

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:
September 25

Board Meeting:
October 9

Open clubhouse: none until further notice

Tuesday Net: 9:00 P.M. on
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Gustav EmComm Ops Successful

The system works! Thanks to the constant efforts of all the generous Amateurs of Southeastern Louisiana, and the people they helped train and worked with, proved that the system actually can and will work!

During the last three years, several forward thinking people in the Amateur community, pulled together over 60 people to respond to Hurricane Gustav through hard work, patience, and planning. This is truly a credit to all those who helped by either reporting to their served agencies pre landfall and those who came back to fill their support roles after Gustav had done his damage.

The Louisiana Region 1 Urban Area Security Initiative Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Advisory Committee, is made up of Amateurs representing the Governors Office of Homeland Security, New Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines Parish EOC's, New Orleans Sewage and Water Board EOC, New Orleans Fire Department, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, ARES, City of Kenner EOC and Law Enforcement Reservist. The members of the La Region 1 UASI Amateur Radio Emcomm Advisory Committee responded along with others serving in Regions 9, 3 and 2 to support the Emergency Operations Centers in their respective Parishes and were in constant contact with each other. VHF and UHF analog repeaters were busy with important traffic as was the D-Star Digital System that was linked to the Southeastern Skywarn Net throughout the storm. HF Communications were maintained on Amateur Frequencies as well as co-ordinated on the United States Coast Guard Contingency and MARS system HF Frequencies.

Amateurs were imbedded with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Ochsner, East Jefferson, West Jefferson and University Hospitals. The National Weather Service and North Shore Hospitals, and St. Tammany EOC were manned by members of the Ozone Amateur Radio Club and other Region 9 hams as well as a few residents of Region 1.

Many members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 45, the first flotilla in the Auxiliary ever formed primarily of Amateur Radio Communicators, continued the coordination of efforts and the fine work of all well into the next weekend. Most of the flotilla's members are members of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club. The Flotilla is commanded by Lyle Brown, KD5EWD, and Albert Dupont, W5AFD. Flotilla 45's members are trained in many facets of the Coast Guards Operations, ICS and NIMS procedures so that they can fulfill the mission of the Coast Guard and be an integral part of the communications infrastructure when their normal systems fail. This is something that the National Guard and Coast Guard experienced first hand during their deployments of Hurricane Katrina. Members of Flotilla 45 manned communications watches as well as performed other mission critical tasks. Mary Vernoy, WA5IOE was instrumental in keeping the tasks of Coast Guard Station New Orleans flowing smoothly under the direction of CWO David Mulford. Members of the Auxiliary were also instrumental in relaying messages regarding the vessels that had come loose from their moorings in the Mississippi River and Intracoastal Waterway.

Section Emergency Coordinator for the Louisiana Section of the ARRL, Jim Coleman, AI5B, kept in constant contact and kept the flow of information moving throughout the entire event. He relayed his appreciation to everyone for a job well done.

Thankfully, we did not have as critical and widespread a situation as we did in Katrina. We did prove that with the right leadership and coordination of efforts, many can work together to attain a common goal.

I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and served with me in the Emcomm Committee. I look forward to growing our success and improving from the lessons learned during Gustav.

Karl Bullock, WA5TMC

Delta Division Director Candidate



Greetings!

As you may know, there is an election for the position of Delta Division Director this year. I am Karl Bullock, WA5TMC, Delta Division Vice-Director, and I am running for Director. I want to ask you for your vote and your sup-

port. The obvious question is “Why vote for you”? Thanks for asking! Here are just some of the reasons.

- As your current Vice-Director, I have worked very well with your current Director, Henry WD4Q, who has kept me fully informed of the issues the ARRL is facing, as well as issues that we may be facing in the future.

- As Vice-Director, I have not only attended each Board Meeting, but have participated in several assignments, as well as in strategic planning.

- My contact with other Board members and staff has allowed me to forge the relationships necessary to effectively represent the Delta Division in the Board Room. It takes 8 votes to pass any measure, and I have earned the respect of other members of the Board that will make my vote and position count.

- I have made it my mission to listen to the Membership at Hamfest forums, Club meetings, and in private contacts. I realize it is my job to represent you, the Membership, and not carry a personal agenda into the Board process.

- As an experienced ham for 41 years, and a League member for 40 years, I have not only held several positions in the League’s field organization, but have actively participated in all facets of Amateur Radio. This well-rounded experience gives me perspective on every issue that might come up.

- I have served as a member of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC), the Background Check and Credentialing Committee, and I am now Chairman of the ARRL’s Technology Task Force.

You can see this and other information on our website at <http://www.team4delta.org>.

So what issues do I feel are important to the Membership?

- Open deliberations. It is vital that the deliberations of the Directors be above suspicion, and that the reasons for Board actions be clearly spelled out. There is room for improvement here, and I’ll work to make sure each issue is fully discussed and honestly decided.

- Communications. In this era of instant communications, the

League also has room for improvement in letting the Membership know when issues pop up, and what the League management is doing about it. Additionally, I will utilize the latest tools in the Division to bring easier participation for individual members into the decision-making process. I will hold regular meetings with other Division officials (SM, SEC, Asst. Directors, and the Vice-Director) to ensure that all points of view are presented, and that issues important to Delta members are understood.

- Growth. I am already working with others on ways to bring new, younger hams into the hobby, and I will work with other Directors to make this a major priority. Additionally, an organization is only as effective as its membership, so I will also work to increase membership in the League, and the value of that membership.

- Advocacy. The League has done a good job in the last two years setting up a national “Grassroots” system for contacting every member of Congress on issues important to Amateurs. My XYL, Amy N5TBB, is the Division Legislative Action Chairman. I will work with her and others to strengthen this program as a new Congress and a new President take office in January.

- Positive Leadership. There’s entirely too much contention in the ranks of our hobby these days, and I will look for solutions rather than blame, and listen to points of view that I may even initially disagree with. Ham Radio is a “big tent”. There’s room for everyone, and I’ll work to make positive changes as they become necessary. I will stand firm on principles important to you, but do so in a way that fosters cooperation rather than confrontation.

- My job is to represent you. I can and will do so effectively, and continue the integrity and effectiveness that our current Director has displayed in Newington.

Finally, here’s a bit about my background:

I am 55 years old, and President of Bullock & Associates, a telecommunications consulting firm specializing in voice/video/data communications, primarily fiber-to-the-premises. After college I started a career in sales and management, managing several businesses and business units for 15 years from small private enterprises to Fortune-500 companies. In 1986 I started a software development company that I operated for 6 years until I received an offer from one of my clients I just couldn’t turn down. I managed his business (an accounting firm specializing in transportation) until 1997. In 1996, along with other investors, I started what we thought would be a small Internet Service Provider, and because of the growth, in 1998 I left my then-current employer to become the CEO of the ISP. When I left that company in 2002 to begin my current enterprise, it was one of the largest ISPs in the Mid South, and included a telephone company, and a fiber company.

I became a ham in 1967 at the age of 14, immediately joined

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Mickey Cox, K5MC

Delta Division Director Candidate



Members of the Delta Division,

You should soon be receiving your ballot to elect a new Delta Division Director. I would very much like to be your Director and am asking for your vote. Over its nearly 100-year history the ARRL has been a great organization, but there is room for improvement. The issues I've outlined in my

campaign platform identify a number of ways I believe our League can be improved. (Details of my campaign platform are available at <http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=152397> and <http://www.k5mc.net/>)

Each candidate's statement included with your ballot is limited to 300 words according to ARRL policy. My ballot statement emphasizes the changes I will try to bring to the ARRL if elected rather than my personal history. However, several friends have suggested I "flesh out" my background in more detail to the voters and that is the emphasis here.

I was fortunate to become a ham 40 years ago at the age of 13 and I've been a League member continuously since joining in the fall of 1968. In 1970 I became a traffic handler and was soon appointed an ARRL Official Relay Station; by the age of 17 I was the ARRL Route Manager for the LA Section. (In those days the duties of today's Section Traffic Manager was divided between the Route Manager/CW nets and the Phone Activities Manager/phone nets.) Over the years I have also been quite active as a DXer and a contester.

In 1999 I became a candidate for LA Section Manager and was privileged to serve four consecutive terms from April 2000 through March 2008. Thanks to many hard working volunteers, there was a lot of progress made in the LA Section during my tenure as SM. During that time we helped formalize the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MS and STX Sections; we also helped establish a Delta Division MOU with the AR, MS, and TN Sections. The LA HF ARES Net was started and continues to meet every Sunday at 7:30 PM on 3873 kHz. We established closer ties between ARES and NTS, held annual Simulated Emergency Tests (several times jointly with our neighbors in MS and STX), started a Field Day Awards Program for affiliated clubs, etc. I believe most of the active League members in LA will agree that I was an effective Section Manager.

Thanks to my early exposure to ham radio, I chose to study electrical engineering in college. Other than working in the Antenna Group at General Dynamics in Fort Worth, TX, for a few years in the late 1970s, I've spent my career teaching electrical engineering at LA Tech University. In addition to being a full professor of EE at Tech, I'm a Registered Professional Engineer. Among the courses I have taught are circuits, electromagnetics, electrical machinery, power systems, communication systems, and EE design. My research projects have focused primarily on electric power systems. For the past two years I have also served as the EE Program Chair at LA Tech.

I am very fortunate to have a number of prominent hams in the Delta Division supporting me in this election. My supporters include W5XX, WB5VUH, N5FG, W5RXU, NF5B, K4AAL, K5GLS, WA5LQZ, W5PY, KD5IGG, WB5BNV, and W5EW.

We are also having an election to choose a new Vice Director. I am supporting K4AAL for Vice Director and I hope you will consider supporting Ariel as well.

Thanks very much and 73,
Mickey Cox, K5MC

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the ARRL, and in the early 70's I became a life member. Along the way I started the Mississippi Training and Traffic Net for Novices (it's now the Mississippi Slow Net). I've held the positions of ORS, OBS, NCS, RN5 Rep, OO, OOC, EC, DEC, and now Vice-Director. I hold Brass Pounder's League awards, including the brass medallion, and I've been a participant in multiple emergency communications deployments. I like homebrewing, Dxing (Yep, have the DXCC), contesting, public service activities, and just plain old rag chewing - and yes, I am a member of the Rag Chewer's Club. I've been club president, and helped organize our local club, the Tippah Amateur Radio Association. I'm active on all bands and modes from 160-432, and I try to get on the air several times a week.

As you can see, I'm well prepared to represent the Delta Division. I have the experience, especially with my hands-on business experience. I've worked with Boards in my own businesses, and I have the relationships in place to continue representing your views in the League Board room.

When the ballots arrive in late September/early October, I ask for your vote as your next Director for the Delta Division. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. My contact information is below.

Thanks, and 73!
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David Norris, K5UZ

Delta Division Vice Director Candidate



I am David Norris, K5UZ and I would appreciate your vote in the race for Vice Director of the ARRL Delta Division. I am 47 years old and a lifelong citizen of Batesville, Arkansas. I hold advanced degrees in civil engineering,

and I am a registered professional engineer, currently employed as a civil engineer with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. My wife Susan and I reside in Batesville where we are involved with our church, family and charitable organizations. I currently serve as the Section Manager for the Arkansas Section of the ARRL.

I was first licensed in 1977 as WD5FUO, 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 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 enjoy chasing DX with 341 DXCC entities confirmed, 5-Band DXCC, DXCC Challenge and DXCC Honor Roll. I enjoy operating and I am passionate about this hobby as it was amateur radio that led me in to the engineering profession and has provided me with a rewarding pastime. Every kid should be as fortunate!

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 pleasure to serve the amateur 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 valuable 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 statewide 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, a presence in the hospitals around the state and a valuable tool for

teaching statewide in the video link system.

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 steady growth rate around 3-4% in Arkansas for three years, even when the national trend was downward. Our membership growth rate in Arkansas as of July is leading the Delta Division at 5.1%! 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. Please vote K5UZ for a positive future in the ARRL Delta Division.

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Website: <http://www.team4delta.org>

Ariel Elam, K4AAL

Delta Division Vice Director Candidate



I am Ariel Elam, K4AAL, Candidate for Vice-Director of Delta Division.

Experience: First Licensed 54 years ago; Extra Class; Actively involved in Amateur Radio; Life Member of ARRL; Member of Nashville V.E. Team; Former officer Radio Amateur Transmitting Society (Nashville, TN); Former Editor, The RATS Tale; Assistant

Director, Delta Division; Sec/Treasurer, Music City ARA; Member Nashville ARC. I have two sons, wife Skip, KA4TYS, ARRL Member with General license. She has two sons and a daughter.

We own and operate a small beef cattle operation and

also a housing rental operation consisting of twenty duplexes which we maintain. I understand that the ARRL is a business which must be profitable in addition to other sources of income. I left Amprite Electric Co. ten years ago to devote full time to the above avocations. I understand being profitable by avoiding unnecessary expenses.

Skip and I have traveled and operated in Alaska, Canada, Russia, and Australia. We both are casual operators and enjoy getting on the air and talking to people and meeting other Hams face to face

I believe in this wonderful, beneficial hobby and the potential facing the ARRL. I am concerned for the future of Amateur Radio, and am committed to assisting our director to meet with and listen to you, the Delta Division members, that we may understand your concerns on important issues and then help the ARRL and its' members by assisting our Director to implement appropriate policies to guide Amateur Radio into the future. I will also go to HamFests and Club meetings as requested by our Director.

I will appreciate your vote and support in this election for Vice-Director.

ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can

years, the TIS has provided members with assistance researching ARRL periodicals and publications, as well as providing members and non-members with article reprints for a small fee. Access to the new online digital QST archive is free for ARRL members.



now access the online QST magazine archive (<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qqnsearch.html>). This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS - <http://www.arrl.org/tis/>) -- provides PDF copies of all QST articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project and more. For many

“Having access to every issue of QST through 2004 is absolutely incredible!” said ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI. “The best of the best of QST from every era is now at the fingertips of every ARRL member with a keyboard and an Internet connection. Members can

research articles on any subject that interests them, or just browse the past issues. This will be a popular membership benefit that will be of special value to new and long-time hams alike. This valuable content will help radio amateurs who use QST as a technical resource -- for projects, equipment ‘hints and kinks’ -- and for other research contributing to the advancement of the radio art. We know many hams will simply enjoy perusing these pages of history, too.”

The ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search lists every article for QST from 1915 to the present, QEX from 1981 to the present,

Ham Radio from 1968 to 1990 and NCJ from 1973 to the present (please note that beginning in 1998, each issue of QEX covers two months). Only ARRL members will be able to download and print copies of the QST articles.

QST magazine is the official journal of ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. An interest in Amateur Radio is the only essential qualification of membership. ARRL membership is \$39 per year in the US. For a complete list of membership benefits and dues, please visit the ARRL Membership Web page <http://www.arrl.org/join>.

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VE Test Session

There will be a review session for the Technician class license on Saturday, September 27 beginning at 8:30 A.M. Anyone testing for the Technician license is welcome. A VE test session will follow at 11. All levels of license will be given. The location of the test session is in the Dreyfous 2 room of the East Jefferson Hospital, Crawford conference center. Please bring your driver's license, copy of your current license if already licensed, any applicable CSCE's and a test fee of \$14.

October 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	1	2 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	3	4
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