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Repeaters: 146.790 - and 444.400 +
(PL tone 107.2)
Both Yaesu System Fusion

Nets: Region 2 ARES Net
Sundays 8:00 PM
146.790 (PL tone 107.2)

BRARC Club Net
Sundays 8:30 PM
146.790 (PL tone 107.2)

10 Meter Net
Mondays 7:30 PM
28.450 MHz USB



Aug 28 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM
Main Library Goodwood Boulevard
Presenter: Dana Browne, AD5VC

Sept 4 (Tues) BRARC Board Meeting
6:30 PM Bluebonnet Library

Sept 6 (Thurs) Technician Class Begins
6 PM Main Library Goodwood Boulevard
Sept 13, 20 & 27

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Sept 25 (Tues) BRARC Meeting 7:00 PM
Main Library Goodwood Boulevard
Topic: TBA



Visit the **BRARC Website** at
www.brarc.org to keep up-to-date
on all the club happenings including
meetings, activities, and classes.



Hamfest Calendar

September 29

ARC of Shreveport
Tailgate/Swap Meet/Catfish Fry
Shreveport, LA
<http://n5shv.org/>

October 13

Central Louisiana ARC Hamfest
Kees Park Community Center
Pineville, LA
<https://www.clarc.us/>

November 10

Greater New Orleans Hamfest
Harahan Lions Club Building
Harahan, LA
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044282109131267/>

ARRL Contest Dates

September 8-10

September VHF

September 15-16

10 GHz & Up – Round 2

September 29-30

EME – 2.3 GHz & Up

Contest Corral Calendar

[Calendar Link](#)



Weekly

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM
The Warehouse Restaurant
12328 South Choctaw, Baton Rouge
Between Flannery and Sherwood Forrest

Fridays at 7:30 AM
Frank's on Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge

Saturdays at 6:30 AM
Now Two Locations

James Grill & Cafe
205 Florida Ave, Denham Springs
and
The Warehouse Restaurant, Baton Rouge

BRARC Elmers

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If you need assistance, please contact one of the above. If you would like to be an Elmer, please contact a Board Member or email the Club at brarc@brarc.org

W5KID Operating Schedule USS Kidd



11 Nov Veterans Day
7 Dec Pearl Harbor Day

Times and dates may vary, and will be included in RF News. Operating times on the weekend are usually 10 AM – 3:30 PM. Sign-up sheets will be available before the club meetings.

Contact Dave Thomas, K5CGX
225.572.7836

- ✓ If you would like to schedule another date/time to operate the USS Kidd station, please contact the BRARC Board at brarc@brarc.org



Technician Licensing Class

An Amateur Radio Operator Technician Licensing Class is scheduled to start on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library on Goodwood Boulevard.

The classes begin at 6 pm and will be held on Thursdays in the 2nd floor Technology Lab. The classes will conclude with a VE session on October 25, 2018. There is no fee for the course. The recommended text for the classes is Stu Turner's HamRadioSchool.com Technician & General License Course.

Anyone interested in learning about Amateur Radio is welcome to attend. For information on Amateur Radio visit arrl.org and brarc.org. Follow this [Link to Class Syllabus](#).

73 de Brett
KG5IQU



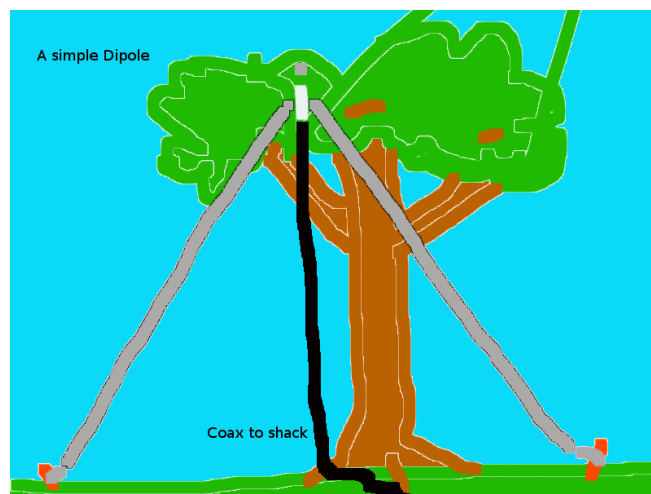
Future VE Licensing Exam Dates

October 25
October 30

Main Library – Goodwood Blvd

For more info on BRARC testing procedures go to <http://brarc.org/education/license-exams/>.

Radio Loan Program



Getting started in ham radio can be overwhelming and expensive. The BRARC Radio Loan Program is a great way for new hams to get on the air quickly, and also provides a try-before-you-buy opportunity. Your first set-up can be an entertaining process that usually involves some crawling, climbing, throwing, and taping. Wear appropriate PPE.

A variety of radios are available for loan to BRARC members for a 90-day period. Visit the club website to view equipment and complete the application. [Link: Radio Loan](#)

The **Icom IC-730** HF Transceiver package includes power supply, microphone, external antenna tuner, and G5RV antenna.

The **Icom IC-2100H** VHF FM Transceiver package includes power supply, microphone, and external magnetic mount 144 MHz mobile antenna.

Also available is a **Yaesu FT-50R** Dual-Band Hand-Held Transceiver with NC-60B charger. Contact the club brarc@brarc.org for assistance.

LA ARES Region 2 Quarterly Meeting 08.14.18 American Red Cross



The Louisiana ARES Region 2 held its 3rd quarterly meeting at the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross on Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Region 2 Emergency Coordinator Robert Hobbs, N5ULA, welcomed amateur radio emergency operators, and thanked Steve Irving, WA5FKF, Red Cross DST Lead, for hosting the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to give fellow operators an update from the major “served agencies” within Region 2. Those agencies attending included the American Red Cross, EBRP MOHSEP, and GOHSEP. SkyWarn updates are planned to be presented at the 4th quarter meeting with EBRP MOHSEP. Steve, WA5FKF, spoke to the group regarding Red Cross updates where there will be a National response to Baton Rouge within 120 hours of a major storm hitting South Louisiana. At 96 hours Steve would be alerting the 16 supervisors within DST as to the event. Steve is actively recruiting communication personnel for those positions.

Robert, N5ULA, gave an update regarding the status of the radio room at EBRP MOHSEP and HamShack Hotline that can interface with smartphones. Roger Fabre, N5NXL, GOHSEP, was

introduced by Jim Coleman, AI5B, ARES Section Emergency Manager. Roger, N5NXL, introduced the link system using repeaters in Southeast Louisiana along with GOHSEP band plan. Jim Coleman, AI5B, presented the 2018 LA Section Emergency Operation Plan. Jim, AI5B, indicated that there is no Command Staff, but rather a Section staff of volunteers who would be available to assist the Parish Emergency Coordinator (EC) when called upon to do so. If a Parish does not have an EC, the Region’s EC would be available to the Parish EOC if there is a request for amateur radio emergency services. The major point in the plan is that the request must be initiated by the Parish EOC Manager for the event or incident.

Training: In regards to training, an EC is recommended to have ICS courses IS100c, IS200b, IS700b, and IS800c. **The online courses are available on the FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute website,** <https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>. Region ECs and Section level leadership are recommended to have additional courses IS300 & IS400 which are classroom based. Non leadership emergency amateur radio operators are not required, but recommended to have the basis courses, IS100c & IS200b, IS700b, & IS800c. Both Roger, N5NXL, and Jim, AI5B, shared that a number of the parishes EOCs, “served agencies”, do require the basic 4 courses to operate in their respective agency. The consensus of the presenters indicated that it is important for ARES members to become embedded in their “served agency” of choice rather than wait for an event or incident. A copy of Jim’s, AI5B, presentation will be requested to post on the BRARC’s website.

Section Manager John Mark Robertson, K5JMR, was in attendance, and thanked all who participate in amateur radio emergency services for their time, money, and work in serving others.

- Michael Nolan, KD5MLD



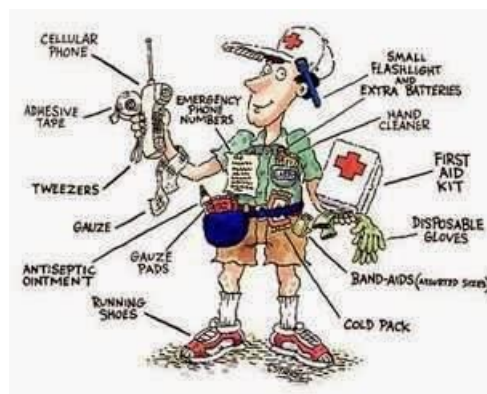
SkyWarn training is scheduled on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 PM.

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) is part of the SkyWarn system with our National Weather Service.

Location: The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness MOHSEP on Harding Blvd – 1st floor training room. It is near the Baton Rouge Airport. It will open to the public and help fulfill a Storm Ready requirement for the parish/city.

We invite everyone to join the Region 2 ARES Net on Sundays at 8 PM CDT on 146.790 (PL tone 107.2).

**– Michael Nolan, KD5MLD
LA ARES Region 2, ADEC**



Before disaster strikes, follow the link to review the Louisiana Section Emergency Communications Plan: [Link to LA Section EM COMM Plan](#)



The Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center, WX4NHC, is asking for assistance to gather and relay information to the National Hurricane Center (NHC) during a named storm event. **WX4NHC on 14.325 MHz** is a frequency that you should always monitor during a hurricane. More information can be found at <http://www.wx4nhc.org>.

Review the FEMA Emergency Supply List, and make sure that you are prepared.
[FEMA Checklist](#)



Hamshack Hotline

Hamshack Hotline is a free dedicated VoIP for ham operators. Its intended use is to enable the transmission of emergency and/or tactical traffic when normal radio traffic handling is overloaded or unavailable. It's another tool in the bag for emergency operators. Operators can also be a part of conference bridges that connect hams worldwide in real time. A phone book is available on the website: <http://apps.wizworks.net:9091/>.

To open an account, you will need to purchase a SIP capable phone. Then go to the website and open a ticket: <http://apps.wizworks.net:9090/>.

For FAQs, visit the Hamshack Hotline website: <https://hamshackhotline.com/>.

Information provided by Robert Hobbs, N5ULA



Those who enjoy operating the USS Kidd station will find this to be an intriguing story.

Frank Moses of Toledo, OH was recently honored for his service as his remains were laid to rest in a special ceremony. The full article in *The Blade* details Mr. Moses' service, and references an interview with William T. Barnhouse who is believed to be the only living USS Kidd officer from the WW2 era. -Editor

"Mr. Moses' first assignment was aboard the USS Kidd, a Fletcher-class destroyer carrying the number 661, meaning the Kidd was the 661st destroyer built by the U.S. Navy. . . "

"A destroyer man is in a class of his own. We are very proud people," William T. Barnhouse told *The Blade*. He was a lieutenant aboard the Kidd with Mr. Moses.

"You never ask a man if he's a destroyer man because if he is, he'll tell you. If he isn't, you don't want to embarrass him."

"The 379-foot-long and 39-foot wide Kidd was packed with boys as young as 15 or 16 years old. Bunks were stacked four high. Dinners were eaten elbow to elbow. The ship was made for 250 men, but it was packed with 325 . . ."

"We were a band of brothers," said Mr. Barnhouse, 95, the only Kidd officer from World War II remaining. He believes there are four enlisted men living. "We would stick together. Destroyers were considered expendable [because they were expected to be sacrificed to protect the carriers]. Destroyer men loved their ships. There were no enemies aboard ship."

Mr. Moses left the Kidd in August, 1944, reassigned to the USS Antietam, an aircraft carrier commissioned in January, 1945."

Follow this link to read the full story:

[Remains-of-World-War-II-vet-frank-lee-moses-finally-find-a-home](#)

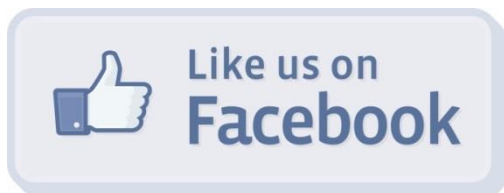


BRARC DXpedition IOTA LA NA - 168 Grand Isle, LA October 5-7

Make your plans now for this fun event being organized by Vernon Morris, AA5O. Those who do not go can search the bands, and make an official DX QSO. Further details will be presented at the club meeting, and also check the next issue of RF News.



The word from Robin, KK5RH, is that plans are in the works for a "mini expedition" to possibly include operating on a house boat one weekend this fall in the deep Atchafalaya Swamp.



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Please submit articles, activities, fun facts, and photos by **September 15** to
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73, Jen, K5NMT

Shreveport Hamfest



Mike Nolan, KD5MLD and Brook Samuel, N5DGK





Photos by Robin Hudson, KK5RH