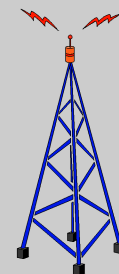


# Vicksburg Amateur Radio Club

## May 2006



### May Meeting

The Club is honored to have as its guest at the May Meeting, Dr. Chester Masterson, who represents District 54 including parts of Warren, Sharkey, and Issaquena Counties in the Mississippi House of Representatives. Dr. Masterson introduced legislation this year which requires local government to make

reasonable accommodations to allow hams to erect antennas. It also recognizes amateur radio's vital role in

providing backup communications during disasters such as Katrina.

The governor signed the bill in March, thus Mississippi became the 23rd State to have "PRB-1" legislation.

Dr. Masterson has been in the legislature since 2000. He serves on the Constitution; County Affairs; Insurance; Select Committee on Accessible & Affordable Medical Malpractice Insurance; Medicaid; Public Health & Human Services and Ports, Harbors & Airports

committees.

Representative Masterson is member of the AMA, MSMA, WMMS, America College of Surgeons and American Academy of Otolaryngology. He is a past President of the Rotary Club of Vicksburg.

Representative Masterson was born February 26, 1933 in Crowder and is married to the former Martha Gordon. He is of the Baptist faith.

Dr. Masterson will discuss the Amateur Radio Legislation, as well as other issues of interest

Let's have a big turn out so we can express our appreciation.

### **K5VXV - New VARC Webmaster**

We are pleased to announce that Brent Lamb, K5VXV, has agreed to assume the job of webmaster for the club's web page. Brent has been a ham since 1959 and is a Charter Member of the Club. He has held a number of club offices including that of President. He holds an extra class license and is a volunteer examiner.

Recently, our web hosting service has made several new features available, including a photo album application that allows anyone to upload pictures to the site. So if you have any VARC pictures, we invite you to share them. Check out the web page:

**<http://www.vicksburgarc.us>**

and let Brent have your ideas and suggestions. He can be reached at:  
**[webmaster@vicksburgarc.us](mailto:webmaster@vicksburgarc.us)**

### **Culkin Firemen Ask for Ham Help**

We have received a request from the Culkin Volunteer Fire Dept. to assist them when they are deployed outside the area such as was the case during Katrina. They have requested technical advice on how to deploy their own equipment in a portable manner, but the assistance could include one or more hams to deploy with them to provide communications back to Vicksburg. We may also provide technician classes for the Volunteer Firemen. Russ Tillman, K5NRK, is chairing a committee to study this request. Also on the committee are Malcolm Keown, W5XX and Eddie Pettis, N5JGK.

**Club Contact Information**

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Repeater 147.270 + 100 Hz 1tone

**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  
Technical Coord: Eddie Pettis, N5JGK  
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Webmaster, Brent Lamb, K5VXV  
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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 6:15 PM

3862 KHz

**Magnolia Section Net (MSN)**

Mon- Fri 6:00 AM

Weekends and Holidays 7:00 AM

3862.5 KHz



**147.270 Repeater**

N5JGK reports that work continues on the repeater. A new receiver and duplexers have been installed, and a new receiver preamp is on the way. A major problem was resolved when a damaged coax jumper was identified and replaced.

**DON'T FORGET TO PAY  
YOUR DUES!!**

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, May 8, 2006**

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

**Ryan's Steakhouse**



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