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Newsletter of the Longview East Texas Amateur Radio Club

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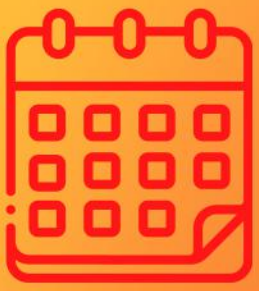
LETARC GETS READY TO HELP WITH 5K & 10K RACES

POTA AT DAINGERFIELD STATE PARK

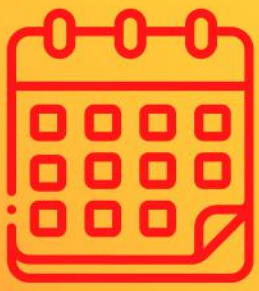
LETARC DINES AT COTTON PATCH

JOIN LETARC AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 22ND

Important announcement! The March 22nd meeting is in Longview like normal, but our April 26th meeting has been moved to Kilgore.



March 22
Longview - Fire training center



April 26
Kilgore - race then Back Porch cafe

LETARC activities

LETARC had a good month in February. We had a great dinner at Cotton Patch (try the jalapeño gravy.) POTA was at Daingerfield state park with nice weather and interesting band conditions. Our meeting had a good turn out and Rhett KG5NWI did an interesting presentation on Meshtastic nodes.

Meeting minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0915
b. Prayer and Pledge by John Zenter
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 January 2025 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report for February 2025. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp - Bert gave news of a new grandchild. Congratulations to Bert! He gave some information on "Loops on the Ground".
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford - Next month we will be having a zoom call withCathrine Campbell, KE8LQR. She is 16 years old and works with Youth on the Air and the ARRL.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher - The property taxes have been paid. We have 38 active members at this time and he is setting a goal of 50 members be the end of 2025.

d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Don gave a presentation of thanks to Jim Perry in appreciation for our use of Mim's Fire Department. Jim helped out LETARC on Winter Field Day by helping us get into the radio room when the keypad battery had died. Winter Field Day was a great success in large part thanks to Jim. Don went through the calendar of events and operating opportunities for the year.
e. Communications Director, Jim Rogers – Not Present

V. Reports of the Board
a. No report.

VI. Reports by Committees
a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation, David Luchak – Little Mexico in Longview on March 11th.

VII. Reports by Members
a. Wyatt Partney asked about purchasing some weed killer and covering the tower site before the brush gets bad. The club agrees and we will make that happen.
b. Charles Harris would like to thank the club for prayers and visits during his time in the hospital.
c. Jason Turcyn informed the club of the April 12 Rusk County ARC is asking for help with their annual marathon. He also talked about the Kilgore race on April 26.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program
a. Meshtastic – Rhett Pilcher

XI. Unfinished Business
a. None.
XII. New Business

a. 2nd Saturday POTA March 8th @ Martin Creek SP US-3036
b. LETARC will move the April club meeting to The Back Porch restaurant. We will be eating there and hosting our meeting after the Kilgore Fueling Fitness 5k/10k. We hope to be there by 11am however it will depend on how long the race goes.

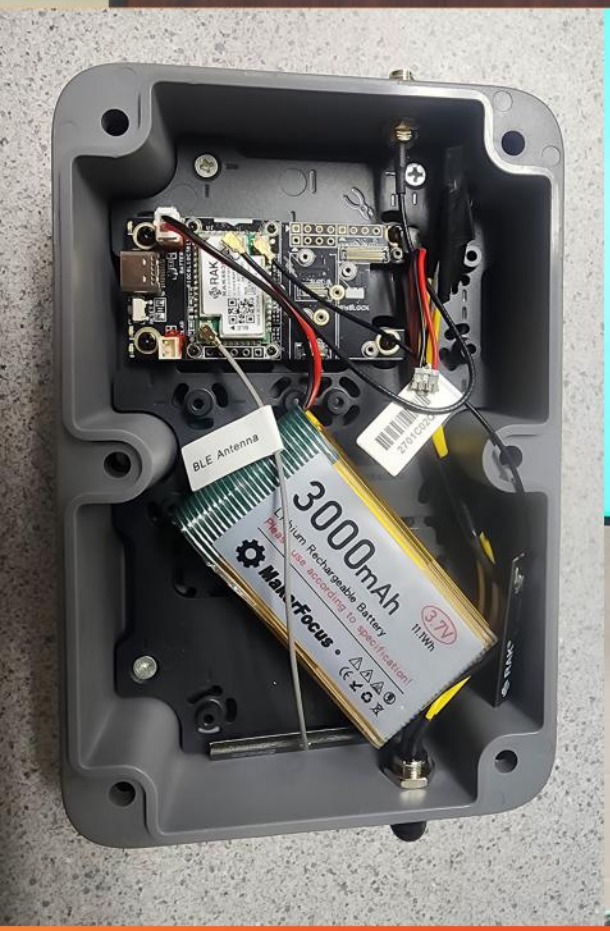
XIII. VE Testing headcount
a. There are enough VE's available for testing.

XIV. Adjourn – 1051

XV. Notes
a. There were 17 people in attendance.

Thank you to Rhett KG5NWI for the meeting minutes

LETARC President Bert KJ5W speaks to the membership



Rhett KG5NWI talks to LETARC about Meshtastic and brings nodes for demonstration

POTA @ Daingerfield State Park

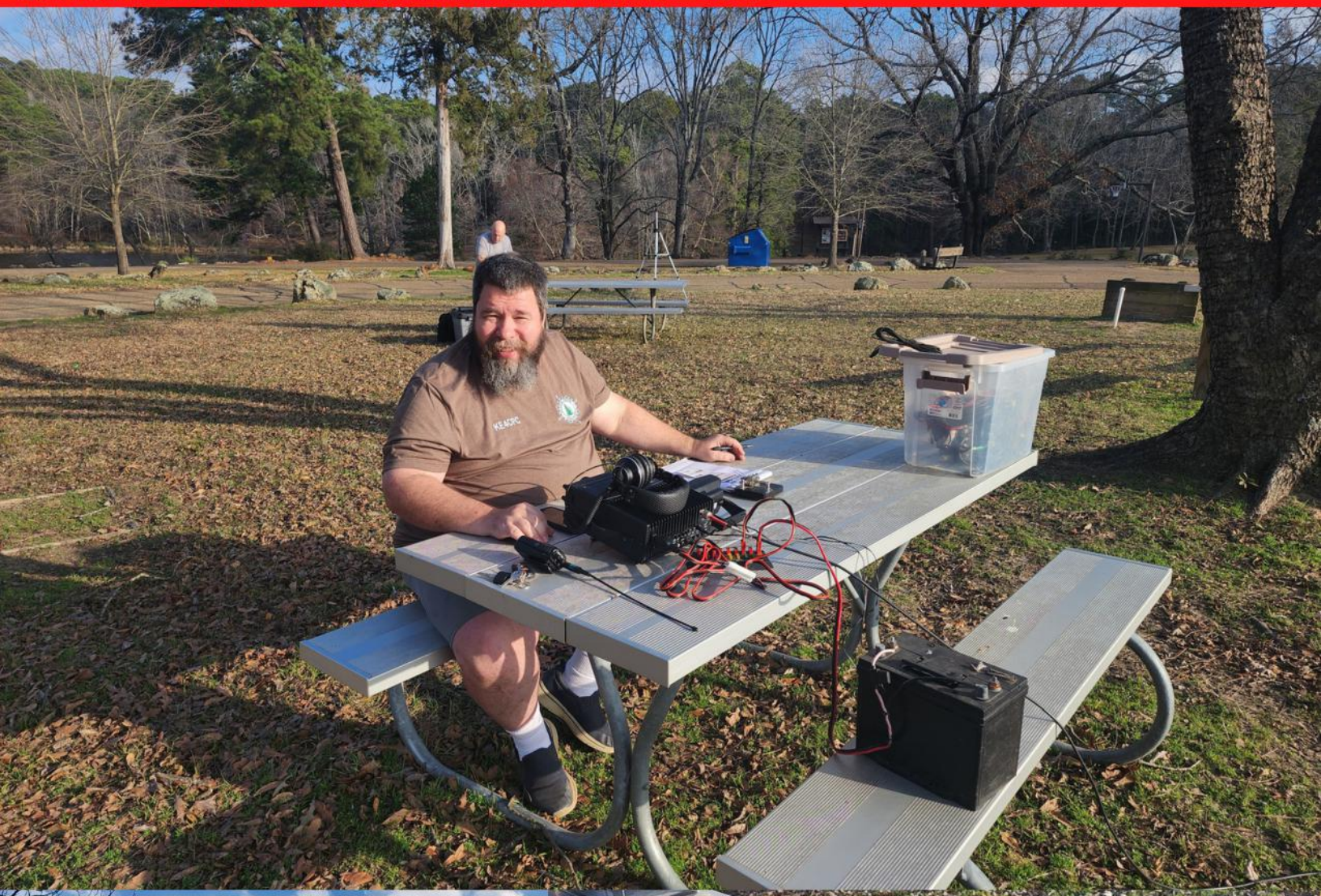
above: Gary WG5L and Jason KE4CPC visit

right: Dave KJ5HOY operates his Yaesu 891 and Buddi-stick pro

Check out Wyatt W5IQE's nice QRP setup with his Yaesu 818, QRPguys endfed antenna and operating best friend.

Bert KJ5W operates on his Scorpion mobile HF antenna and then deploys a mast with his pick up.

Gary WG5L sets up his awesome Icom IC-705 rig, tuner and vertical to run FT8.



Jason KE4CPC operates CW on his Yaesu FT-900 and G5RV Jr.

Dinner at Cotton Patch

Thank you to our dinner chairperson Dave KL7BX

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Chris and Rhett could not come to Daingerfield SP as they had to work, so we brought Dangerfield to them.

A special thank you to

Mims volunteer fire department
The Longview fire training center on American Legion BLVD
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
JoAnn 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
Our Wednesday night net control stations -
Jim Rogers N5VGQ
Dave Luchak KL7BX
John Zenter AE5OY
Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI

Thank you for reading our newsletter. We hope to see you at our meetings and dinner gatherings and we hope to hear you on our nets. If you would like to contribute to the PROPAGATION please email Don at gambledon@gmail.com.

Please visit our website at letarc.org.

73 de Don Gamble KG5CMS.

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