Newsletter of the Longview / East Texas Amateur Radio club

June 2024 edition

PROPAGATION

FIELD DAY ISSUE

LETARC activities

June was a busy month for LETARC. There was a Parks on the air activation at the Tyler Nature Center on June 8th. LETARC had dinner at Little Mexico in Longview on June 11th, thanks to Dave KL7BX for organizing the dinner and for sending me the photo. Several amateurs from our club helped different Scout troops get on HF at the Henderson VFW as planned by Charles KI5WWH. On June 22nd we had a good meeting with a nice program from Rhett KG5NWI about QSL cards and on both the 22nd and 23rd we enjoyed a very nice ARRL Field day at Mims Volunteer Fire Department.

The front can be unique to you or very basic depending on your preference

A small part of Rhett KG5NWI's QSL card presentation

Minutes of the June Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0905
b. Prayer and Pledge by Bert Sharp and Rhett Pilcher
c. Introductions
d. Welcome from Bert Sharp
II. Adoption of Agenda
a. Meeting agenda adopted.
III. Adoption of Minutes
a. Reading of minutes from the May 2024 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from June 2024. No objections. Adopted.
IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – Bert will be visiting the tower site and taking pictures and assessing the need for mowing the grounds. Electricity needs to be arranged for the tower site. There is some confusion about the meets and bounds of the tower site that need to be resolved.
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Keep the program ideas coming.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – The Austin Bank Card is still having issues.
Our insurance is being reviewed by the ARRL underwriter. This review process has caused it to lapse. Insurance will be paid once the ARRL reaches out.
d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Gave a full report for the youth event done with the Henderson VFW.
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e. Communications Director, Jim Rogers – Gave a report on the tower site. Jim will be meeting with the land owner next to the tower site to hopefully arrange a deal to adjust the meets and bounds to benefit both parties.

V. Reports of the Board

a. A meeting is needed by the board to discuss the tower site. They hope to meet at Mim's during field day.

VI. Reports by Committees

a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation, David Luchak – July 9th @ China King Buffet in Longview.

VII. Reports by Members

a. None

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program

a. QSL Cards – Rhett Pilcher

XI. Unfinished Business

a. Field Day – Field Day is planned and ready to go. The club will meet at Mims Fire Department at 1pm. We will operate into Saturday evening then go home. Don Gamble will open the radio room on Sunday morning. Food will be provided throughout the event.

XII. New Business

a. None.

XIII. VE Testing headcount

a. There are enough VE's available for testing.

XIV. Adjourn – 1041

XV. Notes

a. There were 15 people in attendance.

Thanks to Rhett KG5NWI for the minutes

LETARC Dinner @ Fisherman's Market

Left to right: Mike KC0SM, Barbara KL7BL, Rich N3DNU, Leland N5DGH, Crystal KJ5BNI, Wyatt W5IQE and Dave KL7BX. Photo courtesy of Dave KL7BX. Thanks Dave!

Youth on the air at the VFW in Henderson organized by Charles KI5WWH

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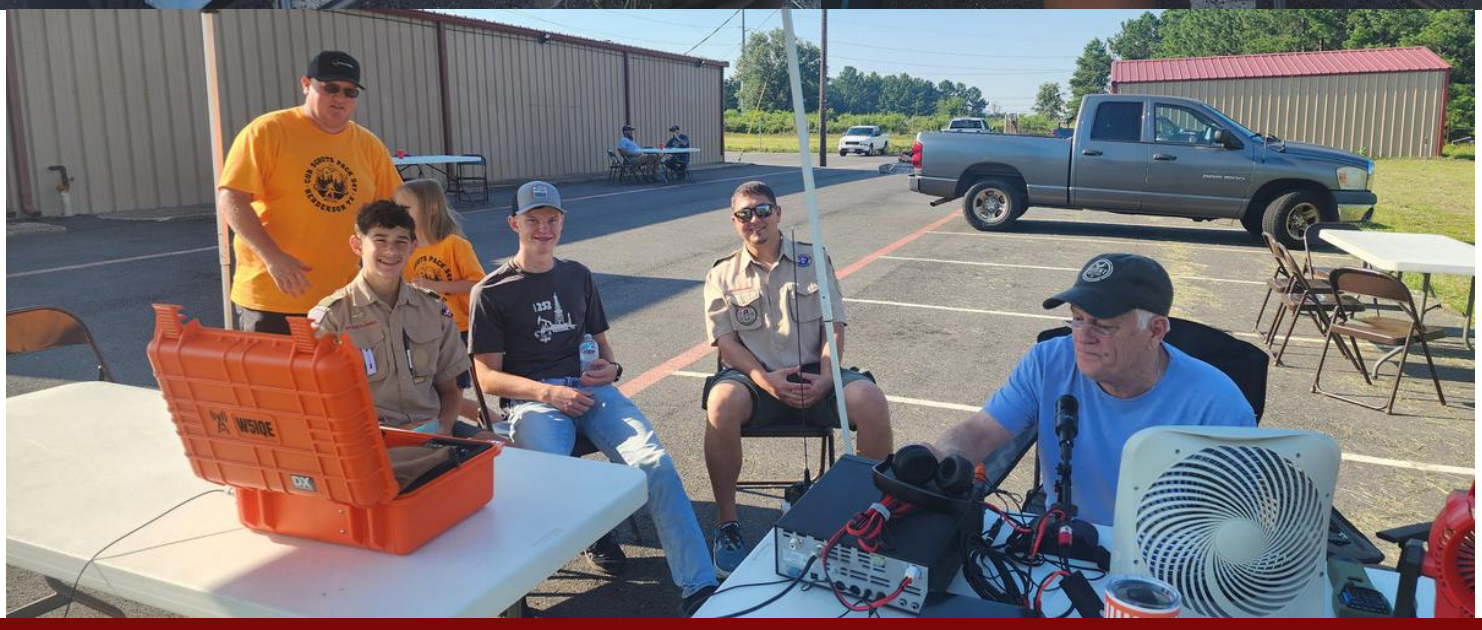

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Wyatt W5IQE was a big help. Note his Yaesu QRP setup.

LETARC Field Day at Mims VFD

LETARC had an awesome Field Day for 2024. We ran as a 2F station (meaning we had 2 radios in a fire department.) Thanks to Rhett KG5NWI for organizing Field Day. Thanks to Charles AF5FB, Dave KL7BX, Wyatt W5IQE and Chris KG5SMZ for helping with the portable hex beam. Kudos to Jason KE4CPC for doing a 200+ QSO run calling CQ on 20 meters. Rhett had a good run as well with Jason logging. In the end we had over 400 QSOs, a lot of fun, some good food, and we got to use the nice equipment in our radio room at Mims.

LETARC owes a debt of gratitude to Mims Volunteer FIre Dept and Jim Perry KA5BCM. We are very fortunate to have such a great facility free of charge including a tower and hexbeam. Air conditioning in June is a Godsend for Field Day.

If you missed out try and make it to the Texas QSO Party on Saturday, September 21st, 2024.

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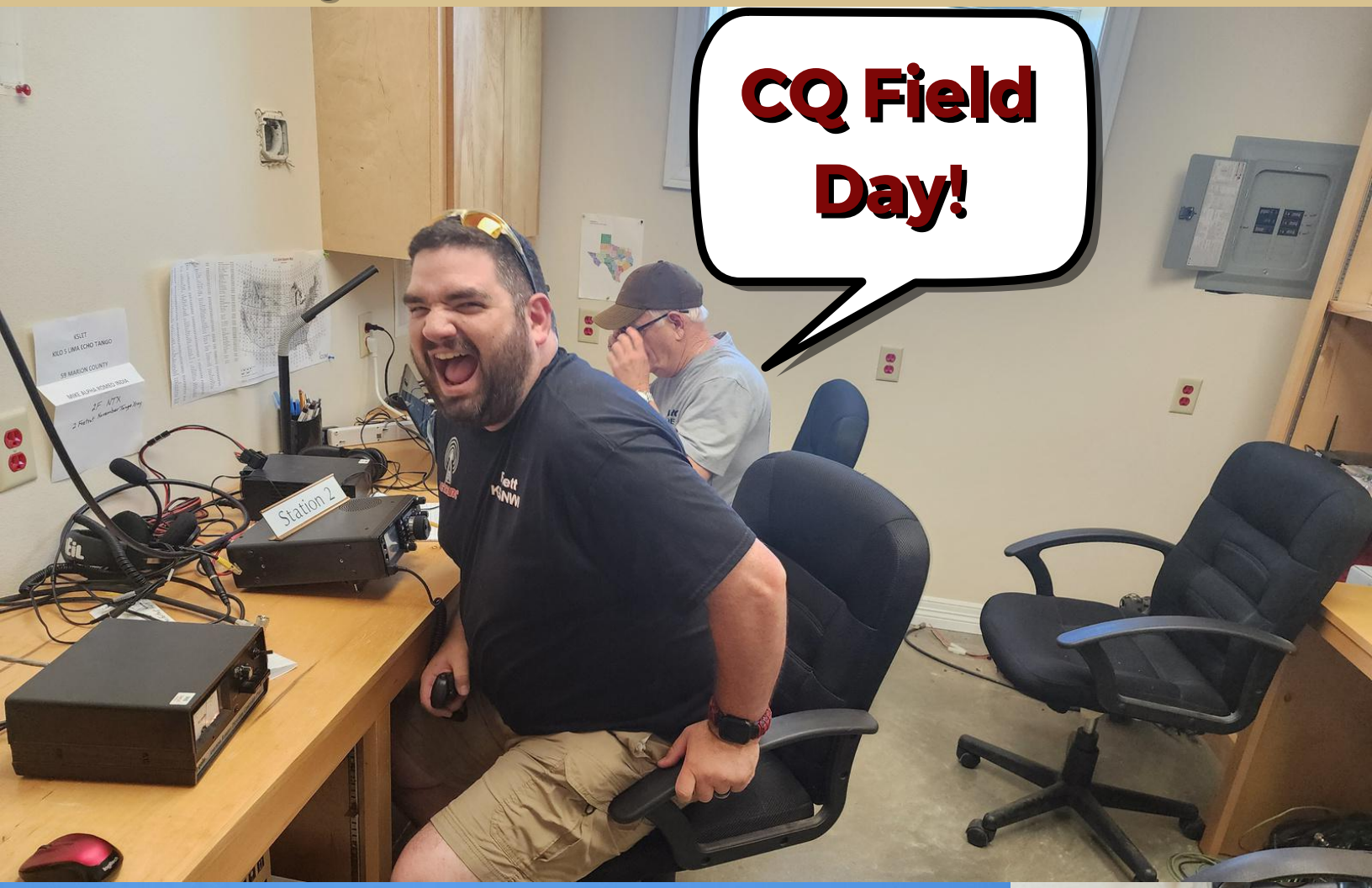

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We hope to hear you on the LETARC 2 meter net each Wednesday at 8:30 P.M. on 147.34 MHz.

Join us at China King on July 9th at 6:30 P.M.

Join us for POTA at Martin Creek on the morning of July 13th

We will see you at our meeting on July 27th at the Fire training center at 411 American Legion Drive in Longview at 9 A.M. VE test at Glaske building at LeTourneau at 2 P.M.

Thank you to:

Mims volunteer fire department
The Longview fire training center on American Legion BLVD
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
Our Wednesday night net control stations -
Jim Rogers N5VGQ
Dave Luchak KL7BX
John Zenter AE5OY
Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI

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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LETARC JULY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 13 Colonies begins	2	3 LETARC net 8:30	4	5	6
7	8	9 Dinner @ China King 6:30	10 LETARC net 8:30	11	12	13 POTA @ Martin Creek
14	15	16	17 LETARC net 8:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 LETARC net 8:30	25	26	27 LETARC meeting 9AM
28	29	30	31 LETARC net 8:30			

Upcoming events

July 1 - 7 13 Colonies Special Event
July 1 RAC Canada Day
July 9 LETARC dinner @ China King
July 13 LETARC POTA @ Martin Creek
July 13 IARU HF World Championship
July 20 North American QSO Party, RTTY
July 20 CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
July 27 LETARC meeting
July 27 Alabama QSO Party
Aug. 10 Shreveport Hamfest (we will probably cancel our 2nd Saturday POTA as the schedule conflicts.