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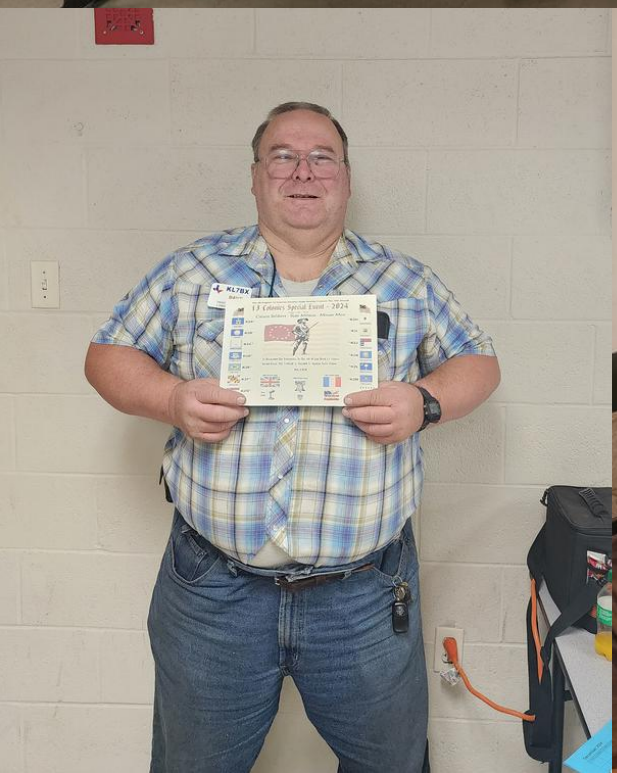
NEWSLETTER

PROPAGATION

LONGVIEW EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



LETARC Activities

LETARC met at China King Buffet on Tuesday, July 9th and had a great turn out and lots of food. Thanks go to Dave KL7BX for organizing our dinners.

LETARC had a fun POTA activation on Saturday, July 13th at Martin Creek State Park. Congratulations to Crystal KJ5BNI for working her first DX that day! Crystal had several DX contacts and also worked W1AW on 10 meters SSB.

LETARC held their monthly meeting on Saturday, July 27th. Wyatt W5IQE did a very nice presentation on programing radios. A huge thank you to Wyatt for all of his work at our tower site in East mountain. Congratulations are in order for Wyatt also, as he has "Worked all states" all in POTA hunting!

LETARC held our ARRL VE test session that same Saturday at LeTourneau University. We are pleased to announce the following results: Ryland Archer of Magnolia, AR passed his tech and general test, David Briggs of Benton, LA passed his tech test, Johnathan Richards of Longview, TX passed his tech test, and Chris Davis of Longview, TX upgraded to general. LETARC would like to congratulate these HAMS and new HAMS and welcome them to the world's greatest hobby. Thank you to our ARRL VEC John AE5OY.

Wyatt W5IQE speaks to LETARC

LETARC meeting minutes

Minutes of the July 2024 Monthly Meeting

Of

Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0915
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. Reading of minutes from the June meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from July. No objections. Adopted.
IV. Reports from Officers

a. President, Bert Sharp – Discussed purchasing UV resistant rope and RG-58 coax for the tower site.
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Keep the programs coming. He's hoping to get the rest of the year planned. Any volunteers
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – Discussed the ARRL dropping the club for liability insurance due to acquiring the tower site. We will need to acquire insurance from a different agency.

d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Always looking for stuff to put in the newsletter. Brought a micro key and a Mini SWR dongle to show and tell.
e. Communications Director, Jim Rogers – Jim met with the neighbor to the tower site and discussed the metes and bounds. An arrangement is being discussed.

V. Reports of the Board
VI. Bert gave a report from the board members that were able to go to the tower site. The fence poles are still there and are good to go. We just need to have it refenced. The land needs to be bush hogged. The tower site is 600' above sea level. Bert recommends a small pavilion for us to use while out there. The recommendation from the board is to do what we can to not have a monthly bill that the club will need to pay each month.
We will table until the next meeting whether to get electricity run to the tower site or not. Insurance costs and a club survey will be taken into consideration. There is also the question of internet and the costs of that.

VII. Reports by Committees
a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation, David Luchak – Butcher Shop on August 13th at 6:30pm.

VIII. Reports by Members
a. None

IX. RecessX. Reconvene

XI. Program
a. Radio Programming Software – Wyatt Partney, W5IQE

XII. Unfinished Business
a. Club Liability Insurance

XIII. New Business
a. 2nd Saturday POTA for August is cancelled due to Shreveport Hamfest
b. Club Owned Multiplexer and Filters. Don spoke about the need for the club to get a multiplexer and some band pass filters for use at Mims, POTA events, and the tower site. There was a motion to pursue the acquisition of the multiplexer and band pass filters by Leland Fellows. It was seconded by Rhett Pilcher. The motion was approved. No objections. To help pay for it, the club will apply for Walmart grants. Leland has agreed to loan filters for the club until we are able to get them in.

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

XV. Adjourn - 1123

XVI. Notes
a. There were 21 people in attendance.

Thanks to Rhett KG5NWI for the minutes

Dave KL7BX earns a complete sweep of the 13 colonies event!

LETARC's dinner chairman, VE, and all around nice guy Dave KL7BX displays his certificate for getting colony and bonus station in the July 13 Colonies event. Two of the bonus stations are in Europe. Congratulations Dave!

Curtis KJ5FZN smiles after making his very first HF contacts on 20 meters SSB at Mims VFD. Getting HAMs on the air is always fun. Congratulations Curtis!

The Upshur Area Amateur Radio Club is hosting a course for new HAMs.

Our friends in the Upshur club have a great idea and will be hosting a course to help new amateurs learn about how to grow after you have your license. Starting Sept. 3 they will meet once a week for four weeks and go over various topics to help new people. Reach out to Don KG5CMS gambledon@gmail.com to get a copy of the registration form and schedule.

Thanks and best of luck with the course UAARC.

LETARC dinner at China King

LETARC POTA @ Martin Creek SP

Top left: Rhett KG5NWI
Top right: Chris KG5SMZ
left: Bert KJ5W

Top: Wyatt W5IQE

left: Crystal KJ5BNI

Mike KC0SM's Chameleon antenna

Bert KJ5W's Begali key

Huge thanks to Wyatt W5IQE for all his work at our tower site. Looks great!

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
Marty Duplissey N5KBP for his great work on the ARRL audio news
Steven Lott Smith KG5VK - ARRL North Texas Section Manager
Jo Ann 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
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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