

JEFFERSON REPORT

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The next meeting will be held at the JARC Clubhouse, Wally Pontiff Playground Please see w5gad.org for the latest information.

General Meeting:
July 23

Board Meeting:
August 13

Open clubhouse:
Every Thursday 7:00pm

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

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Deadline: 2nd Friday of
the month



W5UP - SK

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a good friend in the local ham radio community. Frank Sicurro, W5UP ex W5KKZ, became a silent key on Saturday morning July 18. Frank was a Charter Member of the Delta DX Association and two time president of that club. He was also a U.S. Marine veteran, member of the American Legion, and the first member in DDXA to receive the ARRLA1 Operator Award.

Following is a remembrance of Frank by Jim, K5NV

Frank was the FIRST MEMBER IN THE DDXA TO OBTAIN HIS EXTRA CLASS LICENSE. He did this without telling anyone in the Club and when he achieved it on the first try he made it a surprise announcement on a DDXA Tuesday Night Net. This resulted in an inspiration to all club members to do the same. Because at that time the club

was so competitive it caused over 85% of the club to go on to get their Extra Class License and 2 letter call sign, including me. This was when you took the test in front of an FCC Engineer at the FCC Office.

The "Podner" was always there to help when needed. Because of my limited knowledge in Electronics he was always the go to BENCH TECH and just about fixed everything I had that was broken. Many times he worked on my Alpha Amps and SB220's and they always worked great when he finished with them.

He loved Ham Radio and although his health was failing and could not do much of it he maintained his equipment.

The last two storms, Katrina and Gustav, he managed to take his antennas and tower down with the help of his sons and others and always had them put back up waiting to work the new one after the Storm.

-- Jim O'Brien / K5NV

Funeral arrangements are: On Wednesday a visitation at Muhleisen Funeral Home on Metairie Road from 6 PM to 9 PM. Then on Thursday a visitation at Visitation Our Lady Church located at 3500 Ames Blvd. from 12 PM to 1:30 PM. The service begins at 1:30 PM. The burial is at West Lawn Cemetery. The death notice will be in the Times Picayune on Wednesday

Frank was 80 years old on July 5th.

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National and International Radio Amateur Contest on the Bicentennial of the Argentine Coast Guard

LU1CSP, the Circle of Petty Officers of the Argentine Coast Guard (Prefectura Naval Argentina) organized a Radio Amateur contest to promote the awareness that on June 30th 2010, this military corps will be 200 years old.

The contest will run from June 30th to August 31st 2009. Stations will have to contact Argentine stations and will earn points according to a schedule. QSOs will be on the 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 & 2 meter bands, and on the following modes: J3E, PSK & A1A (80, 40, 20, 15 & 10 mtrs), and F3E (2 mtrs).

Contest will be in Spanish language and the official call will be: CQ. CQ. CQ. CONCURSO "CAMINO AL BICENTENARIO DE LA PREFECTURA".

All QSOs will have to be confirmed sending a QSL card to LU1CSP via Bureau. The International station that will earn the highest number of points on HF will receive a Medal and a Certificate. All foreign stations participating will also receive a Certificate of Participation.

QSL cards must be received before September 19, 2009.

More information is available in Spanish at: <http://www.lu1csp.com.ar/concursos/1999.php>



Argentine Coast Guard Patrol Boats GC78 "Puerto Madryn" and GC64 "Mar del Plata" docked in front of the Coast Guard Station at the port of Tigre, 40km North of the capital city of Buenos Aires. These Z-28 type ships are manufactured by German shipbuilders Blohm+Voss, known for the famous WWII battleship "Bismark". Argentine Coast Guard has 20 similar units as part of its fleet.

General José M. Zapiola, was a marine officer born in Buenos Aires in 1780. Among other services rendered to his incipient country, Argentina, he served as Captain of the Port of Buenos Aires for the periods 1820-1821 and 1852-1853. He was the fourth officer in the history to hold that

Concurso Nacional e Internacional de Radioaficionados en conmemoración del Bicentenario de la Prefectura Naval Argentina (Guarda Costas)



El círculo de Suboficiales de la Prefectura Naval Argentina, LU1CSP, ha organizado un concurso con el objeto de comenzar a difundir que el 30 de Junio de 2010, la Prefectura Naval Argentina cumple sus 200 AÑOS de servicio.

Tendrá lugar desde el 30 de junio al 31 de agosto de 2009 inclusive. Las estaciones tendrán que contactar con estaciones Argentinas y obtendrán puntos de acuerdo con una escala determinada. Los QSOs se realizarán en las bandas de 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 y 2 metros y en los siguientes modos: J3E, PSK y A1A (80, 40, 20, 15 y 10 metros), y F3E (2 metros).

El concurso será en español y el llamado oficial es: CQ. CQ. CQ. CONCURSO "CAMINO AL BICENTENARIO DE LA PREFECTURA".

Todos los QSOs tienen que confirmarse mediante tarjeta QSL enviada a LU1CSP via Buró. La estación internacional que obtenga el mayor puntaje recibirá una Medalla y Diploma. Todas las estaciones extranjeras que participen, recibirán un Certificado de Participación.

Todas las QSLs deben recibirse antes del 19 de septiembre de 2009.

Más información está disponible en: <http://www.lu1csp.com.ar/concursos/1999.php>



position. Our club member Claudia Shabetai, W5/LU2BAI is a descendant of Gen. Zapiola and now also a proud member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Claudia provided the details of this article. Photos by Rafael Shabetai, W5BAI.

August 2009

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

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

Antenna Party/Field Day...AWESOME!!!

After over 5 years without any "real" antennas the JARC is now QRV. All of which we could not have accomplished without the help of several fine individuals.

The antenna installation took 2 days of work in the boom truck donated by the recreation department. With Roy in the bucket with me, the truck made a very difficult situation bearable. We also had help from Ted Saba, KN5O, Greg Shultz, W5RY, Ray Crain, KB5GA, Steven Fogg, N5VUZ, Paul Fogg, K5GVD, Dick Dannenberg, W5RMX, Mike Saladino, WB5LLI, Don Olson, WB5QAZ, and Mike Villarrubia, AE5MW.

We have two towers loaded with aluminum. One has a



M o s l e y Classic 33 and a 6 ele 6 meter beam, the other has a Force 12 C3S, a 22 ele UHF beam and a 13 ele VHF beam.

Gee it is nice to hear stations on the radios again.

Field Day was operated from the clubhouse this year as a break-in/test session for the antenna installation. We ran as a class D station. The event was well attended and helped to find some kinks in the station installation. A full report on Field Day will be in the August newsletter.

VE Test Session

A Volunteer Examination session is scheduled for Saturday, August 8th. Registration for the test begins at 9:00AM. For more information contact us at w5gad@w5gad.org.

Upcoming Hamfests

* 34th Annual Hamfest, Aug. 8, 2009 Leesville, Louisiana, Location: First United Methodist Church, Leesville, LA Located at 202 N. 5th Street. TALK-IN 145.310 –DUP. PL.203.5 & 146.520 Simplex & APRS 144.390

* Delta Division Convention: 11-12 Sep 2009 Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest Association Mena, AR Queen Wilhelmina State Park 3877 Highway 88 West <http://qwha.org> Talk-In: 146.79 (PL 100)

* Join us in supporting the New Orleans Hamfest on October 3 by talking it up and pre-registering. Information can be found at <http://www.cqtopia.com/nolahamfest>

Newsletter Goes International

You may have noticed a little something different on page 2 of this newsletter. The article on the Argentinian contest is Page 4

bilingual. This is in honor of the expanded circulation of this newsletter. A prominent club in Argentina has taken an interest in the come back of amateur radio in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina and has asked to be put on the distribution list of the *Jefferson Report*. We have gladly granted that request. To all our new readers in Argentina, welcome and thank you for your interest in our recovery.

JARC VEC Goes to FCC

Each year the National Council of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) holds a conference of the nation's VECs. This year, the JARC VEC will be resrepresented in Gettysburg, PA at FCC headquarters by Keith, W5KB. This is the first time in many years that the JARC VEC has been present at the conference. Decisions about the question pools, testing procedures, etc. are made at this conference. A full report on the conference will be coming in the Aug. newsletter.



Left: Keith, W5KB and Roy from the Parks Dept. install the VHF/UHF beams. Above: Ted, KN5O runs the CW station during Field Day.

JARC Board Of Directors 2009

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