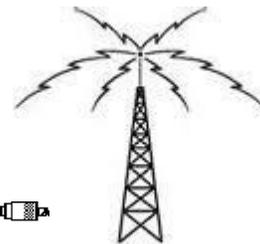




NELARC News

NorthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club
May 2018



HAMFEST 2018...

Thanks to everyone who came to our Northeast Louisiana Hamfest. We had 132 in attendance this year and financially came out pretty much break-even, which is not a bad thing.

Thanks to the following who donated hourly door prizes:

Frank Adams KK5CF	MCM Computers
Bobby Baker WM5H	Palmetto Antennas
RC Conley WW5RC	ARRL
Russell Kendrick K5RUS	N3FJP Amateur Contact Log
Ben McFarlin KG5TKE	RFConnector.com
Bill Ragsdale KG5KWO	

The raffle prizes were won by the following:

Mark Ketchell - K5ER: RigExpert AA-30 Analyzer
Glen Fletcher - KG5YEB: TYT 2017 DMR Handheld
Jim Young - KE5KAQ: TYT 2017 DMR Handheld (Donated by John Robertson, K5JMR)
Eddie Pettis - N5JGK: Yaesu FT-DX1200 HF/6M Transceiver

We look forward to next year's hamfest being even bigger and better.

73, Hamfest Committee

W5L Special Event Station -

From April 21 through April 27 several stations all over Louisiana operated as **W5L**, commemorating the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Over 2,300 contacts were made using SSB, CW, and RTTY. Those wanting a QSL will be sending S.A.S.E. to receive a colorful four-sided folding QSL card. In the first three days over 80 requests for QSL have been received.

We appreciate all those who participated and those who called us to make this event a success. It is very likely that we will do this again next year.

ARRL News:

At the end of December 2017, the US Amateur Radio population stood at 748,136.

We're still waiting to see the outcome of expanded privileges for Technician Class amateurs.

The most recent 5-area callsign issued was **KG5ZND**, so it is getting really close to the next series, **KI5** callsigns, being assigned.

Next Club Meeting:

**Tuesday, May 1
6:30 PM**

*Ouachita Valley
Branch Public Library*

*601 McMillan Rd
West Monroe, LA*

Trivia:

April 27th was the birthday of **Samuel Morse** who contributed to the invention of a single-wire telegraph system and was co-developer of the "Morse Code" system.

ClubLog by W5WZ

DXing is enjoyed by many hams. There are countless tools available to assist. One very popular online tool is ClubLog. There is nothing to install on your computer. Just browse to <https://clublog.org/>.

Club Log is an online database with a suite of powerful tools supporting active DXers. Club Log was designed to enable, in fact to encourage club activity and friendly competition between club members through its league tables and charts.

Once you have registered on Club Log and uploaded your log, you will be able to:

- Generate personal reports, showing which DXCC countries you have worked and/or confirmed, when you first worked them, which ones you still need, and which are the most likely to QSL (Club Log's reports are both comprehensive and flexible);
- See how you stand relative to your peers in various league tables and challenges (again, the reports are very flexible - for example with a few clicks you can generate a specific league table listing how many DXCC countries or CQ zones have been worked by various African hams on 20m CW in the past year almost as easily as a global league table covering all bands, all modes and all years since 1945);
- Analyze your log for possible/likely errors in the DXCC allocations (Club Log's painstakingly-researched DXCC database is a tremendously useful resource supporting the DX community);
- Predict the bands and times on which you are most likely to work almost any DX station, based on actual QSOs in the logs uploaded to Club Log, and draw great circle maps;
- Set up a personal DX Cluster feed that filters out the DXCCs you have already worked, leaving just the ones you still need ...
- ... and much more. This is just a taste of things to come!

OQRS - Online QSL Requests

The OQRS (Online QSL Requests) system enables people you have contacted to request QSL cards from you through your log search page in Club Log, without necessarily sending you their QSL card and waiting for it to reach you. They have the option to pay you to send them cards 'direct' (through the postal system), otherwise they can request cards via the bureau.

OQRS is available to all Club Log users. However, make sure you understand how the system works and be prepared to write and send out QSL cards before enabling OQRS and, in effect, entering into contracts with other amateurs. Club Log comes with tools designed to make this process easier for you, of course. It may be simpler than you expect to print and manage large volumes of labels to print, for example.

Since many amateurs are unwilling or unable to pay for direct cards, it is a condition of using Club Log OQRS that, if requested, you must send bureau cards free of charge.

May Contesting Calendar

[10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital](#): 0001Z, Apr 28 to 2359Z, Apr 29

[SP DX RTTY Contest](#): 1200Z, Apr 28 to 1200Z, Apr 29

[Florida QSO Party](#): 1600Z, Apr 28 to 0159Z, Apr 29 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 29