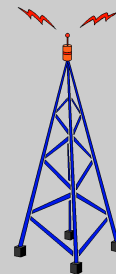


# Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club

## March 2006



### Ed Schilling, KJ5XQ to Highlight March Meeting

Ed Schilling, KJ5XQ will be the featured speaker at our March meeting. Ed recently returned from Iraq and will detail his experiences there. We understand that he'll bring some pictures of his trip there. Let's have a big turnout. Not only will it be a very interesting talk, but it will show support for Ed and all those who are serving our country.

By the way, if you didn't make the last meeting, you missed an excellent presentation by Jim Butch of the National Weather Service. Jim talked about this past record setting hurricane season. He brought along some striking pictures.

**Don't be one of the ones who say, "I heard the last meeting was great. I wish I had gone!"**

### VE Tests

**March 11, 2006**

Volunteer Examiner testing is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2006 in Vicksburg. The tests will be given at Messiah Lutheran Church, 301 Cain Ridge Road at 1:00 PM.

If you plan on taking a test, bring a copy of your license, any CSCE's, and a photo ID. Test fee is \$14.00. Checks may be made out to the Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club. For more information, contact Bill Ford, W5WAF at 601 636 1728 or by email [bill@w5waf.com](mailto:bill@w5waf.com).

### Dues are Due

It's time to pay your 2006 VARC dues. They're \$25.00. Additional members in the same household are \$1.00 each. Send your payment to the club mailbox listed elsewhere in this newsletter, or pay online at the club website:

[www.vicksburgarc.us](http://www.vicksburgarc.us)

### Upgrades Under Consideration for the VARC 147.27 Repeater

Eddie Pettis, N5JGK, VARC technical director reports that changes to the 147.27 repeater are under consideration to improve performance. One thing under consideration is replacing the receiver. This will be discussed at the March Meeting. We'd like to hear your ideas.

### "Tremendously Successful" SuitSat-1 is SK

NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 24, 2006-- SuitSat-1 is now a confirmed "Silent Key." So says its sponsor, the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. In operation for more than two weeks, SuitSat-1 easily outlasted initial predictions that it would transmit for about one week. ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, says the mission captured imaginations around the world, despite a much-lower-than-expected signal strength. While the transmission part of the SuitSat experiment was not stellar, SuitSat-1 has been tremendously successful in several areas," Bauer continued. These include capturing the imagination of students and the general public worldwide, gaining positive media attention for Amateur Radio, sending students' artwork, signatures and voices into space and onboard SuitSat-1 and--most important--successfully deploying a ham radio satellite in a spacesuit from the ISS, demonstrating to the space agencies that it can be done safely.

**Club Contact Information**

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Repeater 147.270 + 100 Hz tone

**Elected Officers**

President: Bill Ford, W5WAF  
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**Committee Chairpersons**

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**Section Emergency Nets**

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

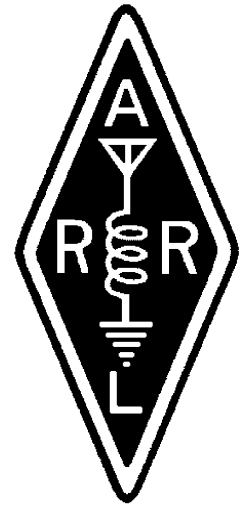
Sundays 9:00 PM  
K5ZRO 147.27 Repeater

**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



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### MARCH MEETING

Monday, March 13, 2006

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

Ryan's Steakhouse