



RF NEWS

December 2021

Tidbits From Todd

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you all had a fantastic Thanksgiving. It was nice just to relax for a couple days. I've really come to appreciate the culture here in South Louisiana and the food is fantastic as you can certainly tell from the size of my waistline. The Holidays are here, and The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club held it's annual Christmas Luncheon at Big Mike's Sports Bar in Denham Springs on December 4th. It was the first large gathering that the club has had since the February 2020 club meeting before the outbreak of the Coronavirus. There were 40 people in attendance, and everyone had a great time. I won't go into too many details of the gathering because Thornton Cofield (K5HLC) has an article with pictures from the meeting that can be found elsewhere in this edition of the RF News. I have more great news to share with all of you. The Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club will resume in person meeting effective with our January 2022 club meeting at the Baton Rouge Bluebonnet Public Library at 7:00 PM on January 25th. There are no attendance restrictions and face masks are NOT required for you to attend the meeting. We are still working out the details of the program presentation so stay tuned to the Sunday Night 2-meter net and I will also advise any updates to you all via E-mail too. The last year and a half has been pretty strange (to put it mildly) but the club is doing well. We currently have 82 paid members, and our last quarterly volunteer exam session on Saturday December 11th was a huge success. We had 6 people take exams and there were no failures. Everyone who took an exam either received a Certificate of Successful Completion or a license upgrade. The new 2022 BRARC Board of Directors were sworn into office at the Christmas Luncheon and your new club president is Bill Smith (KE5TA). Bert Lousteau (K5AJL) and Don Austin (KF5OHZ) are new directors for 2022.

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Upcoming Events

1/25/2022 - 7:00 pm

Monthly BRARC Club Meeting
Bluebonnet Library

1/4/2022 - 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
Via Zoom

1/15/2022

SELARC Hamfest (Hammond)

3/5/2022 - 10:00 am

Quarterly VE Session - Main Library BR

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club

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President	Bill Smith - KE5TA
Vice President	Todd Houvinen - AB5TH
Secretary	Thornton Cofield - K5HLC
Treasurer	Jerry Clouatre - AG5AY
Directors	Jon Reise - WA9JBR Brook Samuel - N5DGK Elmer Tatum - N5EKF Ken Shutt - W5KQ Dan Lott - KF5TQN Bert Lousteau - K5AJL & WRJL785 Don Austin - KF5OHZ

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



USS KIDD, W5KID

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.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 2021

Our club station W5KID made 76 radio contacts from the USS KIDD on December 7, 2021, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. We contacted the following 27 US states: AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MI, MT, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, PA, SD, TX, VA, WI, WV, WY. Beyond the USA we contacted Canada, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

All contacts were on the 20 m (14 MHz) band and included 50 on SSB (voice) mode and 26 on CW (Morse code). We contacted the Battleship USS New Jersey twice – once on SSB and once on CW.

The radio operators and loggers were Jon (WA9JBR), Jeff (N4XEG), Don (KF0CSP), Charlie (KG5VTE), John (WA5MLF), Leonard (W5DZW), and Dayna (WA5YSS).

All contacts have been uploaded to the W5KID Logbook of the World account. Several have already been matched with the records of stations who use that option. I'm sure that many QSL cards will arrive in the mail from stations we contacted who want a copy of the W5KID QSL card.

73,

John WA5MLF





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

Please visit and "like" our BRARC Facebook page. You will find a link at the club's website: <http://brarc.org/>

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I would also like to thank Jennifer Bordenon (K5NMT) for her service as club vice president for the last two and a half years as well as Robin Hudson (KK5RH) and Jeremy Gerald (AD5XY) who have served as club directors for the last few years as they are leaving the board this year. I have enjoyed be-

ing club president and I want to thank the entire BRARC club membership for making this club the fun and enjoyable club that it is. It is my personal belief that some of the best people that I have met in this hobby of Amateur Radio are members of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club. I also want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Hap-

py New Year, I look forward to seeing all of you in person at both the SELARC Hamfest in Hammond on January 15, 2022 and also at the next club meeting at the Bluebonnet Library on January 25th. Until then, stay safe.

73 - Todd (AB5TH)

BRARC Club Member Chris Reine (KI5JSE & WRFT828) Thanked for Providing Radio Communications During & After Hurricane Ida

Thank You,

First and foremost, I have to start by saying Thank You. Thank you to Chris Reine (KI5JSE & WRFT828) for your dedication to the art of radio and the GMRS Live network. If it weren't for your equipment, knowledge, expertise, and desire to help people, the GMRS community in New Orleans would have been without communication in New Orleans during Hurricane Ida.

As many of you know, Hurricane Ida was quite an impactful storm and did serious damage to communications all over southern Louisiana as well as other states. When Ida made landfall, I was sitting on my couch with my eyes glued to Weather Channel, then all of the sudden the cable went out. It wasn't long after that I realized my cellular service was out as well. Never in my wildest dreams did I think cellular communications would go down especially in a time and era when we possess so much advanced technology. Fortunately, a few years ago, I had purchased an HT simply to listen to NOAA and possibly some other random chatter. It wasn't until losing internet and cellular communication that I realized that I was lucky to have an HT on hand.

For several of what felt like the longest hours of my life, I kept that HT close to me listening to NOAA. Unfortunately, I was no longer hearing NOAA and only radio silence. It was at that moment I felt very alone not knowing what was happening. Late in the evening as the winds continued, I pressed the scan button in hopes of hearing someone out there and knowing a storm was happening, I didn't expect much. There were times where I would hear a bit of chatter on 146.8200 but that was limited with my HT. Early the next morning as the storm passed and things started to quiet down, I did what everyone else was doing, head out on foot (HT in hand) to look at the damage. The most nerveing thing to me was observing several people with cell phones in the air searching for cellular signals. I then realized that many if not all of the cell towers may not be active. This was the moment when I as well as many others felt alone and in the dark.

Being relatively inexperienced with radio, I figured that if scanned more channels, I would eventually hear someone. Within a short period of time, I heard a voice on channel 462.600. Eventually, I had begun to hear several people communicating and relaying important information. I would hear

from people asking if power were on in certain areas of the city, or if food stores or gas stations were open. There were people doing check-ins to simply let others know they were ok. At times, I would hear out-of-town emergency workers asking for directions to locations that could not be found or were difficult to access. One morning around 3 a.m., an out-of-town lineman had called out his GMRS call sign just to talk to someone who might still be awake in the wee hours. There were several times as I would sit on the front steps of my home that neighbors, as well as people walking by, would ask to listen in and simply because it was current and live communication. I feel this brought comfort to people who did not as I have cellular communications to the outside. Being able to hear this essential communication, as well as general conversation, made me and I am sure many others feel much better as there was one definitely active communication outlet that was still up and running, "The Crescent City Connection 600 Roadkill".

So I would like to leave with this, I am very thankful to Chris for bringing GMRS Live to New Orleans as well as all other individuals that helped to

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BRARC Christmas Luncheon Big Mike's Sports Bar & Grill December 4, 2021

We were expecting about 20 members due to past attendance records but were surprised by 40 members and many wives including a number of new members. We had a nice bonus in that we had our own room with an open private bar and high tables. It was a comfortable room and very roomy and private.

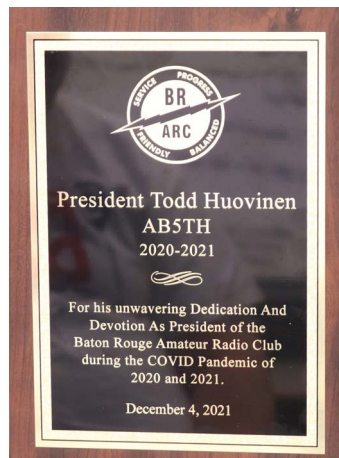
The meal agreement was that everyone could order off the menu and individually pay. The menu was quite extensive with people ordering everything from sandwiches to Cajun Ribs and Sauteed Shrimp and dessert. While enjoying our meal we got to know one another and then it was time for the next event. Todd opened the formal part of the Luncheon with the pulling of tickets for the door prizes. Jon Reise, WA9JBR, won the Yaesu FT70DR/DE Digital/Analog Transceiver, Jim Milliken, W5JY, won the \$50 gift certificate from DX Engineering, and Mike Nolan, KD5MLD, won the ARRL 2022 Handbook. The Poinsettias that decorated the room went home with the ladies.

The final piece of business before the installation of the Board of Officers and Directors for 2022 was the presentation of a plaque presented to President Todd by the club. The wording simply stated, "President Todd Huovinen AB5TH 2020-2021 For his unwavering Dedication and Devotion as President of the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club during the COVID Pandemic of 2020 and 2021. December 4, 2021."

Todd then gathered the new 2022 Board members present, administered the Oath of Office to them and with their photo taken the Christmas luncheon was officially over.



Thornton presents Todd Huovinen with an Award for Outstanding Leadership during his 2020-2021 Presidency.



Todd presents Jim Milliken with a \$50 Certificate to DX Engineering



Todd presents Mike Nolan with the 2022 ARRL Handbook



2022 Board: From Left to Right: President Bill Smith, KE5TA; Director Brook Samuel, N5DGK; Treasurer Jerry Cloutre, AG5AY; Todd Huovinen, AB5TH; Secretary Thornton Cofield, K5HLC; Director Jon Reise, WA9JBR; and Director Don Austin, KF5OHZ.

Not in Photo: Director Dan Lott, KF5TQN; Director Bert Lousteau, K5AJL; Director Ken Shutt, W5KQ; Director Elmer Tatum, N5EKF



Todd presents Jon Reise with the Yaesu FT70DR/DE Digital/Analog



Holiday VE Test Session - A Success

The BRARC VE team conducted a test session on Saturday, December 11 at the EBR Main Library on Goodwood. The six Candidates either received new licenses or upgraded to General by passing the exams.

The Candidates consisted of:

- Eli Hayman Technician
- Eamon Ford Technician
- Charles Melancon Technician
- Joseph Roppolo, K5ROP General
- Troy Brown, KI5RTH General
- Richard Duffus, KC1BZC General

This session's VE Team was comprised of (l-r):

- Jon Reise, WA9JBR
- Todd Huovinen, AB5TH
- Bill Smith, KE5TA
- David Cohen, N7TC
- Russ London NS5W

Thornton Cofield, K5HLC, the BRARC Secretary, acted as the PIO by taking photos and introducing the Candidates to the benefits of Amateur Radio. Each Candidate received a packet of information about ham radio and a complimentary 1-year membership in BRARC.

BRARC will be conducting four test sessions in 2022 at the library on the following dates: March 5th, June 4th, September 3rd, December 3rd.

If you hold a Technician or General class license, think about upgrading at one of these test sessions. Registration can be done on the BRARC website, www.brarc.org. If you are a VE and interested in joining the BRARC VE Team, contact Jon Reise, WA9JBR at jreise92@gmail.com



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contribute to essential communications via GMRS or HAM channels. Without you, during times of disaster or when others may feel the need to just simply hear a voice, the world would be in a darker place. Please keep doing what you do and remember that you all are Heroes.

73
BJ P.

ps. I did get my GMRS license and just passed my Technician Exam to one day help as you did.

Additional Info from Chris on his repeaters:

I have the 625 at my house, 45 watts, 40 feet antenna. I have the 575 at 4000 S. Sherwood, this is a temporary system, I am building out the permanent system right now. That will be run-

ning at 45 watts, tower is 150 feet. The plan is to shut down the system at my house and Manchac if the 575 performs well so that we can free up a couple of repeater pairs here in Baton Rouge. Then I have one at Manchac Fireworks by the fair grounds, that one is running at about 25 watts, antenna is 40 feet. And the 600 Crescent City Connection in New Orleans, that is running at 45 watts, antenna is 500 feet up on the WWL Tower.

Breakfast

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

17425 Airline Highway Prairieville, LA 70769

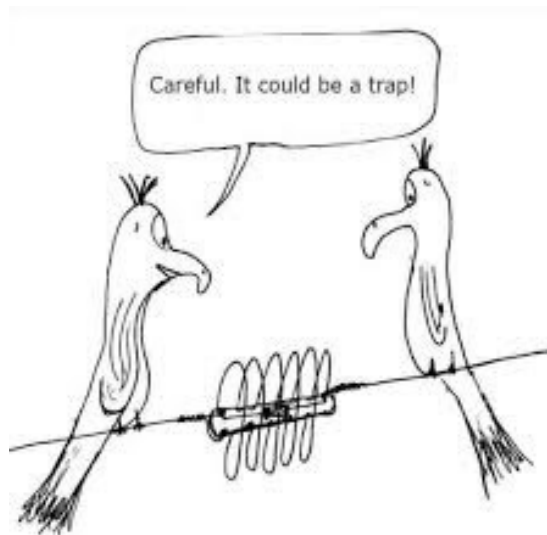
Fridays - Frank's Coffee House - 7:30 AM

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 reported to be back on the internet.

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 Newsline is played during this Net.</i>		

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