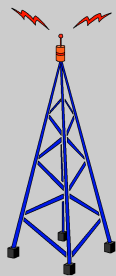
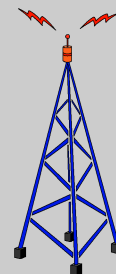


**Next Meeting:** Monday February 13, 2006 at Ryans Steakhouse. Meeting time 6:30 pm. Come early at 6:00 pm and enjoy supper!



# Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club

## February 2006



### Jim Butch to Speak at February Meeting

It's February, and according to VARC tradition, it's time for, Jim Butch, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Jackson to make his annual visit to the club.



After serving 4 year in the United States Air Force, Jim was hired at the National Weather Service in Jackson in March 1974. In 1979 Jim transferred to Athens, GA. During his time in Athens he attended the University of Georgia and studied math and science. In 1987 Jim attended San Jose State University where he completed his requirement to become a Meteorologist. Shortly after completion of coursework at San Jose he transferred to Tulsa, OK for a short time until July 1988 when he came back to Jackson, MS.

After one year as a journeyman forecaster, Jim accepted the position of Warning Preparedness Meteorologist. He was selected for a lead forecaster position in 1993 and in early 1994 he was selected to be the first Warning Coordination Meteorologist at Jackson. He has been in this position ever since.

Some of the highlights of his career were working the 1979 Easter Flood on the Pearl River, The November 1992 tornado outbreak, the November 2002 tornado outbreak and, of course, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005.

### Letter to the Editor

From

Reggie Crawford, KD5CQX

January 11, 2006

I think we had a very good meeting last Monday night.

We all agreed that we need to have a more active club.

For some time I have been more or less out of service since my heart attack. I have resolved to be an active part of this radio club. We have a lot of good members of this club.

We need to be known in the community as a people who render a service when needed. To have a better and more active club it starts with "me".

Bill Ford has been doing a great job with the news letter and has committed himself to getting it started again. He also is making a great effort to have something interesting for all of us at the meetings on Monday nights.

Next Club meeting will be February 13th at Ryans steak House at 6:30 pm.

As a member of this club and a sincere desire to see it be successful, I appeal to every member to attend this next club meeting. The club needs your support.

Also, let's all make an effort to check in on the net each Sunday night at 9:00 pm. Club repeater---147.27---100 hertz.

2006 will be our year!

73,

Reggie kd5cqx

### 2006 Club Dues are Due!

Dues are \$25.00 per year. Send to Club PO Box or you may pay online at the club website

### Mardi Gras Parade Run Thru History

The Downtown Mardi Gras Parade and the Run Thru History are set for successive weekends in February and March. On February 25th the Mardi Gras Parade will be held in historic downtown Vicksburg. VARC members should meet on Belmont and Drummond streets at 1130CST. Members will meet for a late breakfast/early lunch at the Waffle House on Frontage Road near Indiana at 10:30am.

On March 4, VARC members will meet in the bowling alley parking lot at 7:00 am to support the Run Thru History. Again, we'll meet for breakfast at 6:00 am at the Waffle House. If you can participate in either or both of these events, contact Russ Tillman, K5NRK (k5nrk@amsat.org).

### Mississippi QSO Party

The Mississippi QSO Party, sponsored by the Vicksburg ARC, starts at 1500Z Feb.25 and ends at 0300Z Feb. 26 (9AM to 9PM local time on Saturday).

The object is for Mississippi Stations to work as many Out of State Stations as possible and for out of state stations to work as many Mississippi Stations as possible. Full details are on the Miss. section web site.

: <http://www.arrlmiss.org>

**JACKSON  
HAMFEST  
FEBRUARY  
3rd and 4th**

**Club Contact Information**

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Website : <http://www.k5zro.com>  
Repeater 147.270 + 100 Hz tone

**Elected Officers**

President: Bill Ford, W5WAF  
Vice President: Russ Tillman, K5NRK  
Sec. Treasurer: Melinda Lamb, N5EZX

**Committee Chairpersons**

Emergency Coordinator: Russ Tillman, K5NRK  
Repeater/Club Station Coordinator:  
Malcolm Keown, W5XX  
Officer's Email:  
"their callsign"@vicksburgarc.us

**Section Emergency Nets**

**Miss-Lou Emergency Net (MLEN)**

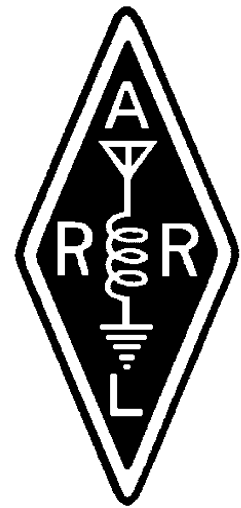
Sundays 9:00 PM  
K5ZRO 147.27 Repeater

**Mississippi Section Phone Net (MSPN)**

Daily 6:00 PM  
3862 KHz

**Magnolia Section Net (MSN)**

Mon- Fri 6:00 AM  
Weekends and Holidays 7:00 AM  
3862.5 KHz



## Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club

February Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2006

6:30 PM (Supper at 6:00 PM)

Ryan's Steakhouse