

JEFFERSON REPORT

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August 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:
September 23

Board Meeting:
September 14

Open clubhouse: none until further notice

Tuesday Net: 9:00 P.M.
on 145.37- (PL114.8),
Alternate: 147.24+/
444.000+ (PL114.8)

www.w5gad.org
e-mail: w5gad@arrl.net;
Phone: 504-831-1613

Send newsletter items to:
w5ctv@arrl.net
Deadline: 2nd Friday of
the month



50th Anniversary Celebrations Set

50th Anniversary Dinner

The JARC 50th Anniversary Celebration is set for Saturday, September 23 with eyeball QSOs to start at 6:00 P.M. and dinner to start at 7:00 P.M. 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. Watch the website for updates.

50th Anniversary Special Event

W5GAD 50th Anniversary Special Event Contest

* All modes, all frequencies allowed by your license class

* 0000z Sept. 1 - 2359z Sept. 30, 2006

* Exchange: Anything you want to talk about, just make sure you tell them it's the 50th anniversary of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club.

* Work any station anywhere with the callsign W5GAD/50. Please remember that you must give your regular callsign at least once an hour. You may work a station more than once, but not on the same band and mode. Repeater contacts are allowed.

* QSL info can be found at w5gad.org or give them the mailing address if they don't have internet.

Jefferson Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 73665

Metairie, LA 70033

* Logging: Computer logging is preferred, but not required. Please submit computer logs to w5gad@arrl.net. For paper logs, you can either mail them to the club PO box or bring them to a meeting.

* Deadline for entry is October 26, 2006 (the General Meeting).

* Prizes: Most contacts on HF bands - 10-160M

Most contacts on VHF bands - 6m and up

Most contacts with current and former JARC members

Most contacts overall - This will be known as the Founder's Award.

New Members

The following have applied for membership and will be voted on at the General Meeting.

Dora Ramirez, KG6FIP, Technician, Kenner

Your Help is Needed

Electrocomm Communications has closed and is donating their inventory to the JARC. We need to have all the equipment removed on Sept. 2. We will be loading an 18-wheeler beginning at 8:30 A.M. There are tower sections, heliax, antennas, repeaters, and other equipment. The sale of the surplus equipment will go to the JARC Rebuilding Fund. The location is the corner of Ridgewood and Airline. It is the 2 story building next to the tall cell tower where you turn from Airline to go to the clubhouse. Contact a board member for more info.

Hospital Classes Net New Hams

The recently concluded Technician classes for hospital workers has been very successful. The two classes, one for Ochsner Hospital and one for the Metropolitan Hospital Council, each had a VE session at the end. These classes were taught by

members of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club and the Westside Amateur Radio Club. Listed below are the results of the two VE sessions. Pictured below are some of those who went to the MHC VE session. Those seated are those from the

VE/Instructor team and those standing are some of the new hams. The KE5J***'s are from the Ochsner VE session and the KE5K***'s are from the MHC VE session. Other than a couple of people who attended the sessions on their own, the vast majority of attendees came out of the classes and are workers at the local hospitals. They will now be able to man the new ham radio stations that are being installed at the local hospitals.

Several people have expressed interest in upgrading to General. With that in mind, the two clubs are looking into putting a class together. If you are interested in attending a General class or would be willing to be an instructor for one, please send an email to w5gad@w5gad.org or leave a message at 504-831-1613 so that we can

keep a list of those who are interested. Once the class has been organized, we will contact you.

What can I do?

For those of us who are seasoned veterans of the airwaves, please help out these new hams. We need you to give them a call when you hear them on the repeaters. We also need to have some people step forward to be Elmers to the new hams. They have put forth the effort to get licensed so that they can man the stations at their respective hospitals in the case we ever have to go through another Katrina-like experience. They are going to need help with their operating skills and their new equipment.

We are looking at doing some meeting presentations that will be of benefit to new licensees.

KE5JUQ - Chuck Parr, Metairie - Technician
KE5JUR - Seymour Brown, New Orleans - Extra
KE5JUS - Donald Martin, River Ridge - Technician
KE5JUT - Darron Estopinal, Kenner - Technician
KE5KCJ - Terry Evan, Thibodaux - Technician
KE5KCK - Michelle Rousseau, Thibodaux - Technician
KE5KCL - Toby Kliebert, Thibodaux - Technician
KE5KCM - Basil Thoppil, New Orleans - Technician
KE5KCN - Timothy Gunckel, New Orleans - Technician
KE5KCO - Connie Brown, New Orleans - Technician
KE5KCP - Mary Hudson, Metairie - Technician
KE5KCQ - Jonathan Boraski, Marrero - Technician
KE5KCR - Renae Plaisance, Gheens - Technician
KE5KCS - Debbie Paschal, Raceland - Technician
KE5KCT - Sylvester Pawol, Luling - Technician
KE5KCU - Donald Chauvin, Raceland - Technician
KE5KCV - Jarrel, Thomas, Marrero - Technician
KE5KDM - Daniel Cristina, Jr., Harahan - Technician



ARECC Course to Be Offered

A Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC) is currently being planned. This is the same course that the ARRL offers online, but it will be offered locally and will have material of local interest added. The cost of the course will be \$10 for the

book. Charles, K5CFJ President of ARES of Southeast LA is putting this class together. At present, the time frame is still to be determined as any changes to the class have to be approved by the ARRL. If you are interested in taking this class, please send an email to w5gad@w5gad.org or leave a message at 504-831-1613.

CG Aux Members to Present Capabilities

Division Conference in Dallas Site of Demonstrations

The newly formed Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla



made up entirely of ham radio operators is getting plenty of attention. The flotilla has been invited to send some of its members to the Coast Guard Division Conference in Dallas, Texas. Rick Todt, WA5RT, Lyle Brown, KD5EWD, Mike Howell KE5CGO, and Keith Barnes W5KB will be going to Dallas in mid Sep-

tember to represent the flotilla and the ham radio community from New Orleans.

Invited to the conference as members of the first CG Flotilla detachment formed of Amateur Radio operators, the flotilla will be deployed to serve the needs of the communities of Southeast Louisiana and the US Coast Guard during disasters. It will eventually participate in Coast Guard deployments regarding Search and Rescue, Vessel Examinations,

Facility Support and Patrols.

The purpose of the trip is to introduce Amateur Radio and the concept of the Communicator Flotilla as well as to demonstrate radio emergency facilities (Jump Kits) and mobile amateur facilities (Rick's Ford Excursion). Keith will do a presentation to the conference on Friday!

If you are interested in joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla, please contact Mike Howell, KE5CGO at captmike@manana.com.

When Will SuitSat Burn Up?

The sky isn't falling, but SuitSat-1 is. SuitSat-1 was launched on February 3, 2006 at 23:03 UTC. As planned it is slowly falling closer to the Earth each day.

Over time, SuitSat-1 will pick up more drag from the Earth's upper atmosphere and heat will cause it to burn up and vaporize. Since SuitSat-1 doesn't contain any heat shields it is unlikely any part of SuitSat-1 will ever reach Earth's surface.

We don't know when SuitSat will burn up, but AMSAT and the ARISS Team are sponsoring the "Chicken Little" contest for those who are interested in predicting the exact date. So gaze into your crystal ball, put on your thinking cap or get out your slide rule and enter your best prediction.

Anyone can enter - it's free! (If you are under 18 please check with your parents first.) Categories have been created for K-8 stu-

dents, high school students and adults. When SuitSat-1 burns up we will announce the winners who pick the correct day.

The rules are simple - only one entry is permitted. If you submit a second entry the website will replace your previous entry.

To enter please select the category (K-8, High School or Adult) that fits you. Then click on the date you think SuitSat-1 will burn up in the Earth's upper atmosphere. Enter your name and email address and click "Enter Me" to enter. You will receive a confirmation screen confirming your date.

Everyone who predicts the exact day in each category will receive a winning certificate for that category. If no one guesses the exact day, the 10 closest entries in each category will receive a certificate.

To enter, go to <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/ariss/contestEntry.php>

Westside ARC 146.94 Repeater Back on the Air

Our weekly nets are held every Wednesday night (except 2nd Wed.) at 8:00 P.M. local and every Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. local on the 146.94 repeater. The repeater uses a PL of 114.8. If your rig doesn't have PL simply wait for the repeater to drop and check in simplex on the output.

The 147.15 repeater is currently down.

The 146.94 repeater is currently on air with a PL of 114.8 and located on top of West Jefferson Medical Center.

We would like to thank the New Orleans VHF Club for the temporary use of their 146.86 repeater.

Seymour, KE5JUR, Bob, KE5CZV, Kerry, KE5CZY, Mike, KB5OZE, and another installer with the 146.94 repeater atop the West Jefferson Medical Center.



JOTA 2006 Coming in October

This year's edition of Jamboree on the Air is slated for October 21-22. Last year's JOTA activities in the New Orleans area were washed out due to Katrina. Many scout troops and packs got started back up in early 2006 or decided to take the year off until more residents returned. With a new school year starting up, the scouts are back and are actively recruiting new members. They are raring to go with their activity schedules and to get the scouts caught up with any requirements that were missed.

With that in mind, the JARC is looking to hook up scout troops with hams who would be willing to host scouts at their home stations or who can take a portable station to a park or other scout meeting place to let the boys get on the air and talk to other scouts. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate. Even a couple of HT's to let them talk to some others across town via a repeater would work. If you are interested in helping out the scouts, please contact Chris, W5CTV. Below is more information from the ARRL about JOTA.

Who: Girl and Boy Scouts around the world

Where: Wherever you set up your radio!

When: October 21-22 (The JOTA begins on Saturday, at 0001 hours local time, and ends on Sunday, at 2359 hours local time.)

Scout Frequencies for JOTA 2006

band	phone (MHz)	cw (MHz)
80m	3.740 & 3.940	3.590
40m	7.270	7.030
20m	14.290	14.070
17m	18.140	18.080
15m	21.360	21.140
12m	24.960	24.910
10m	28.390	28.190

The ARRL suggests using 7.270 as the US JOTA frequency.

JOTA 2006 Possibilities

We have received a few comments referring to the possibility of using more SSTV during JOTA. Wouldn't it be great to send a picture of your girl and boy scouts to the troop they are talking with? These pictures would be a great addition to a scout scrapbook.

Demonstrate a simple 2-meter HT and mobile rig. It is much easier for scouts to see themselves owning this type of radio as opposed the "top of the line" radios. Remember to show both the scouts and leaders how ham radio will compliment the scout program. With a little guidance, a girl or Boy Scout leader will be able to work ham radio into several badges such as electricity, communications, and, of course, radio.



This is also an opportunity to discuss the value of a 2 meter HT while on a hike or field trip. I know from passed experience that scouts want to go at their own pace especially on a hike. With a few licensed ham/scouts in the group everyone will be able to keep in contact.

Scout Participation cards & JOTA patches

These are not available through ARRL. They come directly from BSA Headquarters in TX. Order your cards and JOTA patches early to avoid disappointment. Visit <http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?c=xds&terms=JOTA> for complete information.

JOTA Exhibit Kits are back and better!

JOTA Exhibit Kits are now available! Each kit will contain the ARRL Scout handbook, 100 Boy or Girl Scout brochures. It will also include 100 fliers, a list of suggested activities. In the past we have had requests for building small projects. This year we are also including directions for a few of these projects. The cost of shipping and handling will be \$7.50. You must specify that you want a "JOTA" exhibit kit. 1/2 kits are available for \$4.50. (total of 50 brochures, project and activity sheets, 50 fliers and an ARRL Scout handbook) You can now order online at <https://www.arrl.org/forms/ead/recruit/orderform.html> .or send a check to the ARRL, Field & Educational Services, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, or you can call Linda at 860-594-0292 with a credit card number. Please order early to avoid the rush.

You will also find a good deal of information on the web page at <http://www.arrl.org/ead/#scout>

ARRL wants to hear from you!

After JOTA 2006, don't forget to complete the Survey at <http://www.arrl.org/ead/jotalog/>

We read your survey comments and suggestions. Some of them may find their way into QST, or the ARRL Web pages. The numbers you provide through this survey help us to see the trends of this youth program.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:00 AM WARC Net	28	29 8:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxillary Net	30	31	1	2
3 9:00 AM WARC Net	4 Labor Day	5 7:00 PM Delta DX Meeting 8:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxillary Net	6 7:00 PM WARC Board Mtg.	7	8	9
10 9:00 AM WARC Net	11	12 8:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxillary Net	13 7:00 PM WARC General Mtg.	14 7:30 PM JARC Board Mtg.	15	16
17 9:00 AM WARC Net	18	19 8:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxillary Net	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 AM WARC Net	25	26 8:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxillary Net	27	28 7:30 PM JARC General Mtg. at Coast Guard Station	29	30

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

SELA ARES/CG Aux Net on the Air

A new weekly combined Southeast Louisiana ARES and US Coast Guard Auxiliary Net has taken to the air.

The net meets every Tuesday at 8:00 P.M./ 0200 ZULU on the New Orleans Repeater: 444.200 pl 114.8.

The purpose of the net is to help train ARES, Auxiliary members and other hams in emergency communi-

cations.

If you have any announcements for the net please email them to Charles at: k5cfj@cox.net or call him at 504-417-3627. Please make an effort to check into this net next Tuesday.

JARC Board Of Directors 2006

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For Sale

I am a HAM Operator (KB5GUW) in Tickfaw, LA and I am in QRZ.com. I have a 40 ft. crankup/tiltover tower including a HyGain rotor with 100 ft. of power cable and HyGain direction control. The HF antenna is a HyGain 5 element beam and both are in good condition. Also a DRAKE MN-2000 Matching Network. I would like to get \$1500 for the package. Contact Clarence Abadie at cypress2@juno.com or 985-419-8893.



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.

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