

AUGUST

2023



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Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club
923 Boston Ave, Nederland, TX

W5SSV

CLUB NET is on Wednesday at 8:00 pm on the Club Repeater 145.470, - offset, pl: 103.5
ARES Net Immediately Follows the Club Net on Determined Frequency
ARES Dist 9 WinLink Digital Check In on First Week of the Month

*****NEXT ARES MEETING: Tuesday, AUGUST 08, 2023 @ 6:00 pm*****

---NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, AUGUST 08, 2023 @ 7:00 pm---

Mid/South County HAMs meet for Saturday Breakfast at La Fiesta on Nederland Ave near Hwy 366
Orange Area HAMs meet for breakfast on the 3rd Saturday at Denny's, 7112 IH-10 West in Orange



CHECK OUT THE JCARC WEBSITE PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's Website @ www.w5ssv.com.

CHECK OUT THE JCARC FACEBOOK PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's FaceBook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/990382200983839/>

CHECK OUT THE NEW JCARC YOUTUBE PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's YouTube Page at: [W5SSV - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW5SSV)

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| President | Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ | Kb5nbj@aol.com | 409-540-0477 |
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| Secretary | Randy Leftwich, K5RWL | rwleftwich@aol.com | 409-466-5828 |



Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2023

A quorum being present, President Chuck Vincent [KB5NBJ] called the General Meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Self-Introductions were made by all present.

Secretary's Report – Jeff Simmons [KI5NOH] made a motion to accept the minutes from June 13, 2023 as published. The motion was seconded by Phil Baugh [KI5OLV]. The motion carried.

VP Kirk Mahaney [N5WKM] made the Treasurer's report. Balance on hand \$10,158.69. A motion was made by Steve Gomez [KE5O] to approve the Treasurer's report of July 11, 2023. Phil Baugh [KI5OLV] seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chuck [KB5NBJ] discussed the mini-split air conditioners. There is a need for a workday to make the installations. Kirk Mahaney [N5WKM] will coordinate that workday.
2. Yaesu Club Repeater purchase has been approved by Yaesu. Kirk [N5WKM] has taken steps to secure the repeater. When it arrives, club will discuss its installation.
3. Kirk [N5WKM] reported on progress of the Coburn antenna tower.
4. Kirk [N5WKM] reported on the final results of the POTA Plaque Event. Team K4YTZ placed first with 6664 QSOs by 22 operators at 17 different parks. Team W5SSV placed second with 4029 QSOs by 10 operators at 12 parks. Team VE3GCB placed third with 2305 QSOs by 8 operators. Congratulations on coming in second place.
5. Steve [KE5O] reported on the June 24-25, 2023 ARRL Field Day. There were 1,211 total QSOs with an average of 50.6 QSOs per hour. The Club operated for 23:55:37 total time. There were 795 Phone QSOs, 322 CW QSOs, and 94 digital QSOs. Kirk [N5WKM] is compiling the total points submitted. He is continuing that report, but at this time he had 4,544 points in the submission. Steve [KE5O] thanked all who participated and assisted in this Field Day. He also discussed the need for a potential hardware solution to the interference between the CW operations and Phone operations. This will be looked into before the next Field Day. Other issues were discussed and will be addressed at a later date.

KIRK'S NEWS BITS:

1. The new question pool change in the General License pool started on July 1, 2023 and will be in use through 2027.
2. The FCC License System is back up and running.
3. The 13 Colonies Event ended on July 7. Several members obtained all 13 colonies stations.
4. Her Majesty Queen the Queen of Jordan donated the King of Jordan's radio station and equipment for JY1 to the British Radio League for a museum.

STEVES' SHOW AND TELL:

Steve Gomez [KE5O] reported on the ARRL Field Day. He also had been given a GPS antenna before the meeting for future use.

NEW BUSINESS:

None discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Texas City Hamfest appeared to go well with a nice crowd in attendance.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Rose [W5RJR] motion seconded by Russ Ingram [KJ5CX]. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned 7:57 p.m. by Chuck Vincent.

Members Present: 15 + 9 ZOOM

Visitors Present: 1

Signed: Randy Leftwich, K5RWL

ARES MEETING DISCUSSION:

- Hurricane Season is upon us. Get your radios and Go Kits ready. Make sure you take care of your home situations first.
- Texas HF ARES Net frequency change to 7.285 MHz LSB Monday nights. Texas ARES Winlink Tactical call - TXARES-HF
- ARES/RACES WINLINK July Exercise - We are in District 9 ARES, District 15 RACES - WINLINK Catalog exercise
- Accepting Winlink check ins before the Jefferson County ARES Net to JCTXARES@winlink.org.
- RACES HF net at 3.975 MHz on 4th Sunday of the month at 8:00 pm. WINLINK Peer to peer practice begins two hours prior to this net. Try to contact as many peer to peer contacts as you can to develop your network capabilities.
- New digipeater, WE5D-10 node going up in Hardin County 145.010 MHz. Being upgraded.
- Discussion on alternative EMCOMM connections discussed for disaster. GPS mapping locations demonstrated/discussed.



ARES & RACES INFO

2023 UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

| | |
|----------------|---|
| October 21-22 | BSA Jamboree on the Air |
| October 21-22 | Fall Support Your Parks On The Air |
| October 28 | Tour de Groves |
| November 20 | BARC VE Testing 6PM |
| December 01-02 | SkyWarn Recognition Day 6:00pm-6:00pm (12-1 00:00-24:00UTC) |
| December 12 | HAM Christmas Party |

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR NEW JEFFERSON COUNTY ARES WEBSITE AT:

www.jctxares.org

ARES Digital Nets on about 1st of the Month

STX ARES send Winlink email to Richard Driscoll, KD5URB &

District 9 ARES send Winlink email to Kirk Mahaney, N5WKM

Give info of what Winlink mode you are using and call sign of node used.

HAMFESTS:

Shreveport-Bossier Hamfest

Sponsor: *Shreveport Amateur Radio Association (SARA)*

Date: Saturday August 12, 2023

Time: 7:00am - 2:00 pm

FREE Parking — Easy Access

Admission: **\$10.00 at door**

Prize Tickets: Purchased at the door 1 ticket – \$5.00 5 tickets – \$20.00 30 tickets – \$100.00

Prizes: **Main Trading Co. Gift Card or [CASH]**

1st Prize: \$1250 MTC GC or [\$1000 Cash]

2nd Prize: \$500 MTC GC or [\$400 Cash]

3rd Prize: \$250 MTC GC or [\$150 Cash]

Along with numerous hourly door prizes.

Website: <http://www.k5sar.com/sbhamfest/>

Huntsville Hamfest, ARRL Alabama State Convention

Start Date: 08/19/2023

End Date: 08/20/2023

Location: Von Braun Center South Hall, 700 Monroe St. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

Website: <http://hamfest.org>

Sponsor: Huntsville Hamfest Association

Talk-In: 146.94 - 100Hz

From The Beaumont Club

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on Monday, August 28th, at North End Baptist at 5115 Eastex Freeway at Odom Road. Social Time starts at 6pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. ALL ARE INVITED!!! Our Club Net is on Thursday evening at 7:30 pm on 146.700 neg offset with pl tone of 107.2. EchoLink is available for use. Also the 146.760 and 444.700 repeaters are on line and there to be used. Starting April 24th, we will be doing VE testing at 6pm before the meetings every other month. IE: April, July, September & November. Please come join us. Check out our website at: www.qsl.net/w5rin.

From The Orange County Club

The Orange Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on Friday, August 4th at the Red Cross Chapter House in Orange at 3901 IH10 East at MLK. ARES Meeting Starts at 6:00 pm and the Club Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm. PLEASE JOIN US!!! Our club net is Mon-Thur at 6:30pm on 147.180 positive offset with a pl tone of 103.5. Remember our HAM Radio Breakfast Meeting at Denny's, 7112 IH10 West in Orange on the THIRD Saturday of the month at 8:30am. Hope to see you there!!! Check out our webpage at: www.qsl.net/w5nd.

From The Lakes Area Club

The Lakes Area Club will have their next meeting on Thursday, August 31st, at the Bell Field, Jasper Airport in Jasper at 7:00pm. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Our Club Net is on Tuesday Evenings at 8:00pm on 147.000 neg offset and pl tone of 118.8. EchoLink is available for use. Please check our webpage at: www.w5jas.org..... For the latest info.

From The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association

The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association meets the first Thursday, August 3rd at 7:00pm at the VFW Hall located at 301 Veterans Way. Veterans way is the road beside Whataburger, turn east there and you will see the building on the left. It is the little log cabin. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Please check our webpage at: www.wd5tyl.org..... For the latest info. Our ARES net every Mondays on our repeater at 07:00pm. The frequency will be 147.220+ (pl=100.0) Please check in with us.

From Southwest Louisiana Amateur Repeater Club

The Southwest Louisiana Amateur Radio Club meets the last Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00pm, at the New Life Worship Center at 668 N Perkins Ferry Rd, Moss Bluff, LA 70611 at 7:00pm, VE Testing at 6:00pm. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Our Club Net is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 7:00pm on 146.730 neg offset and pl tone of 173.8. EchoLink is available for use. Our SWLA Digital Link is on DMR 311995 P25 - 31337 Fusion - US SWLA337 and Dstar XLX337 Please check our webpage at <https://swlarc.com/>..... For the latest info.

From The QCWA

We meet the third Saturday each month at noon at the Schooner, 1507 S. Hwy 69 Nederland, Tx. Meetings are very informal and usually involve a "show and tell" about some kind of old radio equipment the members have in their collections. You don't have to be licensed 25 years to attend the local meetings, as is required for National QCWA membership.

INFO FROM AREA HAMS:

From Ricky Adams, KE5PYX:

I am interested in starting a 2 meter "Traders Net". Please contact me about your interest and when and where you would like to see it. Email: raradams6@hotmail.com

From: Will Parr, K0AXX:

I wanted to get the word out to our local hams that I have created a secure message board. My hope is we can utilize this to help each other in sharing ideas, working through glitches, and better promote amateur radio in SE TX.

Here is the web address : <https://k0axx.boardhost.com/index.php> ...it can be accessed direct or through my website, www.K0axx.com (the site is still being populated which I'm taking my time doing haha)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | 6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net | 6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net | 6:30pm OARC Net 7pm TCARA Mtg 7:30pm BARC Net | 6:00PM OARES 7:00PM OARC Mtg | |
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FREQUENCIES & NETS

52.525 6 Meter FM National Calling Frequency
53.150/52.150 Groves Repeater (pl 100.0)
144.390 APRS
145.010 BMT Packet Digi **NEW** KI5NOH-10 VARA Digi
145.010 W5SSV-10/N5MTX-11/WB5YDA-10 RMS Packet
145.050 KC5YSM-10 RMS Packet
145.070 WinLink P2P
145.130- Lake Charles (KC5JMJ, pl 173.8)
145.190- Kirbyville (W5JAS, pl 118.8)
145.210- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)* **DOWN**
145.230- B.T.A.R.C. (N5BTC, pl 103.5)* **DOWN**
145.250-Tyler Co (KF5YDQ, pl 123.0)
145.330- Anahuac (KK5XQ, pl 123.0)
145.350- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)*
145.390- Buna (W5JAS, pl 118.8)
145.450- Beaumont (N5YX) **Wires-X/C4FM DIG ONLY**
145.470- J.C.A.R.C. (W5SSV, pl 103.5*) @
145.560 Simplex-Jeff Co & Jasper ARES Secondary
146.450 Mid County Simplex
146.520 National Simplex
146.550 National SkyWarn Simplex
146.560 Simplex Tyler Co ARES Prim
146.580 Simplex Jeff Co& Jasper ARES Prim & Special Event
146.620- Jefferson Co D-Star Repeater W5SSV **DOWN**
146.640- Beaumont Repeater (KW5C, 103.5 pl) #@!
146.700- B.A.R.C. (W5RIN pl, 107.2 pl) #
146.730- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 173.8)#
146.760- B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2) **C4FM**
146.860- Port Arthur (WD5GJP) pl 103.5
146.980- H.A.M.S. (Devers, N5FJX, pl 103.5)*
147.000- Jasper (W5JAS, pl 118.8)*#
147.060+ Orange ARC (AA5P, pl 210.7) * @
147.105+ Lake Charles (KC5JMJ pl 103.5) @#
147.160+ Beaumont (N5YX, pl 100.0) **Coming Soon**
147.180+ Orange A.R.C. (W5ND, pl 103.5)* **C4FM**
147.200+ Port Arthur (KC5YSM) (pl 118.8)*#@
147.220+ Tyler Co ARA (pl 100.0)* # + @
147.300+ Mobil Oil (W5XOM) (pl 103.5)* @
147.340+Beaumont (WR5AAA - pl 131.8)* @
147.360+ Sulphur ARC (W5SUL) D-STAR
147.380+Silsbee (KE5PYX - pl 131.8)* @
147.420 Simplex-Orange ARES Primary
147.460 Simplex-Orange ARES Secondary
147.505 -3mHz Fannett (K1LFK – pl 114.8) *
147.570 Simplex-Hardin Co ARES Secondary
223.800 Beaumont (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0) **DOWN**
224.200-Vidor (KD5UNK) (no CTCSS)
224.920 Devers (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0)
440.725+ Jefferson Co D-Star Repeater
441.525+ Beaumont Repeater (KW5C,100.0 pl) #@!
442.400+ Silsbee (KB5OVJ) **DMR Repeater**
442.575 Devers (KA5QDG, pl 103.5)
444.625 Sulphur (AF5XP, pl 146.2) **C4FM**
444.700 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2)
444.800 Nederland PD (KC5YSM, pl 118.8) @^ **C4FM**
444.900 Mobil Oil (W5XOM, pl 103.5) **DOWN**
444.925 Port Arthur (KG5HFL pl 103.5)* @
446.000 National Simplex UHF

@ Denotes Emergency Power * Denotes transmitted PL tone.

Denotes echo link. + Denotes IRLP node ^ Denotes AllStar Node ! Denotes WIN system

NETS

BARC Net Thurs Night 7:30pm 146.700
JCARC Net Wed Night 8:00pm 145.470
LAARC (Jasper) Tues Night 8:00pm 147.000
Org ARC Net Mon-Thurs 6:30pm 147.180
LAARC ELMER Net SAT 7:00pm 147.000
TCARA (Tyler Co) Mon Night 7:00pm 147.220
SWLARC Mon,Wed,Fri 8:00pm 146.730
2M SSB Roundtable USB Nightly Vertical 8:30pm 144.270
2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160
10M CW Net Fri Night 7:45pm 28.970
2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160
10M LAARC Ph Net Wed 7:30pm 28.325 USB
Post Office Net Sunday 7:00am 3.905
Louisiana Traffic Net 6:30pm 3.910

Texas Traffic Net Daily 8:30am 7.285
Texas Traffic Net Daily 6:30pm 3.873
Texas ARES HF Net Monday 7:30pm 3.873
Gulf Coast SSB Net Daily 7:30pm (00:30UTC) 3.925
Delta SSB Net M-Sat 7:30am 3.905
Ctn Gulf Cst Hurricane Net Daily 8:00pm 3.935
Southwest Traffic Net Daily 9:30pm 3.935
Gulf Coast Radio Net Sunday 8:00am 3.910
Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 10:00am 7.245
Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.922
7290 Traffic Net M-Sat 10am-12N, 1-2pm 7.290
Louisiana ARES HF Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.878
Texas RACES HF Net 2nd Sat 4pm 7.255
Texas RACES HF Net 4th Sun 8pm 3.975
Texas RACES HF Net Last Fri 8pm 5.330.5 USB

Notes From a Couple of Repeater Owners

From David Swift, KG5HFL (444.925 Pt Arthur) So my repeater is no longer digital. Its back to analog and connected to All Star. It's going to be full time connected to a machine in Rosenberg, TX. Anyone can use the node I just ask that you disconnect from anything you connect to.

From Donald Williams, KW5C (146.640 & 441.525 Beaumont) My Repeater 441.525. +. 100 tone is on the air and it will be interlinked to the east coast hub over a 1,000 repeaters all over the coast. All are welcome to make contacts also the same with my 146.640. It's interlinked to the west coast hub all hams are welcome.

SILENT KEYS



Thomas Norman Thayer, KC5TCQ

May 14, 1947 - July 14, 2023

Thomas Norman Thayer, KC5TCQ, 76, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on July 14, 2023, in Beaumont, Texas.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, on May 14, 1947, he was the son of Francis Gervaise Thayer and Rena Alena (Jobe) Thayer. Thomas proudly served over 20 years in the United States Navy before retiring and going on to work as an Instrument Technician for BASF. Thomas was a jack-of-all-trades and was especially known for his ability to fix anything, help anyone, and taking pride in being an excellent troubleshooter. Thomas loved the Lord and was a member of First Christian Church in Orangefield. In his free time, Thomas took an interest in astronomy and ham radio and was involved in an amateur radio club. Thomas' loved ones will treasure the memories they have of him and miss him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Alena Thayer; and sister-in-law, Jean Thayer.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Thayer; children, Matthew Wilder Thayer and wife, Nancy, Jennifer Charlene Thayer, and Ryan Thomas Thayer and wife, Jacquetta; grandchildren, Shaela Zerko and husband, Adam, Dylan Thayer, Kaitlin Thayer, Madison Thayer, Logan Owens, and Gabrielle Owens; and brother, Larry Francis Thayer.

Cremation will be held under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

A memorial service for Thomas will be held at a later date.