

# JEFFERSON REPORT

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## February 2007

**Due to the flooding of the clubhouse, the next meeting will be held at the Westwego Branch Library. Please see [w5gad.org](http://w5gad.org) for the latest information.**

General Meeting:  
February 22

Board Meeting:  
March 8

**Open clubhouse: none until further notice**

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

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Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of  
the month

## New Board Elected

The January general meeting featured the election of officers for 2007. The following will serve as your Board of Directors for 2007:

President:	Keith Barnes	W5KB
Vice President:	Albert Dupont	W5AFD
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	Ray Asprion	WA5VWL
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	Rafael Shabetai	LU3BAI/KD4WZJ
	Chris Vincent	W5CTV

### New Members

The following have applied for membership and will be voted on at the general meeting. Gerard Burg, N5GJK, Metairie, Advanced

### Dues are due

Dues for 2007 are due. Please remember that the membership voted to raise the dues to \$30 beginning in 2007. An application/renewal form is located on page 5. Please submit your dues. Anyone not paid by the March General Meeting will be dropped from the roles.

### February Meeting

The February General meeting of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Jefferson Parish Public Library Westwego Branch. This was the only branch with a meeting room open for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have the room reserved from 6:30 P.M. - 9 P.M. when the library closes. Here's a link to the location and directions. <http://www.jefferson.lib.la.us/branches/jplpage.westwego.html>

The JARC has been approached by two organizations interested in making significant equipment donations to the club for our emergency preparedness activities. Come to the meeting to find out more. We will also publish more info in the next newsletter for those who can't make the February meeting.

FYI, all meeting rooms at all library branches are booked for March so we will have to come up with an alternate location if anyone has suggestions. The reason the board has decided to move the meeting location from the Coast Guard Station in Bucktown is access to the building and the fear that some are being left out because they don't know how to access the gate/building. The board does appreciate the meeting space provided by the Coast Guard for the past year and all they have done for the JARC and amateur radio.

## VE Test Session

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

**9:00 A.M.**

**West Jeff. Hosp.**

**Marrero Room**

**fee \$14.00**



# BPL Study Bill Gains Cosponsors

A bill in the US House of Representatives calling on the FCC to study the interference potential of broadband over power line (BPL) technology and report its findings back to Congress has gained two cosponsors, its sponsor, US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), reports. They are US Rep Steve Israel (D-NY) and US Rep Ron Paul (R-TX). One of two radio amateurs in the House, Ross submitted the "Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007" (HR 462) (<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.462:>) on January 12. Last year, the US House passed a telecommunications bill, HR 5252, containing language that Ross proposed requiring the FCC to study the interference potential of BPL systems. The legislation never made it out of Congress, however. In a letter to his House colleagues inviting additional cosponsors, Ross emphasized that his primary goal is to minimize BPL's interference potential.

"In the 110th Congress, I have reintroduced this legislation and narrowed the scope of the study significantly so as to not hinder any broadband Internet deployment that does not cause proven interference," Ross wrote. "The study called for by this bill will not slow, nor frustrate, the deployment of competitive broadband delivery mechanisms. It will not inhibit the deployment of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) systems anywhere in the US. The purpose of the study is to ascertain what additional rules should be adopted by the FCC governing BPL systems in order to reduce the interference potential to a reasonably low level."

Ross said that as a radio amateur, he believes it's imperative that BPL's interference potential be thoroughly examined and comprehensively evaluated. "Power lines are not designed to prevent radiation of RF energy; therefore BPL represents a significant potential interference source for all public safety radio services using this frequency range, including Amateur Radio operators," he told his colleagues.

HR 462 would require the Commission to address several technical facets, including variations in BPL emission field strength with distance from power lines and a technical justification for using a particular distance extrapolation factor when making measurements.

The FCC also would have to investigate the degree of notching necessary "to protect the reliability of mobile radio communications," and provide a technical justification for permitted BPL radiated emission levels relative to ambient noise levels. Finally, the study would have to outline options for new or improved BPL rules

aimed at preventing harmful interference to public safety and other radio communication systems.

HR 462 has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. If Ross's measure is adopted by both houses of Congress and signed by the president, the FCC would have to undertake a study of BPL's interference potential within 90 days of enactment and report to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

-- Courtesy ARRL

## Test/Class Opportunities

### VE Sessions

A VE session cosponsored by Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 45, New Orleans ARES, Westside ARC, and Jefferson ARC will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 9:00 A.M. at West Jefferson Medical Center. The address is 1101 Medical Center Blvd., Marrero. It will be held in the Marrero Room near the auditorium. The session is being administered through the ARRL VEC and the fee will be \$14.00.

This is the first opportunity for current Technician Licensees to upgrade to HF privileges without taking a Morse Code exam. For more information contact Bob McBride, 393-1075 or [frobe438@bellsouth.net](mailto:frobe438@bellsouth.net).

SELARC will hold a VE session on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2:00 P.M. The location is North Oaks Diagnostic Center - Room B, 15837 Paul Vega MD Dr., Hammond, LA 70403. Test fee \$14.00. Contact Tyrone Burns, (985) 351-8315 or [tyke1954@yahoo.com](mailto:tyke1954@yahoo.com).

For any exam session, please bring a picture ID, original and a copy of your FCC license and any relevant CSCE. Please bring cash for the exam fee.

### Upgrade to General Class

New Orleans ARES and Coast Guard Auxiliary 45 are cosponsoring an upgrade-to-General licensing class, beginning April 5 and ending, with an exam, on May 10. The class is intended for hams who are currently licensed as Technicians and want to take advantage of the new no-code-required HF privileges.

Instructors are Joel Colman NO5FD and Cedric Walker K5CFW, and the class will be taught on Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. at Temple Sinai, 6227 Saint Charles Avenue, in uptown New Orleans. Will use the Gordon West textbook, and more information is available from Joel [joel@colman.us](mailto:joel@colman.us) or Cedric [k5cfw@arrl.net](mailto:k5cfw@arrl.net).

# The Missing Q Signals

by John Queen, KAØSEY & Mike Colyar, K7ITL

Additions by Thom LaCosta K3HRN and members of QRP-L

Some Q signals have never made it to the ARRL's official list. Here are some that you may agree would be useful in appropriate situations. As with regular Q signals, each can be a statement or a question, depending on whether a question mark follows it.

- QBA - My antenna is BIG!
- QBA? - How big is your antenna?
- QBO - Don't sit next to that guy in the meeting.
- QBO? - Buddy, can you spare some soap?
- QBS - It's getting deep in here.
- QBS? - Did I tell you about the one that got away?
- Alternate suggested by ken cubilo w8ob
- QBS - Clean the bird sh\*t off your antenna so you can hear me
- QBS? - Should I clean the bird sh\*t off my antenna so I can hear you
- QCP - I am using Cat Power(From Rotary Cat Power Wheel)
- Suggestions made for spark gap transmitter on QRP-L mailing list
- QCP? - Are you using Cat Power?
- QCW - I am going to whistle Morse Code on FM (or SSB)
- QCW? - Why are you whistling Morse?
- QDR - Damn Right the frequency is busy!} In response to QRL
- QDR? - Do you have a Receiver?} In response to QRL
- Contributed by Don Melcher = W6ZO
- QET - Phone home.
- QET? - Has anyone called me from another planet?
- QEW - Copy is difficult due to Ear Wax.
- QEW? - Is copy difficult due to Ear Wax?
- Contributed by John L Sielke W2AGN
- QFH - This frequency is MINE! - go elsewhere.
- QFH? - Is this frequency hogged?
- QHI - I am jumping in quick to say hi, then going QRT.
- QHI? - Are you leaving after only one transmission?
- QLF - I am sending with my left foot.



- QLF? - Are you sending with your left foot?
- QLK - I am sending with my left foot and keyboard.
- QLK? - Are you sending with your left foot and keyboard?
- Contributed by Thom LaCosta K3HRN
- QNO - I am sending through a nonstandard orifice.
- QNO? - Are you sending through a nonstandard orifice?
- Contributed by Thom LaCosta K3HRN
- QOF Yes, I am an Old Fart.
- QOF? Are you an old Fart?
- Contributed by Jim W7RY
- QOK - Your last transmission was Okie Dokie.
- QOK? - Was my last transmission OK?
- QPM - Your signal is purr modulated.
- QPM? - Is my signal purr modulated?
- QRC - Warning, rag chewer on frequency.
- QRC? - Are you a rag chewer?
- QRG - You are transmitting in or near the ... (wave length or frequency) amateur band.
- QRG? - Am I transmitting in or near an amateur band, and if so which one?
- QRW - Means Qrp - Really Weak
- QRW? - Qrp, you are Really Weak?
- contributed by w0rw
- QWC? - Who cares? } Courtesy of
- QWC - I don't care } Fred Bonavita, K5QLF
- QWC - I have to go to the bathroom } Courtesy of
- QWC? - Do you have to go to the bathroom? } Fred Bonavita, K5QLF
- QZZ - I fell asleep at the mike.
- QZZ? - Is that a 60Hz hum, or are you snoring?

# Louisiana Section News

I'm happy to report that WA5CWE has volunteered to be the "Educational Coordinator" for the LA Section. Frank was first licensed in 1961 and earned his Ph.D. degree in 1976.

He was a curriculum writer for the Communications Electronics program for the State of LA and has 32 years experience as an electronics instructor. Frank has also worked for a number of broadcast radio and TV stations in LA and MS.

Because the Educational Coordinator appointment is not currently available within the League's Field Organization, Frank's official title is Assistant Section Manager. If you have a keen interest in promoting ham radio in your local schools, please let Frank know via email [wa5cwe@arrl.net](mailto:wa5cwe@arrl.net)

W5ELM, W5MVP, and WA5TNK are the new Emergency Coordinators for Allen Parish, Beauregard Parish, and Lafayette Parish, respectively. In addition to thanking Earl, Alan, and Ed for volunteering to lead their local ARES groups, I want to acknowledge the previous ECs KA5NXT (Allen Parish) and KC5AHA (Beauregard Parish) for their service as well.

The 2007 National Hurricane Conference will be in New Orleans during the first week of April. As in past years, an Amateur Radio session is planned for the Tuesday afternoon of the conference (April 3 from 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Hilton Riverside Hotel on Poydras Street in New Orleans). Tentatively scheduled speakers from the LA Section include K5GLS (LA SEC), NO5FD (Orleans Parish EC), and K5CFW (Technical Specialist). ARES leaders are particularly encouraged to attend, although any interested ham who attends only the Amateur Radio session on April 3 will not have to pay any registration fees.

W5AFD reports that the United State Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary Members of Flotilla 081-04-05 were deployed to seven critical locations around the New Orleans area (the Superdome, Orleans OEP, Orleans Fire and Police Command Center, Louis Armstrong Airport, West Jefferson Hospital, USCG Station New Orleans, and USCG Air Station New Orleans) during the Sugar Bowl football game. Most of the flotilla's members are hams living in or near New Orleans. Of the 100 total radio contacts conducted by the flotilla during its deployment on January 3, 75 occurred on HF, VHF, or UHF ham bands.

The National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC) submitted its report to the ARRL Board of Directors during the Board's January meeting. You can view the full report at <http://www.arrl.org/announce/reports-2007/january/NERPC-32aa.pdf> The report points out that although a typical concept of ham radio emergency communications is tactical traffic using voice via VHF FM, an im-

portant part of emergency communications in many disasters is the handling of formal messages via a variety of bands and modes. Furthermore, item 8 on page 5 in the report's Messaging Recommendations section states the following: "It must become and remain a perpetual priority for the ARRL and ARES to enhance training in basic message handling, particularly with respect to message accuracy through the major communications phases of transport and delivery. Message accuracy was reported to be lacking during the acute phases of Hurricane Katrina, which undermined response and relief activities."

The NERPC report supports my long held belief that every ARES member should learn how to originate, send, receive, and deliver formal messages! Although a beginning traffic handler can learn much about the subject by reading, one must actually send and receive an occasional message to become and remain reasonably proficient in the art of handling formal messages. The LA Traffic Net (LTN), the LA CW Net (LCW), and the LA Slow Net (LSN) welcome every ham interested in formal message handling to participate to whatever degree he or she desires.

The LA Section welcomes the following new hams: Jerald Jatho KE5LYK, Patrick Barbot KE5MEN, David Laity KE5MEL, Carl Doisher KE5MEP, John Haley KE5MEO, Lane Director KE5MEQ, Veronica Ward KE5MEM, Marilyn Mitchell KE5LYC, Georgia Baker KE5MCH, Dewayne Campbell KE5LXE, Kent Martin KE5MCG, Pamela Holsted KE5MCE, Lisa Westerfield KE5LXF, Juanita Meador KE5LXC, Joanna Villavicencio KE5MCF, Kurt Olinde KE5LXD, Sherree McCain KE5MFC, Van McCain KE5MFD, Billy Brown KE5MCY, Joey Guy KE5MCX, Miles Bowman KE5LXV, and Richard Greig KE5LXB.

I am very sorry to report that KD5FMM is a Silent Key. Traffic totals: K5MC 117, WA5LQZ 84, W5PY 48, N5KWB 40, AE5V 10, WA4ERU 2.

Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 168, N5KWB 115, K5MC 110, K5ER 80, AE5V 68, KB5SDU 50, WA4ERU 45, N5MEL 35, W5HUD 35, N5HMH 32.

Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 31/477/50. Louisiana CWNet: 61/343/42. Louisiana Slow Net: 9/45/5. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/101/0.

73,  
Mickey Cox K5MC  
LA Section Manager  
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LA Section Website: <http://www.laarrl.org/>

# January 2007

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

**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 (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_ Associate (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_ Student (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership is full membership plus \$15 for each additional up to a maximum of \$60. 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**

## JARC Board Of Directors 2007

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	#2:	Ray	WA5VWL	
	#3:	Mike	W5MJD	

## DX News

### VK9DNX, Norfolk Island

The Bavarian Contest Club is currently running an operation from Norfolk Island through March 3. QSL via DJ2MX. For more info see <http://www.df3cb.com/vk9dnx/>.

### J5, Guinea Bissau

Several different groups will be going to this entity ranked #84 on the DX News most wanted list during February and March.

The first will be J5UAP by HA3AUI ( <http://cqafrica.net/> ). Feb. 25 - Apr. 30. He will be operating all bands, mainly digital with some SSB. QSL to homecall and via LoTW. He will also be operating periodically from Senegal as 6W2SC.

Another two country operation from J5 and 6W will take place Mar. 3 - 23. DL7CM and company will have a full time operation from 6W as 6W/homecall and a part-time operation as J5UAR running all bands all modes. QSL via DL7CM. Go to <http://www.qsl.net/dl7cm/6W/6W.htm#DXpedition> for more info.

The last DXpedition to J5 is J5BI by F6BUM from Bubaque Is. (AF-020). Jack will operate Mar. 14 - 27 SSB on 10-40m. QSL to F6BUM. <http://www.f6bum.net/fr/une/guinee-bissau/guinee-bissau.html>.

### V85NL, Brunei

Another operation from the 100 most needed list will take place Mar. 8 - 12 from Brunei. JA4ENL will operate all bands, including 160m; mainly CW. QSL to homecall.

### 9M4SDX, Spratly Islands

#36 on the most wanted list will be put on the air by a team led by 9M2TO Mar. 10 - 19. They will deploy up to 4 stations from Pulau LAYANG LAYANG (AS-051) on all bands, all modes, including satellite. QSL via 9M2TO. For more info see <http://island.geocities.jp/layang9m4sdx/>.

## Delta DX News

The next meeting of the Delta DX Association will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 5:00 P.M. This will be a dinner meeting at Sherrilyn's, 1801 Stumpf Blvd. at corner of Wright, in Gretna. It was known as China Blossom pre-Katrina. Their website is <http://www.sherrilynnscfe.com>. Take the Crescent City Connection to Terry Parkwy, right on Wright, left on Stumpf. Most meals are \$7 - \$13. She plans to have all you can eat crawfish for about \$12-\$15. Thanks to Bob, KE5CZV for making the arrangements.

For anyone who may want to learn a bit about DXing, or just find some basic, semi-technical explanations of EM radiation, Propagation, Antennas, and equipment, may be interested in looking at "The A,B,C's of Dx" at <http://www.deltadx.net/ABCDx/ABCDx.htm>

It is intended as a learning tool, and is still under construction. The current site is the beta version; however, it is more than 90% complete. I would be very appreciative of any critiques, questions, or suggestions. Please contact Don, W5FKX at [w5fkx@cox.net](mailto:w5fkx@cox.net) for any input.

## Westside ARC News

On Jan 13th a work crew met at West Jeff. Hospital to relocate the 146.94 antenna. We also did some checks on the repeater, coax and controller. The repeater was working good but started having problems again a short time later. The work crew was KB5OZE Mike, KE5CZV Bob, KE5JUR Seymour, K5JCJ Jay, KB5VAJ Bill and Dominic. Special thanks to Dominic for helping us out with his equipment and many years of experience. Sorry about not getting your call Dominic. The Westside Club is getting a new repeater soon.

Steve N5SC is retiring March 30<sup>th</sup> from Jefferson Parish Public Works Dept. after 33 years. Congratulations!

Herb N5AUC is looking for volunteers to help in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run. It is put on by the Key Club and proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The event is in Lafitte, starts at Rosethorne Park and ends at Fisher High School, It is 3.1 mi. long Herb is looking for amateur operators for the start, finish and water stations. The times are from 7:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

There will be VE test session at West Jeff. Hospital on the 24th of Feb. It starts at 9:00 A.M. in the Marrero Room.

Our general membership meetings will be on Feb 14th and Mar 14th at Picadilly's on Lapalco near Wall Blvd. The meetings start at 7:00 P.M. but show up around 6:00 P.M. if you plan to eat.

-- Bill, KB5VAJ