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## Words from the Editor

August has been a very interesting month. Extremely hot and humid as many of you may already know but cooler weather is on the way, hopefully hurricanes will stay away.

I did get on 20 meters and made a few contacts one was the Navajo Code Talkers in Arizona, and three Lighthouse contacts using 80 watts on my 75 meter inverted “V” and received surprising very good reports. The BEARS Club in Morgan City activated The Northwest Reef Lighthouse in Berwick, Louisiana during the ILLW Weekend on August 17 & 18. See report on page 3 of this newsletter.

My main computer went “belly up” so I had to order me another one “refurbished” with more memory, larger solid state hard drive and faster CPU along with some other features not found on the old one. The new one did not have a VGA monitor port, so I had to get a HDMI to VGA cable. The old one has been running for over six years 24/7 and it has apparently seen its days. I had to resort to my ham radio computer for a while until I got the new one set up. I “cloned” the old SSD drive to the larger new drive which worked well, I didn't have to install a lot of my software. The new computer seems to be working well and I am so far satisfied.

### Special Request - 3.905 MHz ROUNDTABLE

I would like to pass along my request to inform your audience that the “**3.905 MHz ROUNDTABLE**” at 5:30 am CDST, 6:30 am EDST or 10:30 UTC everyday of the week, in memory of Melvin Simone WD5CAE....is *STILL VERY ACTIVE!* At this point we have only 1 station consistently from Louisiana, many from Tennessee and a few from Kansas City, MO and Illinois. More the better!

Anything you and your fellow followers can do to get the word out would be great....and better yet increase stations from Louisiana and 5 land in general...

73 John from Abbeville, LA. KF5UMC.

# de Herman KN5GRK



My website is hosted by:



"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."  
 -Albert Einstein?

## Ham Radio - We Talk to the World!

## AARA CLUB NEWS



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Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB  
 (337) 581-9490  
 E-mail him at: [larrykeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:larrykeb@bellsouth.net)

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## ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS August 2024

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	4	104	231
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	4	64	165
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	4	83	166
Rag Chew Net - 147.040 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	4	35	463

Results posted on the 1st of the following month.  
 If the 146.820 is having problems, the alternate frequency will be the 147.040 repeater located in Duson, LA



## Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) VE Test Session Results August 1, 2024



Another good evening, 3 in and 3 out with upgrades, no newbies....

Those upgrading were Renny Gothreaux W5GOT to General, Chance O'Dell KJ5CYB to General & Laura L. Menard KI5FEC to Amateur Extra. Congratulations to all.

The VEs assisting were Greg ~ K5LFT, Ray ~ N5KIR, Ken ~ KG5YYL, Larry ~ K5KEB & Michael ~ KI5ARX. TNX Guys !!!!

73,de Greg ~ K5LFT

When possible, Amateur Radio Examinations (VE Exams) will be conducted prior to the club meetings starting at 6:00 PM. Information regarding VE Exams can be found here:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/VE%20Exams.htm>

Please arrive as early as possible to help insure adequate time is available to complete your exam before the meeting starts.

Anyone needing additional information regarding VE Exams should contact Greg Dolan K5LFT at:

[k5lft@arrl.net](mailto:k5lft@arrl.net)





## Southwest Reef Lighthouse (USØ176) special Event Report

By Mike Galler WD5JTZ & Deborah Price N5FMI

BEARS (Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service) was out in force this weekend at Berwick Lighthouse Park for a special event station for ILLW International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend!

We had a great time, the bands were open, weather wasn't too bad (except for the storm that kicked up Saturday evening), and we made lots of contacts from around the world - over 600 this year!!

Thank you Town of Berwick for partnering with us on such a unique endeavor!



**Total Contacts:** 612

**Operating Time:** 15 hours and 58 minutes.

**DX Contacts:**

15 Canadian stations and one of each of the following countries:  
Russia, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Norway, Puerto Rico and Spain.

**Top 10 US States Contacts:**

58 Ohio - 55 IL - 50 PA - 49 NC - 37 FL - 34 MI - 33 VA - 30 IN - 25 SC - 24 NY

**Lighthouse Contacts:** 12

Lighthouse/Lightship Name - ILLW # - State

Eagle Harbor US0017 MI  
South Pierhead US0151 MI  
Lake Erie OH  
Port Washington WI

Lightship Huron US0019 MI  
Boston Harbor MA  
Bodie Island US0236 NC  
St. Augustine US0198 FL

East Pierhead US0079 MI  
Sankaty Head.US0135 MA  
Cape Neddick US0201 ME  
New Canal Lighthouse US0162 LA



Keith KI5KMC - Jackie KA5LMZ - Deborah N5FMI & Tina KA5HSL

### Station Setup:

Radio: Icom 719

Power: 100 watts

Bands: 20 meter only

Antenna: Cushcraft 3 element Yagi mounted on the Ray Raspberry Tower on the Berwick Dock

### Shown in group shot:

Rudy Duchan WA5QNH - Frank Price N5LOD - Mike Galler WD5JTZ - Tina Galler KA5HSL - Carl Bundy AF5BR - Jackie Price KA5LMZ - Willie Darce KC5OME - Deborah Price N5FMI



## Finishing Tip for Radio Gear

by Paul Coats - AE5JU

For some years I've wanted a Dentron Super Tuner. They will tune anything that can be tuned. No meter, no lights, just a KISS piece of gear.

Recently I found one on eBay at a very reasonable price and bought it. It arrived in good shape, but as could be seen from the photos on the eBay ad, it had some scratches on the cover that had been spray painted over, and it looked bad. Just the case, not the front panel.

I took the cover off, sanded it smooth, feathering in the scratches (really, they were nearly gouges) with 320 silicon carbide paper until smooth to the touch.

Now here's the perfect paint to use. I've used this paint on musical instrument stands and other gear:

### *Rustoleum Truck Bed Coating*

And it was an exact match to the paint on the bottom of the cabinet. Also, it matches paint on Icom and Yaesu radios (and brackets), not just color, but texture, too.

Two light coats will do it. Let the first coat dry 2 - 3 hrs (no longer), then apply the 2nd coat. Give it overnight to cure well for handling.

For some of that vintage gear from the 40's-50's they may use what is known as "Hammertone" paint, which you can also get at just about any local hardware store. Some old Altec Lansing stuff used the green Hammertone. Seeburg (Juke boxes) used bronze Hammertone on the metal horns. But much of the radio gear from back then used the gray Hammertone.

An aside, any Altec Lansing Voice of the Theatre fans out there? I have some reproduction decals available for the cabinets.

73,  
Paul - AE5JU  
[AE5JU@arrl.net](mailto:AE5JU@arrl.net)





# Route 66 - Special Event



September 7 - 15 2024

Sponsored by: Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club - [W6JBT.ORG](http://W6JBT.ORG)

**Date:** September 7-15, 2024

**Time: Start:** 0001 Z September 7 **End:** 2359 Z September 15

**Purpose of Event:** Is to commemorate the history of the "Mother Road" connecting the east and west areas of the US.

**Simple Rules:** Follow all 20 stations and contact their 1×1 callsigns (W6A-W6U excluding W6O), they will be on the air as much as possible. Each station has their own schedule and are on the air as operators are available and bands allow. Please understand that each station cannot be on the air 24/7.

**Certificate and Decal:** You must work at least one station before you can request either item. Then fill out the application found on this website completely. There is no time limit for your request however we would appreciate it if you would make your request in a timely manner. When requesting, please allow 10 weeks for processing and mailing.

**On air station exchange:** Normally you will simply give callsign and any other info that each station is requesting. Each station may ask for different info. Please take the time to listen to find out what the exchange will require. Please do not "rag chew" during event as other participants want to make their contacts too.

**Logs:** If requesting a certificate, you **do not** need to send in a log, simply fill out the certificate request application available on this site.

**History:** This is the 25th year of the event

[Please click the Route 66 tabs on the top of this page for more detailed information](#)

**Additional questions or comments, please use this email:**  
[route66ota@yahoo.com](mailto:route66ota@yahoo.com)



## Commemorating the 85th birthday of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

**Date:** Sep 14-Sep 15

**Frequencies:** 14.310 7.250 18.200 MHz

**Time:** 1415Z-1515Z

**Call:** N2S

**Certificate.** Mike Slepian, 12 Continental Lane, Marlton, NJ 08053.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the volunteer component of the US Coast Guard. We work directly with the Coast Guard in support of an amazing array of missions including search and rescue, on water patrols, communications, public education, watch standing, training and much more. This station will be operating from the historic "shack" originally a Coast Guard station built in 1890, now the meeting place for the Auxiliary Cape May Flotilla. [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

## Jerry Lane Tanner - WA5NSU

# Silent Key

May 26, 1939 — July 30, 2024  
Lubbock, TX



Jerry Lane Tanner was born in Lisbon, Louisiana. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a degree in Business and later pursued post-graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. He spent his professional career in the financial sector, first as a financial analyst for Dun and Bradstreet and later as a Commercial Loan Officer for the Small Business Administration where he retired from federal service in 1995 having served 30 years in offices in New Orleans, LA; Dallas, TX; Marshall, TX; Shreveport, LA and Lubbock, TX. He received a number of awards for outstanding service with SBA during his lengthy career.

He believed in giving back to his community and valued family tremendously. He was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, TX and served on the Vestry. He volunteered for many years with Meals on Wheels, and it was not uncommon to find him helping a neighbor fix their lawn mower or address some other home “emergency”. He enjoyed pursuing various hobbies throughout his life, but especially in his retirement. He had his Ham Radio license and participated in Amateur Radio Nets on a regular basis. As a life-long aviation enthusiast, having obtained his private pilot’s license, flying airplanes was one of his greatest pleasures. He also enjoyed building and flying radio-controlled model aircraft. He appreciated the outdoors having grown up in rural North Louisiana and shared this love of nature with his family. Family camping trips were a fundamental part of the Tanner yearly calendar and often included fishing as a key component. Countless hours were spent outside golfing with Irma providing them with a shared pursuit that at times was joyous and others exasperating. As time went on, family vacations led to destinations that were further afield like Alaska, England and the Caribbean and Jerry often said that those opportunities to travel as a family were some of his favorites.

Jerry married Irma Tanner in Sharon, LA, on August 9, 1963. They shared a lengthy and loving marriage of 60 years. He is survived by their children, Mark Tanner along with his wife, Donna Srader and Karen Tanner-Holt along with her husband, Wayne Holt. He is predeceased by his wife Irma and their son Darren Tanner.

A graveside services were held on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 10:00a.m. at the Petersburg Cemetery in Petersburg, TX. The family requests charitable donations in lieu of flowers. Organizations with meaning to the deceased are as follows:

**American Spinal Injury Association** [https://asia-spinalinjury.org/make-a-donation/Leukemia and Lymphoma Society](https://asia-spinalinjury.org/make-a-donation/Leukemia%20and%20Lymphoma%20Society)  
**Lymphoma Society** <https://www.lls.org/>



### *For our newer handheld users:*

To get the best range from a handheld radio, hold it so that the antenna is vertical. This aligns your antenna with those of a repeater or another handheld user. Also, turn the microphone slightly away from your face when talking so that your breath does not blow directly into it.

More can be found here:

[How To Use Most Ham Radio Handhelds](#)



# SLIDELL EOC HAMFEST 2024

sponsored by the Ozone Amateur Radio Club

**Date:** Friday September 13, 2024

Saturday September 14, 2024

**Admission:** Adults: \$5 (Includes 1 Raffle Ticket - Good for both days)  
12 & Under: Free

**Location:** Slidell Municipal Auditorium  
2056 2nd Street  
Slidell, LA 70468

**Talk in:** 147.270 repeater +600 PL 114.8.

**VE Testing:** 10:00 AM - Must pre-register - check website for details.

**Website:** <http://www.w5sla.net/hamfest.htm>

**Hamfest Flyer:** [https://www.w5sla.net/Hamfests/2024/Flyer\\_2024.pdf](https://www.w5sla.net/Hamfests/2024/Flyer_2024.pdf)



## SCHEDULE:

### Friday:

08:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Vendor setup (Enter rear doors on old fire house side)

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Flea Market setup (Enter rear doors on old fire house side)

02:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Doors open to public (Enter through Lobby doors)

### Saturday:

07:30 AM

Vendors and Flea Market setup (Enter rear doors on old fire house side)

### Public Contact:

Dave-K5OZ - Chairperson

Ron-WB5CXJ - Co-Chairperson

Email: [hamfest@w5sla.net](mailto:hamfest@w5sla.net)

### Current Vendors

Chatt Radio

The Sign Man

TN07 Engineering

N5IAW Connectors

Confirmed as of 07/30/24

## FORUMS

09:00 to 09:45 - LRS (Lightning Rig Saver) by Dave Hartley K5OZ

10:00 to 10:45 - ARES by Jim Coleman AI5B

11:00 to 11:45 - ARRL by Houston Polson N5YS

12:00 to 12:45 - Digial Modes by Emile Diodene KE5QKR

13:00 to 13:45 - CW / QRP by George Carr KB5ILL

NOTE: If you are interested in presenting in one of the forums please email: [hamfest@w5sla.net](mailto:hamfest@w5sla.net)

## GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:

1st Prize - Yaesu FTM-500XDRD

2nd Prize - Yaesu FT-70DR

3rd Prize - LRS (Lightning Rig Saver)

4th-5th Prizes - Yaesu FT-65R

6th-9th Prizes - Yaesu FT-4XR

10th Prize - Baofeng GM-15 Pro

NOTE: Drawings to start around 2PM on Saturday. You do not need to be present for the 1st Prize

# FYI

## AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING CLASSES

Gary Wise W4EEY and his co-teacher Dave Ivey KE4EA offer FREE Amateur Radio Licensing classes on line via Gary's [YouTube Channel](#).

Gary and Dave share years of valuable experience as they teach *Technician*, *General* and *Extra Class* workshops throughout the year.

Current FCC Technician, General and Extra Class sessions are available all day, every day FREE on Gary's W4EEY YouTube channel. Students can participate at their own pace.

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no Fall 2021 Zoom or in-person Classes. Online and in-person Ham Classes will be scheduled in the future as announced.

Hundreds of students from all over the globe have watched Gary's on-line classes and many USA Hams report successful completion of their FCC Examinations as a result the classes.

Be sure to join over 12,000 subscribers on Gary's YouTube Channel.

For information on classes contact Gary Wise via the "[Contact](#)" page.

[W4EEY.com](http://W4EEY.com)

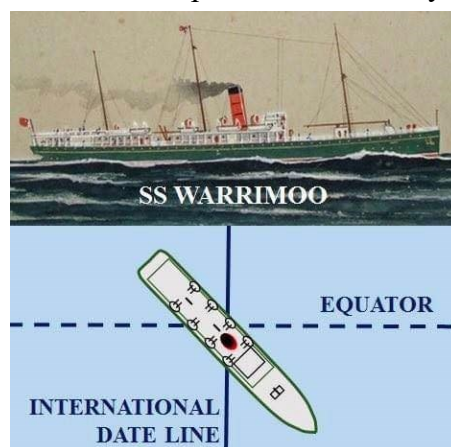
## GREAT SEA STORY

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John DS. Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899. "Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line." Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

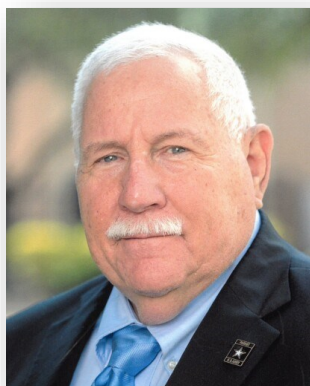
He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

- \*The ship's forward part (bow) was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.
- \*The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.
- \*The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.
- \*In the bow (forward) part, it was 1 January 1900.
- \*This ship was, therefore not only in:
  - Two different days,
  - Two different months,
  - Two different years,
  - Two different seasonsBut in two different centuries - all at the same time!



Read more: <https://diaryamazing.com/did-you-know-these-things-about.../>



## *Arthur "Art" D. Mouton K5FNQ* **Silent Key**



March 13, 1945 — August 4, 2024

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 3:30 pm in the church hall at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for Arthur D. "Art" Mouton, who passed away on August 4, 2024. He was 79

Art became a Ham Radio Operator at age 15, in 1960, with his call letters K5FNQ, and talked to the world a lot more than he talked to his wife, much of the time. As a HAM, he participated in DX Century Club; contact and confirmation of contacts (QSL cards); attained Honor Roll on both mixed modes and CW (Morse Code); and communicated with all countries except for North Korea. He was big into contesting, his favorite modes were CW & RTTY using some of his "boat anchor" gear. Art was a member of the ARRL, QCWA, CW OPS & Louisiana Contest Club.

Art served as Past President of the Lafayette Amateur Radio Club and was the "official" attorney handling most of the club's legal paperwork.

**Art 1960 KN5FNQ**





# September 2024

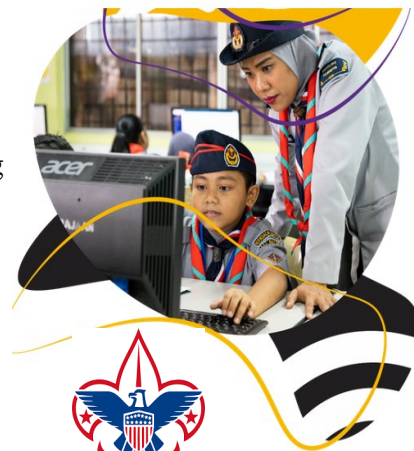
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## Schedule of Events

- ◆ September 2 — Labor Day
- ◆ September 5 — AARA General Club meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM
- ◆ September 13 & 14 — Slidell EOC Hamfest



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JOTA-JOTI is the world's largest digital Scout event taking place online and over the air. The educational event brings together more than 2 million Scouts every year in October for a weekend of Scouting and friendship. Young people can learn about communications technology and connect with fellow Scouts from over 175 countries.



See you October 18th—20th, 2024



**Route 66 On The Air**

Sep 7-Sep 15, 0700Z-1559Z, W6Q, Brookfield, IL. Citrus Belt Amateur Radio. 28.366 14.266 146.970 443.300. QSL. Mike Huedepohl, 3532 Raymond Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513. We will be operating HF, CW, SSB, FT8 and FM. [w6jbt.org](http://w6jbt.org)

**9-11 Remembering Our Heroes**

Sep 8-Sep 12, 0000Z-0000Z, K4A, Cordova, AL. Alabama Contest Group/WA1FCN. 7040 14040 21040 28040 . Certificate & QSL. Robert Sarnecki NF7D, 591 Deer Run RD, Alabaster 35007, OT. Certificate for 3 QSOs on 3 bands any mode/band combination. [wa1fcn@charter.net](mailto:wa1fcn@charter.net) or <https://alabamacontestgroup.org>

**Blue Ridge Bonanza**

Sep 8, 1300Z-2100Z, W4CA, Roanoke, VA. Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club. 7.265 14.265. QSL. Roanoke Valley ARC, P.O. Box 2002, Roanoke, VA 24009. Multiple stations and frequencies, 20 and 40 meters, along the Blue Ridge Parkway. See website for frequencies and QSL card information. <https://blueridgebonanza.info>

**Coast Guard Anniversary**

Sep 14-Sep 15, 0900Z-0500Z, W1H, Elkins, NH. KB1QXJ. 7.250 14.285 21.300 18.150. QSL. Bill Hopwood, P.O. Box 272, Elkins, NH 03233

**Highest Point in Arkansas**

Sep 14-Sep 15, 1400Z-1700Z, W5NX, Springdale, AR. Bella Vista Radio Club. 14.040 14.260 7.040 7.260. QSL. Don Banta, 3407 Diana Street, Springdale, AR 72764. Portable operation from Mount Magazine, highest point in Arkansas. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/W5NX> for QSL information. <https://bellavistaradioclub.org>

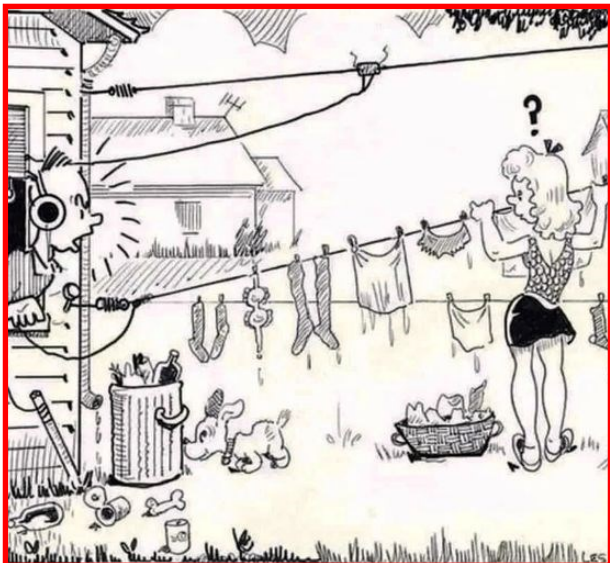
**WWV 105th Anniversary**

Sep 27-Oct 1, 0000Z-2359Z, WW0WWV, Fort Collins, CO. WWV Amateur Radio Club. 7.048 7.248 14.048 14.248. QSL. WWV ARC, PO Box 273226, Fort Collins, CO 80527. We will be on during a 96-hour period. Please see the operator's schedule on the WWVARC website (above) and QRZ.com during the event for bands and modes. If you are interested in operating in this event and joining the WWVARC, write to: [secretary@wwvarc.org](mailto:secretary@wwvarc.org). Include \$2 to cover

costs of production and distribution when requesting QSL cards. 73! <https://wwvarc.org>

“You cannot solve a problem with the same mind that created it.”  
-Albert Einstein

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