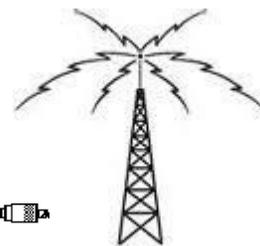




NELARC News

NorthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club
December 2018



Next Club Meeting:
Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 PM
BBQ West (in Key West Plaza)
4900 Cypress Street; West Monroe, LA
Christmas Party!

SUCCESSFUL TECHNICIAN CLASS HAMCRAM AT WEST MONROE HIGH SCHOOL



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On November 17th a Technician Class HamCram was held at West Monroe High School. There were fourteen participating in the class, including eleven students, one teacher, and two from the WMHS administration. When testing was over and the grading was complete, there were thirteen new Technician class operators in Ouachita Parish.

Thanks to R.C. Conley, Contact VE, and VEs Mark Baxley and Ruth Ragsdale, for their support in this effort.

Now our sights are set on starting a Amateur Radio Club at West Monroe High School.

A Report on ARRL SSB Sweepstakes at W5WZ

Coming off last years' 2nd place finish in the Multi-Op High category, expectations were high this year for the Louisiana Contest Club team of W5WZ, KN5O, WM5H, K5ER, WA5VQP (with guest observers KW5MOM, KF5MTH, KF5GDK, WW5RC and W5LA). We've learned by experience that the years with little to no propagation on 10 and 15 meters actually favors our location in Louisiana, and this year seemed to be the perfect conditions for an assault on the #1 multi-op spot.

The W5WZ station was ready, the ops were excited, and the weather was perfect - no fronts or thunderstorms predicted anywhere in the region. We were going to do great!

We opened the contest with W5WZ on 20m and KN5O on 40m (the IC-7610 band scope at the mult position had ZERO signals on 15m in the 30 minutes leading up to the start). We had a 212 QSO first hour & 60 sections in the log - our best ever hour in SS SSB by more than 60 QSOs - followed by a 155 Q and 123 Q hour. With that start, we thought this was going to be a great contest.

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Trivia Question:

How much power can a Technician Class operator use on 6 meter SSB?

Send Response to: W5LA@ARRL.NET

A Report on ARRL SSB Sweepstakes at W5WZ - continued...

But it was not to be. The rate quickly collapsed to 68 (0100 to 0159 UTC). After that, for the rest of the contest we only managed 2 hours above 100/hr (0200-0259 & 0500-0559 UTC), and the average rate the rest of the contest was a dismal 60 QSOs per hour, with 2 hours of only 21 QSOs thrown in for good measure.

From our location it seemed that 20 meters had great propagation to all the places with no hams: IA, ND, SD, MB, SK. And on 40 meters, the band had QSB like you'd expect on 15 meters right before the band closes at night (if you remember that!). While receiving an exchange, signals would go from strong to inaudible and back again.

When it was over, we were 75 QSOs off last year's pace, and along the way we heard other M stations with higher numbers than ours. Congratulations to namely KH7XS, K5TR and others.

As always, the company was great, we had lots of fun, and fantastic food to boot.

WA5VQP - 10 pounds of potato salad

KW5MOM - 2 gallons of killer chili

WM5H - sloppy joes, turkey tetrazzini and coleslaw, along with pounds of excellent deli meat

Very special thanks to Becky KB5SUI - for the traditional tray of contest brownies! Thanks for letting us borrow K5ER. We love you!

Thanks to all for the QSOs!

73, Scott W5WZ,

for the Louisiana Contest Club sweeps team of:

Ops - W5WZ, KN5O, WM5H, K5ER, WA5VQP

Honorary op - KB5SUI

Station guests - WW5RC, W5LA, KW5MOM, KF5GDK, KF5MTH



December Contesting Calendar

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9

OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15

ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW 1800Z-2359Z, Dec 16

For other contests, go to: <http://contestcalendar.com>

Happy
Holidays