

JEFFERSON REPORT

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August 2008

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

General Meeting:
August 28

Board Meeting:
September 11

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



Mickey Cox, K5MC to Speak at Meeting

Mickey Cox, K5MC, candidate for the office of Delta Division Director will be at the next JARC meeting to discuss his run for office. All are invited to attend.

Tech Class to Begin

The JARC is offering another Technician Class License training program beginning Wednesday, September 10, 2008. The class will be held at East Jefferson General Hospital's Dreyfous 2 meeting room in the Crawford Conference Center.

The class will be on Monday and Wednesday evening's beginning at 7:00 P.M. for 5 nights. There is no charge for the class, however students are expected to purchase the study guide which will be available for \$20.00. We have limited copies of those so please register for the class early to reserve your copy of the book. The class will culminate in a review and test session which will be on Saturday, September 27, 2008. The review session begins at 8:30 A.M. and is open to anyone who is interested. The test session is expected to start at 11:00 A.M. The test fee is \$14.00.

If you know of someone who is interested in taking the class have them register by emailing the club at w5gad@arrl.net.

New Member

The following has applied for membership to the JARC and will be voted on at the general meeting.

Micheal Villarrubia, KE5VUI, Technician, Metairie

New D*STAR G2 On the Air!

It has been a long road, but we are now up and running on the G2 D*STAR network. Special thanks to Mike McCrary, WB5LJQ, of the Shreveport Digital Team. He was instrumental in getting our D*STAR system back up and running. More special thanks to Jesse (WB5NPW), Charles (K5CFJ), Bob (AE5RN), and Keith (W5KB) for assisting in getting the new gateway computer on-line and in place. Users must register to use the gateway network. PLEASE CLICK THE "READ MORE" LINK BEFORE REGISTERING ON THE D*STAR NETWORK. The registration process can be started by going to <https://dstar.w5gad.org/Dstar.do>. There is also a link, in red, on the left to the D*STAR Registration page. For more detailed information on registration, please read more at the following link <http://www.w5gad.org/forum/viewtopic.php?p=2087#2087>.

Hurricane Watch Net to Activate

As of 0800 Wednesday, August 27, Gustav has been downgraded to a Tropical Storm. The forecast is for it to be at Cat 1 sometime tomorrow as it approaches Cuba. The Hurricane Watch Net therefore, plans to be active at 0700 CDT (1200UTC) on Thursday, August 28.

PLEASE NOTE: We are sorry to report that our streaming audio link has suffered a catastrophic failure. Until repairs can be made, we will be without this service.

We invite you to monitor the status of all active storms through information presented here in our web site (<http://www.hwn.org/>).

Louisiana Contest Club Formally Organized

The Louisiana Contest Club was formally organized at the Leesville, LA hamfest. Present at the organizational meeting



and signing of the club constitution and by-laws were the charter members Charlie Morrison, KI5XP; Roland Guidry, NA5Q; Pat Sonnier, W5WMU; Mark Ketchell, K5ER; and Scott Dickson, W5WZ. Also present were Louisiana Section Manager Gary Stratton K5GLS; and Louisiana

Affiliated Club Coordinator Jim Bookner, N5NVP.

The Louisiana Contest Club is a special purpose amateur radio club devoted to the pursuit of operating and technical excellence. Our goals are simple:

New HF Digital Protocol to Debut at DCC

WINMOR, an HF digital protocol designed for use with the Winlink 2000 network, will be unveiled at the upcoming ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference in Chicago, September 26-28.

According to developer Rick Muething, KN6KB, WINMOR will effectively eliminate the need for external PACTOR hardware. "This new protocol is implemented through a Windows application that uses a computer sound card for all the analog-to-digital conversion. It provides error-free ARQ transfers within 200, 500 or 2000 Hz bandwidths," Muething said.

In terms of throughput, Muething said that the 200-Hz WINMOR mode appears to equal the performance of PACTOR I. In WINMOR's 2000 Hz mode, its performance rivals PACTOR III.

"WINMOR is a work in progress," Muething said. "We won't be pulling the wraps off a finished application at the conference. We're close, though. I'd like to see on-air testing in 3 to 6 months."

Conference information and registration is available online or by telephone at 972-671-8277. Rick Muething's presentation paper, WINMOR. . . A Sound Card ARQ Mode for Winlink HF Digital Messaging, is included in the conference proceedings. Proceedings will also be available for sale on the ARRL Web after the conference.

--To promote the fun, satisfaction and competitive thrill of radio contesting

--To assist our members in the development of their operating and technical skills

--To foster increased friendly competition and sportsmanship

--To become a competitive force in club competition of amateur radio contests

The newly elected officers are: President- Mark Ketchell K5ER; Vice-President- Charlie Morrison KI5XP; Secretary/Treasurer- Scott Dickson W5WZ; Director- Pat Sonnier W5WMU; and Director- Roland Guidry NA5Q.

The idea of organizing a contest club originated at the 2008 Dayton Hamvention in the contest super suite over pizza. The original founders of LCC felt that an organization was needed in Louisiana to educate, promote and encourage contesting. Further, they recognized that Louisiana had never been represented by a statewide contest club. Among Louisiana hams, there are many recognized and skilled Amateur Radio operators, some who have won many national and world contesting awards. Through the LCC, we will provide a vehicle for its membership to further develop contesting skills and strategies, while allowing members to share collective knowledge and experience through mentoring.

The LCC has chosen to mark the center of its circle near Marksville, LA at coordinates N31.226894 Latitude and W91.944580 Longitude. This circle INCLUDES ALL of Louisiana except the very tip of the Mississippi River delta and mouth. It will also include the following population centers:

Beaumont TX
Lufkin, TX
Greenville, MS
Vicksburg, MS
Natchez, MS
Jackson, MS
Hattiesburg, MS
Eldorado, AR
Magnolia, AR

All persons interested in amateur radio contesting shall be eligible to submit an application for membership. Membership shall be by application and dues payment of \$20 annually.

Please visit our website at www.LouisianaContestClub.org or contact us via e-mail; info@LouisianaContestClub.org

As our mascot Chomps Boo-TAY states, "laissez lez Contest roulez!" (Let the Contest roll!)

--Scott Dickson, W5WZ

--LCC Secretary/Treasurer

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DHS Releases National Emergency Communications Plan

* Fact Sheet (http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1217534334567.shtm)

* National Emergency Communications Plan (PDF, 83 pages - 4.09 MB), (http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/national_emergency_communications_plan.pdf)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently released the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) to address gaps and determine solutions so that emergency response personnel at all levels of government and across all disciplines can communicate as needed, on demand, and as authorized. The NECP is the nation's first strategic plan to improve emergency response communications, and complements overarching homeland security and emergency communications legislation, strategies and initiatives.

“This is a comprehensive plan designed to drive measurable and sustainable improvements to operable and interoperable emergency communications nationwide over the next three years. It emphasizes the human element and cross-jurisdictional cooperation, going beyond simply buying new equipment,” said Homeland Security Under Secretary Robert Jamison. “We have recently approved State-wide Communication Interoperability Plans for all 56 states and territories. Aligning these plans with the NECP will move emergency communications forward and further promote a coordinated nationwide strategy.”

The NECP defines three goals that establish a minimum level of interoperable communications and a deadline for federal, state, local and tribal authorities:

1. By 2010, 90 percent of all high-risk urban areas designated within the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) can demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies.

2. By 2011, 75 percent of non-UASI jurisdictions can demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies.

3. By 2013, 75 percent of all jurisdictions can demonstrate response-level emergency communications within three hours of a significant event, as outlined in the department's national planning scenarios.

The NECP enhances governance, planning, technology, training and exercises, and disaster communications capabilities with recommendations and milestones for emergency responders and relevant government officials. It is designed

to drive measurable and sustainable improvements over the next five years consistent with the: National Response Framework; National Incident Management System; National Preparedness Guidelines; and Target Capabilities List. NECP goals, along with these other department strategies, will improve nationwide response efforts and bolster situational awareness, information sharing and command and control operations.

The department's Office of Emergency Communications developed the NECP in cooperation with more than 150 public and private sector emergency communications officials. The department's new Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program will further enable states to align their plans with the NECP.

The Magnolia DX Association (MDXA) is on the move again!

Ship Island is located off the coast of Mississippi due south of Biloxi. Due to hurricanes Camille and Katrina Ship Island is now divided into “West Ship” and “East Ship” Islands. Both are counted as being part of the “Mississippi Group” under the official RSGB IOTA Program (<http://www.rsgbiota.org/>) with the numerical designation of “NA-082.” However, only West Ship Island has ever been activated via amateur radio...and even then for only a total of 12 hours (4 hours in 1992; 3 hours in 1993; and 6 hours in 2001)! East Ship Island has never been activated!!! However, for four days in October 2008 this will change. In addition, the US Islands Program (<http://www.usislands.org/>) also has recognized East and West Ship as separate islands, leading to a new designator of MS009 for East Ship. The MDXA (<http://www.mdxa.org/>) will put East Ship Island on the air for the first time ever using special event callsign K5S. Current plans call for the initial setup team to arrive on the island the morning of October 16. We plan to be QRV by the afternoon of the 16th until early on the 19th with as many as four (4) HF stations operating 80 -10M on SSB/CW and possibly digital modes as well. In addition, the US Islands W/VE QSO Party (http://www.usislands.org/contest_rules.html) is October 18-19 and we plan to participate in this event using callsign K5Z in order to give out MS009 to other QSO Party participants. To view the video of a scouting trip by K5YG and K2FF, go to the following link http://www.kcvhfgridbandits.com/kc_vhf_grid_bandits_013.htm.

K5UZ; Candidate for Delta Div. Vice Director

I am David Norris, K5UZ and I would appreciate your vote in the race for Vice Director of the ARRL Delta Division. I am a lifelong citizen of Batesville, Arkansas. I am graduates of Batesville High School, Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas. I hold advanced

pleasure to serve the amateur radio community. Coming up through the ranks of the ARRL has been a valuable experience and has given me a good perspective of how the ARRL functions, and where we have room for improvement.

Being a two-term SM in Arkansas has been the most valu-

able experience anyone can gain for the job of Vice Director. During my tenure as Arkansas SM we have implemented many new and innovative things such as working agreements with served agencies that helped us grow amateur radio in Arkansas. The super-session classes and VE testing which was broadcast state-wide via Arkansas Department of Health video link gained us nearly 300 new amateurs across the state. This was especially helpful in boosting our numbers in the rural areas of the state where no amateur radio classes had been offered and we had very few active hams. We also gained a new served agency and a presence in the hospitals around the state.

NTS, insuring a bright future for the National Traffic System in to the 21st Century.

Our training nets are second to none with our Arkansas ARES/RACES Net on Sunday mornings and the Arkansas Section Traffic Emergency Net meeting Monday-Friday evenings providing a forum as well as solid emergency communications and traffic handling lessons for OT's and new hams alike. It has been our goal in Arkansas to be the best trained and prepared group of hams. The ARRL must be proactive in emergency preparedness to insure that we are ready "when all else fails".

When I took over as Section Manager in April 2005, Arkansas ARRL membership numbers had been on a three-year downward slide. Through good salesmanship, positive attitude, firm leadership, recruiting new hams and hard work the downward trend was reversed and we have been experiencing a steady growth rate around 3-4% in Arkansas for three years, even when the national trend was downward. Our membership level has gone from 1278 in June 2005 to 1444 as of May 2008; a 14% growth in overall membership. These numbers are proof of a well directed, dedicated and synergistic effort.

Of course I did not do these things alone; it was our hard working ARRL Field Organization Volunteers that made this a reality. These hard working ARRL members are the best! I simply listened to their ideas, analyzed the situation, helped organize the efforts and let them succeed! I believe in letting talented people create and produce to the best of their abilities; get them started and get out of their way! It is the membership that makes the ARRL function, and we should never forget that fact.

Your input is critical and I will always listen to the members' ideas on any pertinent matter. As Vice Director I will relay your ideas and thoughts to the Director. Also, it is my obligation to advise the Director and represent him where and when he can't be present. As Vice Director I will strive to make emcomm training more accessible to all amateurs. I will put forth mine and any others' suggestions on the preservation and modernization of the NTS which is absolutely essential. I will take a keen interest in on air operating issues, lending my expertise to the Director in DXCC, VUCC, and Contesting matters. Also, having a civil engineer with experience in municipal planning and zoning will prove invaluable when dealing with antenna restriction issues. Since good communications are essential in any organization, I will work for more transparency between the ARRL Board and the membership, and I will serve as a spokesman at the Director's request to disseminate information from the board to the membership and serve as a sounding board for the Director. Finally, as we march into the 21st Century we see our hobby going through many changes. Change is essential as we either evolve or become extinct; however we must strive to preserve the best customs, traditions and institutions of amateur radio that have made this the "king of hobbies" for nearly a century.

It has been my pleasure and honor to represent the ARRL to the members in Arkansas, now please allow me to help represent the Delta Division members to the ARRL.

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degrees in civil engineering, I am a registered professional engineer, and I am currently employed as a civil engineer with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. My wife Susan and I reside in Batesville, Arkansas. I currently serve as the Section Manager for the Arkansas Section of the ARRL.

I was first licensed in 1977 as WD5FUO at age 15, and I have been active off and on from various QTH's around the world, and I have proudly held an extra class license for over 21 years. I have been active from my current QTH in Batesville, Arkansas since 1987, growing a large antenna farm and an SO2R/Multi-two contest station over the years. I have held several positions in the field services division including EC, OO, VE, Volunteer Consulting Engineer and as Assistant SM for 12 years; hence service to the ARRL membership is nothing new to me and it has always been my

able experience anyone can gain for the job of Vice Director. During my tenure as Arkansas SM we have implemented many new and innovative things such as working agreements with served agencies that helped us grow amateur radio in Arkansas. The super-session classes and VE testing which was broadcast state-wide via Arkansas Department of Health video link gained us nearly 300 new amateurs across the state. This was especially helpful in boosting our numbers in the rural areas of the state where no amateur radio classes had been offered and we had very few active hams. We also gained a new served agency and a presence in the hospitals around the state.

We are currently modernizing and upgrading our packet network with the newly involved hospitals adding tel-packs to our state network for WL2k air mail, and we have integrated the digital communications network in state to the

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	3	4 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	5	6
7	8	9 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	10 7:00 p WARC General Meeting at Picadilly's on Lapalco	11 7:30 p JARC Board Meeting 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	12	13
14	15	16 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	17	18 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	19	20
21	22	23 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	24	25 7:30 p JARC General Meeting @ EJGH 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	26	27
28	29	30 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	1	2 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	3	4

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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	#2: Don	WB5QAZ	455-4448
	#3: John	K5JCJ	913-6784

DX News

KH0 - Northern Mariana Islands: Satoshi, N2QP, will be on Saipan (OC-086) 4. through 8. September as KH0/N2QP and plans to be in the All Asian DX Phone Contest (September 6/7th). QSL direct only to Satoshi Kouya, 2-7-5 Iwamoto-cho, Chiyoda, Tokyo 101-0032, Japan.

ZS8 - Marion & Prince Edward: Petrus, ZS8T, now is on Marion Island since two months, but he has to spend much more time on his job than supposed. Additionally he has problems on tuning the Stepp IR-Vertical. So he did only one single QSO till now. He will be on the island for another seven months and we hope he will be able to spend some time on DXing then. Look for updates on <http://zs8t.net/>

.9V - Singapore: 9V1F1 (9V1 formula one) will represent the Formula 1 Grand Prix taking place in Singapore September 28th with an activity from August 26th through September 30th. Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society will start buro QSLing in October.

Pacific Tour: Find Ulli, DL2AH, and Willi, DJ7RJ, in September through November 2008 touring the Pacific. They estimate an arrival on Tokelau in the timeframe September 2nd to 5th. Willi has ben on the Tokelaus before and estimates to reactivate his former call ZK3MW. They will continue on Nukunonu (OC-048) until September 29th, followed by Apia, Samoa, for the further planning. They will continue on different routes. Willi has time until October 20th to visit another Island, perhaps Wallis & Futuna or Marquesas. Plans or depending on flight plans and lodging possibilities.

Ulli will continue to Manua Islands (OC-077), US-Samoa, for October 7th through 27th time frame as KH8/DL2AH. Finally he intends to go to Tonga, October 29th through November 9th, call to be announced. Ulli primarily will be on vacation with his FT-897 and Windom dipole. As before he will be on SSB mainly, with some RTTY. QSOs will be confirmed after his return, direct or via Buro.

40, Montenegro: Operators Jorg/DL3NER, Walter/DG5NGJ, Thomas/DG5NGI, Ivo/DL9MB, Heiko/DG8NGI and Hubert/DK9NCX will be active as 40/homecall between September 25th and October 4th. Activity is planned for 160-2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via their home call signs.

For more details, see: <http://www.qrz.com/callsign/DK9NCX>. PLEASE NOTE: The team states, "We do this DXpedition for the children who are ill with cancer (<http://www.stationregenbogen.de/>). So let's try to make them smile. We send out the QSL cards after our return from Montenegro. Further info on donating can be found at [QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com/)."

FCC Vanity Call Sign Fees to Increase September 25

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 26, 2008 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008," includes regulatory fees expected to recover a total of \$312,000,000 during FY2008, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

For more information, see the recent ARRLWeb article, FCC to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees (<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/08/11/10257/?nc=1>).

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