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## HURRICANE KATRINA

By now one would have to have been locked in a closet with no contact with the outside world to not be aware of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. This issue of *The Q-Match* has a number of related articles that tie ham radio with hurricane Katrina. The hurricane will undoubtedly prove to be this country's most devastating natural disaster, and the death toll will be in the thousands, with some predicting a death toll of 20,000 or more. We can only wait and pray for the various emergency response teams to move quickly and efficiently to keep the number of deaths to a minimum, as well as the total cost to the nation as low as possible.

From everything that I've seen it appears that amateur radio has once again come to the fore in this overwhelming emergency situation. Whatever our personal response has been we can all be proud to be hams when so many of our number have provided communications in this tragic situation.

## ARRL PRESIDENT HAYNIE'S MESSAGE TO HAMS

The following is a message to all hams from the President of the ARRL, Jim Haynie, W5JBP. This was sent out by Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE.

Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2005 4:10 PM

My fellow Amateur Radio Operators,

There is no doubt that the recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina will be the largest and longest emergency actions that hams have ever undertaken. It will also be one of the hardest, not simply due to the large areas involved, but also because many of us have friends and relatives directly impacted by this catastrophe. For them, and all the people of the Gulf region, we ask divine aid and comfort in this time of sorrows.

But we are also hardened and resolved to turn this event into one of the most glorious opportunities to show the unique attributes of ham radio - it works! You know that. We can again show the world that we have the best trained, most ingenious and dedicated ARES and RACES operators ever in history. We have the attention of the world press, and we will show what ham radio can do.

This will not happen in a week, not even in a month. The recovery efforts will be drawn out over numerous states and are expected to go well into the winter. Hams will grow weary and need relief and replacement from all across America. The ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, is already working on strategic plans to make it possible for these volunteers to come. Our goal is to provide the SEC's with all the support we can muster and allow them to do their jobs.

There is a curious coincidence in the fact that the United Technologies grant, which allowed the ARRL to train so many thousands of hams in emergency communications, ends this week. Now we are seeing the results of that effort. Disciplined hams, using correct procedures have already saved many lives, and will save hundreds more by providing timely, accurate and critical communications to our served agencies.

To the students, mentors, organizers, funders and teachers of those courses we can only say, "Well done!" I know many people would like to move NOW - please don't. I know many of you want to enter the fray, come to the coast and get involved. Please, not yet. Instead, get yourself ready. Refresh your skills and knowledge of protocols and procedures. Once the agencies are able to complete a preliminary needs assessment, we will know who is needed and where. For now, the area is simply too dangerous and no one is being allowed in. Transportation and logistics, including volunteer groups

coming in, must be done in an orderly manner or we may only add to the chaos and confusion. Information and coordination for such a historically large response is being developed and will be made available soon. But for now, work through your SEC's and follow their lead. I would also ask that you be professional and disciplined whenever checking into an HF net. Net control is a difficult job at best, so be respectful. If you have traffic fine, but if not, please stand by.

There is already no doubt that when the history of this event is written, the role of Amateur Radio will be one of honor. Unpaid volunteers who came through for their country and communities when all other systems failed or were overwhelmed. By working together and mutually supporting each other, we can perhaps give these very dark days a small glint of glory. Let these be the days that hams, decades from now, remember with pride. Together we can - and will - make it happen because, after all, we are HAMS.

Jim Haynie, W5JBP

President ARRL

## KATRINA UPDATE AND KATRINA TEAM

This was also received from Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes Division Director.

### KATRINA UPDATE AND KATRINA TEAM

From: Harold Kramer

Sept 1, 2005

Here are some of the Katrina related activities that we have started today:

Jodi Morin, Maty Weinberg, Norm Fusaro and Dennis Otschenbacher have joined the Katrina SWAT Team. We are still meeting daily to coordinate activities.

Jodi, Maty and Norm will coordinate all donations of and requests for equipment. We have had some requests already and we need a more coordinated process.

Mary is working with Barry on a more formal process to accept cash and equipment donations.

Chuck Skolaut is working with Riley Hollingsworth to coordinate enforcement and interference issues related to Katrina nets.

We are initiating some higher level contacts with the served agencies.

Jim Haynie's President's message about Katrina was posted on the web.  
<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/01/2/?nc=1>

News and PR will be managed as follows:

Rick Lindquist -- News stories

Allen Pitts -- Media and PR queries

Steve Ewald and Chuck Skolaut -- Logistics and Operational queries

We are working on an expanded Katrina web page to be ready early next week.

A special edition of the EmComm newsletter will be sent next week.

Dennis will communicate our plans to vendors and manufacturers.

We are working on weekend/holiday staffing to handle Katrina inquiries

FCC Chairman Martin has asked if we need anything from the FCC!

Winlink is taking our W1AW bulletins and distributing them on their networks. We have added the live audio stream from the West Gulf ARES Emergency Net which is handling emergency amateur radio traffic for areas hit by Hurricane Katrina to our website -- <http://www.arrl.org/audio/>

73,

Harold Kramer, WJ1B

Chief Operating Officer

## KATRINA FREQUENCIES, EMERGENCY, ETC.

Thanks to Fred Olver, N9BSO, for the following listing of HF frequencies of nets that may be used for Hurricane Katrina traffic.

## Hurricane Katrina HF Response and Recovery Frequencies

02802.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-91) \*\*  
 03171.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-92) \*\*  
 05136.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-93) \*\*  
 05141.4 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-94) \*\*  
 05211.0 USB FEMA  
 05236.0 USB SHARES Coordination Network (nationwide HF voice coordination)  
 06859.5 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-95) \*\*  
 07507.0 USB USN/USCG hurricane net (pri)  
 07550.5 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-96 - primary) \*\*  
 07698.5 USB American Red Cross Disaster (F-97) \*\*  
 09380.0 USB USN/USCG hurricane net (sec)  
 10493.0 USB FEMA  
 14396.5 USB SHARES Coordination Network (nationwide HF voice coordination)

## AMATEUR HIGH-FREQUENCY GULF COAST HURRICANE NETS

03845.0 LSB Gulf Coast West Hurricane  
 03862.5 LSB Mississippi Section Traffic  
 03873.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 03873.0 LSB Louisiana ARES Emergency (night)  
 03873.0 LSB Texas ARES Emergency (night)  
 03873.0 LSB Mississippi ARES Emergency  
 03910.0 LSB Mississippi ARES  
 03910.0 LSB Louisiana Traffic  
 03923.0 LSB Mississippi ARES  
 03925.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 03935.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 03935.0 LSB Louisiana ARES (health & welfare)  
 03935.0 LSB Texas ARES (health & welfare)  
 03935.0 LSB Mississippi ARES (health & welfare)  
 03935.0 LSB Alabama Emergency  
 03940.0 LSB Southern Florida Emergency  
 03950.0 LSB Northern Florida Emergency  
 03955.0 LSB South Texas Emergency  
 03967.0 LSB Gulf Coast (outgoing traffic)  
 03975.0 LSB Texas RACES  
 03993.5 LSB Gulf Coast (health & welfare)  
 03995.0 LSB Gulf Coast Wx  
 07225.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 07235.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency  
 07235.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 07235.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency  
 07240.0 LSB American Red Cross US Gulf Coast Disaster  
 07240.0 LSB Texas Emergency  
 07243.0 LSB Alabama Emergency  
 07245.0 LSB Southern Louisiana  
 07248.0 LSB Texas RACES  
 07250.0 LSB Texas Emergency  
 07260.0 LSB Gulf Coast West Hurricane

07264.0 LSB Gulf Coast (health & welfare)  
 07265.0 LSB Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio (SATERN)  
 07280.0 LSB NTS Region 5  
 07283.0 LSB Gulf Coast (outgoing only)  
 07285.0 LSB West Gulf ARES Emergency (day)  
 07285.0 LSB Louisiana ARES Emergency (day)  
 07285.0 LSB Mississippi ARES Emergency  
 07285.0 LSB Texas ARES Emergency (day)  
 07290.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane  
 07290.0 LSB Gulf Coast Wx  
 07290.0 LSB Texas ARES (health & welfare)  
 07290.0 LSB Louisiana ARES (health & welfare) (day)  
 07290.0 LSB Texas ARES (health & welfare)  
 07290.0 LSB Mississippi ARES (health & welfare)  
 14265.0 USB Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio (SATERN)  
 14300.0 USB Intercontinental Traffic  
 14300.0 USB Maritime Mobile Service  
 14303.0 USB International Assistance & Traffic  
 14316.0 USB Health & Welfare  
 14320.0 USB Health & Welfare  
 14325.0 USB Hurricane Watch (Amateur-to-National Hurricane Center)  
 14340.0 USB Louisiana (1900)

## ... AND IN OHIO

Ohio Assistant Section Manager Connie Hamilton, N8IO, is announcing the amateur radio frequencies (80 and 40 meters) used for follow up in the Hurricane Katrina aftermath.

As Net Manager of the Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN), Connie is asking Katrina traffic be moved on the following:

Health and Welfare traffic - 7.290 MHz Day Net  
 Health and Welfare traffic - 3.935 MHz Evening Net  
 Emergency Traffic - 7.285 MHz - Day Net  
 Emergency Traffic - 3.873 MHz Evening Net

The OSSBN will take this traffic as well but Connie wanted everyone to know the hurricane frequencies set by the EMA officials in the Gulf Coast. The OSSBN operates three times daily on 3.9725 MHz at 10:30 a.m., 4:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

## OSSBN LIFTS MORATORIUM ON OUTGOING TRAFFIC

Ohio Assistant Section Manager Connie Hamilton, N8IO, announced Sunday that the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN) has lifted the previously announced moratorium on outgoing Katrina traffic .

"As of noon Sunday, we will take Health and Welfare traffic going to the Hurricane Katrina area on a trial basis." Connie, Net Manager for the OSSBN, said. "At this time we are not soliciting this traffic but we will take what comes."

The initial moratorium had been necessary because of an overload of the system "but it seems we all have a handle on it right now," she added.

The OSSBN is the Ohio Section traffic net of record. It operates three times daily on 3.9725 MHz at 10:30 a.m., 4:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

## OHIO SECTION CONFERENCE NOW INCLUDES KATRINA

The 2005 Ohio Section Conference begins 9 a.m. Saturday, September 17, at the Ohio EMA

headquarters in NW Columbus. The Ohio EMA (Governor's war room) located at 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road (Ohio 161) in Northwest Columbus.

The September 17th Ohio Section Conference will include a complete report of Ohio ham radio activity in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Circumstances of this past week dictates that be added to the agenda, announced Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator, John Chapman, WB8INY, will review the events of this week and how hams will work toward the reconstruction effort of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Bring your questions and information you wish to share.

The Ohio Section Conference is a meeting of Ohio Section field appointments but all Ohio hams are welcomed. It is held each September to review ARRL activity in Ohio. As always, the Conference features the big social event of the year, the Pizza Lunch Party sponsored by the Ohio Section.

The 2005 Conference agenda also includes (1) complete discussion of what interfering signals sound like on our frequencies; (2) how current Ohio cell phone legislation will affect ham radio; (3) the future of BPL and ham radio; (4) report from the Great Lakes Division Director and (5) display of ARES communication vans. Plus other surprises including the audience participation. In addition the agenda also calls for the announcements of The Severson Memorial Award and Ohio Section Newsletter awards.

## THANKS FROM LISA

Lisa Eckenrode, KC8VHB, has asked us to print the following.  
Thank You!!!

I'd first like to thank everyone who participated in the Chinese Auction at the hamfest this year. We received more baskets this year than ever, and they were all just wonderful! I apologize to everyone for not being available for the hamfest, but Bill and I are just fine now and things are somewhat back to normal.

Second, I'd like to thank those who supported us and helped us to try to find my friend, Gabriel Knight, down in New Orleans. Gabe has been in touch, and by the time you all read this, he should be safe and sound at our house. He was helping to rescue other residents with the National Guard before he left and already he has some amazing stories to tell...

## HAMFEST

While it seems like a long time ago now, the WARA hamfest, held on Sunday August 21, was a successful day. The weather was perfect, we seemed to have had a number of larger vendors, most of whom told me after the event that they were happy that they showed up this year, and we gave away a great number of good prizes. The only thing lacking on the day was more people paying to come in. As I write this article I do not have the final results as far as the attendance is concerned, but the numbers did appear to be down on previous years. I do know, though, that we did have people coming in from as far away as Maryland, New York state, and central and southern Ohio. There were a great many prizes handed out on the day, smaller prizes as well as the larger HF radios and weather stations. We had hourly drawings for two meter HTs, a special drawing for the call in, and numerous donated prizes, both ham radio related and non-ham radio related. You had to be pretty unlucky not to win a prize on that day. The main prizewinners included the following – First prize -- Icom 706 HF Transceiver was won by Jessica Noeth, KC8ACJ, a brand new YL from University Hts. near Cleveland; second prize – Davis weather station was won by Jamie Ferguson of Newton Falls; third prize – Icom IC2720H dual band VHF/UHF FM Transceiver was won by George Antonosanti, KE4BNE, of Alliance.

Congratulations to hamfest organizer Richard Bell, KC8TAP, and his committee for a job well done. Richard notes the following members who helped out on the day and makes a point of stating that his list includes only those members who actually worked on the day, not those who only sold items at the flea market or who showed up but did not help out. If you feel that you helped out but are not on this list

please see Richard as soon as you can. Members on Richard's list include – AB8GX, K8BFM, K8OUA, K8WRM, KA8TGX, KB8GAB, KB8NNA, KB8OMV, KB8SVF, KC8LRH, KC8MTZ, KC8OHU, KC8PUZ, KC8PVB, KC8QZR, KC8RAL, KC8RJU, KC8TAP, KC8UVY, KC8VHB, KC8VHC, KC8VYS, KC8WUX, KC8YDS, KD8AGA, KD8BHR, KD8BIB, KD8BIC, KF8MG, KZ8T, N8IVE, N8NVI, N8TIO, N8WRT, N8XXY, N8YR, ND8E, WA8IWJ, WB8GVB, WD8KXD, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS JACKIE, GEORGE, SHIRLEY, AND ROBIN.

## LET THE FCC KNOW HOW YOU FEEL

The deadline to submit comments on the FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, released July 19, is October 31. Reply comments are due November 14. The NPRM&O proposes to do away with the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all license classes. The FCC turned away several other petition requests, however, including proposals to create a new entry-level license class.

To file on-line comments on the FCC NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 or to view others' comments in the proceeding, visit the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Interested parties also may submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>.

People with disabilities may contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc) by e-mail, [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov), or telephone 202-418-0530; TTY 202-418-0432.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If I were a betting man I would have bet that the cold nights of January would have spawned a large number of September birthdays. Fortunately for me, though, I'm not a betting man because the number of our September birthdays is not too large. Still, this means that our members born in September are in an elite group, special people! Happy birthday to these members lucky enough to have been born in September.

Sept. 15	Larry Durkos	N8WRT
Sept. 16	Velma Telford	ASSOC
Sept. 21	Sandee Starr	ASSOC
Sept. 26	Dennis Carraher	N8IVE
Sept. 30	Andy Shine	N8YR

ARL FORTY-SIX to each of these members, and remember, I am working from an old roster, and if I've missed your birthday or have the wrong date, I'm waiting for you to let me know.

## NET NEWS

The following is the net control schedule for the W8VTD Wednesday night two meter net. The club needs net control stations for both Wednesday night nets, the two meter net on 146.97 MHz that meets at 9.00 PM and the ten meter net on 28.375 MHz that meets at 8.00 PM. If you'd like to try your hand at running a net contact either Fred Olver, N9BSO, or Ken Williams, KC8TML.

September 7	Bob	KC8PVB
September 14	Lisa	KC8VHB
September 21	Sherman	KC8YHJ
September 28	Andy	N8YR
October 5	Emily	KC8RAL
October 12	Bob	KC8PVB
October 19	Lisa	KC8VHB
October 26	Sherman	KC8YHJ

Hope to see you on one of the nets coming up.

## AKRON MARATHON

We received the following email regarding the upcoming Akron Marathon. If you can help out on the day why not do it?

My name is Larry Fields and I am the Emergency Coordinator for Summit County.

We were asked for the third year in a row to provide communications for the Marathon. This years event is on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 7:30 AM to around 2:00 PM.

We will need roughly 90 or so HAMS to cover communications.

The reason I am writing this is to ask you for any help you can provide us. To register please go to [www.sumco-ares.com](http://www.sumco-ares.com), click on calendar and the sign in icon for the Roadrunner marathon. You will receive a confirmation and info on where to meet to stage for the event.

Thanks in advance for your help. Hope to see you there.

73 de Larry, WD8ITF

EC, Summit County

## A NOTE FROM JOE

Once again we received a timely note from Joe Wehner W8KNO.

September is the month, if you have not earned any wall paper, you will be able to do so. There are two events that make it easy.

The first is the National POW/MIA Recognition Day Certificate being given by KB8UUZ, the newsletter editor of the Portage County Amateur Radio Club. The contact period is 1200z the 16th through 0100z the 19th on 7.265, 14.265, 21.365 and 28.365. If you do not work him before the Sunday night repeater net, 145.390 at 8:30 pm; he is always available after the net on simplex, 145.680.

The other event is the Route 66 On the Air. US Highway 66 was established in 1926. It was the first major improved highway to link the west coast with the nations heartland. Through stories, songs, and TV shows; the the highway came to symbolize the spirit of the freedom of the open road and inspiring many to see America. However, the demise of Route 66 began in the 1950's as the US began building its interstate highway system and the highway was officially decommissioned in 1986. Today, portions of the highway still exist in towns and rural areas in several state.

Amateur Radio Clubs using 1x1 call signs will operate from 15 cities along the highway during the special event. The event starts 00:00 September 10th and goes until 24:00 September 18th. You should be able to work at least one on the stations and that is all you need to obtain a certificate.

In addition to the 15 Club Stations there will be two rovers: W6A and W6B. The 15 club stations are: W6C- Santa Barbara, CA; W6D - Los Angeles, CA; W6E -San Bernardino, CA; W6F - Victorville, CA; W6G - Kingman, AZ; W6H - Flagstaff, AZ; W6I - Amarillo, TX; W6J - Elk City, OK; W6K - Oklahoma City, OK; W6L - Tulsa, OK; W6M - Riverton, KS; W6N - Joplin, MO; W6O - Lebanon, MO; W6P - St Louis, MO and W6Q -Chicago, IL.

You will be able to find these stations near the following frequencies: CW - 3533, 7033, 10110, 14033,18080, 21033, 24900, 28033 and 50033. SSB: - 3866, 7266, 14266, 18166, 21366, 24966, 28466, 28466 and 50166.

You will need to apply for the certificate from the Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club. The cost is three dollars and the application can be downloaded from [www.qsl.net/w6jbt/](http://www.qsl.net/w6jbt/). If you do not have a computer, please contact me and I will mail you an application.

Hear you in the pile ups! Joe - W8KNO –

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

9/3 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

9/5 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM

9/6 WARA meeting Grace Baptist Church 7.30 PM

9/7 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM

9/10-18 Sp Event Stn Rt 66 On the Air See article this Q-Match  
9/11 Grandparents Day  
9/12 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM  
9/14 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
9/16-19 Sp Event Stn KB8UUZ Nat'l POW/MIA Recognition Day see article this Q-Match  
9/17 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
9/17 Ohio Section Conference Columbus see article this Q-Match  
9/19 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM  
9/20 WARA meeting Grace Baptist Church 7.30 PM  
9/21 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
9/24 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newton Falls 12 N  
9/26 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM  
9/28 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
10/1 Akron Roadrunner Marathon see article this Q-Match