

# JEFFERSON REPORT

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**January 2009**

**The next meeting will be held at the JARC Clubhouse, Wally Pontiff Playground Please see [w5gad.org](http://w5gad.org) for the latest information.**

General Meeting:  
January 22

Board Meeting:  
February 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of  
the month



## General Meeting at Clubhouse

The last time that the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club met at the JARC Clubhouse was August 25, 2005. There was a little storm brewing in the Gulf of Mexico and everyone said it was going toward the east of Louisiana. The next day, Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, the atmosphere began to play its dirty little tricks on the Louisiana and Mississippi Coastlines. Katrina hit and you know the rest of the story! Little did we know that we would not be able to meet there again for a General Meeting until 7:30 P.M. January 22, 2009.

We have many people to thank for the progress that we have made and we will do that when we re-dedicate the building this spring. I have mentioned many names in this column during the last three years. You all know who you are. It is very hard for me to express the feelings I have for each of you who have hauled, scrubbed, painted, cleaned, nailed, broke concrete, donated, planned and even begged for help from unsuspecting donors! Please, member or not, come help us celebrate the reopening of the nucleus of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club. If you know an inactive member or former member, call them up and invite them back home!

See you at the club! Keith  
**Elections to be held for 2009  
JARC Officers**

The elections committee will make its report to the membership at the meeting on January 22 and also accept any nominations from the floor for the Officers of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, Inc as well as three Board Members. In order to cast your ballot, your 2009 dues must be paid in full. Dick, W5RMX will accept dues payments throughout the meeting. Dues for 2009 are \$30.00.

**JARC Hosts Technician Class at LSU Medical Center / University Hospital.**

On Wednesday, January 14, the first Technician Class of 2009 began at the request of University Hospital. There are currently 8 students and all are very interested. Most are Law Enforcement with a sprinkling of nurses and retirees. The Jefferson VEC will hold a Test Session on Saturday, February 7, 9:30 AM, at the hospital. The test will be administered in Room 102. That room is in the basement of the hospital just as you exit the elevators. There will be a review session for the Technician Class beginning at 8:30 AM the day of the test.

2009 test fees are \$14.00. You must bring some form of picture identification, a COPY of your license and any CSCE's that you will be applying toward your upgrade.



*Here is a recent picture of the clubhouse. It is much further along now. Although not completely finished, it is very close.*

# Club Acquires SteppIR 3 Element Antenna

The Board of directors approved the purchase of a SteppIR 3 Element Yagi. This antenna for those of you who are not familiar with it is capable of performing as a monoband Yagi for 6 – 20 Meters. We have been discussing the location of the antenna and the soon to be named Equipment/Station committee chairman will be instrumental in developing and antenna plan for the Club.

We had removed several of the antenna's before Katrina

## Mardi Gras Marathon needs Communications Volunteers

If you would like to assist the Amateur Community with one of its major public service events of the year, contact Joe Glorioso, N5OZG on the 444.775, 146.86 or 444.700 repeaters or call 504-288-7084. The marathon is Sunday Morning, February 1 and we will be gathering for 7:00 A.M. More information will also be made available at the meeting.

## The New Orleans Hamfest is Coming

The New Orleans Hamfest Committee will be meeting on Saturday February 7 to discuss the plans for the upcoming event. Make sure to keep October 3, 2009 open for this event. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3310 Florida Ave., in Kenner. Stay tuned for more details as the date gets closer. To check out the latest news on the hamfest, go to <http://www.cqtopia.com/nolahamfest/>. For more information contact Joe N5OZG at 504-288-7084 or at [Joen5ozg@bellsouth.net](mailto:Joen5ozg@bellsouth.net).

## Year-End Figures

On the ARRL PR committee mailing list this morning, Allen G Pitts, W1AGP, the ARRL's Media & PR Manager reported the following year-end statistics:

- \* The ARRL grew by 1100 members,

- \* There was approximately a 1.2% growth in hams in the USA, using stats found at AH0A's Amateur Radio Education Website, and

- \* There are 28,066 new US hams in 2008.

The CIA estimates that the US population will grow by about 0.9% in 2008. If you assume that without any additional effort, the number of licensed hams would also go up by that amount, then the real increase is only about 0.3%. While that's good, we need to do better.

Also, if the number of ARRL members increased by 1,100, then that is only a 0.7% increase (1100/153535) in the number of members, meaning that ARRL membership decreased as a percentage of licensed amateurs. In December 2007, Page 2

and cleaned them with designs on re-installing them. It is believed that we can repair and clean come of what we have and once we inventory the antenna's on the ground we can start to evaluate their potential for be resurrected from the scrap yard. If you would like to participate in any of the standing committee's for the club, contact your President and express your interest.

## Message from Delta Division Dir.

Delta Division Members,

This message is my first one to you in my new role as Delta Division Director. I want to thank everyone who supported me in the recent election and I want every member to know that I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve in this important position. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be elected by one's peers to be the new Delta Division Director!

I also want to thank Henry WD4Q and Karl WA5TMC for all of their help during the transition phase these past six weeks. These two gentlemen have served the Delta Division admirably and we all owe them our gratitude for their many years of service.

David K5UZ and I will be attending our first Board meeting on January 16 in our new roles. We will fly up to ARRL Headquarters a few days earlier to learn the "rituals and customs" followed at the Board meetings. My plan right now is to listen as much as possible and talk as little as possible during this particular Board meeting. (There will be plenty of opportunities for me to talk during future Board meetings over the next three years!)

Please don't hesitate to contact me concerning your views on what I should do to represent the Delta Division. I will make every effort to acknowledge your email messages within a few days; if you don't receive a response from me within a week, that probably means your message got lost somewhere in cyberspace! It is my intention to answer all correspondence from hams in the Delta Division (whether they are ARRL members or not) as soon as possible. I'm also planning to attend as many hamfests and club meetings as possible during my tenure as Division Director.

Thanks again for this opportunity to serve and Happy New Year!

73, Mickey K5MC

Delta Division Director

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that figure was 23.4% (153535/655842), while in December 2008 it is now 23.3% (154635/663564).

Finally, it would be interesting to know how many of those 28,066 new hams joined the League.

# Louisiana EchoLink Net

The Louisiana Section ARES Field Organization operates a conference each Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M. Local on EchoLink \*LA\_ARES\* conference node. We would like to have your participation in this conference, especially if you are an ARES or Section Cabinet appointee. This also allows Techlicensed ARES members to participate in a Section wide conference without HF capabilities.

The conference is an open forum, operated just like an ARES on-the-air Net, but without QRM, QRN or QSB. We do, however, ask that you do not join the net via a repeater. We would like to keep it strictly VOIP, computer to computer.

Don't have EchoLink? It is a completely free download from [www.echolink.org](http://www.echolink.org). Just download and install the program in your computer. Your computer must have a sound card installed and you will need speakers and a microphone connected to the sound card. Many computers have onboard speakers and some even have onboard microphones. If not, either or both are available at Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Circuit City or any similar store for less than \$20.

Need help installing and setting up? We have several Technical Specialists available to help. Just ask! It will even work perfectly on a dial up connection!

Once you install, setup and register, your license will be verified by the EchoLink organization and you are set to go!

Use of EchoLink is absolutely free and, if you are not al-

ready an EchoLink user, you will be amazed at what you can do with it. We use it totally free for the ARES conference just like a telephone conference (which is usually at considerable expense). Using EchoLink you can access remote EchoLink equipped repeaters all over the world. You can even use it to temporarily link repeaters for whatever needs you have.

The LA\_ARES conference node can handle up to 100 participants and can be expanded if need be. The node is not only used for the ARES conference, but allows other groups to meet for a conference or "online meeting" at any time without the expense and time of travel. If the node is not in use, you are free to use it! The node is also a valuable tool to conference off the air during incidents if Internet is available.

Many have expressed displeasure at combining Ham Radio, computers and the Internet! This isn't your Grandfather's Ham Radio and your space ship it not hand wired! I urge those of you who have resisted to move into the 21st century and add this valuable tool to your communications toolbox. It is also a great way to learn about VOIP.

Need more information? Contact Ken Standard AD5XJ, Alan Levine WA5LQZ, Jim Coleman AI5B or me.

73

Gary K5GLS

## HandiHams Needs Assistance

The following is a request for assistance. The State of Louisiana now has a newly appointed Assistant Section Manager and his name is Talbert Tipton (KD5EJB) of Shreveport, La. Talbert's duties will be that of working with Handihams in the state as well as working with and providing assistance to other hams with disabilities which might like to join the Handiham organization.

I am in the process of compiling a list of Handihams in the state and I hope to be able to provide two separate lists to Talbert.

Please provide the following information on any members of the Handiham Organization that you are aware of:

Name

Callsign

Address (or city residence if address is unknown)

Telephone number

E-mail address

Plus any additional information which would make it possible for Talbert to contact these folks.

ADDITIONALLY: On a separate list please provide the

same information for hams with disabilities but who are not presently members of the Handiham Organization.

This information is not available from the Handiham Organization because of the government's security mandate under the HIPA Program under which medical information must be protected. With this in mind, please do not disclose any medical information about these individuals.

Please note that I have address this e-mail to Mickey Cox (K5MC) the Delta Division Director, Gary Stratton (K5GLS) the La Section Manager, the La Cabinet Members, and to the Active Affiliated Clubs of Louisiana. Attempts to contact the Non-Active Affiliated Clubs will be addressed under additional e-mails.

Thank all of you in advance of any information which you may be able to provide.

73,

Jim Bookter (N5NVP)

La Affiliated Club Coordinator

Cell # 337-344-1725

[n5nvp@arrl.net](mailto:n5nvp@arrl.net)

# Delta Division Leadership Visits HQ

Just prior to the ARRL Board of Directors 2009 Annual Meeting, the newly elected leadership team in the ARRL's Delta Division -- Director Mickey Cox, K5MC, and Vice Director David Norris, K5UZ -- made their way to Newington for a day of orientation to learn the "ins and outs" of the ARRL Board and ARRL Headquarters operation. The Annual Meeting is sched-



*Delta Division Vice Director David Norris, K5UZ (far left), and Delta Division Director Mickey Cox, K5MC (far right), meet with ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, and ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, during Director Orientation at ARRL HQ.*

## Delta Division Appointments

It is my pleasure to announce that the following amateurs have been appointed Assistant Directors for the Delta Division:

Emily Bishop WE4MB, Cleveland, TN  
Charlie Curle AD4F, Ooltewah, TN  
EJ Dixon N5QH, Little Rock, AR  
Fred Gray WB5BNV, Meridian, MS  
Phillip Green N4PWG, Troy, TN  
Ray Husher W5EW, Houma, LA  
Bob Ideker WB5VUH, Little Rock, AR  
Howard Runions W4HLR, Newbern, TN  
Dennis Schaefer W5RZ, Dover, AR  
Steve Waterman K4CJX, Nashville, TN  
Richard Webb NF5B, Eads, TN

A primary role of an Assistant Director is to help the Director and Vice Director stay abreast of what's on the minds of the members and other hams in the Division. The Delta Division is quite fortunate to have Assistant Directors with such a wide variety of experiences and knowledge. In the coming weeks I plan to pass along some detailed information concerning the backgrounds and particular interests of our Assistant Directors.

Floyd Gerald N5FG has been appointed to the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) and Steve Clark AG4F will continue his service as the Delta Division representative on the VHF-UHF Advisory Committee (VUAC). Floyd and Steve have many years of DXing and V/UHF contesting experience, respectively,

uled for January 16-17 in Windsor, Connecticut. Cox was previously Section Manager of the Louisiana Section; Norris was Section Manager of the Arkansas Section when he was elected to his new position.

According to ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, "The new Board members came to Newington to learn not only how the Board functions, but to see what each department does and how it interacts with and serves both Amateur Radio and ARRL members, through our five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology and Membership. I am pleased they came to see how we support Amateur Radio each and every day here at ARRL HQ."

One of the highlights of the group's visit to Headquarters was a tour of the ARRL Lab. Ed Hare, W1RFI, ARRL Laboratory Manager, explained the function of the Lab and its staff: "We showed them how we support Amateur Radio through the Technical Information Service, product review testing, RFI issues such as power line noise, and support for spectrum defense, including BPL issues."

Cox said, "This is my third trip to ARRL Headquarters -- I came first as a new Section Manager in 2001, and again in 2005 to discuss lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina. I've always loved coming to Headquarters. I am learning a lot today about how to be a Division Director. So far, there have been no big surprises, as it is pretty much what I thought it would be. I'm looking forward to the meetings this weekend and serving the amateurs in the Delta Division as their Director for the next few years."

Norris concurred: "I first came to ARRL Headquarters in September 2005. Like Mickey, I came to the orientation that HQ staff holds for new Section Managers. This visit has been a little more in-depth; I've seen more of the operational side of Headquarters this time around. From my first visit, I had a pretty good idea of what the staff does, but now I really get what they do for the members and the amateur community as a whole. I think every member needs to come up here and see what exactly goes on at Headquarters. I think they will gain a new appreciation for the League."

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and I am very happy the two of them are serving in these positions.

I am also very happy to report that Amy Bullock N5TBB will continue to serve as the Delta Division's Legislative Action Chair for the ARRL's Legislative Action Program (LAP). Amy still needs some Legislative Action Assistant (LAA) volunteers. She will bring us up to date on the LAP at the upcoming hamfest in Jackson on January 31.

Details on the LAP, Assistant Director appointments, and other news and information will be posted on the Delta Division Website at [www.arrldelta.org/](http://www.arrldelta.org/) in the coming weeks and months.

73,

Mickey Cox K5MC

Delta Division Director

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Delta Division Website: [www.arrldelta.org/](http://www.arrldelta.org/)

February 2009						
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 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	27	28

**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

President:	Keith	W5KB	289-1504
Vice President:	Dave	KE5BMS	812-5482
Secretary:	Mary	WB5IOE	885-8667
Treasurer:	Dick	W5RMX	888-2878
At Large: 1 Year #1:	Bob	WD5BJW	885-7965
	#2: Bob	AE5RN	393-1075
	#3: Mike	W5MJD	464-5817
2 Year #1:	Rafael	W5BAI	208-0858
	#2: Don	WB5QAZ	455-4448
	#3: Johnny	N5AZA	

All phone numbers use the 504 area code.

## CQ to Accept eQSL Confirmations for Award Credit

CQ magazine will accept contact confirmations made on the eQSL.cc electronic confirmation system for its operating awards effective immediately, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, and eQSL Founder and Dave Morris, N5UP, announced.

There will be certain limitations and procedural differences for different awards, at least to start. Only confirmations from "Authenticity Guaranteed" members of eQSL will be accepted, and in accordance with existing eQSL policy, a membership level of bronze or higher is required in order to participate in award programs via eQSL.

"This is the first time that CQ has formally accepted anything other than traditional paper QSL cards for its awards," said Moseson. "We have been working with Dave Morris and his team for several months to assure that the integrity of our awards programs will be protected and to create mechanisms to make it easy for both award applicants and award managers to use eQSL credits toward our awards. All of our award managers have been involved in this process and support this action."

"We want to express our great appreciation to Dave and his team for their willingness to do whatever was necessary to make this agreement possible," Moseson added. "It has been a pleasure working with them and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

"We are pleased to be adding CQ to the top of our list of amateur organizations that accept electronic QSLs," said Morris. "CQ has some of the most highly sought-after awards, and we have been working behind the scenes for years to create credit submission mechanisms that would ensure the integrity of their programs without introducing any additional labor for the award managers. We believe the electronic QSL can drastically reduce costs, and the award application mechanisms we have developed will provide for more efficient processing at reduced cost for both the applicant and the award manager."

Applicants for the CQ DX and CQ DX Field Awards must print out their eQSLs and submit them along with their tradi-

## Get on WorldRadio Mailing List

A new e-mail list has been established to notify readers of the availability of each new issue of WorldRadio magazine, which is converting to a free online-only publication (titled WorldRadio Online) as of its February, 2009 issue. WorldRadio subscribers and any other interested people may sign up for the list online.

Monthly e-mail alerts will include highlights of each new issue, along with instructions and hotlinks for connecting with the online issue. The e-mail addresses will be used only by CQ Communications, Inc., and will not be rented or sold.

Each issue of WorldRadio Online will be posted in PDF format, permitting readers the choice of browsing articles online or downloading the issue to their own computers to read at their convenience or even to print out in part or in whole. Access to WorldRadio Online will be free of charge.

Most of WorldRadio's columnists will continue to write for the new online edition. In November, 2008, CQ Communications purchased WorldRadio upon the decision of founding publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, to retire and sell the magazine.

tional QSLs to a CQ checkpoint or to CQ DX Awards Manager Billy Williams, N4UF. eQSL has an automated process in place for applicants for CQ's Worked All Zones, WPX and USA-Counties awards. N5UP explains how that will work for the applicant:

"The applicant goes to the My Awards screen. He clicks on the particular award he wants to apply for. This brings up a list of the credits our system 'thinks' he is entitled to. There are checkboxes that allow him to check which ones he wants to use, and we automatically pre-fill one credit per category so he doesn't have to do anything if he wants to take the defaults. At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: 'Submit to CQ' and 'Print Paper Application'."

The "submit" button will place all the selected QSOs into a file for the award manager to access, while the "print" button will generate a printed list to be submitted along with the traditional application. All applicants must send the award fee payment to the CQ Award Manager, regardless of how the application is submitted. Some CQ award managers are now accepting PayPal; see individual award web pages for details. All awards will continue to accept traditional QSLs as well as eQSLs. For the USA-Counties Award (USA-CA), applicants must note on their record books (or printouts) whether each county has been confirmed traditionally (with an "X" to the right of the entry) or electronically (with an "E" next to the entry).

For more information on eQSL, visit: [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc) For more information on CQ awards, visit the awards page on the CQ website at [www.cq-amateur-radio.com](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com). Please note that the award rules posted on the website have not yet been updated to reflect the acceptance of eQSLs. This will be done as soon as possible, but the policy takes effect immediately.