August 2022

Longview East Texas Amateur Radio Club

PROPAGATION

Amateur radio education and outreach issue

Join LETARC at our next meeting on Sept. 24th

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Picture from the Shreveport Hamfest

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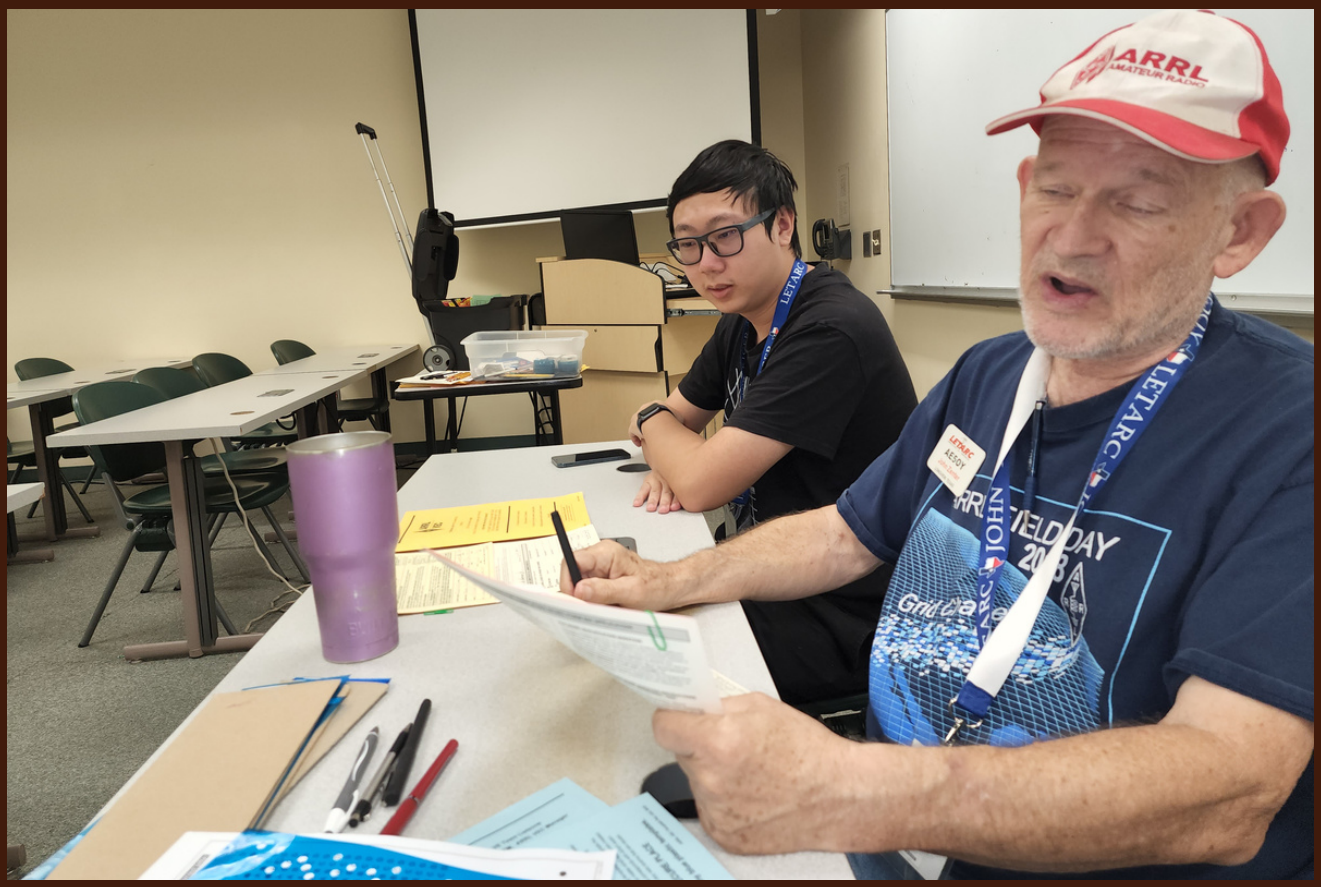
LETARC activities

LETARC held our monthly club meeting on Saturday, August 27th 2022. We had a good turn out of people and our Vice President Bert Sharp KI5DYI gave a great presentation about HF loop antennas and demonstrated his 14 MHz loop antenna. Bert purchased this at the Shreveport hamfest from our friend and club member Karen Houston KM5A. We selected Cotton patch cafe for our monthly dinner and Dave Luchak KL7BX did a great job as always letting everyone know about it.

In ARRL VE testing news Charles Harris and Phillip Reynolds of Longview earned their technician tickets. Congratulations to these new hams! Our VE would like to welcome Peter XU K1GER to our team. It is always great to have additional VE's.

Bert talks about magnetic loop antennas



Peter Xu K1GER grades his first VE test session with our VE Coordinator John Zenter AE5OY.

LETARC August meeting minutes

I.Opening Ceremonies
a.Call to order at 0913
b.Prayer and Pledge by Rhett Pilcher
c.Introductions
d.Welcome from James Bray

II.Adoption of Agenda
a.Meeting agenda adopted.

I.Adoption of Minutes
a.Reading of minutes from June and July meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b.Reading of finance report from June and July. No objections. Adopted.

II.Reports from Officers
a.President Ross Bennett – not present
b.Vice President Bert Sharp – nothing
c.Secretary/Treasurer James Bray – nothing to pass
d.Media Director Don Gamble – Texas QSO 17 and 18 Sep. QSO Today virtual Hamfest 17 Sept. Need info for newsletter.
e.Communications Director Jim Rogers – not present

III.Reports of the Board
a.none.

IV.Reports by Committees
a.Social Dinner Committee Recommendation – Cotton Patch, 6:30pm, Sep 13th.

V.Reports by Members
a.Don Gamble congratulated Leland Fellows for winning Baofeng at Hamfest.
b.James Wark – lives in townhome. Looking for antenna suggestions. Several options were recommended.
c.Rhett Pilcher– installed GMRS in his Jeep. Enjoyed using it during an offroad trip.
d.Leland Fellows – spoke about Scouts on the Air and wanting Ham participation.

I.Recess

II.Reconvene

III.Program
a.Bert Sharpe gave a presentation on a magnetic loop.

IV.Unfinished Business
a.APRS equipment
b.Tailgate sale

V.New Business
a.Jamboree on the Air second full weekend in October

VI.VE Testing headcount
a.There are enough VE's available for testing.

VII.Adjourn – 1043

Thanks to James Bray KG5OFX for the meeting minutes.

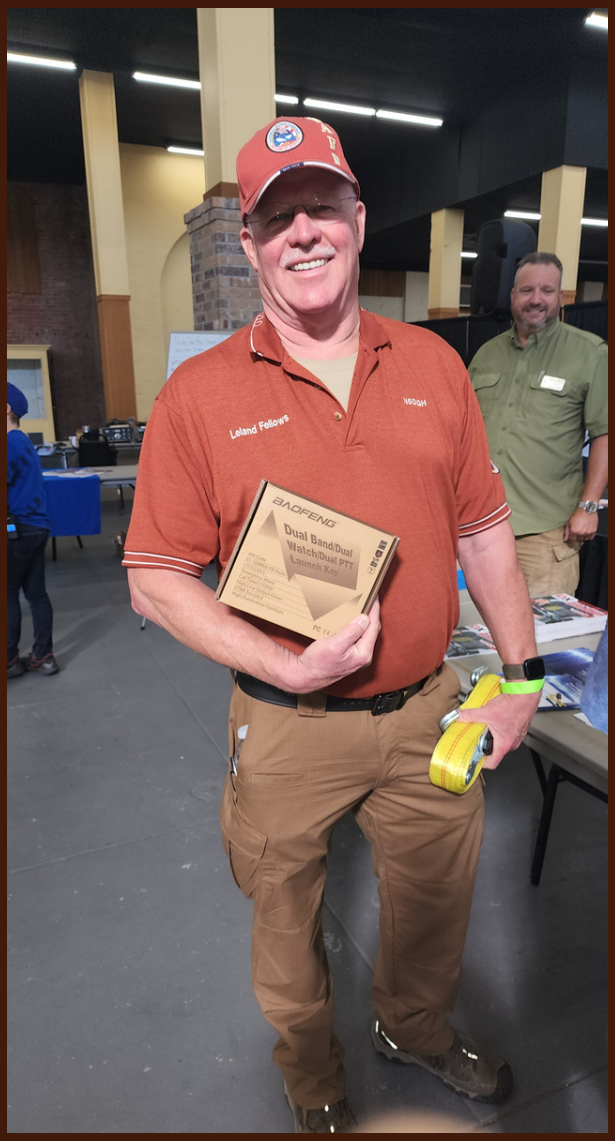
The Rusk County Amateur Radio Club presents "Radio for everyone"

Our buddies in the Rusk county club held a great presentation featuring GMRS radios, FRS radios, CB, and enticements toward our great hobby of amateur radio on the evening of Sept. 8th. This club is filled with smart people and they knocked this program out of the park. Congrats on a job well done. President Karan Haverstock, KI5GPO started things off and Nathan Chilton, N5NDC and David Chenault, W5CWT did the presentation.

Above - Dave W5CWT speaks at "Radio for everyone." Below - fellowship after the program.

Shreveport Hamfest

Next year we all need to hang out with Bert and visit the casino afterward. He was one lucky ham and kept winning. Congrats to Bert and Leland for their prize winnings. The air conditioning felt nice and it was nice to visit with everyone.

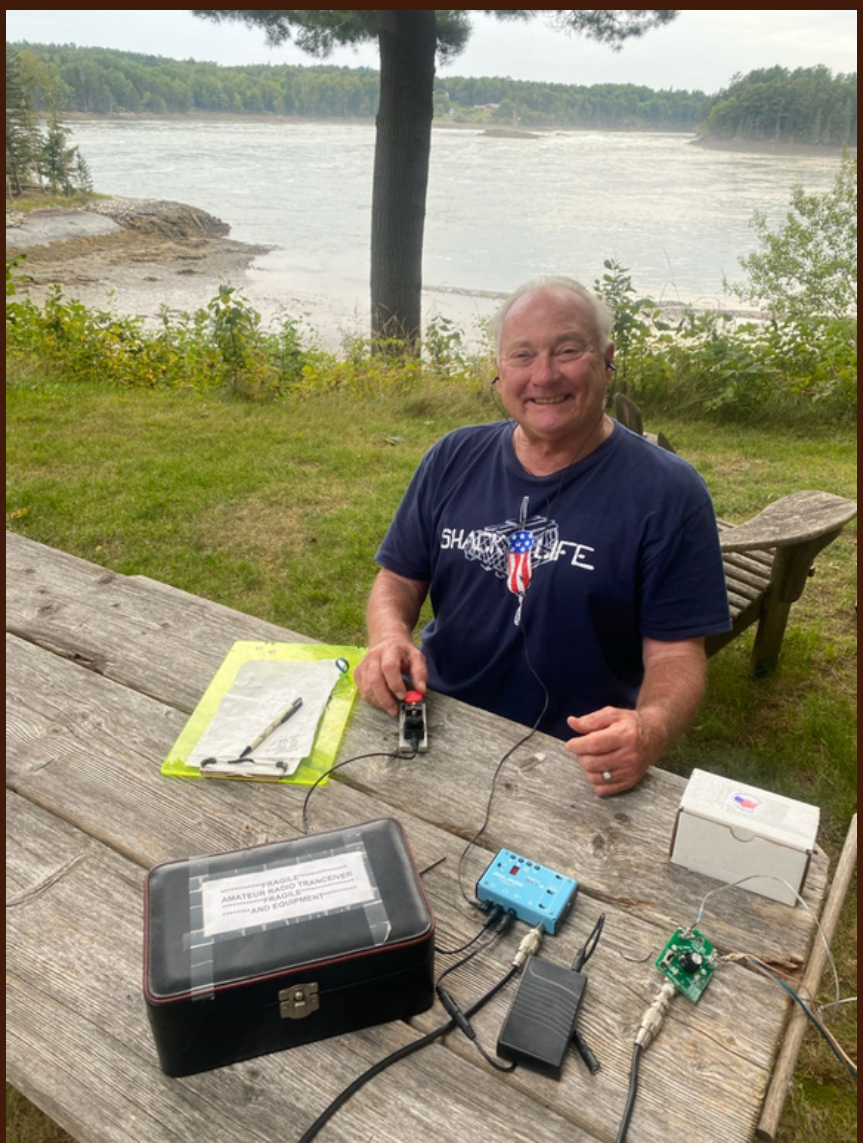


Leland wins a dual band Baofeng

Bert wins an Icom H/T

Buddy Walker W5DW operates QRP CW from the Pine Tree State

While we are all sweating our Baofengs off here in Texas our friend Buddy is vacationing in Maine where the temp is more humane. Buddy used an LNR MTN topper into a home brew antena consisting of speaker wire 70 feet above the water. I'm writing this while riding on a hot school bus experiencing envy but simultaneously feeling happy for Buddy.

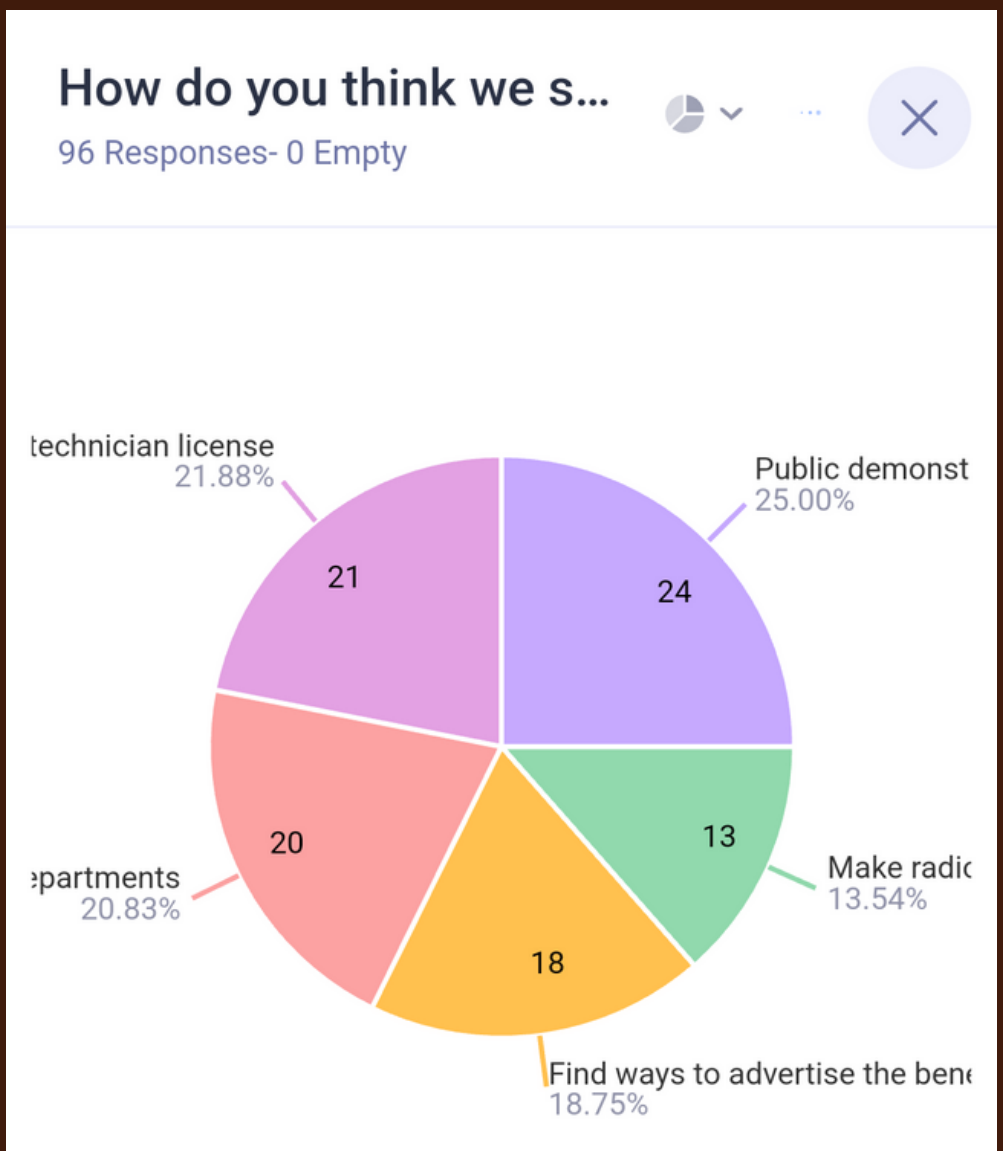


Buddy and the LNR MTN topper. A great rig and a great friend.

LETARC Survey

"How do you think we should promote ham radio? How should we inform/educate the public?"

25%	Public demonstrations of ham radio
21.9%	Make a technician class available
20.8%	Reach out to school science departments
18.8%	Find ways to advertise radio benefits
13.5%	Make radio literature available



You can become an ARRL Volunteer Instructor

The ARRL has a program for volunteer instructors. Register with the ARRL and you can get materials to help teach others the principles of radio or get people ready for their amateur radio license exams. ARRL instructors get a discount on materials for class and the league provides resources for those who wish to instruct.

The ARRL has a mailing list that sends info to volunteer instructors periodically. LETARC already has several Volunteer Examiners, the next logical step would be to register some of us as Volunteer Instructors.

For more information visit http://www.arrl.org/License-instructor-registration

Thank you to

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The Longview fire training center on American Legion BLVD
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Dr. Ron Morton KF5GMA & Carolyn Morton KF5GLT Longview CERT

Thank you for reading our newsletter. We hope to see you at our meetings and dinner gatherings and we hope to hear you on our nets. If you would like to contribute to the PROPAGATION please email Don at gambledon@gmail.com.

Please visit our website at letarc.org.

73 de Don Gamble KG5CMS.

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