

## Technician License Class at the FRVA International Rally in Perry GA, March 16-17, 2026

Our chapter held its first ever Technician-Level Licensing Class at the FRVA Spring International Rally in Perry Georgia. Fourteen Students attended the 8-hour class with eleven students successfully testing to receive their technician license. Additionally, there was one amateur that upgraded to General at the event. The class was taught by John Bechtoldt, WB9FHL and Jana Bechtoldt, N9PBF. Testing occurred the second day with testing accomplished by the Middle Georgia Radio Association (MGRA) Laurel Team. The class was promoted at several FRVA rallies by Skip Kazmerek, K4EAK and the event was coordinated through the assistance of George Raney, KG5LRB and the FRVA Event staff. We even had a class visit from the FRVA National President, Paul Mitchel who thanked the Chapter for putting this event together and indicated that FRVA need to do more things like this in the future.

Our Chapter awarded all students who passed the Technician exam with a one-year membership in FRVA ARC and their names were included in a drawing for seven Baofeng HTs that were donated to the class. Several of the newly licensed class members signed-up for full membership in our Chapter and we hope to see them at one of our rallies or on-line meetings. Congratulations go out to Manny Vidal, Bart Masker, Rodney Sartain, Kenneth Propes, Gary Ireland, Bill Settles, Derek James, Scott Wallace, Ruth Owen, Donn Lund, Richard Edwards, and James Valentine (upgrade to General) on stepping into the world of Amateur Radio.



Doc, WB9FHL going over Ohm's Law and trying to keep everyone interested and awake



Jana Bechtoldt, N9PBF assisting one of the students with the necessary paperwork for testing



Mike, from the Laurel VE Test Team, reviewing FRN documentation prior to testing



Tech Class Graduates – Newly licensed amateurs at the after-class dinner



After Class Diner with chapter members attending the FRVA Rally in Perry GA



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