

JEFFERSON REPORT

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February 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:
February 28

Board Meeting:
March 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
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Send newsletter items to: w5ctv@arrl.net
Deadline: 2nd Friday of the month

New Board Takes Reigns

The January meeting featured the election of officers. This year's election resulted in three reelections to the same post, one change of position and three new faces on the board. The following were elected to office.

President - Keith Barnes, W5KB; Vice President - Dave Kleinatland, KE5BMS; Secretary - Mary Vernoy, WB5IOE; Treasurer - Dick Dannenberg, W5RMX; Director - 2 years - Rafael Shabetai, KD4WZJ; Don Olson, WB5QAZ; John Crutti, K5JCJ; Director - 1 year remaining - Bob McBride, AE5RN; Bob Spahn, WD5BJW; Mike Ducote, W5MJD

New Meeting Location

The next JARC General Meeting, (and the rest of the year, will be hosted by East Jefferson General Hospital. The meeting will be in the Domino Pavilion, Dreyfous 2 Thursday, Feb. 28 at the usual 7:30 P.M.

New Member

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

James Sakobie, Associate Member, St. Bernard

D-STAR Gateway Back Up

The D-Star Gateway has been repaired and is running again. Thanks to Dave and his sticking to it to get it done. There was a cooling fan that was running but was faulty and was causing overheating problems. Enjoy the network. There are some improvements coming software wise in the future and we will be upgrading the software in the next couple of months. Keith worked Hamburg Germany on the D-Star UHF repeater with "Arm Chair Copy" on Tuesday evening February 26. Get on the air and enjoy the D-Star system.

Help Needed for Crescent City Classic

Dont forget to sign up for Communications for the CRESCENT CITY CLASSIC RACE. Saturday March 22,2008. They are expecting 10,000+ runners to attend. We need as many people as possible. If intrested Contact Keith Barnes at 289-1504 or Joe Glorioso 288-7084. If you do decided to work you will recieve a Blue Polo Shirt with Emergency Communications Amateur Radio Operator in white letters Printed on back of it.

Clubhouse Update

Club cleanup went well. The building was emptied and pressure washed. We are in need of a Central Air and heat unit for the renovations and as we are a 501c3, donations of this equipment or toward this equipment are tax deductible. We will discuss the next steps in the process at the General Meeting and set our next major clean up date. Board members have keys to the club and if you would like to go and work at any time contact a board member and ask to be let in. Make sure you find out what you can do in your spare time to help with the renovation.

United Way.

This is the time of year where companies are asking employees to give their fair share. The Jefferson Amateur Radio club qualifies as a United Way agency and you can specify the JARC as the beneficiary of your Fair Share. Please ask for the designation forms when signing up for United Way and support Amateur Radio!

New repeater coming up.

The 145.39 repeater will be up and working with limited range during the first week of March. PL is 114.8.



JARC Christmas Party

Here are some pictures from the JARC Christmas Party. Due to space limitations in the last issue, these were held until this month.

Many Thanks to Claudia - LU2BAI/W5 and Rafael - KD4WZJ for hosting the event at their home (see picture middle right).

Right, Rafael, Lyle - KD5EWD and Mike - W5MJD.

Below, Amy, Dave - KE5BMS, Debbie, and Sandra.



Bottom, Bob - AE5RN, Dick - W5RMX, Keith - W5KB and Dave.



Meet the New Head of the State Office of Emergency Preparedness



Mark Cooper

Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Mark Cooper, formerly of Bossier City, served as a Deputy Fire Chief with the Los Angeles County Fire Department since 2003, working as the department's Emergency Coordinator and managing a one billion dollar budget, human resources for 4,200 personnel, and providing IT support for the department's emergency dispatch system. The Los Angeles County Fire Department is one of the largest in the nation and provides fire protection and lifeguard services to over three million residents, 165 fire stations, and 72 miles of coastline.

Cooper contacted Jindal's transition office to inquire about a possible role in the new Administration after reading the Wall Street Journal's "Bayou Bobby: A new governor offers hope for disaffected Louisiana expats," which highlights the hope of those Louisianians who have moved away from the state to return under the new direction of a new governor.

At the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Cooper developed emergency plans and programs to coordinate the department's role in the county's Emergency Operations Center. He also helped lead a team deployed to New Orleans in response to Hurricane Katrina. From 2002 to 2003, Cooper served as the Division Chief of the Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors, managing the business operations, employees, contract operations and information technology of the department. Cooper served as the Bureau Chief of the L.A. County Police from 1998 to 2002, developing emergency man-

agement plans for the 2000 Democratic National Convention and the county's Y2K emergency preparedness efforts.

Cooper previously served as the executive assistant to the Fire Chief at the Los Angeles County Fire Department from 1993 to 1998, developing fire safety recommendations for the county following the 1993 wildfires, coordinating the demobilization of the Urban Search and Rescue Team deployed to respond to the Oklahoma City bombing, and managing employee assistance programs following the Northridge Earthquake.

From 1991 to 1993, Cooper served as a Division Chief for the Los Angeles Coroner's Department, managing disaster response efforts to the 1992 Los Angeles Civil Unrest, developing emergency management training programs for Universal Studios, NBC Studios, the California Specialized Training Institute and the Beverly Hills Police and Fire Departments, and establishing programs which generated more than \$2 million for the department's drug and alcohol prevention programs.

In 2006, Cooper was named LSU's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. He has also won the 2000 Inaugural Annual Award of Excellence in Emergency Management from the Los Angeles County Emergency Management Council, the 1992 Challenge Award for Excellence in Local Government for Emergency Management from the California Association of Counties, and the 1992 Government Achievement Award for Emergency Management from the National Association of Counties. Cooper has a Bachelor's of Science in Finance and a Master's in Public Administration from LSU.

ARES Update

Jim Coleman AI5B of Washington Parish has been named SEC by our new Section Manager Gary Stratton. He is looking to re-align the state ARES districts to coincide with the State Emergency Management Districts to better work with the authorities.

KD5PCM, SK

Michael Leo Hernandez, 58, of Ponchatoula, died Sunday, February 24, 2008 in North Oaks Medical Center. He was born on February 4, 1950 in New Orleans, son of the late William and Elsie Bourgeois Hernandez. He was an accomplished freelance photographer. Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Catherine Peterson Hernandez; daughter, Rainell Leigh Hernandez; 3 sons and daughter-in-law, Marc Adam Hernandez, Scott Michael and Rebecca Bodenheimer Hernandez, and Sean Patrick Hernandez; 1 brother, Elvin Hernandez; and 2 grandchildren, Trent Mason Hernandez and Sabrina Morgan Bodenheimer; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. Friends, family, members of the Southeast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club, and employees of Gordon's of Metairie, and J.C. Penney are invited to attend visitation from 9 a.m. until the Noon Mass on February 27, 2008 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie. Private interment to follow at later date. An on-line Guestbook is available at <http://www.harrymckneely.com>



Mike KD5PCM concentrates on breaking the QRN for that first HF contact during the SELARC 2006 Strawberry Festival special event station.

48th ACADIANA HAMFEST 2008

2008 ARRL Louisiana State Convention

Sponsored by: Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

March 21-22, 2008

Doors open Friday 5-8 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Only!

Civic Center, Rayne, Louisiana

Friday Crawfish Boil

Talk-in: W5DDL Repeater 146.82 no PL tone

Rayne Civic Center, 300 Frog Festival Drive, Rayne, LA 70578. I-10 Exit 87 South.

Stay on LA 35 South to first traffic light. Turn right onto Oak Street. Go to second street and turn Right onto Gossen Memorial Drive. Follow street to Rayne Civic Center.

Motels near hamfest site – Great food service on-site

Flea market & commercial dealers – On-site RV parking with power & water

ARRL – AMSAT – Forums – Bingo – Fox hunt – VE testing

Prizes

Grand Prize: ICOM 7000 – HF Mobile (Need not be present)

Second Prize: ICOM 2200H – 2 Meter Mobile (Need not be present)

Third Prize: ICOM V8 Sport – 2 Meter HT (Need not be present)

Door prizes awarded Saturday throughout the day (Must be present)

Hamfest Web site: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association will hold its 48th Annual Hamfest and will host the 2008 ARRL Louisiana State Convention on March 21st and March 22nd, 2008 in Rayne, Louisiana.

We have revised our hamfest schedule for this year to accommodate the ham community. The Hamfest will be open to the general public and ham community at 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Friday, March 21st and again at 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 22nd. Vendors, dealers, swap tables and flea markets can begin setup from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Friday and 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 A.M. Saturday.

Please visit our web site www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/ for more information.

Please note that we will be having our annual Crawfish Boil, but no Fais-Do-Do in observance of Good Friday. Due to the high cost of crawfish at this time of year, we ask that those interested in attending the Crawfish Boil, pre-register no later than by March 1st, so we can lock in the price and quantity of crawfish we must purchase. There is no guarantee that Crawfish Boil tickets will be available on Friday, March 21st. As usual, Gumbo furnished by the Rayne High School Band Scholarship Fund Group will be available.

We look forward to seeing each of you this year.

Remember, the deadline to pre-register or order your crawfish for the boiled crawfish is March 1, 2008. A pre-registration form is attached for your convenience.

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CUL - 73,
Roland, NA5Q
Hamfest Chairperson

Schedule

Friday, March 21

0900 Dealer & Flea Market setup
1700 Hamfest Opens to General Public
1800 Crawfish Boil
2000 Hamfest close until Saturday

Saturday, March 22 (Forums)

0900-1000 AMSAT
1000-1200 ARRL
1200-1300 Louisiana LCARC

Saturday, March 22

0700 Dealer & Flea Market setup
0800 Hamfest opens
0830 Bingo
0830 DXCC Card checking
0845 ARRL VE Testing – Bring copies of ID & CSCE /
FCC License
1100 Fox Hunt
1300 Grand prize drawings
1400 Hamfest closes





March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	27	28 7:30 p JARC General Meeting at EJGH 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	29	1
2	3	4 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	5	6 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	7	8
9	10	11 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	12 7:00 p WARC General Meeting at Picadilly's on Lapalco	13 7:30 p JARC Board Meeting 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	14	15 1:00 p DDXA Lunch Meeting at Seymour's Restaurant
16	17	18 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	19	20 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	21	22
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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 2008

President:	Keith	W5KB	737-0858	
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	KD4WZJ	471-6122	
	#2:	Don	WB5QAZ	455-4448
	#3:	John	K5JCJ	913-6784

Club News

Delta DX Association

After reviewing several suggestions for restaurants for the March Meeting, it was decided to meet at Seymour's Restaurant and Bar, 2216 Hickory Ave., Harahan, LA.

It was felt that a Saturday lunch would be most convenient for most of the members, so we checked with the restaurant for the earliest Saturday in March for which the meeting room was available. This date is: SATURDAY, MARCH 15, beginning at 1:00 P.M. We have reserved that date and time for the club.

The group/meeting dinner plans for this restaurant are as follows:

1. The group may order from a selection of 4 entrees. A nice selection of entrees is attached as a word file.
2. Each selection includes: Soup or Salad, Dessert, Drink (non-alcoholic).
3. The price per person is \$28.00. Note: if the steak entree is selected, it is \$30.00.

We need a head count to know the interest in continuing with the meeting at this location. WIVES, YLs, AND XYLs And significant OTHERS are INVITED.

If this is not satisfactory, please advise me ASAP, and suggest an alternative. Otherwise, we look forward to a large attendance at this dinner meeting.

73 de N5KGV, Edward

Mardi Gras Marathon

Thanks to the following hams that worked the Mardi Gras Marathon. Dick Dannenberg W5RMX, Don Olson WB5QAZ, Tom Crais KF6QJQ, Keith Barnes W5KB, Bob McBride AE5RN, Harris Miller KB5BFBK, Peter Mustache KC5WIP, Bob Dunn, K5IQ, Matt Anderson KD5KNC, Robert Hobbs N5ULA, and Joe Glorioso N5OZG. We handled 3 medical emergencies and assisted a Major from NOPD on information. We even had an Amateur Radio Mobile Command Unit brought from Baton Rouge and had the New Orleans Police Department Command Unit parked right next to ours. The total count of runners were 8,500 runners. Thanks...A Job WELL Done.

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For Sale

IC-706 MK2G For sale.... This rig is in very good condition and comes with the original box, manual, mike and mobile mounting bracket. It has the 500hz CW filter installed along with the DSP unit.

I am selling because I want to upgrade to the IC-7000.

I am asking \$700.00 firm with pick up only. (Metairie, LA)

Thanks and best 73's—Dale K5NQ or at k5nq@yahoo.com 504-455-3051

Wondy/K5KR has a Drake L-4 amplifier in good condition for sale:

Frequency Range: Ham bands 80 thru 10 meters. All frequencies 3.5 to 30 Mc may be covered with some retuning of input coils.

Plate Input: 2000 watts PEP-SSB, 1000 watts DC on CW, AM, RTTY and Tune.

Drive Requirements: 100 watts PEP-SSB, 75 watts CW, AM, RTTY and Tune.

Input Impedance: 50 ohms.

Output Impedance: Adjustable Pi-Net-work matches 50 ohm line with SWR not to exceed 2:1.

Power Requirements: 230 volts, 50-60 cycles, 15 amperes or 115 volts, 50-60 cycles, 30 amperes.

Tubes: Two 3-400Z

Size: Amplifier-13 15/16W x 7 7/8H x 14 5/16D

Power Supply-6 3/4W x 7 7/8H x 11 D

Weight: Amplifier 32 lbs; Power Supply 43 lbs.

The PS is a separate unit and can be placed on the floor beneath the amp on a desktop. \$400 w/local pickup.

Contact: Don/w5fkx (w5fkx@hotmail.com)

TX5C, Clipperton Atoll DXpedition Update.

The TX5C team will meet in San Diego early the week of Feb. 23rd. Conditions permitting, expect them to be QRV, March 7-17th, 2008. Thanks to Outfitter Satellite, you will be able to monitor the web site mentioned above for up-to-date information on their progress. C U N D Pileups!"

"The TX5C DXpedition will operate as FO5A/mm from the Shogun while on route to Clipperton Atoll. The expected departure date is February 28th, but it is also possible the team will be able to leave a day earlier on the 27th. Part of the French team is already in San Diego with other members coming in from points around the U.S. and Canada. The team expects to be together on the 26th."

DXCC: For the time being, Kosovo is not becoming a new DXCC entity though several countries have already acknowledged its independence. The DXCC Desk writes that Kosovo is not a member of the UN nor has its own prefix block been allocated to it by the ITU yet. So the counter still stands at 338 DXCC entities.