

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA AMATEUR RADIO Club
May 7, 2019

Geneva Academy, West Monroe

Club President Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. There were 15 present.

Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA, gave a financial report.

NELARC NEWS:

- Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, reported successful Hamfest. He will be sending out questionnaires to the four main vendors about participation next year.
- W5L has logged 5535 entries this year, which is about double from last year.
 - **SSB** - 69.8%, **FT8** – 26.1%, **CW** – 4.1%
 - About 200 QSL have been requested so far
- WMHS ARC club has been approved by Mr. Ainsworth, just looking for a location at the school.
- FCC is considering expanding the Technician privileges
 - Limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters
 - RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40 and 15 meters
- Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test Set for May 11
- Field Day – June 22, 23
 - Scott Dickson, W5WZ
 - Kiroli Park
 - 2A + GOTA (WM5HS)
 - Jim Ragsdale, W5LA in charge of CW operations
 - Bobby Baker, WM5H in charge of food
- Talked about the new digital mode FT4
- Talked about band conditions

Contest Updates: June VHF, FM105, World Wide DX, NAQP-SSB on August 17.

ARES: Duffy Frantom, KD5IDZ, stated to be aware of the upcoming weather this week

Program: Jim Ragsdale, W5LA presented a program about Antenna Analyzers

Meeting was adjourned by Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, at 7:30 PM

