January 2023

PROPAGATION

Newsletter of the Longview East Texas Amateur Radio Club

DX Issue

Join LETARC at our next meeting on January 28th (also Winter field day)

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Buddy Walker W5DW and Lloyd Jackson earn WO5W SKCC Tribune and Senator awards

LETARC Activies

LETARC held our monthly meeting on Sept. 24th. Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI gave a great presentation on GMRS and was kind enough to bring donuts. Thanks Rhett. Chris Crawford KG5SMZ spoke about a POTA activation in Galveston and working pile ups. Leland Fellows N5DGH spoke about the upcoming JOTA on Oct. 8th. LETARC would like to welcome our guests Harry Albright KI5KGR, Joey Fanguy KI5VRQ, Chris Dahl N5CRD, David Deas K6VLH, and Dave Eggebraaten, AF5IA. Cracker Barrell was selected as our dinner venue for the 6:30 P.M. Oct. 11th social gathering.

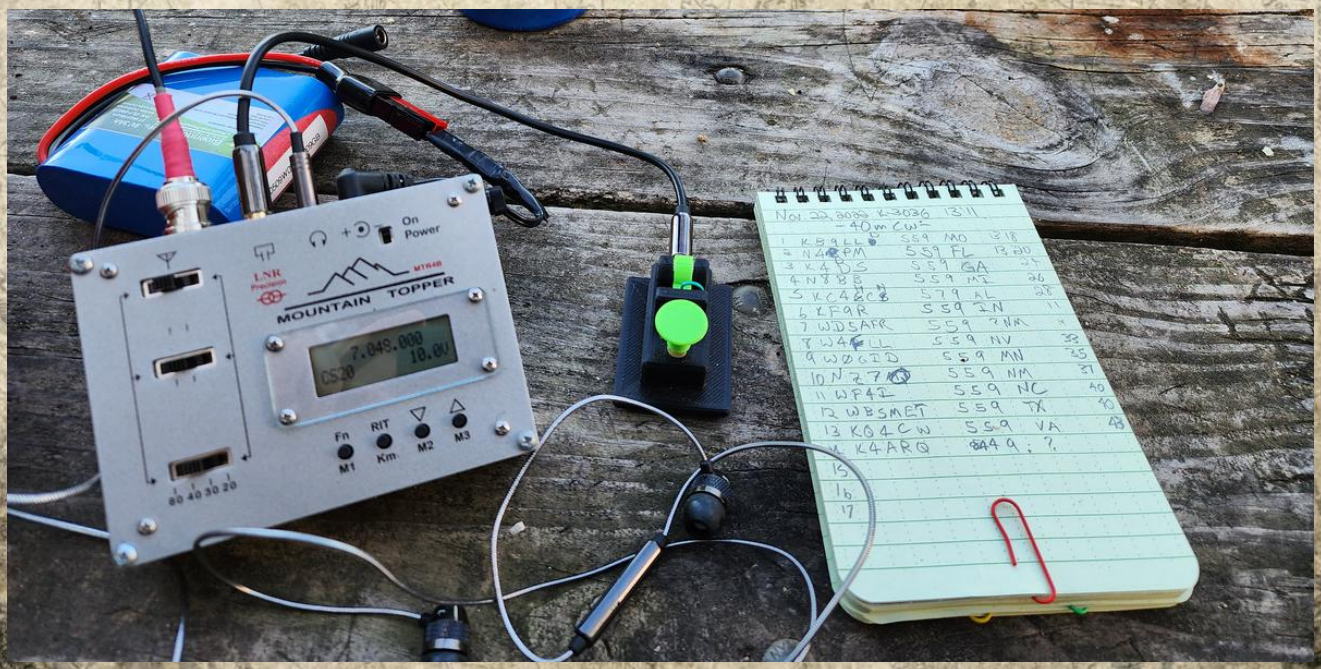
In ARRL VE news Charles Harris KI5WWH upgraded to general. Congratulations Charles!

LETARC had our October meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bert Sharp KI5DYI lined up a great presentation via Zoom with John Portune W6NBC about homebrew magnetic loop antennas. John had a tremendous amount of knowledge about these antennas. On that same day Jeff Smith KI5YTJ earned his technician class license. Congrats Jeff!

LETARC met on Saturday, November 15th. Bert Sharp KI5DYI gave and excellent presentation on kit building and small amplifiers and LETARC held officer elections. The 2023 slate of officers is as follows:

President - Bert Sharp KI5DYI
VIce President - Chris Crawford KG5SMZ
Secretary Treasurer - Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI
Media Director - Don Gamble KG5CMS
Communications Director - Jim Rogers N5VGQ

Thank you to all of the LETARC board members who have served. Congratulations to the upcoming LETARC officers.



LETARC meeting minutes

Minutes of the September 2022 Monthly Meeting of Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0907
b. Prayer and Pledge by John Zenter
c. Introductions
d. Welcome from James Bray

II. Adoption of Agenda
a. Meeting agenda adopted.

III. Adoption of Minutes
a. Reading of minutes from August meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from August. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President Ross Bennett – not present
b. Vice President Bert Sharp –
c. Secretary/Treasurer James Bray – nominations due soon for Board Members.
d. Media Director Don Gamble –
e. Communications Director Jim Rogers –

V. Reports of the Board
a. none.

VI. Reports by Committees
a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation – Cracker Barrel, Oct 11, 6:30.

VII. Reports by Members
a. Don Gamble – showed a doodad, also known as an arbor sling from Wespur.
Talked about different deploying methods.
b. Chris Crawford – went to Galveston and activated Galveston State Park as a POTA. Talked about flat terrain and salt water effect. 40 contacts in 40 minutes.
Had a pile up going on. Texas to Canada. Used a fishing pole antenna.

VIII. Recess
IX. Reconvene
X. Program
a. Rhett Pilcher gave a presentation on GMRS.

XI. Unfinished Business
a. APRS equipment
b. Tailgate Sale
c. Jamboree on the Air second full weekend in October. Contact Leland Fellows.

XII. New Business
a. None
XIII. VE Testing headcount

a. There are enough VE's available for testing.
XIV. Adjourn – 1013

LETARC Meeting minutes from October 2022

I. Call to order at 0909
A. Prayer by John Zenter
B. Pledge by Bert Sharp

II. Introductions

IV. Reading of minutes
Approved

V. Presentation

VI. Officer reports
Bert – 1086 POTA hunting contacts. Showed a nice paddle and spoke about CW stuff, asked Randal about CW. Randal Mays talked about CW academy, he is now an instructor

Don – Upshur club has an upcoming POTA at Daingerfield.

VII. Nominations

President – Bert Sharp
Vice President – Chris Crawford
Secretary Treasurer – Rhett Pilcher
Media Director – Don Gamble
Communications Director – Jim Rogers

VIII. Leland shared about new GMRS gear and Rhett shared about POTA success on 10 meters

IX. Dinner – Jason's deli

X. VE's - We have enough VE's

XI. Adjourned at 1015.

Minutes of the November 2022 Monthly Meeting of Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0901
b. Prayer and Pledge by Bert Sharp
c. Introductions
d. Welcome from Bert Sharp

II. Adoption of Agenda
a. Meeting agenda adopted.

III. Adoption of Minutes
a. Finance only from Sep 14 thru Nov 18 2022

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President Ross Bennett – not present
b. Vice President Bert Sharp – Christmas party -
c. Secretary/Treasurer James Bray – nothing to pass
d. Media Director Don Gamble – apologized for late newsletter
e. Communications Director Jim Rogers – repeater is good. Still working on
Richard's stuff

V. Reports of the Board
a. none.

VI. Reports by Committees
a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation – Dec 13 th , 6:30pm, Butcher Shop

VII. Reports by Members
a. Dave Luchak – how does passing of Richard Brown effect club and APRS? Jim
Rogers mentioned it was Richard's desire to leave tower and land to LETARC.
This is still being worked on.

b. John Zenter made motion to combine social dinner, Christmas party and
December meeting to Dec 13 th at Butcher Shop. Seconded by James Bray.
c. Don Gamble mentioned Jan 28 is winter field day. He plans on inviting multiple groups to meet at local park.

VIII. Voting President Bert Sharp
Vice President – Chris Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer – Rhett Pilcher
Media Director – Don Gamble
Communications Director – Jim Rogers

IX. Recess

X. Reconvene

XI. Program
a. Bert Sharp presented a program on building a QRP amp.

XII. Unfinished Business
a. None

XIII. New Business
a. None

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

XV. Adjourn – 1037

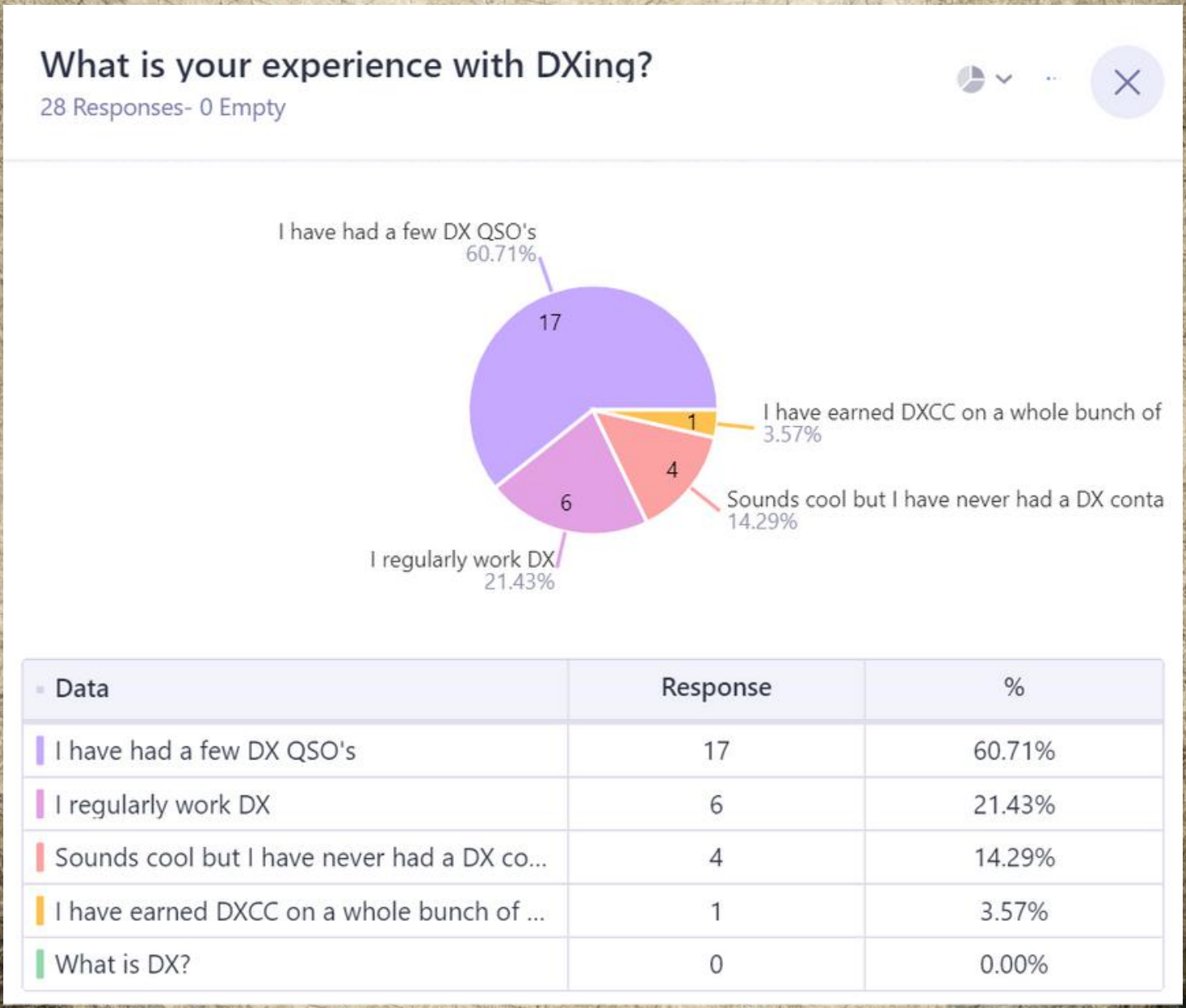
A giant Thank you to James Bray KG5OFX for supplying the minutes for our newsletters and for serving as Secretary/Treasurer for the last several years. James is great to have in our club and a great friend.

LETARC Christmas dinner 2022

LETARC got together for Christmas burgers at Butcher Shop on Dec. 13th. Our next dinner outing will be on Tues. Jan. 10th at 6:30 P.M. at Cotton Patch on McCann st. in Longview. Thanks to Dave KL7BX for organizing our dinners.

LETARC survey
"What is your experience with DX?"

60.7 % I have had a few DX QSOs
21.4% I regularly work DX
14.3% Sounds cool but I have never had a DX contact
3.6% I have earned DXCC and other DX awards



Data	Response	%
I have had a few DX QSO's	17	60.71%
I regularly work DX	6	21.43%
Sounds cool but I have never had a DX co...	4	14.29%
I have earned DXCC on a whole bunch of ...	1	3.57%
What is DX?	0	0.00%

The True Blue DX club

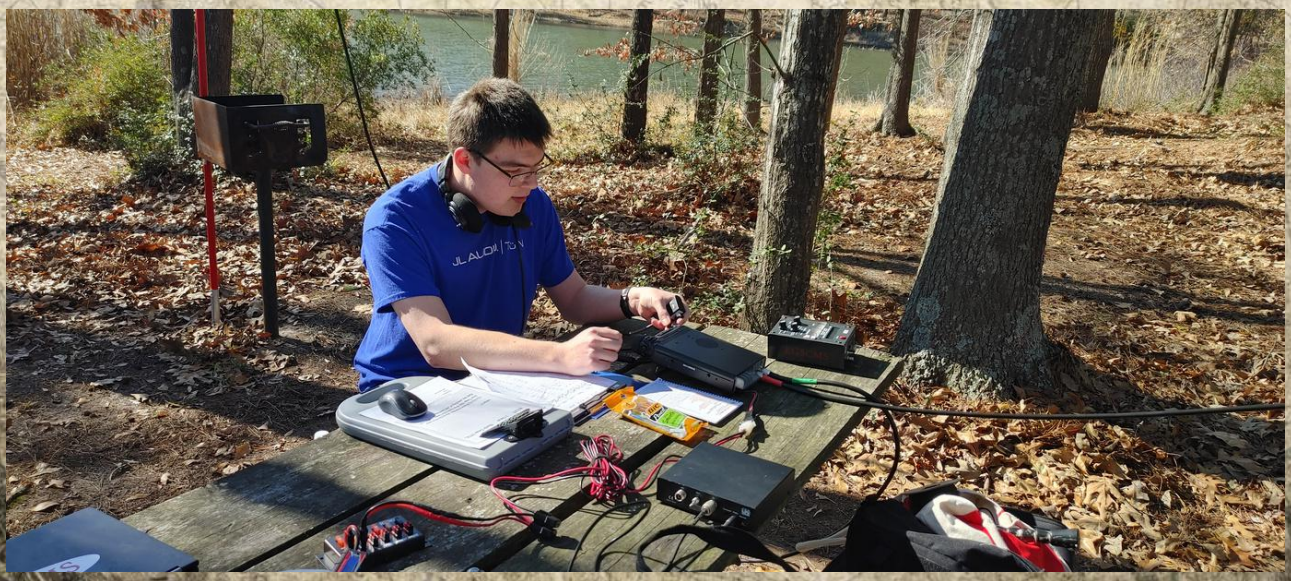
The True Blue DXer's club was founded by Pete Parisetti MM0TWX. The group now boasts 1,900 members. To quote their webpage - "The TBDXC was founded in early June 2018 primarily to bring together like-minded operators who may feel that their ethos and approach to DX communication is dying off. Given the level of enthusiasm the Club has triggered in only its first week of existence, this is obviously not the case. Practically, the aim of the Club is to a) to promote the use of radiotelegraphy (CW) and radiotelephony (SSB) in long-distance communications on the amateur bands; and b) to encourage the continuous improvement and refinement of the human, personal skills needed to do so."

To find out more and to join, please visit their website at https://www.tbdxc.net/

Winter Field Day

Winter Field day will be Saturday, January 28th and Sunday January 29th from 1:00 PM to 1:00 PM. This is not an ARRL event but the rules are very similar. Last year LETARC participated in WFD for the first time. We had fun and lots of young operators from LeTourneau came out. To find out more about WFD visit their website at https://www.winterfieldday.com/

WFD last year



The Upshur Area Amateur Radio Club has invited LETARC to hear Dr. Ed Fong KB6IQN

John Keith W5BWC has been kind enough to invite LETARC to the next Upshur club meeting on Monday, Jan. 9th at 7 P.M. From John - "In case anyone is interested in LETARC, we will have Dr. Edison Fong speak via Zoom on our big screen January 9, 2023 (meeting starts at 7:00PM). He developed a true dual band 2M/70cm J-Pole that rolls up for portable use.

His Intro and Bio are on https://uaarc.club for those interested. He has offered to sell us the twin lead and RG-178 (with connectors) that he orders special in bulk to build our own. "

Visit their club website at https://uaarc.club/.

Upshur AARC at POTA

Buddy W5DW and Lloyd WO5W are honored by SKCC

Buddy Walker W5DW has earned Tribune status with SKCC. Lloyd Jackson WO5W has earned Senator status with SKCC. These awards are earned within the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) for making certain numbers of contacts with other SKCC members. Some awards must be earned by contacting other Senators, Tribunes, or Centurions. To find out more about these awards and SKCC and to join, visit skccgroup.com. January is the K3Y event, so this is a great time to join. Our friend Randal May KG5IEE is serving shifts as K3Y/5.

Congrats to Lloyd and Buddy!

SKCC Straight Key Century Club

Buddy W5DW works CW at POTA in Daingerfield

LETARC
LONGVIEW / EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Join LETARC for our next meeting on Saturday, January 28th. Meeting starts at 9 AM at 411 American Legion Drive, Longview, Texas. VE testing at 2 PM at Claske building, LeTourneau Univ.

Join us each Wednesday evening at 8:30 P.M. for our LETARC net on 147.34 MHz, tone freq. of 136.5.

LETARC would like to thank

Mims volunteer fire department
The Longview fire training center on American Legion BLVD
Dave Luchak KL7BX LETARC dinner Chairman
Jim Perry KA5BCM for our radio room
John Zenter AE5OY and our VE team
Marty Duplissey N5KBP for his great work on the ARRL audio news
Steven Lott Smith KG5VK - ARRL North Texas Section Manager
JoAnn Keith KA5AZK - ARES Section Manager
David Chenault W5CWT - Rusk County ARES
John Keith W5BWC - Upshur County ARES
Tom Noe W5TDN - Gregg County SKYWARN coordinator
Jim Rogers N5VGQ - Repeater trustee
Ron Case W2RLC - letarc.org webmaster
Jim Quinn AJ1MQ - groups.io coordinator
Dr. Hoo Kim AG5ZS - Letourneau university liaison
Dr. Ron Morton KF5GMA & Carolyn Morton KF5GLT Longview CERT
Our Wednesday night net control stations:
Jim Rogers N5VGQ
Dave Luchak KL7BX
Don Gamble KG5CMS
John Zenter AE5OY
Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If you would like to contribute please email Don gambledon@gmail.com.

Please visit our website at letarc.org.

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LETARC JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 LETARC net 8:30 PM	5 Upshur ARES net 8 PM	6	7
8	9 Upshur Meeting 7PM	10 LETARC dinner Cotton Patch 6:30 PM	11 LETARC net 8:30 PM	12 Upshur ARES net 8 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18 LETARC net 8:30 PM	19 Upshur ARES net 8 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25 LETARC net 8:30 PM	26 Upshur ARES net 8 PM	27	28 LETARC Meeting 9AM Winter FD
29	30	31				

Upcoming HAM radio events

Jan. 7 ARRL kids day, phone
Jan. 7 ARRL RTTY round up
Jan. 14 North American QSO Party, CW
Jan. 21 North American QSO Party, SSB
Jan. 21 ARRL VHF Contest, Phone, CW, Dig
Jan. 28 Winter Field day, Phone, CW, DIg