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THE FORTH DISTRICT ARES NET MEETS 7 NIGHTS A WEEK AT 9:00PM LOCAL TIME. REPEATER FREQUENCY 147.330 MHZ, KA4CFW. SECONDARY REPEATER 147.165 MHZ, W4WSM.

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Hurricane Katrina deployments only at this point. Guidelines are being established that will permit volunteers who have been involved in bona fide field support operations on or after September 1 to apply for a reimbursement voucher on a per diem basis.

Grant funds may also sustain the Ham Aid program and help to rebuild the emergency communications capabilities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to ensure that the Gulf Coast is prepared, should disaster strike again.

The CNCS grant is an extension of ARRL's three year Homeland Security training grant, which has provided certification in emergency communication protocols to nearly 5500 Amateur Radio volunteer over the past three years.

"CNCS grants helped make it possible for the ARRL to train America's hams and make them the best all-volunteer emergency radio service ever seen," Hobart said. "Now they are making it possible for the hams to use that training."



## ARRL Emergency Communication Courses Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration

There are three levels of Amateur Radio Emergency Communication courses offer through the ARRL.

Level I is an a basic course to raise awareness and provide tools for emergency communications volunteer. This course has 23 lessons and es expected to take approximately 25 hours over an 8-week period.

Level II provides a more in-depth study into amateur radio emergency communications to enhance the skills and knowledge received from previous experience. Level I ARECC is required prior to taking Level II. This course has 20 lesson units, is expected to take approximately 25 hours to complete over an 8-week period,

Level III is the third and final stage of the planned 3-level ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses. This course is designed to bridge the gap between basic participation and leadership. Both Level I and Level II certifications are required prior to taking this course. This course has 23 lesson units, is expected to take approximately 25 hours to complete over an 8-week period.

To learn more or register for a course, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page at <http://www.arrl.org/cce/>.

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## 2005 KCARC

Meeting Dates (Third Friday)

September 16 (Picnic)

October 21 (Elections)

October 31 (Bridge Watch)

November 18 (Annual Dinner)

December 17 (Sat Morning)

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Dinner)

December 17 (Sat Morning)

handling emergency and priority traffic only. Health-and-welfare traffic is being handled on 7.290 MHz days and 3.935 MHz nights. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) on 14.265 MHz has begun concentrating on emergency and priority traffic and shuttling health-and-welfare requests to its Web site <<http://www.saturn.org/>>. The Salvation Army also is using Amateur Radio for its tactical communications.

Radio amateurs not involved in emergency communication are being asked to keep the West Gulf Emergency Net and SATERN frequencies clear, plus or minus 5 kHz. ARRL advises that stations not initiate any additional traffic into the storm-affected areas at this time.

The ARRL ARES E-Letter <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/>> has posted a special edition that contains additional details on Amateur Radio's Katrina response efforts. For more information, including links to report or locate missing individuals, visit the FirstGov.gov Hurricane Katrina Recovery Web page <[http://www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane\\_Katrina\\_Recovery.shtml](http://www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane_Katrina_Recovery.shtml)>.

### **Katrina Relief Efforts Taken, in part, from ARRL Newsletter September 2, 2005**

Amateur Radio operators from Texas were deployed this week to New Orleans to assist in the trouble-plagued evacuation of flooding refugees from the Louisiana Superdome. Because of

additional flooding, damage to the facility and other problems at the Superdome, authorities convoyed the 25,000 flood evacuees in the sports stadium to the Houston Astrodome and other locations in Texas.

Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator Gary Stratton, K5GLS, says ham radio communication between Houston and the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, emergency operations center (EOC) September 1 was able to clarify some logistical issues involved with the refugee relocation effort.

While Amateur Radio is providing support in Louisiana for various relief organizations, Stratton said most ham radio efforts to date have gone toward assisting with emergency management and search-and-rescue operations. Stratton says he has ARES members ready to roll once authorities reopen the hardest-hit parishes that have been closed off to outsiders.

"We have people on standby from all over northern Louisiana and from the South Texas Section basically champing at the bit trying to find out when they can go," Stratton told ARRL. "It's a very tough wait." Volunteers have been or will be deployed into areas that are not cordoned off, he said.

Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX, says ARES members are active in the three hardest-hit counties--Harrison, Hancock and Jackson. Amateurs there have been using HF, VHF and UHF resources to

support emergency management as well as the Red Cross, The Salvation Army and the Baptist Men's Kitchen. They've also been handling considerable health-and-welfare traffic, Keown said.

### **"Ham Aid" Grant Taken, in part, from ARRL Newsletter September 2, 2005**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) <<http://www.nationalservice.org/>> will provide a \$100,000 grant supplement to ARRL to support Amateur Radio's emergency communication operators in states affected by Hurricane Katrina. The grant will help to fund "Ham Aid," a new League program to support Amateur Radio volunteers deployed in the field in disaster-stricken areas. ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, expressed gratitude to CNCS for its generous response. Ham Aid, she said, offers a unique opportunity to support individual radio amateurs helping to bridge the communication gap Hurricane Katrina has caused.

Hobart says ARRL's Ham Aid program already has received some substantial private donations. Those and the CNCS grant, she said, provide a way for the League to "support our Field Organization as never before."

The CNCS Ham Aid grant is effective for operations established and documented as of September 1, 2005, and the aid is earmarked for



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## The Presidents Corner... By Jeff Martin, WB4JM



As of this writing, Jeff is on the Gulf Coast assisting the Red Cross with emergency communications.

I have volunteered to help with the HamCall this month so if something is incorrect, blame me not Jeff.

73's & Take care.

- Claire Rinehart KF4IWX  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Minutes & Sec/Tres Report By Claire Rinehart, KF4IWX

In last month's meeting we invited Greg Turner from the Emergency Management over region 4



which covers 10 counties in south central Kentucky. He spoke on the need for experienced communicators to support the well-trained field personnel. They are willing to train volunteers in communications with emergency radios,

satellite phones and other emergency services. Training exercises are scheduled once a month. More information can be found at [wcem.org](http://wcem.org).

He also reported that radios and antennas have been installed in the Emergency Response trailer. An AC-1000 has been installed to allow cross connection of multiple radio services. There is set of battery packs installed and a generator is coming.

## Monthly Program By John Coe, KY4COE Vice-President Elect.

This month's meeting will be held at Covington Woods Park where we will have a pot luck picnic. Bring a covered dish. The dining will begin at 6:00 PM. There will be an informal swap fest starting at 5 PM. Come one and all! A good time will definitely be had by all.

## Response to Katrina Taken, in part, from ARRL Newsletter September 2, 2005

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, this week called on the Amateur Radio community to exercise patience as the Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans flooding relief and recovery efforts move into high gear.

"I know many people would like to move now," Haynie

said. "Please don't. I know many of you want to enter the fray, come to the coast and get involved. Please, not yet." Haynie instead advised hams eager to assist to make sure they're prepared, refresh their skills and knowledge of protocols and procedures.

The ARRL now is seeking experienced Amateur Radio emergency volunteers to help supplement communication for American Red Cross feeding and sheltering operations in Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. Special consideration will be given to operators who have successfully completed the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course training (Level I minimum) to serve as team leaders. All interested should e-mail [Katrina@arrl.org](mailto:Katrina@arrl.org);, providing name, call sign, contact information and any equipment you can take along on a field deployment for an indefinite period. Volunteers may face hardship conditions without the usual amenities and will need to provide their own transportation to the marshaling area.

## ARES Net for Katrina Taken, in part, from ARRL Newsletter September 2, 2005

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