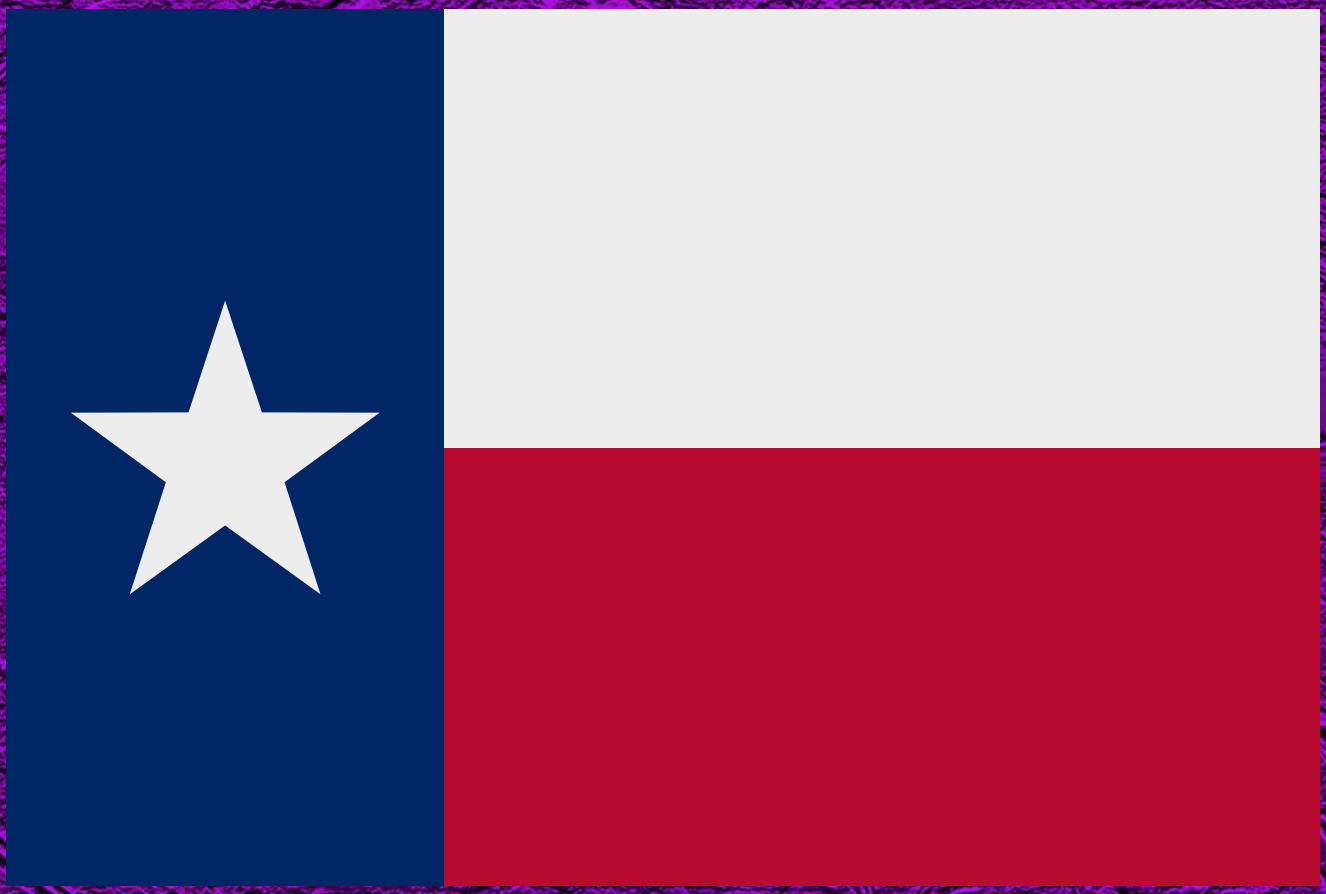
September 2024

PROPAGATION

Newsletter of the Longview / East Texas Amateur Radio Club



LETARC operates the 2024 Texas QSO party

LETARC Activities

LETARC held our 2nd Tuesday dinner at Cracker barrel, it was a nice evening. Thank you to Dave KL7BX for organizing our dinners.

We did a Parks on the air AKA POTA activation at Daingerfield State Park on the 2nd Saturday of September. A big thank you to all the LETARC members who helped new HAM Dave KJ5HOY get his first activation on 10 and 6 meters. Congrats Dave!

LETARC held our monthly business meeting on Saturday, Sept. 28th Dave KL7BX gave a good in depth presentation on the lighting strike damage to his home and radio station.

That same day Dave KJ5HOY of Benton, LA and Gene KJ5HWD of Gilmer, TX both upgraded to general class. Congrats Dave and Gene!

Dave KL7BX presents info to our club

SKIP

September meeting minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0908
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 August 2024 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from July-September 2024. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – With the temperatures lowering, we can get out and work on the tower site. We would like to get something up on the tower within the next two weeks. Jim will be joining other volunteers out at the tower site to get some work done.

b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Lots of good programs coming up.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – The club debit card issue has been resolved. The bank had the wrong address tied to our card. It is fixed now. The club received a QSL Card from Field Day. One will be mailed back this week.

d. Media Director, Don Gamble – October 10th there will be a storm spotting class with the Rusk County Club. Texas QSO Party went well. There was an issue with the 40/80m dipole. We appreciate Mim's Fire Department for allowing us to use their facility. Winter Field Day will be January 25-26. November meeting will be on the 16th. The December Meeting will be on the 21st.

e. Communications Director, Jim Rogers – Sheet metal for the roof at the tower site will need to be addressed soon.

V. Reports of the Board
a. No report.

VI. Reports by Committees
a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation, David Luchak – Little Mexico on October 8th

VII. Reports by Members
a. Bert showed a great phone app called Ham Alert.
b. Randall has been experimenting with a new POTA antenna.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program
a. The Lightning Multi-Strike Saga of August 27, 2024 – David Luchak, KL7BX

XI. Unfinished Business
a. Liability Insurance – Bert has reached out to an insurance guy for insurance for the club.
b. Grants – We need a physical address for the club accounts for grants. Bert Sharp has agreed to allow us to use his address.

XII. New Business
a. 2nd Saturday POTA October 12th @ Tyler SP US-3039

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

XIV. Adjourn – 1106

XV. Notes
a. There were 23 people in attendance.

LETARC dinner at Cracker Barrel

Thanks to Dave KL7BX for our dinners

LETARC POTA at Daingerfield State Park US – 3002

Wyatt W5IQE operates SSB. Photo courtesy of Crystal KJ5BNI.

Randal KG5IEE and his awesome dog Rooter. Randal has a big heart for animals and Rooter hit the jackpot by showing up at Randal's for a great forever home.

New HAM Dave KJ5HOY does his first activation on 10 & 6 meters SSB.

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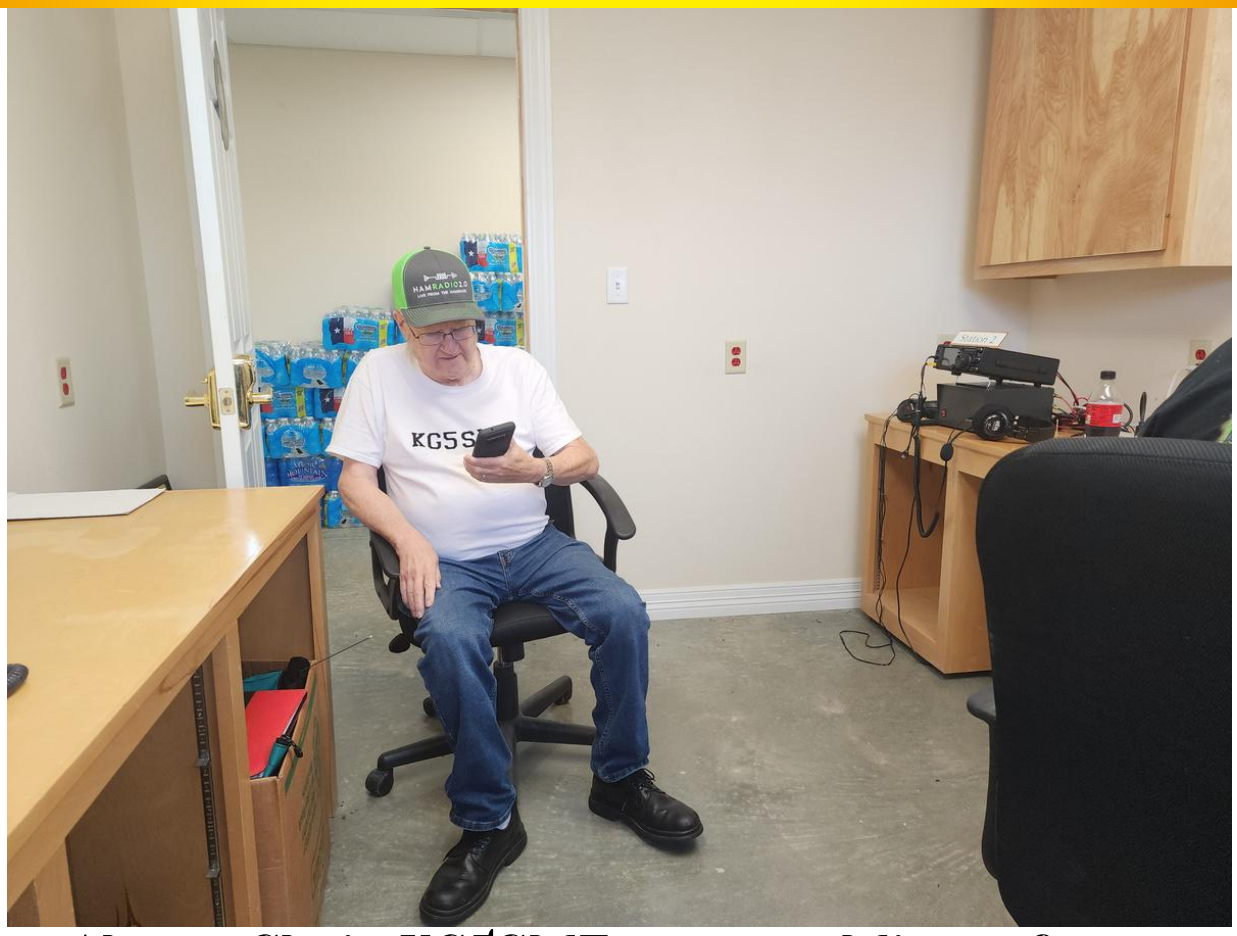
Jason KE4CPC and Dave KJ5HOY operate at Mims VFD in LETARC's radio room for the Texas QSO party. Our club racked up over 9,000 points and had DX into Japan, Slovenia, Lithuania, Germany and Guatemala. Thank you to Mims VFD and Jim KA5BCM for our radio room.



Above: Chris KG5SMZ came to Mims after a long away game the night before, Chris is a trooper! Below: LETARC may or may not have worked a nudist colony on 40 meters.

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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