

JEFFERSON REPORT

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The next meeting will be held at East Jefferson Hosp., Domino Pavilion, Dreyfous 2. Please see w5gad.org for the latest information.

General Meeting:
May 22

Board Meeting:
June 12

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



VE Session Huge Success

This past weekend the JARC VEC held a VE session at East Jefferson Hospital. There were 21 examinees. 20 of those taking tests passed the test they came to take. The majority of the test takers came for the technician class exam. We also had several who were upgrading to General or Extra. Nearly everyone who passed decided to try the next higher class exam. Several of those passed that exam as well! All students of the Technician class that has been held the past several weeks passed their tests. Congratulations to all who passed. At press time, the FCC had not yet processed the test session paperwork. We will publish the complete list of exam results in the next newsletter.

New Member

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

Gary Shuford,
KM5ME, Ad-
vanced, Gretna

ARES Re-Districting

Jim Coleman AI5B, Section Emergency Coordinator, has announced his finalized plan for re-aligning the boundaries for ARES Districts in the Section to align with the Homeland Security Regions. This provides 9 districts in the Section instead of the original 7. Jim will work to update the maps on the www.laarrrl.org website accordingly.

New Section Field Organization Appointments

The following are recent appointments made in the Section Field Organization:

ASEC -- Jim Molan KD5IGG

ASEC -- David Gore W5DSG

DEC -- Bob McBride AE5RN -- Southeast District -- Region 1

DEC -- Ken Standard AD5XJ -- Bayou District -- Region 3

DEC -- Jackie Price KA5LMZ -- Acadiana District -- Region 4

DEC -- Ron Phelps KC5FGO -- Southwest District -- Region 5

DEC -- Jim Coleman AI5B -- North Lake District -- Region 9 (change in district designation only)

ADEC -- Earl Creel N5ZD -- North Lake District -- Region 9

ADEC -- Robert Turner KG5YK -- Northwest District -- Region 7

EC -- Cecil Harper WD5CQG -- Sabine Parish

EC -- Doug Phelps WB5OZA -- Calcasieu Parish

TS -- Bill Garvey WB5LYB



American Red Cross Responds to ARRL Concerns Regarding Background Checks

In November 2007, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote to the American Red Cross (ARC) (www.redcross.org) regarding concerns voiced by ARRL volunteers. In 2006, the Red Cross stated it would implement background checks (www.arrrl.org/announce/ARRL-ARC-bg-check.html) that included, among other things, a credit check and a "mode of living" check for its staff and volunteers, including ARES volunteers providing services to the Red Cross during disasters. ARRL saw these portions of the background check as unneeded and inappropriate for ARES service.

In a letter dated May 8 of this year, Armond T. Mascelli, ARC Vice President for Disaster Response Services replied to President Harrison: "I can now report back to you that [these] actions have been completed and changes have been instituted which I trust resolves the concerns detailed in your letter. This effort took considerably more time and attention than originally envisioned, but I believe the results will now benefit our respective organizations.

"A new background consent form now [is] to be used by all Red Cross chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is

limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken."

ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, announced the resolution at the ARRL ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention® and received hearty applause.

"We are very pleased that the American Red Cross has addressed some of the issues that we raised regarding their background investigations and that we can move forward in a relationship that

has existed for a long, long time," Harrison said. "The American Red Cross and the ARRL have shared a productive relationship for many years which has been of benefit to both the organizations and to the public. We are glad that throughout the past months we have been able to negotiate the issues that we had and have finally come to a resolution."

What's Next?

With the background check issue apparently resolved, the ARRL will be working with the ARC in the negotiation and creation of a draft for a new *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* or similar document to replace the one which expired last year; Dura and Keith Robertory of the ARC will be leading the effort. When complete, the draft of the *MOU* will be presented to the leadership of both organizations for approval.

"The ARRL is very pleased that the American Red Cross has responded appropriately to our concerns about the background check issue," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "We believe it now will be possible to go forward to negotiate a statement of understanding between the two organizations. We look forward to renewing and expanding the relationship with the Red Cross."

Interoperability Video

There is a very current video that addresses progress on interoperability among first responders, and the technical, funding, and political challenges that still dog this issue. It's from Homeland Security Today Magazine, and can be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/567dmj>

--Les Rayburn, NILF, Shelby County, Alabama EC

Pandemic Flu Video

There is an excellent resource video available on-line that speaks clearly about the threat of a flu pandemic, its potential impact, and common sense steps that can be taken to mitigate, deal with, and recover from such an event. It was produced by the King County, Washington Dept. of Public Health and can be viewed at: <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/pandemicflu/video/>

Amateur Radio would have important roles in helping to manage such a crisis, and yet we would also be affected by it directly. Does your ARES program have a plan to meet its critical missions if 30% or more of your members were unable to participate? Is it possible for you to meet the needs of your served agencies while operating from home (social distancing) rather than going to their site? Are you personally prepared to deal with disruptions to the food supply, or other essential services?

This video offers common sense approaches that you can take personally, as well as organizational steps that will help us all plan for, and deal with a pandemic when it occurs.

-- Les Rayburn, NILF, Shelby County, Alabama EC

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	4	5 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	6	7
8	9	10 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	11 7:00 p WARC General Meeting at Picadilly's on Lapalco	12 7:30 p JARC Board Meeting 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	13	14
15	16	17 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	18	19 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	20	21
22	23	24 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	25	26 7:30 p JARC General Meeting @ EJGH 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	27	28 Field day
29 Field day	30	1 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	2	3 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	4	5

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.

Do you wish to not disclose your contact information with other members of the club? Yes ___ No ___

Signature _____ Date _____ Sponsor _____ Date _____

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

JARC Board Of Directors 2008

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FCC's Hollingsworth Set to Retire in July

Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth has announced plans to retire from the FCC later this year. "My intention," Hollingsworth told the ARRL, "is to head out in July, assuming the results of the second round of the PAVE PAWS/440 repeater monitoring in California present no complications. It has been a privilege to work with and for the Amateur Radio licensees and the land mobile frequency coordinators. I am extremely fortunate to work for two wonderful groups of people: Those at headquarters in the Enforcement Bureau, and for the Amateur Radio operators." Hollingsworth had planned to retire earlier this year, but changed his mind, saying, "There [were] several issues on the table that I want[ed] to continue to work through with the amateur community."

While his successor has not been named, he was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

Hollingsworth said he considered it an honor to have given something back to "the incredible enjoyment and benefits that Amateur Radio has given me since age 13. And to every one of the thousands of you that thanked us for our work, many of whom waited for long periods after a forum or radio meeting just to come up and express appreciation for what the FCC was doing in enforcement, you have no idea how much that was appreciated every single time. It sure wasn't a 9 to 5 job, but it was a gift and a daily joy to work for the best group of people on earth. The only bad day in nearly 10 years was September 21, 2001, when we lost Steve Linn, N4CAK. We still miss him." Linn, deputy chief of the Licensing and Technical Analysis Branch for private wireless within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and his wife Lesley were killed in a car accident on their way to the Virginia Beach hamfest.

Hollingsworth told the ARRL he was "so very impressed" with the young people who are involved with Amateur Radio: "To the very young Amateur Radio operators I met at Dayton, who have dreams of being scientists and astronauts

DX News

EmComms After the Earthquake in China

The devastating earthquake which hit the Chinese province Sichuan on May 12 caused a loss of more than 50000 lives. The Chinese Radio Sports Association is involved in disaster communications as well. We ask everybody to keep the frequencies 14270 kHz, 7050 kHz and 7060 kHz clear for emergency communications.

T32 - East Kiribati

Haru, JA1XGI, announced to become QRV as T32XG in CW/SSB/digital modes on 40/30/20/17/15m from May 27 until Jun 3. QSL via Homecall, direct or via bureau.

China, Special Event Stations

The beginning of the Olympic Summer Games in Beijing is approaching and connected amateur radio activities are increasing as well. These five stations are representing the colours of the five Olympic rings from May 18 until Sep 17: BT1OB (for blue), BT1OJ (for black), BT1OH (for red), BT1OY (for yellow) and BT1ON (for Green). The QSL manager for all stations is BA4EG who confirms either direct or via bureau. The official website is: <http://www.bj2008ses.com.cn>

New Frequencies in Italy

Italy has allocated the band segment 7100-7200 kHz to amateur radio on a secondary basis on May 13.

NWS Establishes Web Site to Report Outages of NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Transmitters

The National Weather Service has announced a Web page for hams and others to report outages of the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Transmitters (NWR). The Web page <http://www.weather.gov/nwr/outages.html> explains how to report a transmitter that may be off air in a listener's area.

2008 ARRL Photo Contest Deadline Approaching

Photos submitted for the 2008 ARRL Photo Contest will be accepted through Saturday, May 31. Send your photo (one per entrant) as an e-mail attachment to qst@arrl.org with the subject line "2008 ARRL Photo Contest." Digital photos should be high-resolution. Prints can be mailed to 2008 ARRL Photo Contest, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

and communications engineers, we will be pulling for you; I have a strong feeling we won't be disappointed."

"The Amateur Radio Service is part of the American heritage, and I am going to stay as actively involved in it as I possibly can," Hollingsworth explained. "Thank you all for working tirelessly to provide the only fail safe communications system on Earth and for helping this country keep its lead in science and technology. What an incredible gift it has been to work with you every day, and how fortunate we are to love the magic of radio!"