August 2024

Longview East Texas Amateur Radio Club

PROPAGATION

LETARC at the Shreveport Hamfest

August meeting minutes

I. opening ceremonies
 A. Call to order at 9:04
 B. Prayer by Bert
 C. Pledge by Don
 D. Introductions
 E. Welcome by Bert

II. Adoption of agenda
 A. adpoted
 B. Reading of minutes

III. Officer reports

Bert - Jim and Leland spoke about tower, internet, power etc. Jim said we have 6 deep cycle batteries, panel, but needs a charge controller. Need 2” pipe, 3 or 4 of them. Need to move gates to line up with the doors. Need sheet metal on the roof. Spoke about asking for building materials being donated.
The priorities for the tower site are:
1) Fence – 3 rolls of chain link will run $420
2) Rope
3) Other
4) Internet

Chris – still looking for programs, thank

Don – Mentioned the Upshur club new radio program, QSO parties & POTAs and the newsletter

Jim – We need to get our tax form to Lowe's for fence

IV. Reports from members – Leland showed 1981 QST cover from Texas Tech University. Leland was the photographer and captured an incredible solar generator they had built. Leland would love to meet at the tower site with anyone interested to consider how to get things setup.

Jason KE4CPC – In September a huge train nicknamed "big boy" is coming through Big Sandy on the 17th.

Chris KG5SMZ – Worked Dave Casler, KE0OG from youtube.

Mike KC0SM – has some surplus equipment for sale, reach out if you are interested.

V. Reports by committees
A. Dinner committee chair person Dave: Tuesday Sept. 10th at Crackhead Barrel.

VI. Old business: none, tower discussion was held during officer reports

VII. New business: none

VIII. Program: Chris showed a youtube video about noise and vertical HF antennas.

IX. Volunteer Examiners: We have enough examiners.

X. Adjourn: 10:30

Leland N5DGH shows a 1981 QST cover that features a photo he took himself of an incredible solar generator built at Texas Tech University. Very cool Leland.

Shreveport Hamfest

The Shreveport Hamfest was Saturday, August 10th. The air conditioner there is top notch and felt good. Lots of LETARC members made the trip.

Apologies for not getting a picture of Robert KD5OUF and his very nice dog, I did not have my phone out in time.

Wyatt W5IQE, Ranal KG5IEE, Jay KF5UBO and Bert KJ5W at the Shreveport hamfest

Our friend Charles KI5WWH won a Yaesu HT.

LETARC 2nd Tuesday dinner at Butcher Shop

Thank you to LETARC's dinner chairman Dave KL7BX for coordinating and advertising our dinners

Thank you to

Mims volunteer fire department
The Longview fire training center on American Legion drive
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
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.

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