



RF News

August 2021

Tidbits From Todd

Greetings Everyone,

I hope all of you are well. School is about to go back into session, and I am still trying to wrap my head around the fact my baby girl is going into first grade. I've been told that they grow up fast. To change subjects from elementary school back to the club, unfortunately I am afraid that I have a little bit of disappointing news to share with all of you. It appears that due to the recent reinstating of some of the coronavirus restrictions in Louisiana, the Red Cross has closed their meeting rooms until October 11th. Steve Irving (WA5FKF) is checking on this for me, but he did mention that even if we do get permission to have our monthly meetings there in August and September there will more than likely be a crowd capacity limit of 11 people which will not work too well for us. Until these corona virus restrictions are lifted again, we will have to keep meeting via Zoom for the next couple of meetings anyway. I've made the statement before that I personally like Zoom but that's just because I'm lazy and Zoom is easy. I still miss seeing everyone and I am reasonably sure that most of you feel the same way. I feel bad that I have been promoting our first in-person meeting in 18 months only to have it not take place due to local health restrictions. I know that we'll meet in person again soon but it's still frustrating when it seems like everything changes all of the time. I won't get in to the opinions or politics on this virus because it has nothing to do with Amateur Radio and I don't feel that the RF News is the proper place for a forum for complaining about things even though it appears that this edition of Tidbits from Todd has been just that. Back to radio stuff, the biggest ham fest in the WORLD (it's true this year) is about to take place in Huntsville, Alabama on August 21st and 22nd. I've never been there but since Ham-Com in Dallas has folded, Jessica and I are making plans on attending this ham fest this year. If it's as good as everyone says that it is I'm sure that we'll be returning next

year. The Hyundai is out of the body shop after being rear-ended last month and it's ready for a road trip. I wasn't injured and the girls weren't with me. Until next time, stay safe and I'll see you all on Zoom on August 31. I had originally planned on having a meet and greet social to take the place of the program for August since we really haven't seen everyone in person since February 2020 which was the night Bob Heil (K9EID) did a Skype presentation for us. I'm still working on the details for the program since we'll be on Zoom for August. We do have programs scheduled for the September and October meetings. *73, Todd-AB5TH*

Upcoming Events

8/31/2021 - 7:00 pm

Monthly BRARC Club Meeting

Via Zoom

9/18/2021 - 10:00 am to 12 Noon

License Exam - EBR Main Library - Technology Lab

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 4004, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

www.brarc.org

President	Todd Houvinen - AB5TH
Vice President	Jennifer Bordelon - K5NMT
Secretary	Thornton Cofield - K5HLC
Treasurer	Jerry Clouatre - AG5AY
Directors	Jon Reise - WA9JBR Brook Samuel - N5DGK Jeremy Gerald - N5EKF Elmer Tatum - N5EKF Robin Hudson - KK5RH Ken Shutt - W5KQ Dan Lott - KF5TQN

Club Repeaters 146.790 - PL 107.2 (FM, System Fusion)
444.400 + PL 107.2 (FM, System Fusion)

BRARC Nets Two Meter Net (Club Net)
Sundays 8:30 PM on 146.790 Repeater
Ten Meter Net
Mondays 7:30 PM on 28.450 USB



FCC PROPOSES TO CURB ROBOCALLERS' ACCESS TO PHONE NUMBERS THROUGH UPDATED RULES FOR VOIP PROVIDERS

Seeks Comment on Rules to Deter Spoofed Robocalls, Protect National Security, Prevent Regulatory Arbitrage, and Promote Public Safety

WASHINGTON, August 5, 2021—The Federal Communications Commission today approved a proposal seeking comment on how to modify its policies to reduce access to phone numbers by perpetrators of illegal robocalls. The proposed rules are part of ongoing Commission efforts to protect Americans from unwanted and illegal robocalls.

The FCC is proposing to update its rules governing interconnected VoIP providers' direct access to phone numbers to address problems that have arisen from the growth of widely available VoIP software that can allow bad actors to make spoofed robocalls with minimal technical experience and cost. Following Congress's directive in the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act (TRACED Act), the proposed rules would require VoIP providers applying for direct access to numbers to comply with anti-robocalling obligations. In addition, the proposal would establish guardrails to safeguard finite numbering resources, protect against national security risks, reduce the opportunity for regulatory arbitrage, and further promote public safety.

This proceeding proposes updates to FCC rules to require Executive Branch review before entities based outside the United States gain access to numbering resources, and would require that applicants for direct access to numbers disclose foreign ownership information. The Commission also seeks comment on requiring applicants to use numbering resources lawfully; not to encourage or assist and facilitate illegal robocalls, illegal spoofing, or fraud; and to take steps to cease originating, terminating, and/or transmitting illegal robocalls.

Action by the Commission August 5, 2021 by Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 21-94). Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel, Commissioners Carr, Starks, and Simington approving. Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel issuing a separate statement.

Cobra/Motorola Petition FCC for Part 95 Changes

On June 23, 2017, Cobra filed a petition for reconsideration requesting that the Commission permit FM operation as part of an optional dual modulation scheme for CB radios (i.e., a CB radio could have both AM and FM capability). Cobra states that this “would allow users to enjoy the benefits of FM, if they so choose, while ensuring every new radio sold could communicate with all the existing radios in the field.” It argues that a dual modulation approach has been used successfully in other countries for many years. Cobra and others suggest that an FM option will benefit the CB radio user – both professional and recreational – in that it will provide better quality and

clarity of communications. President Electronics USA (President), a subsidiary of Groupe President Electronics, which is a leading supplier of CB radios with AM and FM mode in Europe, concurs that AM and FM each have “unique advantages” and together provide “a better user experience” for CB radios. No commenter opposed Cobra's petition.

After considering this additional information, we conclude that allowing manufacturers to add FM as an optional modulation scheme will not substantially change the fundamental nature of the CB Radio Service and will improve the user experience, as described by Cobra and President.

Accordingly, we grant the Cobra Petition to the extent described herein. Specifically, we amend Section 95.971(a) of the Commission's rules to permit CB Radio Service transmitters to transmit FM voice emissions along with AM. We note that AM and FM operations are permitted in other Part 95 services under similar technical parameters, so we generally apply the technical rules to FM signals as currently apply to AM signals for the CB Radio Service. This approach is the same as that taken in other Part 95 services.

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USS KIDD, W5KID

Nov 11 - Veterans Day
Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Operating Frequencies and Times:

Mon – Fri: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm CT (1600 – 2130 UTC)

Sat & Sun: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm CT (1600 – 2130 UTC)

Check for spots on dxsummit.fi

SSB: around 14.240, 7.240 MHz

CW: around 14.060, 7.060 MHz

Regular open hours for the Museum are 9:30 to 3:30 daily.

USS Lexington Special Event - September 25th

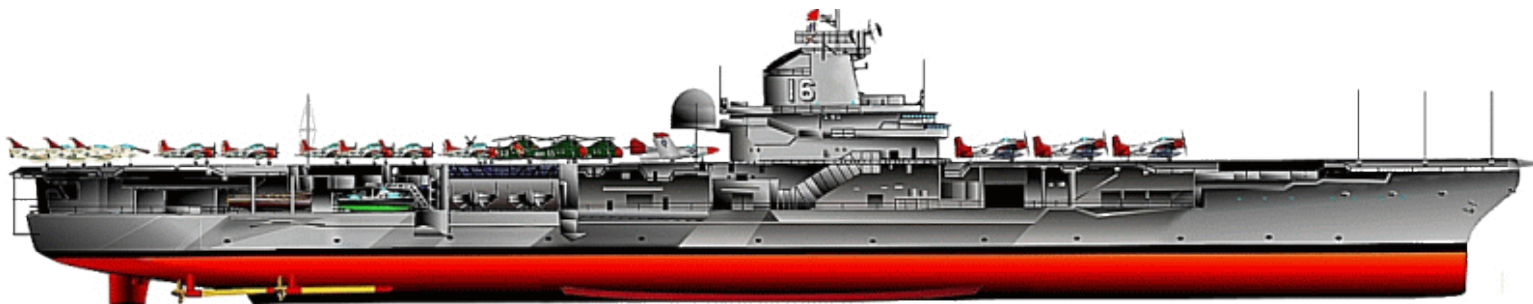
On September 25th the USS Lexington will go on the air. If the museum is open to the public. I was in contact with several museum ships and they would like to be involved also the Lexington will be the flagship for that day.

And in February we'll be running a special event station on board the USS Lexington celebrate her commissioning She was the fifth U.S. Navy ship to bear the name in honor of the Revolutionary War Battle of Lexington. Since 1992, the ship has been docked in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she

operates as a museum.

The ship was laid down as Cabot on 15 July 1941 by Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts. In May 1942, USS Lexington (CV-2), which had been built in the same shipyard two decades earlier, was sunk at the Battle of the Coral Sea. In June, workers at the shipyard submitted a request to Navy Secretary Frank Knox to change the name of a carrier currently under construction there to Lexington. Knox agreed to the proposal and Cabot was renamed as the fifth USS Lexington on 16 June 1942. She was launched

on 23 September 1942, sponsored by Mrs. Theodore Douglas Robinson. Lexington was commissioned on 17 February 1943, with Captain Felix Stump in command.



USS LEXINGTON CVT 16

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On September 28, 2017, Motorola filed a petition seeking reconsideration of the decision not to permit automatic or periodic location and data transmissions. It seeks harmonized rule amendments for both the GMRS and FRS, since the two services coexist on the same frequencies. Motorola argues that automatic transmissions should be allowed because almost all of the reasons that support permitting manual data transmissions apply equally to transmissions initiated automatically, except for how frequently a user could transmit the data information. Members of the GMRS community support Motorola's suggestion to permit automatic or periodic location and data transmissions.

Motorola contends that allowing automatic data transmissions is in the public interest and will enhance public safety. Motorola explains that automatic location transmissions will provide tracking capabilities for individuals in remote areas where these expanded capabilities will aid search and rescue missions. For example, improved tracking will aid skiers, backpackers, and hunters who may become lost. This clearly will enhance public safety, particularly where commercial wireless network coverage is lacking. Individuals tracking the location of another member of their party will not be burdened by the need to manually request location, but rather the informa-

tion simply will be available on their device. Based on the supplemented record in this proceeding, we conclude that the public interest will be furthered by allowing automatic or periodic location and data transmission on all GMRS channels in contrast to the Report and Order, which only permitted manually-initiated data transmissions. For radio users in remote, outdoor locations, the quality of service should not be diminished. Rather, the safety of these individuals will be increased by having more frequent location information available without repeated manual requests. Moreover, in an emergency situation involving individuals who are disoriented or otherwise unable to send manual transmissions, the automatic transmission of location information could enhance search and rescue operations.

Automatic or periodic location and data transmissions will be subject to the same technical limitations as manual data transmissions. While the record reflects a range of suggested duty cycles, we see no reason to depart from the duty cycle limitations already found to be reasonable by the Commission for manual data transmissions for FRS and for GMRS. Consistent with the Commission's approach to treating GMRS and FRS similarly with regard to digital data transmissions, we amend our rules to permit automatic or periodic location and data transmissions for both GMRS and FRS. Indeed, because FRS operates on channels shared with

GMRS, automatic or periodic location and data transmissions would be permitted on those channels even if we did not amend the FRS rules. Furthermore, because FRS operates at lower power than GMRS, any perceived interference concern with permitting automatic or periodic location and data transmissions with respect to GMRS is even less of a concern with respect to FRS.

For the foregoing reasons, and based on the additional information filed in the record in this proceeding, we find that the public interest will be furthered by granting the Motorola Petition to the extent described herein. Specifically, we amend Sections 95.531, 95.587, and 95.1787 of our rules to permit FRS and GMRS units to transmit location and data information automatically or periodically, subject to the same restrictions as are currently in place for manual data transmissions.



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SLIDELL EOC*

HAMFEST, ARRL LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION & W9DYV AMATEUR RADIO SYMPOSIUM

2021

SLIDELL CITY AUDITORIUM 2056 2nd St, Slidell, LA 70458

Friday October 8, 2021 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday October 9, 2021 8:00am - 2:30pm



ADMISSION: Adults: \$5 (Includes 1 Raffle Ticket - good for both days) - **12 & Under: Free**

* Talk-in: 147.27 MHz (+600 kHz) PL 114.8 Hz * ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest * Unique Local Attractions



The Ozone Amateur Radio Club is pleased to sponsor the 2021 Slidell EOC HAMFEST. Browse the latest from our featured vendors. Sell used gear for extra cash! Find that perfect addition for your rig. Raffle tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



W9DYV AMATEUR RADIO SYMPOSIUM

Forum Room

SPEAKERS:

Rob Sherwood, NC0B

1. Synchronous AM Detection
2. Transceiver Performance for HF DX

Bob Heil, K9EID

Transmitter and Receiver Audio Workshop

Dave Beckler, N0SAP

1. The History of Eldico Radio
2. The Collins S2 Line

David Assaf, W5XU

The Care and Feeding of Receiver Tubes

Scott Kerr, KE1RR

1. The Early Years of Collins Radio
2. Curtis Lemay, Strategic Air Command, and Collins Radio

For additional info:

www.ce-multiphase.com

MAIN PRIZES

1st - Yaesu FT-991A



2nd and 3rd
Yaesu FT-70DR



4th - Alinco
DJ-MD5 (TGP)

5th - \$100 Gift
Certificate from
DX Engineering

VENDORS

N5IAW Connectors
MCM Computers

*confirmed as of 04/10/21

FLEA MARKET

Tables (3' x 8') - \$10
(Does not include cost of admission)

ARRL VE TESTING

Technician, General & Amateur Extra
Testing Fee: \$15
Starts at 8:30am

great location
with
easy access



MORE INFO:

www.w5sla.net/hamfest-2021.htm

*Emergency Operations Center

REV-2 04/10/2021

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Jerry Cloutre *AG5AY*, Published in CQ Magazine

The Opposite of DX, p. 65



Check out BRARC Treasurer Jerry Cloutre's article: ***DC-OVER-COAX THREE-WAY ANTENNA SWITCH*** featured in the June 2021 edition of CQ Magazine.

Available now as a free download from <https://cq-amateur-radio.com/>

Congratulations Jerry!

NWS Slidell Radar is Moving

Weather Forecast Office
New Orleans



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Our primary radar will be moving from Slidell, LA to Hammond, LA in late 2022.
- The radar will also scan closer to the ground to improve low-level coverage.
- See the examples below for more info on changes around the region.

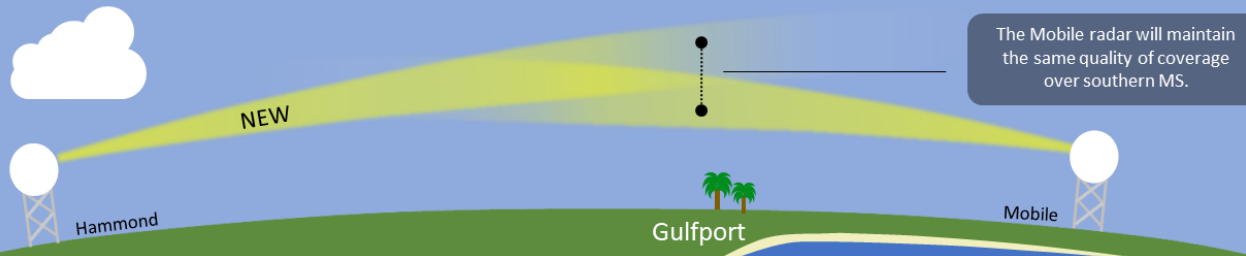
Similar / slightly improved low-level coverage over New Orleans



Improved low-level coverage over Baton Rouge



The Mobile radar will maintain the same quality of coverage over southern MS.



Breakfast

Wednesdays - Frank's Restaurant Grill & Bar - 6:30 AM

17425 Airline Highway Prairieville, LA 70769

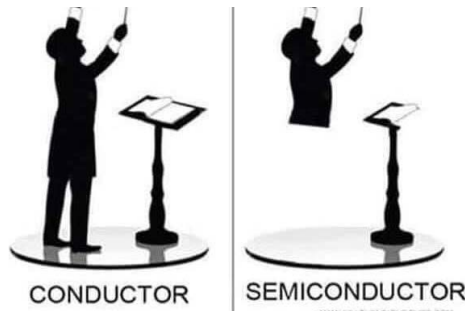
Fridays - Frank's Coffee House - 6:30 AM

8353 Airline Highway Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Saturdays - Yeager's Down Home Cooking - 6:30 AM

240 Range Ave, Suite 121 Denham Springs, LA 70726

Amateur Radio Memes of the Month



Area Repeaters

GMRS Repeaters

Location	Frequency	PL Tone	
AARC, Sunshine Bridge	462.550	210.7	Open
Delta 269, Chalmette	462.575	141.3	Open
DS600, Denham Springs	462.600	141.3	Open
LOHSEP 700, Livingston	462.700	Unlisted	Members Only
New Orleans	462.575	114.8	Open
P,ville-625, Prairieville	462.625	141.3	Open
WRDR343 (725), Baton Rouge	462.550	110.9	Open

Area Repeaters

LWARN Linked Repeaters

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

Location	Frequency	Offset	PL Tone
EBR (Central)	442.4000	+	156.7
Greensburg	442.2750	+	156.7
Livingston	444.3500	+	136.5
St Tammany Parish	443.4250	+	156.7
Washington Parish	442.4250	+	156.7
West Feliciana	443.6250	+	156.7

D-WARN Linked Repeaters - System Fusion

Location	Frequency	Offset	PL Tone	Notes
Baton Rouge	145.4900	-	107.2	
Baton Rouge	443.3750	+		
Bush	443.4000	+	114.8	
Bush	145.4700	-	114.8	
Jackson	443.8500	+		
Livingston	145.2300	-	107.2	
Madisonville	444.8750	+	118.8	
New Iberia	442.0250	+	103.5	
New Orleans	444.2250	+	114.8	
Parks	443.2000	+	103.5	
Shreveport	444.8750	+		
Slidell	442.8750	+	114.8	
St. Francisville	147.2850	+	107.2	
Convent	443.2750		107.2	
West Monroe	444.7000		127.3	Use PL Tones for Analog Operation

D-STAR

Location	Frequency	Offset
Baton Rouge	442.9250	+

Note: The Baton Rouge Repeater is currently experiencing internet connectivity issues.

Area Repeaters

Gulf Coast Link Repeaters - DMR

Location	Frequency	Offset	CC
Baton Rouge	443.1000	+	1
Convent	442.0750	+	1
Laplace	442.6750	+	1

Talkgroups			
Name	TS	TG	Access
Local / Cluster	1	2	Full-Time
Worldwide English	1	91	PTT
North America	1	93	PTT
TAC 310	1	310	PTT
Southeast USA	1	3174	PTT
Hurricane Net	1	3199	Full-Time
First Coast (NE FL)	1	31121	PTT
ArkLaTex	1	31229	PTT
AMSAT	1	98006	Full-Time
Local or Reflector	2	9	PTT
Louisiana	2	3122	Full-Time
Gulf Coast DMR	2	31011	Full-Time
Louisiana Chat	2	31220	Full-Time
Southeast Louisiana	2	31225	Full-Time
Public Safety Chat	2	31623	PTT

Note: The Baton Rouge Repeater is currently experiencing internet connectivity issues.

www.gulfcoastlink.com



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 MHz - PL 107.2	8:00 PM
BRARC Public Service Net	146.790 MHz - 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	7:30 PM

Wednesday		
MISSLOU 2 Meter Net	146.835 MHz - PL 114.8 Echolink KD5UZA-R	8:00 PM
SELSA NET (Wilson, LA)	146.520 MHz Simplex	9:00 PM

Thursday		
LARS Net	146.730 MHz - PL 107.2	7:00 PM
Ascension Radio Club Net	147.225 MHz PL 107.2 Echolink K5ARC-R	8:00 PM
<i>Amateur Radio Newline is played during this Net.</i>		

BRARC Elmers

Todd Huovinen	AB5TH	ab5th@arrl.net
Jerry Clouatre	AG5AY	jerry.clouatre@gmail.com
Dan Lott	KF5TKN	kf5tkn@gmail.com



BRARC Board Meeting Minutes

July 06, 2021, 6:30 pm

Zoom Teleconference

Members Present:

President- Todd Huovinen (1), Secretary- Thornton Cofield (1), Treasurer- Jerry Cloutre (1),
Directors, Dan Lott (2), Brook Samuel (1), Jon Reise (1), Robin Hudson (1), Elmer Tatum (2)

Members Absent:

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

Minutes approval from 06/1: Dan moved that we accept the Minutes of 6/1 as read, seconded by Jon.

Treasurer Report-Jerry: Jerry reported that we have \$10,416.40 in BRARC's bank account. Dan moved that we accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Thornton.

Committee Reports:

Education-Dan- Nothing to report.

Equipment-Jerry- No change in equipment.

PIO/Outreach /Mbr-Thornton- As of tonight we have 84 members incl. 7 complementary members. I sent an email out to the 10 new hams on June 18 inviting them to "show up" and see what ARRL Field Day was about. I also invited *The Advocate* to come out on July 4 to do a feature article on our club operating on board the USS KIDD. There was a mix up in time with the staff writer and he was not able to make the agreed time frame. His photographer arrived and spent about 30-40 minutes observing Lee and Dayna working cw, talking with John Krupsky, and taking several photos. Hopefully we will get something in the paper.

EMCOM-No Report

Repeater-Brook- Brook reported that he was not aware of any problems with the repeater.

USS Kidd Club- Jon reported that 43 phone and 27 cw contacts were made on the USS KIDD during the July 4 operation. John also noted that a more extensive account of the activities of July 4 was on the website.

VE Team-Jon/Todd- Jon reported that VE Session to be held at the Goodwood Library on 9/18/21 10:00 AM. A new signup sheet was designed by John Krupsky. Jon also reported that he sent out a request for VEs and had 8 responses.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Tax Status Update-Jerry- Reported that \$825.00 was paid to the CPA for filing our past tax returns for 2018 and 2019. Tax penalties were \$96.40 for 2018 and \$87.80 for 2019. Jerry reported that the club has not filed for 2020 at this time.

2021 BRARC Christmas Dinner update Still Scheduled for Saturday December 4th.
Todd will pursue looking into Drusilla Restaurant for our Christmas Dinner location.

USS Kidd Trustee Change- Todd reported that he accessed the W5KID site and John Krupsky's name displayed so the Trustee change was done.

Antenna Tower, Antenna, and Roto Situation: Brook brought up a discussion he had with Dana concerning the not-working antenna rotor. Both he and Dana would like to see the rotor either repaired or replaced and operational now that the Pandemic seems to be fading. The Board discussed costs of repair and purchasing an updated rotor but ended with tabling further discussions until the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ARES Group-Michael Nolan (KD5MLD) has requested the use of the club's Zoom account for their monthly meetings. Thornton moved that we approve the ARES group under Mike Nolan the use of BRARC's Zoom account for their monthly meetings and Jerry seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2022-BRARC Board of Directors-I realize that it's only July, but October will be here before you know it. I will NOT be club President next year!!
This item was introduced to the Board members by Todd to alert everyone to the issue that 8 of the 11 Board members' terms will expire at the end of this year. The Board, according to the By-Laws, are required to submit a slate of Board nominees to the general membership at the October General Meeting.

The following Board Members' term will expire with the installation of the 2022 Board on December 4, 2021:

**Todd (AB5TH)-President
Jen (K5NMT)-Vice President
Thornton (K5HLC)-Secretary
Jerry (AG5AY)-Treasurer
Jon (WA9JBR)-Director
Brook (N5DGK)-Director
Robin (KK5RH)-Director
Jeremy (AD5XY)-Director**

A Nominating Committee will need to be appointed shortly.

Program Committee- with in person meetings starting back up soon we need programs for August, September and October.

A discussion ensued which ran the gamut from sending out a request for program suggestions to again forming a program committee. The final outcome is reflected by the following results:

Tentative Programs:

July-2021-FT-8 Tips-Live Demonstration via Zoom-Todd AB5TH
Aug 2021- Todd will contact DX ENGINEERING.
Sept 2021-Jerry will handle a presentation tentatively titled "RF Exposure Rules".
Oct 2021- Brook will handle a presentation tentatively titled "LOTW".
Nov 2021- Club Auction and Eating Meeting
Dec 2021- Christmas Banquet and installation of new Board

Jerry moved that we adjourn and we did so at 7:56pm.

Thornton H. Cofield K5HLC
BRARC Secretary



BRARC Boad Meeting Minutes
August 03, 2021, 6:30 pm
Zoom Teleconference

Members Present:

President- Todd Huovinen (1), Secretary- Thornton Cofield (1), Treasurer- Jerry Cloutre (1),
Directors, Dan Lott (2), Brook Samuel (1), Jon Reise (1), Robin Hudson (1),
Elmer Tatum (2), Jeremy Gerald (1)

Members Absent:

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

Visitors: John Krupsky WA5MLF

Minutes approval from 07/06/2021: Jerry moved to accept the minutes of July 7, seconded by Dan.

Treasurer Report-Jerry: Jerry reported we had \$10,541.44 in the BRARC account.

Committee Reports:

Education-Dan- No report.

Equipment-Jerry- No change in equipment status.

PIO/Outreach /Mbr-Thornton- We had a nice article about the club's operation on the USS KIDD in the July 11 edition of The Advocate, page 1D. I sent the newspaper piece link to ARRL but have not seen it listed in their weekly emails.

EMCOM-No Report-

Repeater-Brook reported everything is working.

USS Kidd Club- John reported that the LOTW was activated and contacts were updated from 2019.

VE Team-Jon/Todd-VE Session to be held at the Goodwood Library on 9/18/21 10:00 AM. Nine people have signed up to take the license tests.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Tax Status Update-Jerry reported that our club is caught up with prior tax penalties and are ready to change from a 501(c)3 Private Corporation to a 501(c)3 Non-Government Organization. Jerry noted that to continue as a Private Corporation will cost \$275 a year for the CPA to file for the club. Elmer suggested contacting the LA Secretary of State for further clarification of the club's filing status.

2021 BRARC Christmas Dinner update Still Scheduled for Saturday December 4th. Frank's Prairieville??
Jeremy suggested contacting Big Mike's in Denham Springs as an alternate site.

2021 Nomination Committee: Todd will be on the Committee and he asked for 2 other volunteers.

The following Board Members will be leaving the Board on December 4, 2021

Todd (AB5TH)-President
Jen (K5NMT)-Vice President
Thornton (K5HLC)-Secretary
Jerry (AG5AY)-Treasurer
Jon (WA9JBR)-Director
Brook (N5DGK)-Director
Robin (KK5RH)-Director
Jeremy (AD5XY)-Director

Observatory Tower/Rotor update: David Assef (W5XU) donated the rotor to the club several years ago. Robin (KK5RH) got confirmation on this via E-mail from David. David (W5XU) has generously offered to repair the rotor for the club free of charge. We just need to get the rotor to him in Covington.

Robin verbally confirmed that David Assaf and Jim Gimmanco donated the rotor, controller, cable, coax, and antenna. Jeremy said that he has the same rotor and he found it reliable and easy to repair. Further discussion brought out that we can not use permanent structures on ARRL Field Day. This statement essentially means according to ARRL rules we cannot use the tower and antenna previously discussed for Field Day communication.

New Business-

Red Cross Building new mask guidelines. Future in person meeting status. Todd reported that the Red Cross meeting rooms will be closed to the public until October 11th which means that we will be meeting via Zoom for at least the next two club meetings. Steve Irving (WA5FKF) is checking on this for me but he advised that there will most likely be a crowd capacity limit of 11 in the rooms even if we are able to meet there before October 11th so this won't work for us at the present time until these restrictions are lifted.

Ten-Tec Jupiter radio on USS KIDD-what do we want to do with it? Sell it??
Jermy asked what the club planned do with the Jupiter. The club's discussion on the topic was not decided but leaned toward selling it should the Jupiter properly work.

Antenna Proposal for USS Kidd-Jon Reise/John Krupsky- See Attached "Antenna Proposal for USS KIDD Museum Roof".
John presented his proposal and noted that the SWR was satisfactory on 40m but not on 20m. The present antenna was put up by Brett Hebert and he would like his antenna returned. John does not know the integrity of the coax. Todd suggested that we hold the proposal until the museum director, Roshn Gipe, approves the changes that will take place on the museum's roof. The Board agreed to wait until the museum director approves the changes. John's proposal is attached.

QSL Manager for W5GIX: Jon discussed asking Jen to serve as QSL manager for W5GIX and Todd volunteered to talk with Jen.

Board Member has Article published in the June 2021 issue of CQ Magazine: Jerry, author of "DC-Over-Coax Three-Way Antenna Switch, mentioned that this edition of CQ magazine will not be printed but is available on-line. It is a nice article, well written, and germane to some of the same issues we all experience.

Radio Parts from the Estate of Buddy Brown N5BUD: Jeremy brought up that he has acquired a significant number of radios, keys, and other radio equipment and accessories from Audrey Brown, Buddy Brown's wife. Jeremy mentioned that he would like to have perhaps a "swap fest" to sell these items and pass on the monetary proceeds to Audrey. Jeremy is thinking about Saturday, August 14, for the "swap fest" date.

Tentative Program Suggestions

Aug 2021-Oct 2021-Needing program suggestions.
Sept 2021-New RF Exposure Rules-Jerry (AG5AY)
Oct 2021-Brook-N5DGK
Nov 2021-Annual Election

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm Thornton K5HLC BRARC Secretary