

JEFFERSON REPORT

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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:
July 27

Board Meeting:
August 10

Open clubhouse: none until further notice

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the month

VE Session After Meeting

The JARC general meeting will be Thursday, July 27 at 7:30 P.M. at the Coast Guard station in Metairie. We will have updates on the 50th anniversary celebration as well as reports on Field Day and the Library/World War II Museum demonstrations. After the meeting, a VE Session will be held in the galley.

VE Test Session

A VE test session will be held Thursday, July 27 following the JARC General Meeting. The session will be held in the galley of the Coast Guard Station. Since we are still in the old question pool grace period, both the new and old Technician question pool will be available. Please pass the word that this test is being offered. We are expecting CW and upgrade as well as new ham candidates at this session.

50th Anniversary Celebration

The JARC 50th Anniversary Celebration is being planned for some time in September. Rafael - KD4WZJ is working on the arrangements. He is talking to the Mayor's Office in Kenner about holding the dinner in Rivertown. He said he is still looking for food donations and for volunteers to help with the planning and on the night of the dinner. If you can help out, please give him a call at 471-6122 or shabetai@bellsouth.net.

50th Anniversary Special Event

At the last board meeting, Rafael made a motion to have a special event station to commemorate the JARC 50th anniversary. He suggested a special QSL card for the occasion. However, since the club still does not have a facility in which to put a permanent station it was suggested we do something a little different. The discussion turned to having a friendly competition for the most QSOs made in different categories and to give out small rewards. All members would operate as W5GAD/50 during the scheduled time and keep a log. Awards would be given out in different categories. The motion passed unanimously. A couple of the board members are currently formulating the rules. Stay tuned to the club website and the next newsletter for all the details.

New Members

The following have applied for membership and will be voted on at the General Meeting.
Carolyn Kenyon, KE5IRV, Technician, New Orleans
Seymour Brown, KE5JKA, Technician, New Orleans

Technician Class

A Technician licensing class is being offered to the area hospitals for their personnel to get licensed to use the new ham stations they have been purchasing this summer. The class will start Thursday, July 27 from 5:30 - 8:30 P.M. at West Jefferson Hospital in one of the classrooms near the auditorium. It will run for four weeks with a VE session at the end. This class is being primarily organized and staffed by members of the Westside ARC. If you can help with teaching or have someone who would like to take the class, please contact Tom Crais, KF6QJQ at topojoe@cox.net.

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Field Day, Library II, Museum Wrap up Summer Presentations

Editor's note: the following pictures are courtesy of Keith - W5KB and Rafael - KD4WZJ.

What has been the busiest summer in club history is starting to wind down. The last five weeks has seen the successful completion of three operating events that were highly visible to the public.

Field Day

The first of the events was Field Day. Although not held in a completely open site like a park

as we would normally have done, Field Day was held at the Coast Guard station in Metairie. Entry required a checkin at the guard shack since it is a military base. However, that did not deter some non-ham civilians from attending, as well as Channel 4 News and Coast Guard and Orleans Parish EOC personnel. This year's Field Day was also significant as the JARC was one of a handful of clubs selected to field test the new Ham-Aid Go-Kits that the ARRL put to-



Top, Dick - W5RMX and Ray - KB5GA at the GOTA station; Middle left, Mike - KE5CGO gives an interview to Channel 4; Middle right, Chris - W5CTV 20 hours in, a little relaxation is in order; Bottom, Dave - KE5BMS unpacking the ARRL Ham-Aid Go-kit.

tion (the rules require a separate call sign for this station) while W5GAD was used for the other stations. Several WARC members helped out with setup and operations.

Thanks also to the Coast Guard for providing the generator and its fuel and mostly for letting us use a portable building that was

wonderfully air conditioned! Other antennas and equipment were provided by



together in the wake of the devastating hurricane season of 2005. The primary station consisted of an Icom IC-718 HF transceiver with an Icom AH-710 folded dipole that came in the go-kit. The club's new Kenwood TS-2000 and Kenwood TS-480H transceivers took turns as the second HF station and VHF station. Thank you to Joy - AF4AN for loaning an HF rig to use for the GOTA station.

Lyle - KD5EWD, Dave - KE5BMS, Jay - K5JCJ, Keith - W5KB, and Chris - W5CTV.

Although the QSO count was certainly no record breaker, we did a good eval of the go-kit and tried out several different radio/antenna combinations for ease of field deployment. The overall score showed 103 QSOs and a point total of 856 with bonuses.

EastBank Regional Library

The next event was held July 15 at the EastBank Regional Library. The second of the library presentations saw a much higher turnout of visitors as we

This year's operations also found us teaming up with the Westside ARC to put on Field Day. The WARC call of W5ABD was used for the GOTA sta-

were set up in the courtyard next to the library entrance. Several visitors asked about classes and some inactive hams and former JARC members stopped by. We also had a variety of visitors that sat down and talked with us and took a turn at the mic including a group of girl scouts. The on-air radio was the club's Kenwood TS-2000 with a 20-meter dipole and a 40-meter Buddipole for antennas. Also on display was a Heathkit SB-102 tube rig and Icom IC-706 for comparison as well as a satellite station and antennas, handouts, books, maps, etc. The library staff were very pleased with the turnout, which we estimate to have been at least 50.

Thank you to Bob - WD5BJW and Albert - W5AFD for the satellite gear and Lyle - KD5EWD and Chris - W5CTV for the antennas. About 8 JARC members came throughout

the day to help out and talk with the public.

National World War II Museum

The weekend of July 22-23 was Amateur Radio Weekend at the National World War II Museum downtown. The JARC op-

erated under the call W5D for the weekend and utilized the Kenwood TS-2000 and the ARRL Go-kit setup. There was also an information table and a display of World War II era radios. A special thank you

to Wes, KD5PCP for providing the vintage gear. About a dozen members helped out during the weekend and talked to more than a hundred visitors. A final QSO tally will be available at the meeting.

If you notice in the bottom picture Rafael and Claudia are in their new Coast Guard Auxilliary uniforms. This weekend was the debut of Flotilla 45 in their newly acquired uniforms. Several CGAux members were in attendance.



Left, JARC members speak to one of the guests at the W5D display; Middle left, the W5D operation gets "buzzed" in the Louisiana Pavillion of the National World War II Museum; Middle right, Albert - W5AFD, Wes - KD5PCP, Miller - N5AZA and Lyle - KD5EWD discuss Wes' WWII-era radios; Bottom, Ray - WA5VWL, Rafael - KD4WZJ/LU3BAI, Claudia - LU2BAI and Miller - N5AZA man the W5D booth.



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Vice Commodore Visits CG Aux Members

The following is an email sent by Vice Commodore Bill Crouch to the Coast Guard Division 4 leadership.

After the Division 4 meeting was over I met with some 16 new members who will become members of a new flotilla at some future time. I discussed the many things that the Auxiliary does for the Coast Guard in addition to providing communications for example. Questions were answered during the course of the discussion. One was interested in becoming an instructor, others in vessel examinations and there were three qualified interpreters who expressed interest in that area. I'm sure the Coast Guard can use them in that capacity.

These new Auxiliarists are mem-

bers of an amateur radio club in the New Orleans area and have known each other for some time and consequently have worked together in the past. I was impressed by their spirit, can-do attitude and enthusiasm for the road ahead. They recognized that the new flotilla will not be a uni-mission organization but that many qualifications are needed prior to becoming a well functioning unit capable of stand alone actions.

I was favorably impressed by these new members and I believe that they will not only be an asset to Division 4 but to the District and the Coast Guard. They are gung-ho and ready to get moving. DCP Parr and VCP Howell have a great bunch of people

coming along that can not only do the Auxiliary missions but function as emergency communicators when needed. VCP Howell would like to bring about three of them to the District meeting in Dallas to demonstrate setting up emergency communications facilities and then communicating with other units within the District. I don't know if the hotel area can accommodate antennas strung around the place but there should be an area where this can be made to happen.

Bottom line: a good step forward and one the other divisions could copy.

*Bill Crouch
Vice Commodore*



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

A special thanks to architect Wilfredo Harrington who donated his time and experience to draw the floor plans for the reconstruction of the building.

The following have made financial contributions:
Great Falls Area Amateur Radio Club, W7ECA
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Chris Vincent, W5CTV



Thank you to Rufino Saavedra for the donation of all paint and related materials needed to paint the new clubhouse when ready. <http://rufinospainting.com>



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 Membership Desired: Full (\$25) _____ Family (\$12.50) _____ Associate (\$25) _____ Student (\$12.50) _____
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Signature _____ Date _____ Sponsor _____ Date _____

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

New DXCC Entities

The following is courtesy of ARRL and *The Daily DX*.
Montenegro DXCC #336

As expected, the UN General Assembly, after recommendation by the Security Council, decided to admit The Republic of Montenegro to the United Nations, adding this entity to the United Nations List of Member States.

According to the ARRL DXCC List Criteria, Entities listed on the UN List of Member States qualify as Political Entities on the List. Therefore, effective June 28, 2006 (UTC), ARRL has added The Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List.

QSOs made on or after this date will count for DXCC credit. Claims for DXCC credit will be accepted immediately. See <http://www.arrl.org> for additional details.

Some have asked about the prefix for the new entity Montenegro. The new ITU prefix has not yet been assigned, but until it is, they will be using existing callsigns for the region. From the Daily DX today:

Stations using the following prefixes are located in the new country: 4O3, 4O6, YT3, YT6, YU3, YU6, YZ3 and YZ6. All of these will count for DXCC starting June 28, 2006.

4O3T QRV Now

Young radio amateur's contact kicks off three-week DX Festival in Montenegro (Jul 21, 2006) -- At noon on Thursday, July 20, an international Amateur Radio delegation saluted Montenegrin hams, the Amateur Radio Association of Montenegro and representatives of the Montenegro's telecoms authority and military to kick off the Montenegro International DX Festival. The

three-week on-air event is aimed at putting the new Balkan nation on the DX map in a big way. Seven stations identifying as 4O3T will be on the air. Nineteen-year old Nikola Ilic, YZ6AMD, made the first 4O3T QSO to start the festival, working DF3IU. Montenegro Amateur Radio Union President Veso Babic, YU6A, and event organizer Ranko Boca, YT6A, welcomed all visitors to Montenegro. Well-known DXer Martti Laine, OH2BH, discussed some of the challenges facing ham radio as well as the opportunities for further talks with Montenegrin authorities. International Amateur Radio Union representative Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, promised to help Montenegro become an IARU member-society. Babic reminded those present of Amateur Radio's valuable emergency communication effort following an earthquake in 1979. Nearly four dozen operators from more than 10 countries are expected to serve as 4O3T operators during the DX Festival, which continues until August 13. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, and his wife Linda, KA1ZD, will join the event in progress. Look for 4O3T on or about these frequencies: CW: 1826.5, 3522, 7022, 10,106, 14,022, 18,072, 21,022, 24,892 and 28,022 kHz; SSB: 3795, 7055, 14,190, 18,145, 21,290, 24,945 and 28,490 kHz; RTTY: 7035, 10,135, 14,085, 18,105, 21,085 and 28,085 kHz; 6 meters, CW/SSB: 50,106 kHz. An online searchable log will be available on the SRACG Web site <http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/log-book-search.html>.

Swain's Isl. DXCC #337

With the addition of Section II, Criteria Rule 1c) to the Political Entity criteria, certain former separation entities may now qualify as Political Entities. One such entity has been determined to be American Samoa. American Samoa is now a Political Entity for DXCC purposes.

As a result of the reclassification of American Samoa, and upon the filing of a request and substantiating evidence, and with the concurrence of the DXAC and the Awards Committee, Swain's Island has been added to the DXCC List.

Swain's Island entity number 337 qualifies as the first separation entity from American Samoa, now a Political Entity. The distance between American Samoa and Swain's Island has been determined to be in excess of 350 km as required by DXCC Rules Section II, Paragraph 2, Section b). QSOs made with Swain's Island on or after 0001Z, July 22, 2006 will count for DXCC credit.

KH8SI QRV Soon

Under the most recent DXCC Rule Change, Swains Island will count for DXCC. KH8SI will be on the air for at least 3 days on SSB and CW beginning after July 23. This first expedition to a new country will be limited because of

the lack of transportation in American Samoa. 6 Operators will keep a station both on CW and SSB on open bands. The expected opening to Europe is SHORT and Europe WILL BE PRIORITY during that opening. Kan JA1BK/KH6BK is the team leader. Uti KS6FO, Paul F6EXV/WH7S, John K1ER, Tets AH7C and John K8YSE are the operators on this FIRST EXPEDITION.

The ASARA, American Samoa Amateur Radio Assoc, president AH8LG represents Amateur Radio in Am Samoa and is pleased to help plan and conduct this operation from Swains Island.

Look for KH8SI on SSB and CW. Listen on 17 to 160 meters.

This is a NEW DXCC Country so be considerate since everyone needs it. W would like to give ONE QSO to lots of stations rather than all bands to a few. Future expeditions, when the bands recover, can provide all the other band modes.

We will QRV KH8SI/MM on 14.195 for further information exchange, base key station is AH8LG, pilots are KH6BZF, JA2JSF and JH1BUO.

QSL manager this time is via JA1BK since this is last new one DXpedition.

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