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June 15, 2020

Tidbits from Todd

Hello Everyone, I hope all of you had a happy and safe Memorial Day. It is now June and we are 2 weeks into hurricane season and we already have 3 named storms behind us. I hope this isn't an indicator of a long hurricane season with multiple named storms. Field Day is almost here. The Board of Directors held a meeting via Zoom on Tuesday June 2nd and we voted to follow the ARRL recommendation for Field Day this year. That recommendation is to have everyone work Field Day separately from home this year rather than having a large public gathering at the HRPO Observatory as we have done for the past several years due to CoVid19 concerns. The ARRL has made a temporary rule change for this year which will allow home stations operating on commercial power (Class 1D) to be able to work other home stations and still receive credit. This has not been allowed in the past. I am disappointed that the club will not be able to hold a public gathering this year but I understand the concerns of spreading the virus. We are still going to have fun. Best of Luck to all of you and don't forget to submit a log under your own call. Update your logging software so you (continued on Page 9)

Upcoming Events Calendar

6/27-6/28 **Field Day 2020 1PM to 1PM**

Field Day will be operated individually from our homes this year. Logs will be submitted using individual call signs with the club name included in your log.

6/30 **June Club Meeting 7 PM**

We will be having our June club meeting on the 146.79 repeater again this month. Hopefully, the library will be available next month. (July 2020)

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Web: www.brarc.org

President Todd Huovinen-AB5TH
Vice President Jennifer Bordelon-K5NMT
Secretary Thornton Cofield-K5HLC
Treasurer Bill Smith-KE5TA
Directors: Vernon Morris, AA5O
 Brook Samuel, N5DGK
 Jeremy Gerald-AD5XY
 Jerry Clouatre-AG5AY
 Robin Hudson-KK5RH
 Ken Shutt-W5KQ
 Dan Lott (KF5TQN)

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

Nets: BRARC Club Net - Sunday 8:30 PM
 146.790 (PL tone 107.2) System
Fusion Ten Meter Net - Monday 7:30 PM
 28.450 MHz USB

PLEASE NOTE!!

Club Dues
Payable January 1

- Dues are payable annually January 1.
- Regular membership is \$25 per year.
- Student membership is \$5 per year.
- Send dues to PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or deliver in person at a club meeting.

For your convenience club dues can now be paid on line via a link on the club website.

Major credit cards are accepted as well as PayPal. NOTE: Credit card payments for dues

CANNOT be accepted at club meetings at this time.

Breakfast



We meet for breakfast 3 days each week:

Wednesday: The Warehouse Restaurant
(12328 S Choctaw Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70815) 6:30 AM

Friday: Frank's Coffee House (8353 Airline Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA 70815) 6:30 AM

Saturday: James' Restaurant (205 Florida Ave. SE. Denham Springs) 6:30 AM

The Warehouse Restaurant (12328 S Choctaw Dr) 6:30 AM

BRARC Facebook Page

If you haven't done so, please visit and "like" our BRARC Facebook page. You will find a link at the club's website: <http://brarc.org/>

We're using Facebook to keep the membership better informed in a timely manner about what's going on in your radio club. This page is also a good way for BRARC members to keep in contact with each other.

73,
Robin, KK5RH

Area Nets

Sunday-Post Office Net (3.905 MHz 75m) 7:00-7:30 AM
Delta Net (3.905 MHz 75m) 7:30-7:45 AM
QCWA (3.905 MHz 75m) 8:00 AM
ARES Region 2 Net (146.790 PL 107.2) 8:00 PM
BRARC Public Service Net (146.790 PL 107.2) 8:30 PM

Monday-BRARC 10 meter net (28.450 MHz) 7:30-8:00 PM Tuesday-LOHSEP 2 meter net (147.165 MHz PL 107.2 Hz)-Livingston 7:30 PM

Wednesday-MISSLOU 2 meter net (146.835 MHz PL 114.8 hz)-Jackson, LA 8:00 PM. Echolink Node: KD5UZA-R
SELSA Net: 146.52 MHz Simplex-Wilson, LA 9:00 PM.

Thursday- LARS Net (146.730 PL 107.2 hz) Walker, LA 7:00 PM
K5ARC Ascension Radio Club Net (147.225 MHz PL 107.2) 8:00 PM
EchoLink Node: K5ARC-R
Amateur Radio Newsline is also ran during this net.

[Do You Have Topics or Suggestions for the RF News?](#)

Do you have pictures, articles, links or other ham radio related items for inclusion in the RF News?

Contact the club president/newsletter editor, Todd (AB5TH). Deadline is the 15th of each month.

BRARC Elmers

Todd Huovinen-AB5TH

If you need assistance, please contact one of above.
If you would like to be an Elmer, please contact the club president Todd, AB5TH

Huntsville Hamfest 2020 (Huntsville, Alabama)

I have received the following information from the Huntsville, Alabama Hamfest:

June 5, 2020

The Huntsville Hamfest Board of Directors has been monitoring fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly large gathering guidance and mandates from the CDC and the State of Alabama. As our world turned upside down in March we held out hope that we could anticipate a brighter picture in August for the Hamfest: including relaxation of social distancing guidelines and strict capacity limits on venues where hams could gather socially to see and buy new equipment, attend interesting forums, network with friends, and barter for used equipment.

Unfortunately this is not the case and with deep sadness the Board has voted to cancel Huntsville Hamfest 2020. We make this decision for the safety of our Visitors, Vendors, and Volunteers.

We will be back and hope to see you back at "The World's Friendliest Hamfest"™ on August 21 & 22, 2021.

73,

Mark N4BCD – Chairman – Huntsville Hamfest



Due to Social Distancing concerns over CoVid19, the Board of Directors of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club has voted to follow the American Radio Relay League's recommended operating guidelines for Field Day and operate from our home stations this year. Class 1D (home commercial power) stations will be able to receive credit for working each other this year. Please be sure to update your logging programs and include our club name (BRARC) with your Field Day logs that you submit.

“OVER THE AIR” MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

We had a great time on May 26th for our “Over the Air” club meeting, Attendance was down to 18 from the 23 check-ins that we had for both the March and April “Meetings on the Air”.

Currently, we’re in “Phase 2” of the state of Louisiana’s re-opening from CoVid 19. The libraries are partially open for business but the number of people allowed inside the library is limited right now as well as the services that are currently being offered to everyone. I am hopeful that by our July 28th meeting we will have access to the library meeting rooms again. Our June 30th club meeting will be held over the 146.790 repeater.

New Board Member

Please join me in welcoming Jeremy Gerald (AD5XY) to the Board of Directors. Jeremy will fill the remaining term of Buddy Brown (N5BUD-SK) who became a silent key unexpectedly last month.-Todd (AB5TH)

BRARC Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 2, 2020, 6:30 pm
Zoom Teleconference

The Board met via Zoom Teleconferencing due to the enactment of preventive measures called by Governor Edwards to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. This board meeting was shortened to 30 minutes since we wanted to stay within the 30-40 minutes of free use of the Zoom program.

Members Present:

President- Todd Huovinen (1), Treasurer- Bill Smith (1), Secretary- Thornton Cofield (1),
Directors- Robin Hudson (1), Jerry Cloutre (2), Dan Lott (2) Brook Samuel (1)

Members Absent:

Vice-President-Jen Bordelon (1), Ken Shutt (2), Vernon Morris (1), vacant (2)
() Number of years to serve on board in stated position.

Visitors: Michael Nolen KD5MLD, Dana Browne AD5VC, and Jeremy Gerald AD5XY

Minutes approval from 03/20: Jerry moved we accept the minutes, seconded by Dan and the minutes of 3/20 were approved.

Treasurer Report-Bill: Bill reported we have \$8,433.02 in the club's account. Robin moved that we accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jerry and the report was approved.

Membership Report-Thornton: Thornton reported the club now has 54 paid members.

Programs – see below

Committee Reports:

Education- An education coordinator for the Technician/General courses has not been assigned at this time.

Equipment-Jerry: Jerry had nothing to report.

PIO/Outreach /Mbr-Thornton: Thornton noted that he will send out a second release of BRARC's membership list. He recommended we include email addresses at this time although we are still collecting physical addresses and phone numbers. Jeremy brought up the necessity of maintaining ARRL membership of our members as an ARRL membership of 51% will designate BRARC as a Special Services Club. Both recommendations were agreed upon by the Board.

EMCOM: No Report

Repeater-Brook: Brook had nothing to report.

USS Kidd Club- See New Business

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Old Business:

Tax Exempt Status-Bill/Todd: Todd reported that he has heard nothing from Marvin at this time. It was noted that we do have a time limit to file or lose our Not-For-Profit status with the IRS.

Observatory Tower/Rotor Replacement Estimate-Robin: Robin reported that this has been put on hold until restrictions are lifted due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Club Christmas Banquet- Todd reported that a meeting room has been reserved at Mike Anderson’s for Saturday Dec. 5, 11:30am – 2:30pm.

New Business:

Appointment of Jeremy Gerald (AD5XY) as a replacement for Buddy Brown (N5BUD): Thornton moved that we accept Jeremy as a board member to fulfill Buddy’s term on the Board, seconded by Jerry, and unanimously approved. Jeremy will serve out Buddy’s remaining 2-year term on the Board.

Field Day Planning- Follow ARRL Recommended Stay at Home Guidelines. Todd recommended after talking with several members that we follow ARRL’s Guidelines. Dana echoed those recommendations and the Board agreed.

USS Kidd- John Krupsky (WA5MLF) and Jon Reise (WA9JBR) have volunteered to manage the USS Kidd Amateur Radio activities. The Board agreed.

We can postpone discussion of these remaining topics to July due to the Zoom time limit of 30 minutes.

Social Gathering and Fox Hunt:

Grand Isle Trip in October-IOTA:

Parks on the Air:

Comments?Questions/Concerns

Tentative Program Suggestions (If library meeting room is available)

- July
- August:** Skype Presentation Rob Sherwood Rob Sherwood-KC0B Confirmed
- September Eating Meeting (Still working on getting this scheduled)
- October Thornton is working on a presentation
- November-“Eating Meeting”/Club Auction

Backup options: Show and Tell

Thornton moved that we adjourn at 7:03, seconded by Brook, and was unanimously approved.

LWARN Linked Repeaters

Livingston- 444.350 + pl 136.5

West Feliciana- 443.625 + pl 156.7

Greensburg- 442.275 + pl 156.7

Washington Parish- 442.425 + pl 156.7

EBR (Central)- 442.400 + pl 156.7

St Tammany Parish- 443.425 + pl 156.7

These repeaters are part of the Livingston Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOSHEP). Amateur operators are welcome to use them.

D-WARN (System Fusion) Linked Repeaters

Baton Rouge: 145.490 (-) PL 107.2

Baton Rouge: 443.375 (+)

Bush, LA: 443.400 (+) PL 114.8

Bush, LA: 145.470 (-) PL 114.8

Jackson, LA: 443.850 (+)

Livingston: 145.230 (-) PL 107.2

Madisonville: 444.875 (+) PL 114.8

New Iberia: 442.025 (+) PL 103.5

New Orleans 444.225 (+) PL 114.8

Parks, LA 443.200 (+) PL 103.5

Shreveport 444.875 (+)

Slidell 442.125 (+) PL 114.8

St. Francisville 147.285 (+) PL 107.2

Sunshine Bridge:443.275 PL 107.2

West Monroe: 444.700 PL 127.3 Use PL Tones for Analog FM Operation



USS KIDD News

John Krupsky (WA5MLF) has posted a sign-up sheet on the BRARC web site for July 4th. If you are interested in operating on the USS Kidd that day please see the signup sheet here:

<http://brarc.org/photos/uss-kidd/>

Please keep checking the club website at www.brarc.org for the latest updates on club functions. John Krupsky (WA5MLF) is regularly updating the club Calendar of Events

Annual “Eating Meeting” POSTPONED

I will be working with Christopher Kersey (KE5PQO) at the Highland Road Park Observatory to reschedule our annual “Eating Meeting” for this Fall (Sept or Oct). I received word from Christopher that the Observatory is reopening on Friday June 19th. Todd-AB5TH

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can include the club name (BRARC) with your log. All logs will be submitted individually. That’s about all that I have for this month. I will be in touch with the library to see if the meeting rooms are available for use again. I enjoy the “Meetings over the Air” but I am really looking forward to things getting back to normal again. We will reschedule the “Eating Meeting” for later this fall. Until next month, everyone stay safe!! 73-Todd (AB5TH)