

# JEFFERSON REPORT

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**April 2008**

**The next meeting will be held at East Jefferson Hosp., Domino Pavilion, Dreyfous 2. Please see [w5gad.org](http://w5gad.org) for the latest information.**

General Meeting:  
April 24

Board Meeting:  
May 8

**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

## Technician Class to Begin

In cooperation with East Jefferson General Hospital, a Technician Amateur Radio License Class is going to be starting on Tuesday, April 29th. The class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Those dates are April 29, May 1, 6, 8, 13, and 15. The classes will be held in the Domino Pavillion Conference Center on the 1st floor of East Jefferson Hospital in Metairie, Louisiana. Parking is available in the Hudson Garage at no charge.

A review and test session will follow on Saturday, May 17th beginning at 8:30 A.M. The test is being facilitated by the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club VEC. Testing will begin at 11:00 A.M. for all classes of license.

The class is open to anyone interested in obtaining a technician license and there are no age limitations. Young people who are interested and able to comprehend the material are encouraged to participate. The only costs involved are the price of the textbook which is expected to be no more than \$25.00 and the cost of the test session which is \$14.00.

If you would like to teach, please contact Keith, W5KB. If you know anyone who is interested in taking the class, please let a board member know so we can get an idea of the class size.

### Field Day Preparations

Get ready! The 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend of June is fast approaching and a joint FD is in the works again. It was such fun last year that the DDXA and JARC has decided to do it again. We hope that the Coast Guard, Westside ARC, GNOARC, Ozone ARC and New Orleans CERT will come on board to make this another great community effort. We already have two 5th wheel campers lined up for the operating positions and comfort will be available. Come out and see if you can help break last year's attendance record. Stay tuned for more on this fun event.

### Next Meeting

The next JARC General Meeting, will be at East Jefferson General Hospital. The meeting will be in the Domino Pavilion, Dreyfous 2 Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 P.M. Park in the Hudson Garage, and enter the hospital. Go to the 1st floor and as you come from the elevators the conference center is to your right. The room is near the end of the hall on the left.

### Clubhouse Update

The electrical wiring is in. We are trying to get insulation and sealant for the floor together. If you have any connections for getting these materials donated, please contact Keith, W5KB or any other board member. We will schedule another work party when we have gathered enough materials to accomplish a significant amount of work.

### Emcomm Committee Gets New Name

The Greater New Orleans Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Committee (GNOARECC) has a new name! It is now Region 1 UASI Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Advisory Committee. It represents more where we are focused and our alignment with the Governors office of homeland security and emergency preparedness. Members of that office attend our meetings every month and there is very good interaction between them and us. They appreciate knowing who is here. The efforts are much improved in the coordination of efforts here than in any other part of the state where comms support is concerned.



# Louisiana Section News

After over 35 years of service as the Vernon Parish Emergency Coordinator, W5JZQ has decided to step down. I had the pleasure of presenting a plaque to Jessie during the ARRL Forum at the Rayne Hamfest/LA State Convention in token of his excellent service. Jessie did recommend WB5LHD before stepping down and I'm happy to report that Jerry has agreed to serve as the new Vernon Parish EC.

KE5DJA reports that the West Central LAARC provided communications support during the Lions Club's 10 k run in Leesville. WCLARC members participating during this event included W5LPJ, W5JPJ, WB5LYB, WB5BLN, WB5JZP, KA2BRS, W5JPS, KE5DJA, N5SHF, KC5ZOZ, KD5ATF, KD5Z, N5TTJ, and KE5THL.

N5NVP reports that the following ARRL-affiliated clubs have an on-going Ham Radio Course Mentoring Program in place for teaching and assisting prospective hams in securing their tickets: Southeast LAARC, Southern University ARC, Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club, Washington ARC, Twin City Ham Club, Jefferson ARC, Shreveport ARA, West Central LAARC, Acadiana ARA, Minden ARA, and Central LAARC.

This year, for the first time, the ARRL has put together a Station Locator to help hams or those interested in Amateur

Radio find a Field Day site near them. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, many hams have been asking for something like this for many years. If your club or FD group would like to be a part of the Station Locator Service, it's easy to get started. Just go to the FD Station Locator Web site <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> and follow the instructions.

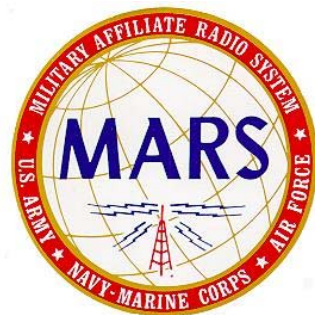
I am very sorry to report that W5DDP is now a Silent Key.

Upcoming LA hamfests include the Northeast LA Regional/TCHC Hamfest in Monroe on April 26 and the ARCOS Cookout and Swapmeet near Shreveport on May 17. (Note that the Monroe Hamfest has been moved from its traditional date in November!)

In closing this, my final monthly report to the LA Section members, I want to thank everyone for their great support during these past eight years. It has been a privilege for me to serve as the LA Section Manager and I have truly enjoyed the experience. In looking to the future, I note that we are very fortunate to have K5GLS as our new SM and I'm sure the LA Section will attain new heights of success under Gary's leadership.

73, Mickey Cox K5MC LA Section Website: <http://www.laarrrl.org/>

## Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test Scheduled for May



The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications Test in celebration of the 58th anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD) ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armed\\_Forces\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armed_Forces_Day)). Although

the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May -- May 17 in 2008 -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted on May 10 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention® ([www.hamvention.org/](http://www.hamvention.org/)), scheduled for May 16-18.

The annual celebration features traditional military to amateur crossband communications SSB voice tests and copying the Secretary of Defense message via digital modes. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the Secretary of

Defense and/or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to those stations making contact with the military stations. Special commemorative certificates will be awarded to anyone who receives and copies the digital Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense.

Military-to-Amateur crossband operations will take place on the dates and time in UTC on the frequencies listed for each station on the Army MARS Web site. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB). Some stations, depending on propagation and manning, may not operate the entire period. Participating military stations will transmit on selected Military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in the Amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes.

Look for schedules and frequencies of participating military stations to be published in May on the Army MARS Web site (<http://www.netcom.army.mil/MARS>).

# May 2008

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

**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	737-0858	
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	#3:	Mike	W5MJD	464-5817
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	#2:	Don	WB5QAZ	455-4448
	#3:	John	K5JCJ	913-6784

## Club News

### Delta DX Association

As per discussion at the last meeting, the power output rules for the Handicap DX contest have changed a bit. For the top two handicapped categories, the new rule takes into account the use of directional antennas with gain that provide an effective radiated power (ERP) in the preferred direction that is greater than the transmitter output.

To keep it simple, all gain antennas (yagis & quads) are assumed to have an approximate gain of 6 dB. ERP for the two top categories (those with more than 200 DXCC credits) is now limited to 100w, so that means a maximum transmitter output of 25w into a directional antenna with gain. If one elects to use an isotropic unity gain antenna (dipole, inverted-V, vertical, random wire), then the transmitter output power can be as high as 100w.

The new rule is summarized on the Handicap Contest web page. Don't be afraid to try the low power - it can be a lot of fun! Of course, if you should happen to hear an all-time new one, then feel free to detour from the contest and use all you have to work 'em - just don't count it in your handicap totals.

Hope to see more participation in the coming months.

73,

Don W5FKX

## DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

5X1NH - Uganda; 2007 Operation

9UXEV - Burundi; 2008 Operation

HZ1PS - Saudi Arabia

S05A - Western Sahara; 2007 Operation

YK9G - Syria; 2008 Operation

## ARRL to Discontinue Web Classifieds

As of April 30, ARRL will cease listing classified ads in Radios On-Line, the classified ad section on the ARRL Web site. According to ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, the ARRL has experienced an increased number of complaints by members and users regarding postings and practices that do not conform to the Radios On-Line Web site's original intent: "Despite our efforts to monitor the site regularly, these problems persist. These have included postings for guns and 'personal' ads. Our staff that administers this service has deleted items and notified the 'poster,' only to find the ad back two days later, placed in every category. We are spending a disproportionate amount of staff time dealing with this matter; it is no longer worth the cost of maintaining the service when other online services have been established to handle the specific need for online person-to-person sales."

## DX News

### Iraq, YI9WV:

By WD6V; mainly CW + PSK31, perhaps some SSB + RTTY; currently QRP, but soon to be 100w; limited spare time operation; QSL OK via Buro or direct (s/ SASE + 1USD or IRC) to NI5DX; end date uncertain.

### Philippines (Special Event), 4D75

Ram, DV8AIK, is sometimes active as 4D75D to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary (75<sup>th</sup>) of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA). This callsign will be used throughout the year 2008. Look for activity on 20/15 meters SSB. Ram is located on Mindanao Island (OC-130). QSL direct is preferred, but for those stations who are comfortable to send by the Bureau it is "OK."

### Lighthouse Activities

Members of the Group Mistongo DX Tandil (GMDXT) Radio Club (LU2EE) will activate the lighthouse of Punta Piedras (ARG-058) between May 1-4th. Activity will be on 80/40 meters SSB. Operators mentioned are: Santos/LW7DAF, Jose/LU4EHP and Anibal/LU3ES. Grid Loc. GF14. This lighthouse was inaugurated in 1917; it is 31 meters in height. QSL via Radio Tandil Club, C. C. 184, 7000 Tandil, BA, Argentina.

Special event station W3S will be operating from the grounds of the Piney Point Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-601), St. Mary's County, MD, during their annual Waterfront Festival Saturday, May 10th, from 1300-2000z. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17 meters. They hope to have 3 active stations on SSB, CW and BPSK-31. A photo QSL is available, and a certificate upon request. QSL with S.A.S.E. via KA3UNQ. (See and follow QSL instructions on (QRZ.com).)