

# March

## 2020



### Mic & Key



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 the JCARC Repeater**

**ARES Dist 9 WinLink Digital Check In on First Monday of the Month**

**\*\*\*NEXT ARES MEETING: Tuesday, MARCH 10, 2020 @ 6:00 pm\*\*\***

**---NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, MARCH 10, 2019 @ 7:00 pm---**

Mid/South County HAMs meet for Saturday Breakfast at La Fiesta on Nederland Ave near Hwy 366

Beaumont Area HAMs meet for Saturday Breakfast at Whataburger, Calder & Dowlen, Beaumont

Temporarily going to Sertino's on Eastex Freeway near Best Buy while Whataburger remodels.

Orange Area HAMs meet for breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Whataburger on MacArthur in Orange

Be sure and visit the Club's Website @ [www.w5ssv.com](http://www.w5ssv.com).



## YOUR 2020 DUES ARE DUE

### CHECK OUT THE JCARC FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

<b>President</b>	Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ	<a href="mailto:Kb5nbj@aol.com">Kb5nbj@aol.com</a>	409-540-0477
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## **Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2020**

- 1 General Meeting called to order by Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ @ 19:05pm CST.  
Self Introductions by all present.
- 2 A motion was made by Felix Kneuper, WB5NED to accept minutes from January 2020.  
The motion was seconded by David Fournerat, KF5CAE. The Motion carried.
- 3 A motion was made by Verne King, K5QDA to approve treasurer's report from January 2020.  
The motion was seconded by Jeff Spikes, KD5QDO. The motion carried.
- 4 **OLD BUSINESS:**  
Gladys City Special Event Station by BARC very successful. 300+ Contacts: CW, SSB, FT8 & Satellite.  
Winter Field Day by OARC at Deweyville HS was great fun. Some really interesting antennas.  
LC Baptist Crisis Expo with OARC had lots of great presentations. OARC had 2 stations to demo.
- 5 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
Orange Hamfest-need help setting tables on Friday, Also help with Security, Ticket Sales, Tables & VE.  
QCWA Meeting Saturday February 15 at Baytown Seafood, Port Arthur.  
HAM RADIO News by Kirk, N5WKM.

**Program: Steve Gomez Show & Tell: Gibson Girl Transmitter, WWII era Air-Sea Rescue transmitter.**

- 6 Motion to Adjourn made by Steve Fletcher, N5BOY and was seconded by Randy Leftwich, K5RWL.
- 7 Meeting Adjourned @ 20:15pm CST by Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ.

Members Present:   20  

Visitors Present:   1  

### **JCARC February 2020 Bank Statement**

#### **Checking Account**

**Period: 02/01/2020 to 02/29/2020**

02/01/2020	Beginning Balance	\$4,234.09
	2 Credit(s)	\$450.00
	5 Debit(s)	\$172.18
02/29/2020	Ending Balance	\$4,511.91



## ARES & RACES INFO

# 2020 UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

April 18-19	Texas State Parks on the Air
May 02	Bramble Ramble Bike Tour
May 03-04	Tour du Rouge Bike Ride
May 16	Don Allen Sports Day, Wildwood
June 27-28	ARRL Field Day
August 22	US Islands On the Air
October 16-18	BSA Jamboree on the Air
October 17	Tour de Groves
December 04-05	SkyWarn Recognition Day 6:00pm-6:00pm (12-1 00:00-24:00UTC)
December 08	HAM Christmas Party

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**PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR NEW JEFFERSON COUNTY ARES WEBSITE AT:**  
[www.jctxares.org](http://www.jctxares.org)

### FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

All,

TDEM will be hosting its annual Preparedness Workshop (T-611) Monday, April 13, 2020 from 0800-1200 at Ford Park, Beaumont, Tx. This workshop will focus on how TDEM can assist you before, during and after disasters. We will be presenting programs, initiatives and changes which have occurred and are occurring in TDEM to better support you.

During the workshop, you will hear from TDEM Plans, Response, Recovery, Disaster Recovery Task Force and other units within TDEM. We will also have many of our state agency partners attend to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

The DDC Beaumont TDEM Regional Seminar (T611) is now listed on [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org). Register for the workshop and make plans to attend to find out how TDEM can support you before, during and after an incident.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to any person you feel would benefit from attending this workshop.

Make plans to attend this informative workshop!

**Carman Apple, CEM TEM**  
 District Coordinator  
 Texas Division of Emergency Management  
 409-504-0390

# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is coronavirus? (COVID-19)

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus that was first identified in China.

### How does it spread?

The virus is airborne and spreads from person-to-person through coughing and sneezing. It can also be spread through infected surfaces or objects. You may be at greater risk if you have recently lived in or traveled to regions where there are current outbreaks or if you come into contact with someone who has the virus.

### How severe is it?

Many cases seem to be mild. But the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions (like heart and lung diseases or diabetes) are especially vulnerable.

### What is the current risk in the U.S.?

U.S. health officials have advised that Americans should be prepared for potential disruption due to the COVID-19 outbreak. While the risk of infection remains low, the number of cases identified internationally continues to grow, including in the U.S. It is likely that person-to-person spread will continue. [Seek up-to-date information from the CDC at www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

### How do I protect myself and my family?

Basic measures to stay healthy include washing your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds, maintaining social distancing, and avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Stay at home if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as headache and slight runny nose, until you recover. If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care. Call ahead before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room.

### What are the symptoms?

The most common symptoms are fever, cough, and shortness of breath, but occasionally symptoms are more severe. Symptoms typically appear within 2 to 14 days after exposure.

### What should I do if I think I have COVID-19?

Seek medical care. You should call ahead before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room. Teladoc and other over line service doctors can answer questions about the disease, evaluate your risk, and provide support by a phone or video to help relieve symptoms for affected patients.

**From The Beaumont Club**

*The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the North End Baptist at 5115 Eastex Freeway at Odom Road at 7:30 pm. ALL ARE INVITED!!! Our Club Net is on Thursday evening at 8:00 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. The Beaumont Areas Ham Operators get together for breakfast every Saturday Morning at the Whataburger on Calder and Dowlen Rd in Beaumont. Please come join us. Check out our website at: [www.qsl.net/w5rin](http://www.qsl.net/w5rin).*

**From The Orange County Club**

*The Orange Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Red Cross Chapter House in Orange at 3901 IH10 East at MLK. ARES Meeting Starts at 6:30 pm and the Club Meeting Starts at 7:30 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 the Whataburger on MacArthur Dr. 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](http://www.qsl.net/w5nd).*

**From The Lakes Area Club**

*The Lakes Area Club will have their next meeting on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.w5jas.org)..... For the latest info.*

**From The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association**

*The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association meets the first Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at the Woodville Emergency Center located at 201 Veterans Way. Turn at the light by Brookshire Bros Grocery Store and you will see the building. It runs parallel to Hwy 69. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Please check our webpage at: [www.wd5tyl.org](http://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 The Sulphur Amateur Radio Club**

*The Sulphur Amateur Radio Club meets the third Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Old Sulphur City Hall on 500 North Huntington Street, Sulphur, La.70663 in the Business Center. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Our Club Net is on Tuesday Evenings at 8:00pm on 145.350 neg offset and pl tone of 103.5. Please check our webpage at: <http://www.qsl.net/w5sul/> ..... For the latest info.*

**From The QCWA**

*We meet the third Saturday each month at noon at Baytown Seafood on Hwy 347 just north of Hwy 73 in Groves. 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.*

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLERCO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net 8pm SulfurARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm TCARA Mtg 8pm BARC Net	6:30PM OARES 7:30PM OARC Mtg	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLERCO ARES Net	600pm JC ARES Mtg 7:00pm JCARC Mtg 6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net 8pm SulfurARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm BARC Net		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLERCO ARES Net 7:30 SARC Mtg	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net 8pm SulfurARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm BARC Net		12N QCWA MTG
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLERCO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net 8pm SulfurARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm LAARC Mtg 8pm BARC Net		
29	30	31				
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLERCO ARES Net 7:30 BARC Mtg	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net 8pm SulfurARC Net				

## FREQUENCIES & NETS

52.525 6 Meter FM National Calling Frequency  
53.150/52.150 Groves Repeater (pl 100.0) **DOWN**  
144.390 APRS  
145.010 BMT Packet Digi **NEW** BPT (W5SSV) **DOWN**  
145.010 W5SSV-10/N5MTX-11/WB5YDA-10 RMS Packet  
145.050 KC5YSM-10 RMS Packet  
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 (KF5YDG, pl 123.0)  
145.330- Anahuac (KK5XQ, pl 123.0)  
145.350- Sulphur 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\*)  
145.470- Sulphur ARC (W5SUL) D-STAR **NEW**  
145.560 Simplex-Jeff Co 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 ARES Prim & Special Event  
146.620- Jefferson Co D-Star Repeater  
146.640- Beaumont Repeater (KW5C, 103.5 pl) #  
146.700- B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2)\*  
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 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 (KB5OVJ - pl 131.8) **NEW**  
147.360+ Sulphur ARC (W5SUL) D-STAR **NEW**  
147.380+Silsbee (KB5OVJ - pl 131.8) **NEW**  
147.420 Simplex-Orange ARES Primary  
147.460 Simplex-Orange ARES Secondary  
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  
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**  
446.000 National Simplex UHF

\* Denotes transmitted PL tone. # Denotes echo link. + Denotes IRLP node @ Denotes AllStar Node

### NETS

BARC Net Thurs Night 8:00pm 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  
Sulphur ARC Net Tues Night 7:00pm 145.450 (XRF057B)  
2M SSB Gatherers Roundtable Tues Night 7:30pm 144.270  
2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160  
10M CW Net Fri Night 7:45pm 28.970  
10M LAARC Ph Net Wed 7:30pm 28.325 USB

Texas Traffic Net Daily 8:30am 7.285  
7290 Traffic Net M-Sat 10am-12N, 1-2pm 7.290  
Texas Traffic Net Daily 6:30pm 3.873  
Gulf Coast SSB Net Daily 7:30pm (00:30UTC) 3.925  
Delta SSB Net M-Sat 7:00pm 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  
Louisiana ARES HF Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.878  
Texas ARES HF Net Monday 7:30pm 3.873  
Texas RACES HF Net 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 2pm 7.255

Thanks to Ron Harvey, WB5UPS, finding, this is a link to a list of a WHOLE LOT of HF Nets! Check It Out!!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cpaUPJOG9Kdb0Xo-hyzhcVKcyvOr37vrGIF1mIETHs/htmlview#>





# Largest Hamfest on Gulf Coast!!

Best Food of any Hamfest

## 60<sup>th</sup> ACADIANA HAMFEST 2020

Rayne Civic Center - 210 Frog Festival Drive, Rayne, Louisiana 70578

ARRL LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

Sponsored by: Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. and City of Rayne, Louisiana

Talk-in: W5DDL 146.820 (- PL 103.5) - \$8.00 admission covers both days - Students Free with ID

This years hamfest is dedicated to SK club members

Larry LeBlanc - KE5KJD and Joy Breaux - N5YCS



### MARCH 13 & 14, 2020



Friday 3 PM to 8 PM  
Saturday 8 AM to 3 PM  
Door Admission  
\$8.00 for both days

#### FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

6:00 PM Crawfish Boil (Pre-register only)

#### MAIN PRIZE DRAWINGS

Must be present to win Saturday's Grand Prize.  
All others can be shipped to your address on QRZ.com

##### Saturday Grand Prize

Ameritron AL-811 Amplifier with  
MFJ-994B Automatic Tuner

##### Other Prizes

MFJ-259D Antenna Analyzer  
MFJ-4230MV Power Supply  
MFJ-1126 Power Strip

Additional Prizes to be Announced  
Check website for details and updates.

#### HAMFEST HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ LADIE'S HI Q SWEETS (Drinks & snacks)
- ♦ CAFE CQ (Saturday Lunch)
- ♦ LADIES BINGO (Saturday starts 8:30 AM)
- ♦ ATM ON SITE
- ♦ VE TESTING (Saturday 9:00 AM)
- ♦ GO KIT DISPLAYS (bring yours)
- ♦ RADIO TESTING TABLE AVAILABLE

#### TABLES

Radio Related Swap Tables: \$10.00 each  
Flea Market (Craft) tables: \$20.00 each  
Overnight Security provided by Rayne PD  
Contact Galen at [galenw@cox.net](mailto:galenw@cox.net) or (337) 837-5175

#### Confirmed Vendors & Dealers



The SignMan  
of Baton Rouge



■ M<sup>c</sup>M Computers



#### Hurricane Maria Activation Forum

On Saturday Joe Bassett WIWCN will discuss the ARRL's "Force of Fifty" deployment to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria in 2017 for which he served as director of net operations.



A very special *THANK YOU* to the City of RAYNE, LA  
for Co-sponsoring our Hamfest!!

#### FORUMS (Saturday Only)

- ♦ ARES Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico Response
- ♦ Louisiana Contest Club
- ♦ Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs
- ♦ ARES/ARRL
- ♦ SKYWARN

Host Hotel: Best Western Rayne Inn, 337-334-0060 - Mention "AARA Hamfest" and get a "Special Room Rate" of King \$83.99 plus tax or Double Queen for \$87.99 plus tax which is a 25% savings over regular price.

Check website for details, directions, map & updates at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

2/16/20