



R F News

September 15, 2020

Tidbits from Todd

Hello Everyone,

I hope all is well with each and every one of you and I am thankful that our area escaped the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Laura on August 28th. Our August club meeting was held via the Zoom teleconference platform and it was presented by Rob Sherwood (NC0B) of Sherwood Engineering in Denver. The topic was receiver performance. Several members of the Southwest Dallas County Amateur Radio Club in Duncanville, Texas (the club I was a member of when I lived in Texas) joined us for the presentation. Our September meeting will also be held via Zoom on Tuesday September 29 at 6:30 PM. The program will be presented by Kevin Zanjani at Bioenno Power in Santa Ana, California.

73,

Todd-AB5TH

Upcoming Events Calendar

9/29 September Club Meeting-via Zoom teleconference platform.

Program Topic: Bioenno Power Lithium-Iron Phosphate battery technology-Kevin Zanjani from Bioenno Power in Santa Ana, California.

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: Frank's Restaurant Grill & Bar (17425 Airline Highway Prairieville, LA 70769) 6:30 AM. **NEW-BREAKFAST WITH THE ASCENCION ARC**

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

Saturday-Yaeger's Down Home Cooking (240 Range 12 Ave, Suite 121 Denham Springs, LA 70726) **NEW LOCATION!!** 6:30 AM

Saturday-The Warehouse Restaurant (12328 S. Choctaw Drive Baton Rouge, LA. 70815) 6:45 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 played 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
E-Mail: ab5th@arrl.net

Jerry Clouatre-AG5AY
E-Mail: jerry.clouatre@gmail.com

Dan Lott-KF5TKN
E-mail: kf5tkn@gmail.com

BRARC Board Meeting Minutes

Tue. 01 Sep 2020, 6:30 pm

Zoom Teleconference

Members Present:

President- Todd Huovinen (1), Vice-President-Jen Bordelon, Treasurer- Bill Smith (1),
Secretary- Thornton Cofield (1),
Directors- Jerry Clouatre (2), Dan Lott (2), Jeremy Gerald (2), Brook Samuel (1), Vernon Morris (1)

Members Absent:

Ken Shutt (2), Robin Hudson (1),
() Number of years to serve on board in stated position.

Visitors: None

Minutes approval from 08/13: Motion to accept by Bill, seconded by Dan.

Treasurer Report-Bill reported \$8, 641.02 in BRARC's account. Motion to accept by Jerry, seconded by Thornton.

Programs – see below

Committee Reports:

Education- No report

Equipment-Jerry: No change

PIO/Outreach /Mbr-Thornton: Paid membership is 64, 2 lifetime members, and 7 family members.

EMCOM- No report

Repeater-Brook reported that he reset the 440 repeater.

USS Kidd Club- John Krupsky and Jon Reise are co-chairs. No report

Old Business

Observatory Tower/Rotor Replacement Estimate-Robin- on hold due to CoVid19

Museum Antenna Replacement-Robin- on hold due to CoVid19

Continued from Page 4

Remote VE Testing?? –Jerry reported that he will get with Jon on this since he has volunteered to take over Buddy’s (N5BUD) duties managing the club’s VE testing. HamStudy.org is the promoted resource of remote testing and they use ExamTools. They are a volunteer group and work with ARRL on this project. Jerry reported that we will need multiple cameras and will have to notify ARRL of our intentions to move to remote VE testing. Jerry reported while remote VE testing is doable it does have strict guidelines such as how to handle online money payments.

Possible Grand Isle trip for October-IOTA-Vernon thought it was too late to plan IOTA for this year.

Christmas Banquet concerns -crowd size due to CoVid. Should we cancel?? The Board agreed to wait one more month before we make a firm decision.

New Business

Hurricane Laura: Dan reported that he, Robin, Elmer and several other “hams” worked at GOHSEP providing radio support. Jeremy noted that the Amateur Radio community needs to educate the various Louisiana fire departments of the capabilities of Amateur Radio in emergency situations.

Nominating Committee selection: According to the BY-LAWS the following officer positions are open for nominations: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Three director positions are open for nominations with 4 positions having another year remaining to serve. Todd canvassed the Board for members who would consider serving another term.

Club VE Testing team-Jon Reise (WA9JBR) has offered to take Buddy’s spot and manage the club VE testing. The Board approved Jon Reise’s offer to manage the VE testing.

Comments?Questions/Concerns

Program Suggestions:

September 29 Bioenno Batteries via ZOOM.

October 27 Elmer Tatum via ZOOM

November- Eating Meeting (contingent on Louisiana entering Phase 3 Reopening)
Bluebonnet Library 6:00 PM

December-Club Banquet at Mike Anderson’s on December 5th??

Meeting adjourned promptly at 7:15pm

Secretary: Thornton Cofield K5HLC

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

Due to the CoVid19 outbreak we will not be able to operate in the USS KIDD Museum or ship radio room until further notice.

<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

FOR SALE



ICOM 718

Works as it should

Has MARS mod, hand and desk mic plus a dust cover, ATPro100 Tuner and Signalink

\$600.00

Also have:

A 10-80m dipole antenna never been used. It is a 77" offset. One side 40" the other 37". The short side has a 80m trap. Includes 100' or RG8 Coax, also never been used. \$100.00

24' of US Army fiberglass poles (4' sections, I have 6). \$25.00

Contact Info:

Paul Smith-KG5HLB (703) 915-3573

KG5HLB@gmail.com

was added to avoid spambots. Just remove it when you E-mail Paul for information-*ab5th*

Upcoming Hamfest!!



The Greater New Orleans Ham Fest



W5CCG
Sponsored by
Crescent City
Amateur Radio
Group, Inc.

November 14, 2020 - 8AM to 1PM

VFW Hall
1133 Hickory Ave. Harahan, LA. 70123



FREE Tables - FREE Tailgating - FREE Parking

We will Raffle off over **25** Radios and other items!

VE Exam Session Starts at 08:30 - ARRL, ARES & DMR FORUMS

Remember when we all used to go to these before the coronavirus disrupted everything? The Greater New Orleans Hamfest is still scheduled for November 14, 2020.

CANCELLED HAMFEST-Ozone ARC in Slidell October 9-10, 2020.



On Wednesday August 26, the FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270 which implements portions of the *Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act of 2018* (or RAY BAUM'S Act), which gives the FCC statutory authority to collect application fees. As a part of the Act, the FCC is required to switch from a fee structure mandated by Congress 20 years ago to a new cost-based system. This change will result in some fees being reduced and in some cases, such as the Amateur Radio Service, new fees are being added.

Proposed new fees for Amateur Radio and reduction in GMRS fees

Section 8 of the RAY BAUM'S Act does not provide any kind of statutory exemption for filing fees in the Amateur Radio Service, which, historically has had no filing fees. Citing the costs involved in the automated processes, routine maintenance of the Commission's Universal Licensing System (ULS) and limited instances where staff needs to be involved in the application process, the FCC is proposing an across-the-board fee of \$50 for new and modified licenses in the personal radio services, which includes Amateur Radio and the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS). For GMRS, this is a reduction of the current \$70 fee. The FCC also proposes these fees for license renewals and requests for vanity call signs, the latter which had its filing fee eliminated several years ago. The FCC is proposing to still not charge for administrative updates, such as mailing address changes on amateur or GMRS applications. Amateur Radio will remain exempt from annual regulatory fees under Section 9 of the RAY BAUM'S Act.

Commenting on the changes

Once the NPRM is published in the *Federal Register*, filing deadlines for comments and reply comments will be established. Those dates will be announced by the FCC in a separate *Public Notice*. Comments will be accepted in the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System under proceeding 20-270.

A copy of the NPRM, which includes the proposed fee structures, can be found [here](#).

The RAY BAUM'S Act is part of Public Law 115-141 and can be found in [this PDF document](#) starting on page 734 (Division P). The relevant part of the law starts on Page 736, under Section 8.

Written by: Michelle Bradley, KU3N ~ founder of REC Networks.

Link to full article at REC Networks, which also discusses fee changes for commercial broadcast radio can be found at <https://recnet.com/node/3182>

In Closing-

I realize that 2020 has been a rough year with all of the CoVid-19 related cancellations and changes. I have spoken with the Bluebonnet Public Library and even though Louisiana is in Phase 3 recovery, we still do NOT have access to the library meeting rooms at this time. The library will advise us when that changes. Until then, I will see you all at the September 2020 BRARC club meeting which will be held via Zoom on September 29th. The program topic will be a presentation on Lithium-Ion Phosphate batteries by Kevin Zanjani of Bioenno Power in Santa Ana, California.

That's about it for this month.. If you have something that you would like to submit to the newsletter, my email address is ab5th@arri.net

73, Todd-AB5TH