

JEFFERSON REPORT

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December 2007

Due to the flooding of the clubhouse, the next meeting will be held at the Picadilly on Jefferson Hwy. Please see w5gad.org for the latest information.

General Meeting:
December 29

Board Meeting:
January 10

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: 2nd Friday of
the month



USPS Decides LA Section Manager Election

The petition nominating Bob McBride, AE5RN, for Louisiana Section Manager was accepted by the US Post Office on December 1, 2007 and sent via 3 day Priority Mail to the ARRL with a request for Signature at delivery. When the Signature receipt had not been returned, the ARRL was called to see if the package had been delivered on Monday December 10. Steve Ewald of the League said it had not and since it was not in the League's possession by the close of business on December 7 that it would not be accepted per the League's rules.

The Post Office notified me that it had delivered the package December 13 at 10:30 AM to a courier who picked up the League's mail. We asked the League to consider the evidence of the good faith effort to get the petition to the League and the Elections and Ethics Committee said no. The rule is specific.

SOOO...The members of the Louisiana Section's desire to have an election for their Section Manager is being disregarded by the League and the League is in fact allowing a Governmental, Beaucroatic agency, namely the United States Postal Service dictate what the members can have.

The League is the membership. Without members to support the League it does not exist. If the Executive Committee does not see the error in this rule and the implications that it can have on the future of the Organization, and initiate change in obviously flawed policy, then it will, like many phases of our hobby, die!

Congratulations to Gary Stratton, W5GLS who at this time appears to be the only candidate who has qualified for Section Manager in Louisiana. Please offer him your support as he tries to improve things in our State.

-- Keith, W5KB

New Members

The following have applied for membership and will be voted on at the next general meeting.

Thomas Erk, No call, New Orleans, Associate membership

December Meeting

The next general meeting of the JARC will be the annual holiday party. This year it will be held at Rafael and Claudia Shabetai's QTH. The address is 4157 Beaujolais Dr, Metairie. Please RSVP to 208-0858 or shabetai@bellsouth.net

Please don't forget to sign up for the Pot Luck. If you don't want to cook, let us know we can order something extra and will ask you for a very small contribution. Thank you!

Rafael and Claudia



DXCC Desk Announces New Entity

The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of 14 December, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

Background

On February 21, 2007 the French Ministry issued a decree making St Barthelemy an Overseas Collective, making its status equal to that of Guadeloupe, Martinique and other French territories currently on the DXCC List. On November 8, 2007 the President of Association Des Radio Amateurs De St Barthelemy, Philippe Delcroix, FJ5DX, contacted the DXCC Desk, requesting that St Barthelemy be considered a new DXCC entity.

The "event date" that caused St. Barthelemy to be added to the DXCC list was December 14, 2007, the date the US State Department Fact sheet was updated by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. This update added St Barthelemy to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty with its Administrative Center in Gustavia, qualifying it under DXCC rules in Section II -- 1 Political Entities (c):

c) The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the "permanent population" and "administered by a local government" criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of "Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" as having a local "Administrative Center," or (b) the United Nations list of "Non-Self-Governing Territories."

St Martin

French St Martin (FS), while also added to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty, will remain on the DXCC List, but it is now considered a Point 1 Political Entity under the same classification as that of St Barthelemy.

Please direct any questions you may have about St Barthelemy, St Martin or the DXCC program to the dxcc@arrl.org

73 es DX!

Bill Moore NC1L

DXCC Manager

ACTIVITY ON THE AIR NOW.....

Currently, Martti Laine, OH2BH, and Olli Rissanen, OHØXX, are active as FJ/OH2AM through the Christmas holiday. QSL via OH2BN. Activity has been on 20 meters SSB and 17 meters CW. Have fun working them. More details later in the upcoming OPDX bulletin..... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

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Bouvet QRV

On 19 December 2007 Petrus ZS6GCM was granted temporary permission to operate an Amateur Radio Station for the duration of the 2007/2008 scientific expedition from Bouvet Island. The call sign will be 3YØE. We would like to use this opportunity to thank Tom V. Segalstad LA4LN and Trond Olsen LA8XM, for the wonderful help and time they dedicated in obtaining permission to operate from Bouvet Island.

Secondly we would like to welcome Colin, MM0NDX to the team. Colin has donated a dedicated website for the expedition and will act as the webmaster. We are hoping to receive regular logbook updates from Petrus via satellite phone and will have a logbook search page where you can look if you are in the log. The official 3YØE operation webpage address is <http://3y0e.com/>

The site is under construction and we plan to have it fully operational in a couple of days. Feel free to visit the site on a regular basis for the latest news from Petrus.

Emil Stoikov, LZ3HI has began design on the 3YØE qsl card. Emil has donated the QSL card design and printing free of charge. He will also act as the official QSL manager for 3YØE. Previews of cards designed and printed by Emil previously can be found on his webpage www.lz3hi.com. We look forward to presenting you all with the official QSL card when it is completed.

3YØE QSL information Emil Stoikov, P.O. Box 8, 6000 Stara Zagora, BULGARIA

Petrus will be notified via Satellite phone off his new call sign and permission to start operating. We certainly look forward to bring you more exiting news in the near distant future.

73 to all and good luck

Rhynhardt Louw ZS6DXB

3YØE Pilot Station and Media Officer

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Thanks to Road Race Crew

The following operated during the Larry Fuselier 25 K Road Race: Keith barnes W5KB, Harris Miller KB5BFB, Don Olsene WB5QAZ, Bob Dunn K5IQ, Bob McBride AE5RN, Matt Anderson KD5KNC and Joe Gloriosi N5OZG.

If you work a race you will receive a sports shirt with collar (dark blue) with big white letters printed Emergency Communications Amateur Radio Operator on back and Emergency Communications printed on right front side of shirt. Similiar to those that say Police, EMS, and Fire. And safety vest's are distributed with Emergemency Communications printed on back also to help indetify us during events.

Thanks, Joe, N5OZG

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 9:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net 444.200	2	3 8:00 PM WARC Net 146.94	4	5
6	7	8 9:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net 444.200	9	10 7:30 PM JARC Board Mtg. @ Yenni Bldg. 8:00 PM WARC Net 146.94	11	12
13	14	15 9:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net 444.200	16	17 8:00 PM WARC Net 146.94	18	19
20	21	22 9:00 PM SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net 444.200	23	24 7:30 PM JARC General Mtg. @ Picadilly 8:00 PM WARC Net 146.94	25	26
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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 (\$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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	#3:	Mike	W5MJD	464-5817

Louisiana Section Report

Please remember that the application period for the LA Memorial Scholarship is now until February 1, 2008. Many of our clubs must know at least one licensed amateur radio operator planning to attend college next year who should be encouraged to apply for the scholarship. Application forms and other details are available at <http://www.arrl.org/>

A nifty new program for ARES, SKYWARN, and other emcomm-minded hams is WXSPOTS, which operates in a similar fashion to the spotting software used by many DXers around the world. Rather than DX, however, information about severe weather is posted and shared in a real time environment. Visit <http://www.wxspots.com/> to learn the details of this free software program.

The 2007 LA Section Field Day plaques were presented during the ARRL Forum at the Twin City Hamfest in Monroe. W5DDL (Acadiana ARA), N5RD/KB5WFE (Minden ARA) and K5DF/K5LSU (Baton Rouge ARC) received plaques in recognition of their outstanding performance in the 1A, 2A, and 3A category, respectively. I've just learned from W5XU (BRARC FD Chairman) that K5DF/K5LSU came in FIRST place in the country in the 3A Battery category! A quick check of the on-line scores on the League web site also shows that W5DDL came in fifth place nationally in the 1A category. Congratulations to the three plaque winners and kudos to everyone who participated in this year's Field Day.

W5PY (LA Traffic Net Manager) has singled out N5AVN, KA2BRS, W5CDX, KD5DFL, KE5EEE, AB5G, KN5GRK, KA5JNL, W5JZQ, N5KWB, KA5LMZ, WA5LQZ, KD5MLD, KF5NA, N5NVP, K5QNT, KB5SDU, KA5SUR, and AD5XM for their regular participation on LTN. For their regular participation on the LA CW Net, K5KV (LCW Manager) has recognized WA5CAV, W5CDX, W5NK, N5NVP, N5KWB, WA5LQZ, K5MC, and W4DLZ. For the LA Slow Net, N5KWB (LSN Manager) has acknowledged the regular participation of W5NK, KD5IGG, WA5CAV, WC5M, and N5NVP. All of these traffic handlers have been issued net certificates and many of them were personally presented during the ARRL Forums at the CLARC Hamfest in October and the Twin City Hamfest in November.

The six-week amateur radio course sponsored by the Acadiana

ARA in conjunction with the Children's Museum of Acadiana has produced a lot of new hams. The LA Section welcomes the following amateur radio operators who passed their exams at the AARA test session in mid November: Cheri Valenti KE5RPE, Paula Roberts KE5RPD, Jack Myers KE5RPJ, Karen Marshall KE5RPI, Joe Fain KE5RPQ, Barbara Fain KE5RPP, Jim Wattigny KE5RPK, Leah Wyatt KE5RPF, Glenda Tucker KE5RPG, Jo Ann Pugh KE5RPL, Robert Roy KE5RPC, Catherine Roy KE5RPH, Archibal Hill KE5RPM, Gayle Guidry KE5RPN, and Donald Guidry KE5RPO.

The 2008 Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club officers are WB5OZA, President; KE5HSW, Vice Pres; KE5QQB, Secretary; and KB5RXS, Treasurer. The incoming officers for the Central LA ARC are WD5HAI, President; AC5PW, Vice Pres; KE5ASQ, Secretary; and KD5LNU, Treasurer. The Baton Rouge ARC officers for 2008 will be AD5JV, President; K5DF, Vice President; KD5UDB, Secretary; and KC7MOC, Treasurer.

N5NVP (Affiliated Club Coordinator) has been busy assisting our clubs with their annual ARRL Club Big List updates. Jim reports that the LA Section now has 34 active affiliated clubs and 22 inactive affiliated clubs. Nine of these clubs are Special Service Clubs!

Several leadership and station appointments have been made since last month's report: KD5Z is now our Technical Coordinator; N5PSL is the new Emergency Coordinator for St. Tammany Parish; N5NVP is now the Emergency Coordinator for Acadia Parish; and KD5IGZ is a new Official Emergency Station. I appreciate Lonnie, Marc, Jim, and Duffy for their interest in serving the LA Station in these important roles in the League's Field Organization.

I am very sorry to report that W5YDC, W5HEZ, W5CRR, and KE5CMU are all now Silent Keys.

Emergency Coordinators should have their SET reports to K5GLS (LA SEC) by now. Gary will submit the LA Section's SET report to ARRL HQ in early January.

Upcoming LA hamfests include the SELARC Hamfest in Hammond on January 19 and the 2008 LA State Convention/AARA Hamfest in Rayne on March 21-22.

73,

Mickey Cox K5MC

LA Section Manager

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LA Section Website: <http://www.laarrl.org/>

Clubhouse restoration approved

The Board of Directors has approved a restoration of the Clubhouse as it stands to bring it to a functional level. A concerted effort will be required by all members to accomplish this. The Board is looking for someone to manage the project who has experience with this type of project from within the membership. The scope of the project will be to replace the door frames and doors, insulate and panel the interior as well as insulate and replace the ceiling. Of course the necessary electrical work will need to be done to facilitate the operation of the clubs equipment. We believe that the building can be put in service in short order with the support of all of the members.