October 2024

PROPAGATION

Newsletter of the Longview / East Texas Amateur Radio Club

Join us for our next meeting on Nov. 16th

LETARC Activities

LETARC had our 2nd Tuesday dinner at Little Mexico on Oct. 8th. We had a good turnout for Mexican food. Thanks to Dave KL7BX and Barbara KL7BL for our dinner reservations.

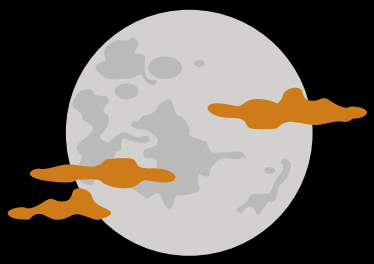
On Saturday, Oct. 12th lots of us met at Tyler State Park for a Parks on the air A.K.A. POTA activation. Congrats to Dave KJ5HOY on his first POTA as a general, he snagged 55 QSOs on 20 meters SSB. It was nice to see our friends Jeff KI5OVZ and Janice KI5OWB and their beautiful dog Koda from the Upshur Area Amateur Radio club and Tim KJ5ETF come out. Jason KE4CPC made good DX contacts on 10 meters and Wyatt W5IQE activated on SSB. Chrystal KJ5BNI was there too birdwatching. Bert KJ5W used his awesome Scorpion mobile HF antenna to activate. Join us next POTA at Martin Creek SP on Nov. 9th.

LETARC held our business meeting on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Chris KG5SMZ gave a great talk about grounding and shared a video from Waters and Stanton, thank you Chris.

In ARRL VE testing news, Kelly Campbell of Pittsburg, TX earned her technician license, Bill Campbell of Pittsburg, TX earned both tech and general, and Dorothy Spencer of Uncertain, TX (a community near Karnack) earned her tech license. LETARC would like to congratulate the new hams and welcome them to the world's greatest hobby! Thanks to our VEC John Zenter AE5OY.

October 2024 meeting minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0907
b. Prayer and Pledge by Rhett Pilcher and 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 September 2024 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from September 2024. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – We will continue to move forward with the tower site. Bert is continuing to work on the club liability insurance and in talks with an insurance agency.
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Chris wants to thank everyone for the great programs this year. If you have any program ideas, please reach out to him.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – The ARRL Equipment insurance will be taken down to one policy. The equipment in the second policy will be added to the first. This will save LETARC money on equipment insurance.
d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Winter Field Day is January 25-26. If you have anything for the newsletter, send them to him.
e. Communications Director, Jim Rogers – Not Present

V. Reports of the Board
a. November LETARC Meeting will be November 16th due to Thanksgiving.
b. December LETARC Meeting will be December 21st due to Christmas. This meeting will take place at Butcher Shop in Longview at 9am.

VI. Reports by Committees
a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation – November 12th at Jasons Deli in Longview.

VII. Reports by Members
a. Bert spoke about the capacitance hat he added to his mobile rig.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program
a. Grounding and Bonding, Who's Right? – Chris Crawford

XI. Unfinished Business
a. None

XII. New Business
a. Officer Nominations
i. President – Bert Sharp
ii. Vice President – Chris Crawford
iii. Secretary/Treasurer – Rhett Pilcher
iv. Media Director – Don Gamble
v. Communications Director – Jim Rogers

b. 2025 LETARC Calendar, 2025 club meetings will remain on the fourth Saturday of each month except for November and December which will be on the third Saturday of those months due to the holidays. LETARC's monthly social dinners will remain on the second Tuesday of each month. The proposed 2025 LETARC Parks On The Air calendar is posted on the LETARC groups.io.
c. 2nd Saturday POTA November 9 @ Martin Creek Lake SP US-3036

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

XIV. Adjourn – 1041

XV. Notes
a. There were 16 people in attendance.

LETARC eats Mexican food

Join us at our next dinner at Jason's Deli in Longview at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Thanks to Dave KL7BX for our dinner reservations.

POTA @ Tyler S.P.

Above: Jason KE4CPC has a great setup with his Yaesu radios with a G5RV jr. antenna. Left: Tim KJ5ETF hangs out with us at POTA.

Above: KJ5W searches for POTA gear in the Bertmobile.
Below: Dave KJ5HOY works SSB on a Yaesu 891 and vertical.

Above: Jeff KI5OVZ, Janice KI5OWB and their friendly dog Koda (no call sign yet.)
Right: Wyatt W5IQE, Jason KE4CPC, and Jeff KI5OVZ.

HALLOWEEN

Hope to see you at

Our POTA on Nov. 9th at Martin Creek S.P. our dinner at Jason's Deli on Nov. 12th, and our meeting on Nov. 16th at the Longview fire training center at 411 American Legion Drive. Our meeting starts at 9 A.M. Please note that the meeting is on the 3rd Saturday in Nov. and Dec.

We hope to hear you on our Wednesday evening 2 meter nets held at 8:30 P.M. on the 147.34 MHz K5LET repeater. The repeater has a tone of 136.5 and 600 KHz receiver offset.

LETARC November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	LETARC net 8:30 6	7	8	POTA Martin's creek 9
10	11	Dinner at Jason's deli 6:30 12	LETARC net 8:30 13	14	15	Meeting 9 AM 16
17	18	19	LETARC net 8:30 20	21	22	23
24	25	26	LETARC net 8:30 27	28	29	30

Upcoming HAM stuff

Nov. 2 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW

Nov. 9 10 - 10 Fall contest, digital

Nov. 16 ARRL Earth-Moon-Earth contest

Nov. 16 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB

Nov. 23 CQ Worldwide DX contest, CW

A special 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
Our Wednesday night net control stations:
Jim Rogers N5VGQ
Dave Luchak KL7BX
Don Gamble KG5CMS
John Zenter AE5OY
Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI

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