

# JEFFERSON REPORT

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**June 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:  
June 25

Board Meeting:  
July 9

**Open clubhouse:  
Every Thursday 7:00pm**

ARES Coast Guard Net:  
9:00 P.M. on 146.86-  
(PL114.8)

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[w5ctv@arrl.net](mailto:w5ctv@arrl.net)  
Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of  
the month



## Field Day This Weekend

Field Day, Amateur Radio's annual exercise to demonstrate to the community it's readiness to support necessary communications services in the event of an emergency is always held the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend of June. (I sure wish I lived in North Dakota for this one! Ed.) We will activate the JARC clubhouse for the first time in emergency mode since Hurricane Katrina. All of the new radio equipment should be operational, as long as Murphy does not come to visit.

We will begin setting up Friday afternoon in our traditional fashion. Come out to the clubhouse and have some fun.

Rumor is that Debby, KE5UTC is going to rally the YL's together to take over the operation on Saturday evening around 19:00 local for 3 hours. I think it would be great to see a ladies only effort for a few hours. You do not have to be a member of the JARC, DDXA or US Coast Guard to operate. If you are a licensed, or even an unlicensed Lady who would like to give operating on HF a try, come out and have some fun.

Saturday lunch provided by the DDXA, dinner by the JARC and Sunday breakfast by the CS Coast Guard.

We need help for setup and break down so please come out. We especially need help in the weeeee hours.

Call us at the club for more info 504-831-1613.

### New Members

The following have applied for membership and will be voted on at the general meeting.

Juanita Haas, Gretna, Associate Membership - no call yet

KF5AEP, Edward Stubbs, New Orleans, General

### VE Session Nets New Crop of Extras

A simple suggestion by Steven Fogg, N5FUZ turned into major success June 13 at the JARC-VE session. Steven suggested that the JARC hold an "Extra Class study group" so that anyone who might be interested in attaining their Extra class license might better be prepared for the test. We announced the class and during the past 2 months 8 hams attended the sessions.

Don Boudreau, W5FKX of the Delta DX Association was the main elmer/mentor for the group with occasional help from other DDXA and JARC members. There was also a cadre of supporting cast who just came by for the fellowship.

Seven of the participants arrived for the VE session and each one walked out with CSCE's proclaiming their success. Congratulations all!

Congratulations to the following who upgraded their licenses.

AE5MW, Mike Villarrubia, Metairie, Extra - formerly KE5VUI

KA5UIT, Konstantino Anastasiou, Metairie, Extra

KB5MFP, Jim Davis, Destrehan, General

KC5KWZ, John Britton, Metairie, Extra

KC5PSF, Bob Stoops, River Ridge, Extra

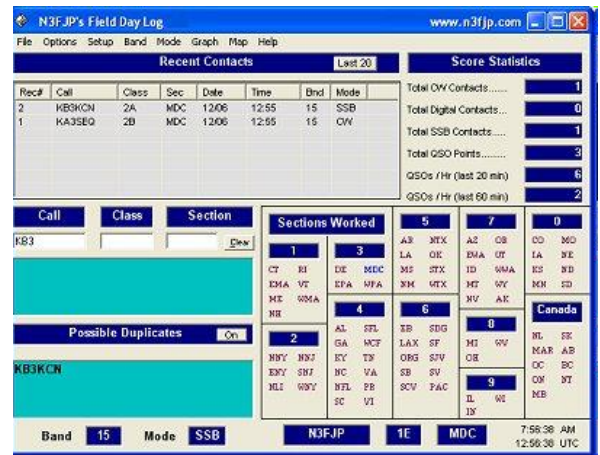
N5VUZ, Steven Fogg, Metairie, Extra

WB5NPW, Jesse Phillips, Arabi, Extra

WB5V, Stephen O'Kelley Sr., Waggaman, Extra - formerly NH6Y

# Field Day Top Meeting Item

The General Meeting on Thursday will be focused on preparing for this weekend's Field Day exercise. We will have a training session for the N3FJP Field Day logging program that we have used for the last two years. It is an easy to use program. If you have never used it before, or need to refresh your memory, please come out and give it a try. We will also be testing the computer network and give the rigs a quick shake down to make sure they are working OK. We will also have a sign up sheet available for people to take an operating shift during the weekend. They are in 3 hour shifts. Come on out and sign up for a shift.



## WX4NHC Announces on-the-air Station Test Results

WX4NHC <[www.wx4nhc.org](http://www.wx4nhc.org)>, the Amateur Radio station at the National Hurricane Center <[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)>, conducted its annual On-The-Air Station Test on Saturday, May 30, 2009 According to Assistant WX4NHC Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4R, the station conducted the test to promote awareness of the 2009 hurricane season and to verify station equipment performance on the many frequencies and modes that are used to communicate with other stations in affected areas during hurricanes. WX4NHC has been at the NHC for 29 years.

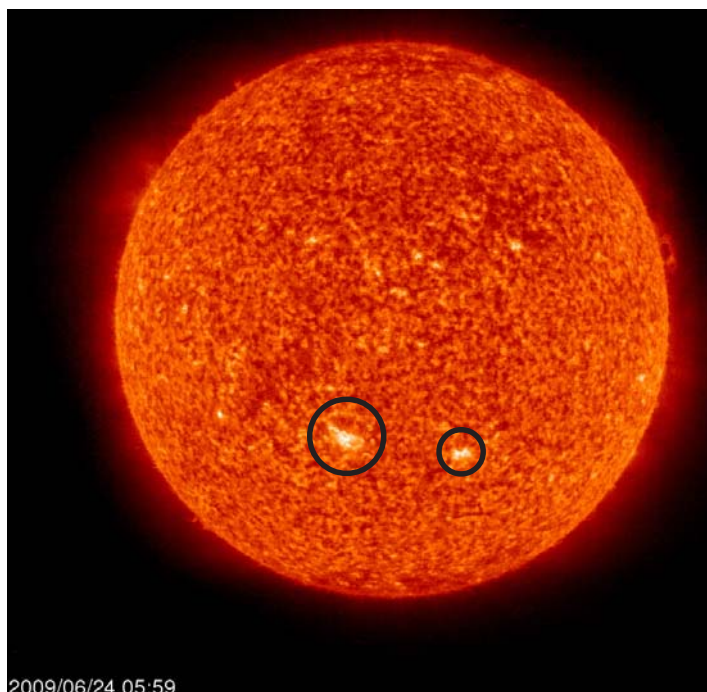
Ripoll said that WX4NHC station was on the air for nine hours, making 154 contacts with stations in the US, the Caribbean, Central America, Canada, Australia, Europe and Africa. "Most contacts made on HF were done using phone (SSB) and on the Hurricane Watch Net <[www.hwn.org](http://www.hwn.org)> frequency of 14.325 MHz, as well as 7.268 MHz in cooperation with the Waterway Net <[www.waterwayradio.net](http://www.waterwayradio.net)>," he said. "We also made contacts using HF and VHF APRS

<[www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/aprs](http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/aprs)>, and local VHF and UHF repeaters in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties."

Ripoll said that the VoIP Hurricane Net <[www.voipwx.net](http://www.voipwx.net)> conducted a two hour simulated Hurricane Net on EchoLink (WX\_TALK conference) and IRLP (node 9219) using the same methods of collecting and forwarding data to WX4NHC during hurricanes with great success: "We extend special thanks to Rob Macedo, KD1CY, and the VoIP Hurricane Net Controls for their dedication and continued support of WX4NHC."

On behalf of the WX4NHC Coordinators and operators, Ripoll thanked all the Amateur Radio operators who participated in the WX4NHC Annual Station Test: "We look forward to your continued support during the hurricane season." For a QSL card from the test, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Julio Ripoll, WD4R, 14855 SW 67 Ln, Miami, FL 33193-2027.

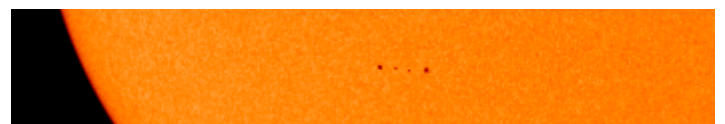
--Courtesy ARRL



## First Multiple Sunspots of New Cycle Appear

The Daily DX reported on June 23 "for the first time in the new cycle, there were two Cycle 24 numbered sunspots. As reported yesterday Sunspot 1022 is being followed by an even bigger Sunspot (1023). You can see the two high-latitude groups located below the equator in the southern region of the sun at [http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/data/realtime/mdi\\_igr/1024/latest.jpg](http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/data/realtime/mdi_igr/1024/latest.jpg)."

SpaceWeather.com also reported that "Sunspot group 1023 has an eye-catching shape--it is a straight line. The group's four spots have formed a rare 'sunspot syzygy.' The formation makes a nice target for backyard solar telescopes."



July 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Field Day Continues	29	30 9:00 p SELA/Coast Guard Auxiliary Net	1	2 7:00 p JARC Open House 8:00 p WARC Net 146.94	3	4
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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.

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 2009

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:	Rafael	W5BAI	208-0858	
	#2:	Don	WB5QAZ	455-4448
	#3:	Johnny	N5AZA	
2 Year #1:	Jim	KB5MFP		
	#2:	Josh	KD5PCR	261-8963
	#3:	Bob	AE5RN	393-1075

All phone numbers use the 504 area code.

## Technician Class Scheduled

The next Technician License course will be presented at the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club beginning Wednesday July 15, at 6:30 PM. The class continues on Monday, July 20, Wednesday July 22, Monday, July 27 and concludes Wednesday, July 29. A Volunteer Examination session will follow on Saturday, August 8 with registration for the exams beginning at 9:00 AM. Please contact Keith, W5KB at w5gad@w5gad.org if you are interested in attending. This class is open to anyone interested in amateur radio.

As usual, there is no charge for this course, however a study guide is recommended.

## New Orleans Hamfest Still Planned

You may have seen some emails recently stating that the New Orleans Hamfest had been cancelled and then that it was back on. The planning did go through some rough seas for a period, but a new chairman has been found and it is still slated to happen on Saturday, October 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Kenner. For more info, see [www.cqtopia.com/nolahamfest](http://www.cqtopia.com/nolahamfest).

As of June 20, 2009 more than half of the tables reserved for the 2009 New Orleans Ham Fest. If anyone would like to reserve a table we recommend you do so asap. After we run out of tables inside (IN THE AIR CONDITIONING) then we start flea market (tail gating) outside in the front parking lot.

At the moment we have the following vendors coming for the Ham Fest, The Sign Man of Baton Rouge, M&M Computer Sales, Cedar City Sales, Palmetto Antennas and (80 percent sure that Radio Shack is coming). For the ladies we have Mary Kay, Jackie's Custom Made Necklaces and possibly Avon.

## Clubhouse Work Ongoing - Antennas Next

We will have a bucket truck at the clubhouse Friday morning 6/26 to begin installation/repair of the antennas on the telephone poles. If you can come out to help, please do so.

We found that the Mosley 3 ele yagi has some worn out parts on it and instead of trying to make this work, opted to get parts and do it right. Unfortunately, Mosley is out of stock and there is a 3 week wait on them! We need 8 of these parts, (insulators). The order has been placed. Now we are back to plan A which is just moving with one tower/pole unless we can put another HF antenna together for the South Pole.

Some of the electrical work was done outside the building this week so we have some lights up and the Sump Pump project is officially done. Steven and Paul Fogg advise us that the project was much bigger than expected. This should help to alleviate the ongoing issue of water in the clubhouse that comes in from the parking lot since it was raised. Now we just need a good rainfall to test it out.

Much thanks to the guys and gal who always seem to be there when you need some work to get done.

Steven Fogg  
Mike Villarrubia  
Don Olson  
Dick Dannenberg  
Paul Fogg  
Debby Clinard  
Mike Ducote  
Ray Crain  
You all are the greatest!

Mike, Steven and Don did some extra cleaning of the container and threw away a bunch of stuff in the back yard. Anyone have a weed eater and an hour of time to clean up the back yard a bit would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again and 73  
Keith, W5KB

## Westside ARC to Install New Officers at Banquet

The WARC Installation Banquet will be held at Zydeco's Restaurant Wednesday July 8, 2009. Arrive to dine between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Installation to start at 7:30 pm. Select from the menu. Individual checks. RSVP to Tom @ 504-341-0832 or 504-234-9755 for head count. Location: 7010 Highway 23 - Belle Chasse, LA phone: 504-393-0510. Restaurant closes at 9 pm.