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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONGVIEW / EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 2024

Jason KE4CPC coordinates a 5K race in Kilgore

LETARC activates Tyler State Park for Parks on the air

LETARC makes plans for Field Day 2024 at Mims VFD

LETARC activities

LETARC held their monthly meeting on April 27th, 2024. Instead of meeting in Longview, we started the day in Kilgore next to Kilgore College and set up to support at 5K race. Jason KE4CPC coordinated everything and set up a mobile Yaesu VHF/UHF with a J-pole antenna. Several HAMS from LETARC and a couple from the UAARC volunteered to help. Communications ran very smoothly thanks to Jason and the volunteers. This was the second month in a row LETARC supported community races. They say it is a hobby and a service.

After the race several of us met at the Back Porch cafe in Kilgore to eat. If you are a fan of giant pancakes Back Porch has you covered. It was great to see Randal KG5IEE up and about and doing well.

We had planned to go to Little Mexico for our 2nd Tuesday dinner but storms knocked out their power. Charles KI5WWH, Bert KJ5W and Don KG5CMS went next door for a fancy dinner at Cici's pizza.

Chris KG5SMZ, Charles, KI5WWH, Bert KJ5W, Rhett KG5NWI, Wyatt W5IQE, Crystal KJ5BNI and Don KG5CMS met at Tyler State park on April 13th for our 2nd Saturday POTA activation. Band conditions were not great but we activated and had fun.

VE testing news

In April Alondra Lopez of Puerto Rico, Andrew McNeil of Davie, FL, and Isabel Bannerot of Fort Worth, TX all earned their technician licenses. LETARC would like to congratulate these new amateurs and welcome them to the world's greatest hobby! Thanks to our ARRL VEC John Zenter AE5OY for coordinating our tests.

Kilgore 5K race

Above: Amateurs check in with the net control table

Left: Jason KE4CPC coordinates the race and visits with Rhett KG5NWI

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KE4CPC's
J-Pole

Thank you to everyone who helped at the race in Kilgore in April

Parks on the air at Tyler State Park

Above: The guys chew the fat at Tyler SP

Left: KG5SMZ operates SSB

A special thank you to

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
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Dr. Hoo Kim AG5ZS - Letourneau university liaison
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