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RF News

Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club



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I am pleased to announce we have a new Board of Directors member effective April 5, 2023. Please welcome Mr. John London. John has been a member of the club for several years and also gives back to amateur radio by serving as a Volunteer Examiner.

The following members are serving our club since their election in December 2022:

**Bill Smith – President
Todd Huovinen – Vice President
Thornton Cofield – Secretary
Jerry Clouatre – Treasurer**

Board Members at Large:

**Dan Lott
Brook Samuel
Jon Reise
Don Austin
Paul Smith
Joe Ropollo**



Please consider running for office in 2024. There are be open positions and we need you.

Field Day:

Preparations for Field Day 2023 are underway. We will be at the observatory again this year. Please plan to attend our club meetings at the Bluebonnet Library on the last Tuesday of the month at 07:00 p.m. for more conversation about Field Day.



The BRARC has several committees and we could use your help. These committees and their leaders are:

Education and Training – Joe Ropollo

Equipment Management – Don Austin

PIO/Outreach - Thornton Cofield

USS Kidd – John Krupsky

Volunteer Examiner – Jon Reise

Equipment Loaner Program – Bill Smith

There are several Hamfests coming up this year and they are:

Carter Strong – May 13

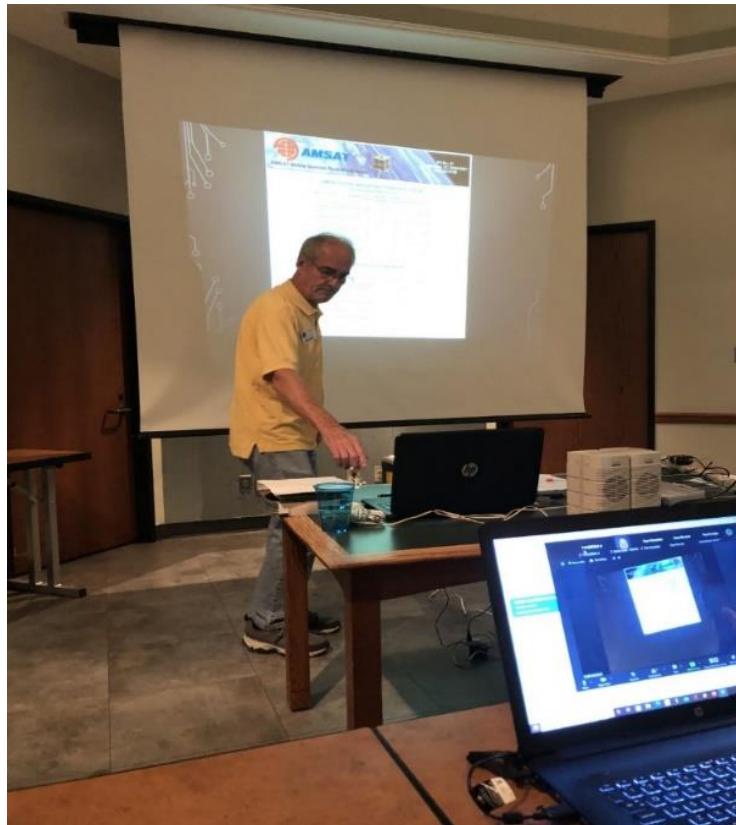
Dayton – May 19-21

Huntsville – August 19 and 20

Slidell October 6-7

Club Meetings

BRARC Member Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. We meet at the Bluebonnet Library at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there. We are always looking for subject matter experts to present at our meetings. Let us know if you wish to share.



Meet us for breakfast:

James @ Florida and Range in Denham Springs - Wednesdays @ 06:30

Franks @ Old Cortanna Mall on Airline – Fridays @ 08:30

Yaegers Down Home Restruant on Bass Pro Blvd. – Saturdays @ 06:15



We have a great time and you are encouraged to come meet evryone.

Late Breaking News:

Facebook

We now have a new FACEBOOK page. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club – BRARC. It looks a lot like the old page, so be sure to visit the correct site. We had to change from the old page due to a lack of control.

CW

For those of us who like the dits and dahs, we are setting up a CW Net. There will be more to follow soon.

HAM Radio Testing

Jon Reise's VE Group is panning for the next testing session on 6/10 at the Goodwood Library.

Extra Class

Joe Ropollo is looking into an EXTRA class later in the year. Stay turned for more information.

USS Kidd

GOTA HF – USS KIDD

On April 1, 2023, our club sponsored a **Get on The Air** session for members who recently earned or upgraded their ham radio licenses. This was a tutoring session for learning the basics of operating an HF ham radio station. Using the **W5KID** station aboard the **USS KIDD** we covered the following topics:

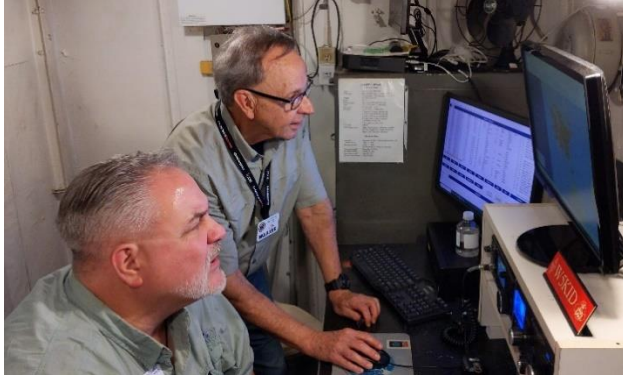
- HF station setup
- Use of a station PC



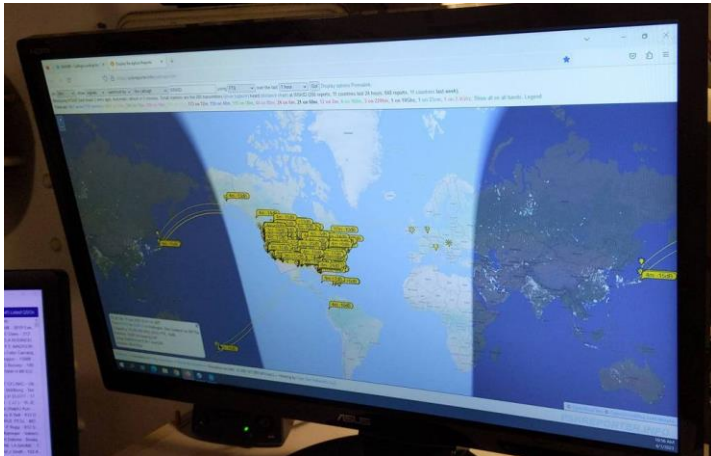
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- Logging software
- Making digital FT8 contacts
- Basics of an SSB contact

Jon Reise (WA9JBR) conducted two sessions of about 90 minutes each. The first session included Tim Babin (KI5ZAW), present in the photo below. Near the end of the session Jon and Tim spoke (on the 20 m band) with Jon's friend in the Chicago area.



[pskreporter](#) was used several times to illustrate the reach of our digital transmissions across the globe. The photo below shows that our 20 m signals were received across most of the USA states at 11 am and were also reaching the western Pacific region.



The second session included Jason Mullins (KI5ZAZ) and C. Bevan Callicott (KI5QJL)

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In both sessions there was good Q&A mixed into the radio operations and demonstrations. Our dual-monitor setup enabled viewing of the logging software (left) while also displaying signal reception reports.



All participants were able to enjoy some voice contacts and enjoyed their time at our W5KID club station. We even spoke with Ryan Diamond (K15ZYF), on the 10 m band, who was just across the river from us.

73,

John WA5MLF

VE Testing



Recent celebration for Don A, who is now a Extra Class. Cute umbrella drink Don.

Congrats.

I hope to be working on the May issue soon. If you have anything you would like to contribute please send it to me at:

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See you next month.