November 2024

PROPAGATION

Newsletter of the Longview / East Texas Amateur Radio Club

Bert KJ5W and Chris KG5SMZ at Martin Creek State Park

LETARC activities

LETARC held our 2nd Saturday Parks on the air activation AKA POTA on November 9th at Martin Creek State Park. It was a rainy day but Dave KJ5HOY, Chris KG5SMZ, Bert KJ5W and Don KG5CMS came out and activated. There were several Air Force MARS stations up for grabs that we were able to work that day.

LETARC held our 2nd Tuesday dinner at Jason's deli on November 12th. Dave KL7BX was kind enough to take pictures.

We held our monthly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Larry KE0BIB brought an incredible print out from 1968 of a Christmas message sent via telegraph between the U.S.S. New Jersey and the U.S.S. Morton. Thanks Larry! We visited about our tower, insurance, POTA, LeTourneau's HAM club, and Bert KJ5W showed us some Faraday tape purchased at Amazon. A program about the website QRZ.com was presented.

In ARRL VE testing news Cade Neely of Indiana upgraded to Amateur extra, Kelly Campbell of Pittsburg, TX upgraded to general, and Dorothy Spencer of Uncertain, TX upgraded to general. LETARC would like to congratulate all of them.

LETARC meeting minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies

a. Call to order at 910

b. Prayer and Pledge by Bert Sharp KJ5W and John Zenter AE5OY

c. Introductions

d. Welcome from Bert

II. Adoption of Agenda

a. Meeting agenda adopted.

III. Adoption of Minutes

a. Reading of minutes from the Oct. 2024 meeting. No objections. Adopted.

b. Reading of finance report from Oct. 2024. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers

a. President, Bert Sharp – More work on insurance agency/info. Visited with club about the tower site. Will email Curt Hanshaw about Upshur taxes for tower site.

b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Still working on programs for next year, reach out if there is something you are interested in presenting.

c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – Not Present but gave notes. We have a property tax bill of over $300 for the tower site from Upshur County that Rhett will be taking care of next week. There are some questions around whether it should be that much. Rhett will make sure that we are not paying more than we should be. Rhett will also pay our equipment insurance through the ARRL and our PO Box in Longview in the next month.

d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Please send any information for the newsletter.

e. Communications Director, Jim Rogers – Everything is still status quo. May put some sheet metal and solar panels on the roof of the tower site.

V. Reports of the Board

a. No report.

VI. Reports by Committees

a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation, David Luchak KL7BX – 6:30 on Dec. 10th at Papacita's.

VII. Reports by Members

a. Rich Fleming N3DNU visited with LUARC (LeTourneau club) about their expiring club call sign. Visited with Dr. Hoo Kim about getting involved with LETARC.

b. Larry Glenn KE0BIB brought an incredible print out of a Christmas telegraph message sent between the U.S.S. Morton and the U.S.S. New Jersey in 1968. The print out was huge and made the shape of a ship.

c. Bert did POTA at the Tyler nature center and saw Gary and another guy from the Tyler club. He operated with them. They worked a wide variety of stations. He showed some faraday tape and described various uses. Bert reminded us about black Friday deals including LiPo batteries.

D. Wyatt Partney W5IQE and Chrystal Partney KJ5BNI went to Gattlinberg. He flew with his QRP gear including battery. He worked Smokey Mountain National Park for POTA on his Yaesu 818.

E. Charles Harris KE5WWH found some tin online in Overton if someone has a trailer.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program

a. How to use the website QRZ.com.

XI. Unfinished Business

a. 2025 LETARC Officer Elections

i. President – Bert Sharp, KJ5W

ii. Vice President – Chris Crawford, KG5SMZ

iii. Secretary/Treasurer – Rhett Pilcher, KG5NWI

iv. Media Director – Don Gamble, KG5CMS

v. Communications Director – Jim Rogers, N5VGQ

All were elected again.

XII. New Business

a. 2nd Saturday POTA December 14th @ Bob Sandlin SP US-3023

b. Our December club meeting will be on December 21st at the Butcher shop.

XIII. VE Testing headcount

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

XIII. Adjourn – 10:46

XIV. Notes

a. There were 21 people and 24 donuts🍩 in attendance.

Thanks to Rhett KG5NWI for the meeting minutes

LETARC dinner at Jason's deli. Pictures courtesy of Dave KL7BX

36
12

EARN. REDEEM. REPEAT.

POTA at Martin Creek

LETARC is thankful for -

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

73

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.

-73 de Don KG5CMS dit dit