

# JEFFERSON REPORT

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## August 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:  
August 23

Board Meeting:  
September 13

**Open clubhouse: none until further notice**

Tuesday Net: 9:00 P.M. on  
145.37- (PL114.8),  
Alternate: 147.24+/  
444.000+ (PL114.8)

www.w5gad.org  
e-mail: w5gad@arrl.net;  
Phone: 504-831-1613

Send newsletter items to:  
w5ctv@arrl.net  
Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of  
the month



## Katrina Spec. Event This Weekend

There will be a Hurricane Katrina Special Event Station on the air August 25-26. We will be operating from West Jefferson Hospital Emergency Command Center Rafael, KD4WZJ and Bob, WD5BJW will co chair. A certificate will be available for those making contact with the station. Contact Rafael, lu3bai@bellsouth.net or 504-208-0858 if you are interested.

### New Members

The following will be voted on at the August General Meeting.

Lan Bui, KE5PWM, New Orleans, Technician

### Congratulations

The following have recently received new licenses or have upgraded.

John Crutti, K5JCJ - Extra

Gary L Henry, KA5BCA - General

Jason P Liuzza, KC5WDH - General

Palmer Plunkett, KE5DOV - General

Jerald C Jatho, KE5LYK - General

Donald W Hargrave, KE5OUW - General

Robert J Thomson, KE5PJB - Technician

Clifton R Price, KE5PJC - Technician

Nobuyuki Eguchi, KE5PLO - General

Jeffery M Guidry, KE5PTK - Technician

Errol M Augustine, KE5PTN - Technician

Barry L Borchers, KE5PTP - General

David A Levy, KE5PTQ - General

Charles A Greer, KE5PTR - General

Marcus O Bell, KE5PTS - General

Lan Bui, KE5PWM - Technician

Barbara Shafer, KE5QAT - Technician

Hugh Watson III, KE5QCN - Technician

Ronald Melder, KE5QCP - Technician

Danny Cristina, N5OMG - Extra

Richard P Ebert Mr, N5TNJ - General

### Meeting Presentation

This month's general meeting will feature a presentation on the club's new D-Star repeater system. Dave, KE5BMS will talk about D-Star and its capabilities. Come on out to Picadilly on Jefferson Hwy. near Ochsner, 7:30 (7 if you wish to eat dinner).



**The next JARC meeting will be held August 23 at the Picadilly Restaurant on Jefferson Hwy. near Ochsner. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. If you wish to eat first, we will gather in the meeting room for dinner starting at 7.**

# President's Message

It has been a busy time in the last month or so. There is a change coming in the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club VEC. After many years serving as Chairman of the JARC VEC Doug WF5E, will be turning the duties over to me. We appreciate Doug's work since the inception of the VEC program as he has administered every one of the sessions, and those who have taken the test have received their licenses from the FCC on average of 72 hours after successful completion of the elements. We will transition with two exam sessions. One will be scheduled in September and the next in either November or

December.

We also would like to say thank you to Ray, WA5VWL for his service on the Board. Ray also has been instrumental in leading the efforts to clean, organize and prepare the clubhouse for renovations. Unfortunately he has decided to step down from the Board. We would like to thank Bob McBride AE5RN for agreeing to serve the remainder of Ray's term on the Board.

We are working on adding another repeater to the fleet which should give us greater coverage than ever before. The Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs coordinating council has approved the tran-

sition of the 145.39 pair to the JARC who will cosponsor the frequency with SELA-ARES. The goal is to have this repeater up and functioning by some time in October.

Bob Spahn, WD5BJW, has accepted the position of Chairman of the committee whose responsibility it is to present a plan to the Board for the renovation of the clubhouse. There have been several meetings regarding this project and it is expected that the committee will present its recommendation's at the October board meeting.

Please consider helping with the events that are upcoming in the area. It is the beginning of race season and Joe Glorioso is coordinating the

communications efforts with the New Orleans Track Club. The first race is September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please give him a call and offer a few hours of service.

Congratulations are in order to Dave KE5DEV and Katie Smith who are the proud parents of a son, Isaac. Isaac went QRV on August 6! It is my understanding the pregnancy is the result of Heterodyning; Now Dave will have an excuse to get up and tune the band's in the wee hours! HI HI.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank Chris Vincent for his continued dedication to this newsletter. It is his hard work that makes it happen and he is always open to your news and suggestions.

## You might be a "REAL HAM" if...

By Don Keith N4KC, [www.n4kc.com](http://www.n4kc.com)

Recent comments on eham.net and other web forums dealing with the hobby of amateur radio have attempted to posit the point that someone is not a "REAL HAM" unless he or she meets certain arbitrary criteria. Those include such requirements as passing a code test to get licensed, using equipment with tubes in it, or being able to build a transceiver from scratch, using only a pie tin and a handful of grab-bag parts from a swap meet.

With apologies to a certain comedian who has made a gazillion dollars with his "You might be a redneck if..." shtick, here goes my feeble attempt at a similar definition of a "REAL HAM:"

\* If you have a ham band antenna on all four fenders of your car, the roof, in the trunk lip, and another one clamped to the trailer hitch with an alligator clip and duct tape... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If your wife... sorry, "XYL"... asks you to help bring in the groceries while you are chasing a rare one and you yell back, "QRX! QRX!"... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If you can recite the numbers of every driver, modulator, and final amplifier tube in every Heathkit, Drake or Collins transmitter or amplifier ever made, and name the best idling grid current for 90% of them... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If when you were a teenager, you tore open the cases of your little brother's "Flash Gordon" walkie-talkies just to see if

you could modify them to work on 10 meters or used the pans from your sister's Easy-Bake oven to breadboard a code-practice oscillator... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If you have ever tried to ker-chunk the repeater while riding in a funeral procession... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If your kids... sorry, "harmonics"... know your call sign, your grid square, and your 10-10 number, but not your middle name... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If you have at least a half-dozen different sets of hilarious (at least to you and the guys on your 75-meter roundtable) phonetics for your call letters... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If you have more countries confirmed than you have dollars in your 401-K and more bucks invested in your tower, rotor and tri-bander than you have in your retirement annuity... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If you have ever taken an HT to church or a scanner to the courthouse while on jury duty... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If you painted the walls of the new playroom downstairs in the colors of the resistor color code... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

\* If you ever chopped up your wife's... sorry, XYL's... patio furniture to build a Yagi for 15... you might be a "REAL HAM!"

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# Public Service Events Give Opportunities to Practice Emcomm Skills



There are two upcoming events that will give the local amateur community a chance to hone its emergency communications skills. So charge up those batteries and volunteer to man one of the stations.

## Crescent City Road Race

The Crescent City Classic Officials are sponsoring the Crescent City Road Race and they are requesting the Amateur Community to assist them in communications. The race starts in the West Bank, crosses the Crescent City Connection and ends downtown. The race is 4 miles and is scheduled on Saturday, 18:30 September 8, 2007.

6 different agencies will be involved with the race and ALL AGENCIES will have a Ham Radio Operator with them.....

THIS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THESE AGENCIES WHAT HAM RADIO CAN DO....

There are going to be 6 different agencies involved with the race:

- Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office
- West Jefferson EMS
- New Orleans Police Dept.
- New Orleans EMS
- Harbor Police
- Crescent City Connection Police

Since the race starts in Jefferson Parish, JPSO will handle the JP side of the race. WJEMS will handle medical calls on the West Bank and medical calls on the bridge. The CCC Bridge Police will handle traffic on the bridge. NOPD will pick up control of the race as soon as the runners enter Orleans Parish (Algiers) on the Westbank. NOEMS will Handle all medical calls on the East Bank side of the bridge. Harbor Police will assist NOPD at the finish line with traffic control.

Again we are in need of Ham Radio Operators for the race I have already assigned Matt Anderson to GNO Bridge Police. NOEMS, NOPD and WJEMS have already been filled.

Please contact Joe, N5OZG at 288-7084 or Harris, KB5BFK at 442-8083 or catch them on 444.775 + PL 114.8.

## 9-11 Poker Run

On September 8, the Red Knights are having the 9-11 Poker Run. The Red Knights are a firefighter support group that rides motorcycles. The proceeds go to fallen firefighter's families in Jefferson, Orleans, and Plaquemines Parishes. We need amateur operators from the New Orleans area for 6 locations. If possible, two operators per location. Our goal is to provide

back-up communications and to gain experience at emergency and portable operations. E-mail Tom, KF6QJQ [topojoe@cox.net](mailto:topojoe@cox.net) if interested.

## Dennis Dura, K2DCD, Joins ARRL Staff as Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager

The ARRL is pleased to welcome Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD to the Headquarters staff in Newington. Dura's major responsibilities include addressing the development and implementation of an organizational disaster response plan as well as a continuity operations plan, complete with supporting procedures and training. Integral to these plans are the recommendations of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC) report. "By instituting these base components for the organization, the emergency communications resources of Amateur Radio and the League will become truly disaster resilient on all fronts," Dura said. "Emergency communications cannot stand alone. As an organization, we must have disaster plans in place and know what we must do to continue operations when they are impacted. Without this, our support to the field will be lacking."



## Get Ready for National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and Amateur Radio operators are joining a wide variety of national, state and local organizations, including the US Department of Homeland Security, in educating the public about preparing for emergencies. When unexpected natural or man-made emergencies occur, our greatest individual defense is preparedness. Getting an emergency supply kit, making an emergency plan, and identifying preparedness and response resources within our communities are several things we can do to prepare ourselves. This nationwide effort is to encourage individuals and families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Free preparedness resources are just a click away in English <http://www.ready.gov/> and Spanish <http://www.listo.gov/>.

# eDITorial

## Help Wanted:

Person with outgoing personality, one who is a proven communicator, can proactively respond to challenges and resolve those challenges by building on the talents of those best qualified to help with the resolution of those challenges, a person who can remove their personal feelings from the decision making process and build consensus among those that he or she leads. The successful candidate must be able to travel and seek opportunities to continue the growth of a nearly 100 year old group of adventurous individuals who is diverse and talented. He or she must be able to relate to people of all ages. He or she must be able to encourage young people to grasp old technology and make it new in their own way.

This individual must also be able to communicate successfully with governmental leaders on the local and state level so that the interests of the community he/she serves is recognized as a treasure to the community they serve.

This help wanted ad pretty much describes the qualifications that one must have to be able to move forward and proactively lead and support the members of the Amateur Radio community. This applies to local level League appointees as well as our elected League representatives be they on the state, Divisional or National level.

In Louisiana, we have been in need of an individual with these talents for many years and unfortunately have been hard pressed to find someone who meets these qualifications. Those with the qualifications have positions in local organizations and are working to build positive relationships within their communities and amateur radio.

It is time for a change. With the announcement that our Section Manager is not seeking reelection to that position, there is a prime opportunity for someone with the ability to be a true leader, a consensus builder, to be placed in this position. It is time for Louisiana to have a representative to the ARRL who is respected and appreciated for the contributions they make to the advancement of the hobby within our state as well as in contributions to the Division.

Louisiana was the only state that did not have an organized and active team of emergency communicators ready to serve when hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit in 2005. During these events, there was no plan to support the local hams that were in Southeast and Southwest Louisiana with reinforcements. Mississippi and Alabama had people organized

and at the ready, and they were activated. It was embarrassing to have someone at a National convention speak in 2006 and intimate that he had been called and asked to come to Louisiana to help because there were no hams available to support the communications relief effort.

What is even worse is that now in 2007, there is still no evidence from the ARES organization leadership in Louisiana that there are any better plans in place. Heck, save for the obligatory appearance at a Hamfest, neither one of these very important representatives of our hobby have visited the stricken areas or any of the clubs since Katrina with the purpose of speaking with those of us who were affected or involved. When asked why, we were told that they were not invited! In Southeast Louisiana, we have not been notified or asked by the Section Manager or his Section Emergency Coordinator of any plans for the support of our area in case of another Katrina. If it were not for the formation of the Greater New Orleans Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Committee, a committee of all of the organizations that supply amateur radio emergency communications volunteers to the EOC's, fire departments, and hospitals, not to mention the U.S. Coast Guard, in Plaquemines, Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Charles Parishes, there would still be no "organized" effort with a real plan in place. It is interesting that the leadership in our Section tries to call this group "renegade" when the group has published its operating frequency list that includes the state emergency net frequencies, and has positive working relationships with all of the above referenced agencies.

I am proud to be a member of one of the greatest fraternities in this country. I proudly accept and serve the rules and regulations established in Part 97 and appreciate the privilege of the license granted to me. I am a member of the pool of radio operators known as Amateurs whose charge is to provide communications in time of need in order to have the right of the license grant. All of us should be proud and should take it seriously.

Please consider serving if you have the call to improve the relationship between the Amateurs in our state. Make wise choices when choosing your leaders in future elections. Find out who you are voting for and what they have done for US lately!!! It is time for us in Louisiana to make a difference in how our section is regarded by our fellow members of the American Radio Relay League.

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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

President:	Keith	W5KB	737-0858	
Vice President:	Albert	W5AFD	465-0637	
Secretary:	Dave	KE5BMS	812-5482	
Treasurer:	Dick	W5RMX	888-2878	
At Large: 1 Year #1:	Johnny	N5AZA	889-0101	
	#2:	Chris	W5CTV	347-8293
	#3:	Rafael	KD4WZJ	471-6122
2 Year #1:	Bob	WD5BJW	885-7965	
	#2:	Bob	AE5RN	393-1075
	#3:	Mike	W5MJD	464-5817

## Huntsville Hamfest Report

Attendees of the Huntsville Hamfest from the New Orleans area report attending a good show that should not be missed in the future. Dave, KE5BMS won the 2nd prize! A TW2010 Traveler Antenna worth \$700.00. There was a great showing from New Orleans contingent....about 25 folks. New products unveiled include Kenwood TMD710 and Avmap Geosat5 GPS systems. We have several club members who were inducted into the society of the Wouff Hong at a late night ceremony last Saturday. Pictured below are some of the crowd coming into the arena. On far left is Angelo, N5UXT. Thanks to ARRL for the picture.

## Club News

### Westside ARC

The Westside Club has 5 new officers.

Bill, KB5VAJ - President

Tom, KF6QJQ - Vice President

Herb, N5AUC - Treasurer

Alyce, KC5QKA - Membership Chairman

Mike, KB5OZE - Activities Manager.

Our next meeting will be at Picadilly's on Lapalco on Sept.12 at 7:00 P.M. Show up around 6-6:30 to have plenty of time to eat.

On Sept.8 the Red Knights are having the 9-11 Poker Run. The Red Knights are a firefighter support group that rides motorcycles. The proceeds go to fallen firefighter's families in Jefferson, Orleans and Plaquemines Parishes. We need amateur operators from the N.O. area for 6 locations. If possible 2 ops per location. Our goal is to provide back-up communications and to gain experience at emergency and portable operations. E-mail Tom ([topojoe@cox.net](mailto:topojoe@cox.net)) or me if interested.

73,  
Bill, KB5VAJ

### Delta DX Association

The next meeting of the Delta DX Association will be Saturday, September 8 at 11:30 at the Covington Library, 310 W. 21st Street. This will be a lunch meeting. A presentation entitled "Ham Radio at the Edge of Space" will be given by Jim, N5IB.

Ron has completed repairs on the repeater and set the new tone frequency for input control — 114.8hz. The output tone is also on now so you can activate squelch control on your rig if it has that capability.



## DX News

### 3B7 - St. Brandon

The Five Star DXers Association, FSDXA, will mount a large multi-operator, multi-station DXpedition to St Brandon. 3B7C will be active from 07-24 September 2007

By 9M6DXX DK7YY DL7AKC EI5DI G0OPB G3BJ G3IZD G3NHL G3NUG G3SVL G3XTT G4TSH K3NA N6HC N2BB SM5GMZ G3USR GM3POI N6OX fm St Brandon (AF-015); focus on low bands; also 6m: 50090 (CW), 50102 (CW), 50145 (USB); LotW

<http://www.fsdxa.com/3b7c>

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