a turn at the mic as we can.

This will also serve as a warmup for the following weekend's Field Day operations to be held at the Coast Guard station in Metairie.

The second demo is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at the Eastbank Regional Library in Metairie. The time schedule will be the same as the June demonstration.

We will need folks to come out to help setup, operate, talk with the public and tear down. If you can spare a few hours, or the day, please contact Chris, W5CTV.

Amateur Radio has been thrust before the public eye more than ever post-Katrina, so we want to show the public what we are about and keep that

goodwill going forward. Ochsner Enhancing EmComm Capabilities, JARC to teach Employees

To better deal with any future emergencies, Ochsner Health Systems has built an Incident Command Center (ICC) where not only Ochsner, but other governmental agencies can gather and coordinate response to emergencies. One part of the ICC is a communications station (see picture at right, partially visible in the background) that features an Amateur Radio station with an HF radio and a dual band VHF/UHF radio, a Hospital Emergency Area Radio (HEAR) system, and satellite phone. The plan is to man this station with hams from within the Ochsner organization.

To help accomplish this, the JARC is partnering with Ochsner to teach a technician class to employee volunteers. This class will be held at Ochsner during the month of June and culminate in a VE session at Ochsner in mid-July. We will be looking for help in teaching these classes. The exact dates have not been determined as yet, but the class will most likely begin around 5:15 so that students can go straight to the class instead of going home and having to return. If you would like to help with teaching some of these classes, please contact Chris, W5CTV for further details.

Cub Scout Presentation

On Tuesday, May 23

Chris, W5CTV gave a presentation about Amateur Radio to Cub Scout Pack 378 in Gretna. Originally intended for the Tiger Cub den to fulfill one of their requirements, the presentation was expanded to include all the ranks as each den tied their meeting in with the presentation. The Webelo den even began building a small

ing with the Coast Guard Auxiliary has been meeting before the General Meeting. This may change in the near future. Keep an eye on the club website and the newsletter for future updates. If you are interested in getting involved with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, please contact Albert, W5AFD.



Photo courtesy of the Times Picayune

radio kit available from the scout store. In all, there were 15 scouts and their parents in attendance. They asked some good questions and one scout/parent team expressed interest in getting licensed. On display was a working portable emcomm station consisting of a 2m mobile and HT, HF rig and dipole antenna, QSL cards, books, QST, awards and an old Heathkit tube HF rig with the top off to show "the good old days."

Coast Guard Auxiliary Update

The group of hams work-

EmComm Training

If you are interested in taking the League-sponsored emergency communications courses please note that we are trying to schedule either an instructor-led course locally, or to coordinate an online course where all participants are in the same course. This would facilitate the group working through the course together to enhance the experience. If you are interested you may contact a board member, or send an email to w5gad@arrl.net.



KENWOOD

Listen to the Future

www.kenwoodusa.com

Thanks to Kenwood USA we are back on the air! Their donation of a new TS-480HX HF rig gives us our first piece of working gear since Katrina struck.



www.panamericanlife.com

Pan American Life has committed to the rebuilding of the JARC Clubhouse by providing chairs, desks and any other furniture we may need.



www.sodexhousa.com

w5gad.org, or the next issue of the newsletter for a confirmed date and time. Pan American Life is donating financially to offset the costs, Sodexho is donating a portion of the evening's meal, and the City of Kenner is donating the use of the Captain's Room in Kenner's Rivertown. Rafael,



www.rivertownkenner.com

The Jefferson Amateur Radio Club's 50th Anniversary celebration is slated for sometime in early July. Check the website

KD4WZJ is heading up the celebration committee. If you are willing to help with the arrangements, please give him a call.

This page is dedicated to those individuals, clubs and corporations that have made financial contributions or have donated goods or services.



The ARRL and the Corporation for National and Community Service

awarded the JARC a \$6,500 grant which was used to purchase more of the equipment needed to get back on the air by hurricane season. We will use this equipment for Field Day and other field demonstrations until we are back in the clubhouse.



www.hy-gain.com

Hy-gain has committed to repair or replace the new TailTwister rotators that the club had purchased just prior to Katrina and were awaiting installation.

The following have made financial contributions:

- Butler County Amateur Radio Association, W3UDX**
- Nellis Radio Amateur Club, KC7TMC**
- Anonymous Donor**
- Chris Vincent, W5CTV**

We would like to thank Doug and his associates at Memphis Amateur Electronics for all the help and advice they have given the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club in working our way through our equipment insurance claim. With their help W5GAD will soon be back on the air!



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June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:00 AM WARC Net 8:00 PM ARES Net	29 Memorial Day	30 7:00 PM PDRC Net	31	1	2	3
4 9:00 AM WARC Net 8:00 PM ARES Net	5	6 7:00 PM Delta DX Meeting 7:00 PM PDRC Net	7 7:00 PM WARC Board Mtg.	8 7:30 PM JARC Board Mtg.	9	10
11 9:00 AM WARC Net 8:00 PM ARES Net	12	13 7:00 PM PDRC Net 8:00 PM Delta DX Net	14 Flag Day 7:00 PM WARC General Mtg.	15	16	17 Westbank Regional Library Demonstration 10-4
18 Father's Day 9:00 AM WARC Net 8:00 PM ARES Net	19	20 7:00 PM PDRC Net 8:00 PM Delta DX Net	21	22 7:30 PM JARC General Mtg. at Coast Guard Station	23	24 Field Day at the Coast Guard Station
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JEFFERSON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB • APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP • PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name _____ Callsign _____ Areas of interest: _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Occupation _____
 License Class _____ Spouse's Name _____ E-mail address _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Ever been issued a Notice of Apparent Liability? Yes ___ No ___
 Membership Desired: Full (\$25) _____ Family (\$12.50) _____ Associate (\$25) _____ Student (\$12.50) _____
 Family membership is full membership plus \$12.50 for each additional up to a maximum of \$50. Attach a separate application for each family member.

Signature _____ Date _____ Sponsor _____ Date _____

Please enclose dues and mail to: JARC, P.O. Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70033

Some Images from Dayton



Top, the hotel door leaves little doubt as to its occupants. Right, Albert takes home his door prize, a Yaesu FT-60R dual band handheld.



Angelo, N5UXT is sound asleep trying to catch fleas in the flea market. Notice the handi talki antenna looking like a fishing pole.



Albert, W5AFD checks out the deals in the flea market.

For Sale

Portable Em-Comm station. All you need to supply is the antenna of your choice.

Icom IC-706 HF/6m/2m

Icom PS-125 Power Supply

MFJ 949E Antenna Tuner

RigBlaster sound card interface with all cables to connect to the 706.

Dell Latitude C610 laptop (1 GHz Pentium III, 512 Mb RAM, 20 Gb hard drive, modem, wired and wireless network interface card, CD-ROM and floppy drives, leather carrying case). Laptop will also have software for the RigBlaster loaded on it.

These items sold individually on the ham classified websites sell for approximately \$1200. The complete package above is priced at \$900.

Contact Chris, W5CTV if you are interested in purchasing this package: 347-8293 or w5ctv@arrl.net.

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