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# 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 Determined Frequency

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

**\*\*\*NEXT ARES MEETING: Tuesday, MARCH 11, 2025 @ 6:00 pm\*\*\***

**---NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, MARCH 11, 2025 @ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Denny's, 7112 IH-10 West in Orange

## 2025 JCARC CLUB DUES ARE DUE!!



**CHECK OUT THE JCARC WEBSITE PAGE:**

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

<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, 2025**

General Meeting called to order by Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ @ 19:00pm CST.  
Self Introductions by all present.

A motion was made by Bob Rose, W5RJR to accept minutes from January 2025.  
The motion was seconded by Felix Kneuper, WB5NED. The Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kirk Mahaney, N5WKM to approve treasurer's report from February 11, 2025.  
The motion was seconded by Glen Rose, N5DGR. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Winter Field Day Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Received a grant from Motiva for \$300 due to donation from Dal Tomplait
- QCWA Meeting/Luncheon on Saturday February 15, 2025 at The Schooner Restaurant at Noon.
- Orange HamFest! First time for a two day event. Lots of help still needed.
- SK Kayo Harlow's equipment and tower moved so the house can be sold. Thanks to those who helped!
- HAMS Group needs financial help with repairs to Devers Repeater. We will be collecting any donations for them.

**KIRK'S NEWS BITS: 1) Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act Re-Introduced 2) Long Time Ham Radio Outlet Employee Honored for 60 Years in Amateur Radio 3)**

**STEVE'S SHOW & TELL: 80 Meter Homebrew Portable Mag-Loop Antenna**

Motion to Adjourn made by Glen Rose, N5DGR and was seconded by Felix Kneuper, WB5NED.  
Meeting Adjourned @ 20:12pm CST by Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ.

Members Present: 13 + 13 ZOOM

Visitors Present: 0

Signed: Randy Leftwich, K5RWL

### **ARES MEETING DISCUSSION:**

- **Local ARES/RACES Winlink Training-Basic Winlink Setup via Zoom on February 18, 2025, 7:00 pm**
- **ARES/RACES Winlink Training Exercise for February Position Reports**
- **ARES Task Book / STX ARES info Depot**
- **Texas RACES Net February 08, 2025 AAR**
- **Next RACES Dist-15 Local HF Net Sunday, February 16, 2025, 1600 Local Time. 40 Meters 7265 KHz +/-**
- **South Texas ARES HF Net has moved back to 3873 KHz. Send Winlink Check-in to TXARES-HF (Only via RF)**



## ARES & RACES INFO

April 12-13	Texas State Parks on the Air
April 17	ARRL Frequency Measurement Test
May 04-05	Tour du Rouge
May 10	US Islands on the Air – One Day Getaway
May 17	Don Allen Wildwood Sports Day, Wildwood, TX
June 22-23	ARRL Field Day
August 02-03	National Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
August 15-17	International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
October 17-19	BSA Jamboree on the Air
December 05-06	SkyWarn Recognition Day 6:00pm-6:00pm (12-6 00:00-24:00UTC)
December 09	HAM Christmas Party

**PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR JEFFERSON COUNTY ARES WEBSITE AT:**

[www.jctxares.org](http://www.jctxares.org)

**ARES Digital Nets on or about 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month**

**STX ARES send Winlink email to Richard Driscoll, KD5URB**

**District 9 ARES send Winlink email to Kirk Mahaney, N5WKM**

**WinLink Weekly Net on Wednesdays until conclusion of Jefferson Co ARES Voice Net to tactical call sign: JCTXARES**

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

**TX ARES Winlink Net to TXARES-HF by Radio RF Only on Mondays until 7:30pm**

**Info requested: Name, Call Sign, Grid-square and RMS gateway used.**

### From The Beaumont Club

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at North End Baptist at 5115 Eastex Freeway at Odom Road. Social Time starts at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. 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 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing VE testing at 6pm before the meetings every other month. IE: November. 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 Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.qsl.net/w5nd).

### From The Lakes Area Club

The Lakes Area Club will have their next meeting on Thursday, March 27<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, March 6<sup>th</sup> 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](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 Southwest Louisiana Amateur Repeater Club

The Southwest Louisiana Amateur Radio Club meets the last Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.K0axx.com)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7:30pm BARC Net		
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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 (KF5YDG, 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 (KD5QDO) 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 67.0) \*@  
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)\*@ **DOWN**  
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  
147.440 Simplex-Orange ARES Secondary  
147.505 -3mHz Fannett (K1LFLK – pl 114.8) \*  
147.570 Simplex-Hardin Co ARES Secondary  
223.900 Beaumont (K1LFLK) (pl 114.8) **NEW**  
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 ! is WIN system & is South Coast Reflector

### NETS:

Hardin Co ARES Thurs Night 7:00 pm 147.340

BARC Net Thurs Night 7:30pm 146.700

BARC C4FM NET 1<sup>st</sup> Sun 8:00pm 146.760 C4FM

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

Texas Traffic Net Daily 8:30am 7.285

Texas Traffic Net Daily 6:30pm 3.873

Texas ARES HF Net Monday 7:30pm 3.873/7.285

Gulf Coast SSB Net Daily 7:30pm (00:30UTC) 3.925

Gulf Coast Radio Net Sunday 8:00am 3.910

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

7290 Traffic Net M-Sat 10am-12N, 1-2pm 7.290

Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 10:00am 7.245

Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.922

Louisiana Traffic Net 6:30pm 3.910

Louisiana ARES HF Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.878

Texas RACES HF Net 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat 4pm 7.255

Texas RACES HF Net 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 South Coast.



21st Annual  
**Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club**  
**Greater Houston HamFest**



Hosting the  
**ARRL West Gulf Division Convention**

**Friday March 1st, 2024 12pm - 8pm**  
**Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 8am - 3pm**

**Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, 4310 TX 36 S, Rosenberg, TX.**

Talk-in - 146.94 MHz; -0.6Mhz 167.9 tone

On-line Table selection and Registration

- *ARRL Forum*
- *Multiple Balloon Launches*
- *Raffle & Door Prizes*
- *Equipment test station*
- *Special seller offload/loading zones*
- *8' tables; Free electricity!*
- *RV Parking and Camping available*
- *Talk-in - 146.94 MHz; -0.6Mhz 167.9 tone*
- *Fox Hunt*
- *Tailgating - \$5 Fee*
- *Catered food on-site*
- *HF Demo Station*
- *Ham Organizations, club tables - ARRL, & AMSAT*
- *DXCC Checking*
- *Amateur Radio license testing*
- *Courtesy shuttle*
- *Ham Radio Outlet, ABR Industries, EPO, The Signman and River Oaks Car Stereo will be on site for sales*

*And new this year the U of H AIAA Rocket, Drone and UAV display*

**Keynote Speaker:** Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH of the ARRL Volunteer Monitor program  
**ARRL Forum:** John R. Stratton, N5AUS, ARRL West Gulf Division Director  
**Speakers on antennas, antenna modeling, solar power, digital modes and more**

**RAFFLE:** Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. You do not need be present to win!  
**DOOR PRIZES:** Thanks to many generous vendors; Acknowledgements will be announced.  
**Drawings typically every 20-30 minutes. Must be present to win.**

**RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE**  
**Yaesu FTDX-10**



**4th Prize - NANO VNA**

**2nd PRIZE**  
**Yaesu FTM-500**



**5th Prize - Yaesu FT4-XR**

**3rd PRIZE**  
**Yaesu FT-70DR**



Admission: \$10 advance; \$15 at door – includes a door prize ticket. First responders and scouts in uniform admitted free.

Additional Door Prize Tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each.

Raffle tickets – \$5 each or 5 for \$20 Raffle drawing Saturday @2PM.

Set-up: Friday 7am-12 PM & Saturday 6-8 AM

For On-Line table selection, pre-registration and current information, go to: [www.houstonhamfest.org](http://www.houstonhamfest.org)

Contact: Mike Hardwick, N5VCX, 713-826-6917 .

Note: BVARC reserves the right to change this information.

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# 3rd Annual Acadiana DX Association



## 2025 Rayne Hamfest & Swapmeet

This year's hamfest dedicated to Silent Key  
Art Mouton – K5FNQ

**Friday March 21st - 3PM to 8PM**

**Saturday March 22nd - 8 AM to 2PM**

**Rayne Civic Center 210 Frog Festival Dr. Rayne La.**

Just South of Interstate 10 - Exit 87 (follow Hamfest Signs from Interstate)

**Camper Spots Available – email for reservation**

**Crawfish Friday Night At 6 PM**

**On Pre-Order Basis**

**Bingo on Saturday 8:30am – 11:30am**

**Admission \$10 Children Under 12 Free with Paid Adult**

**Scouts Free in Uniform**

(Correct Change Appreciated to Avoid Delays at Door)

**Door Prizes with Raffle Drawing at 1:30**

(Must Be Present to Claim Door Prizes)

**Raffle Tickets \$5**

**ARRL V. E. License Testing Saturday at 9AM**

(Bring Photo ID, FRN Number \$15 Fee, And 2 Copies of Any Previous License or CSCE)

**Coffee, Food, Snacks and Refreshments**

**will be offered by the Scout Troops 61B and 77G**

**Vendors Door Open Friday at 10AM and Saturday at 6AM**

or by special arrangement

**Talk-in on 147.040mHz PL 103.5 W5EXI**

**Please Visit Our Web Site for More Details**

<http://www.acadianadx.org>

or email

[hamfest@acadianadx.org](mailto:hamfest@acadianadx.org)



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