# PROPAGATION

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONGVIEW EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 2025

Jason KE4CPC coordinates the Fueling Fitness races

LETARC helps with the Resurrection Run in Henderson

Foxhunt in Henderson May 10th

Tailgate sale in Kilgore June 7th

Luke Pilcher little KG5NWI call sign BABY

# LETARC activities

**It sure feels like LETARC did everything in April of 2025. A group of us had planned to operate at Rover stations for the Louisiana QSO Party on April 5th but some horrible weather convinced us to cancel and shoot for next year.**

**We ate a China King, activated POTA at Tyler State Park, helped the Rusk County Club with a 5 and 10K race, worked communications on the Fueling Fitness 5 and 10K race in Kilgore, and then we grabbed a burger at the Back Porch in Kilgore after the races.**

**The Rusk County friends have invited us to a Fox hunt at Fair park in Henderson on Saturday, May 10th at 9 A.M. We have a POTA scheduled for that day at Lake Bob Sandlin State Park as well.**

**Our next dinner will be Tuesday, May 13th at the Butcher Shop in Longview starting at 6:30 P.M. Thanks Dave KL7BX.**

**We have planned a tailgate sale at the Broadcast museum in Kilgore for the morning of Saturday, June 7th.**

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# April Meeting Minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 1145
b. Prayer and Pledge by 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 March 2025 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from April 2025. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – We are working to get some tin for the tower site.
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Not present
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – We have officially broken our membership record for the last three years. LETARC now has 44 active dues paying members and are approaching the 2025 goal of 50 members.
d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Gave thanks to Jason for coordinating the Kilgore race and Frank for bringing his side by side. Wyatt's donated radios will be donated to the two boys who earned their technician license. Larry will facilitate getting the radios to boys.
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 – Butcher Shop on May 13th at 6:30pm.

VII. Reports by Members
a. Jason, KE4CPC thanked the 12 volunteers for helping with the Kilgore race.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program
a. Back Porch Luncheon

XI. Unfinished Business
a. None

XII. New Business
a. 2nd Saturday POTA May 10th @ Bob Sandlin SP US-3023
b. RCARC Fox Hunt May 10th – Henderson, TX – 9:00am
c. Don Gamble set a motion to host the LETARC Tailgate Sale at the Texas Broadcast Museum on June 7th from 8:30am to 11:30am. Motion was voted on and approved. No objections.
d. Don Gamble set a motion to approve a $50-100 for tailgate door prizes. Motion was voted on and approved. No objections.

e. Don Gamble set a motion to approve the purchase of a small plaque in gratitude for Chuck, Dana, and the Texas Broadcast Museum. Motion was voted on and approved. No objections.

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

XIV. Adjourn – 1232

XV. Notes
a. There were 19 people in attendance.

**Thanks to Rhett and Luke for the minutes**

Some of our LETARC folks helped out with the Henderson Resurrection Run. Shown below is the Davemobile, KL7BX's truck that was a rover using APRS that followed the last racer. I am envious of the Tarheel antenna. Photo courtesy of Dave KL7BX.

# Dinner at China King

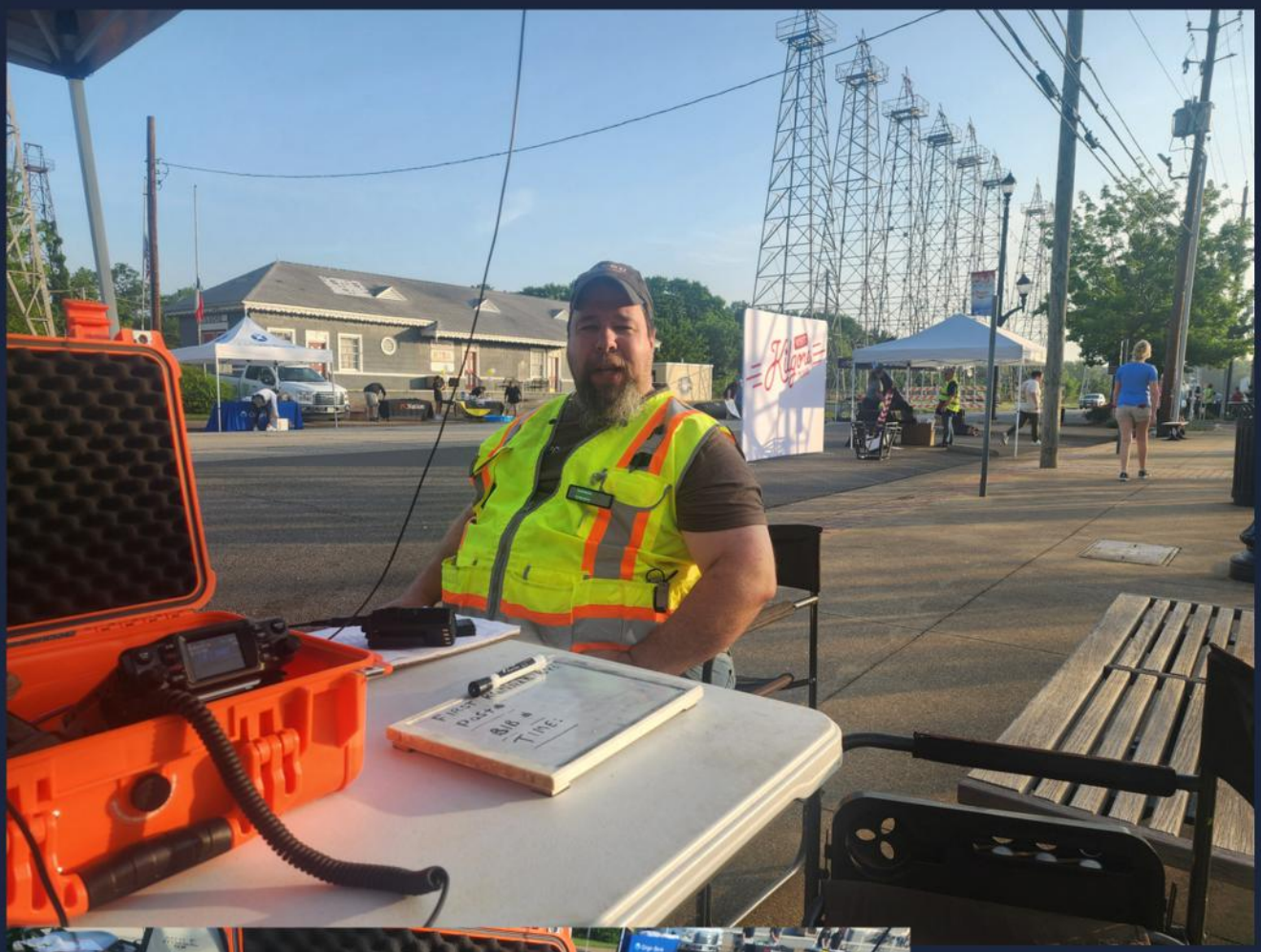
Speaking of Dave KL7BX, he organizes our dinners. This picture is courtesy of Jason KE4CPC. Join us in May at Butcher Shop and grab a burger. Thanks Dave and Jason.

# POTA at Tyler State Park

I really enjoyed our last POTA. My elmer Buddy W5DW came out to visit and it was great to catch up. Dorothy and R.L. drove out from Uncertain. It has been great to have Dorothy and R.L. with us in LETARC.

Here is Dalton and Dave. Jason was also activating but we were in different parts of the park. Sorry for missing a pic Jason.

# LETARC provides communications for the Fueling Fitness runs as organized by Jason KE4CPC.



Above is Jason. Left is Wyatt's awesome 2M/70CM go box

Frank saved the day more than once with his Kawasaki on Race day. All of LETARC is glad Frank has been around lately.

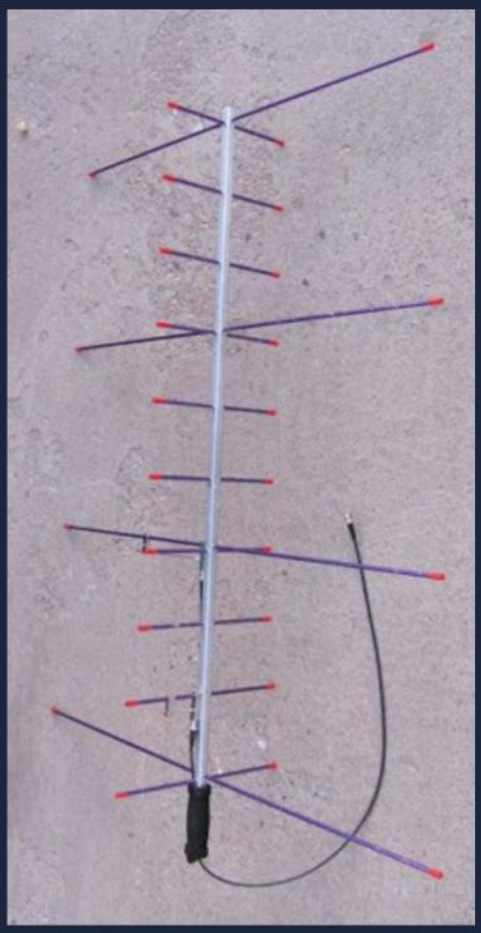
Look at these good lookin' folks.

# Munching at Back Porch after the race

WARNING
SIDE IMPACT PROTECTION
PUSH

# Henderson Fox Hunt

**Join our friends in the Rusk County Amateur Radio Club on Saturday, May 10th at 9 A.M. for a 2 meter fox hunt. They are meeting in the parking lot of Fair Park in Henderson. A fox hunt is a hidden transmitter hunt and a lot of fun. Hope to see you there!**



# HAM RADIO TAILGATE SALE

**Door prizes drawn every 30 minutes!**

TEXAS BROADCAST MUSEUM

**Saturday**
June 7th, 2025

**Time**
8.30 AM - 11.30 AM (setup 8:00)

416 East Main Street
Kilgore, TX 75662

texasbroadcastmuseum.com
letarc.org

Come and visit the incredible Texas Broadcast Museum in downtown Kilgore. $5 gets you a wristband to come and go. This is a great discount to a great museum! A special **thank you to Chuck and his team at the Texas Broadcast Museum!**

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# A special thank you to

Mims volunteer fire department
The Longview fire training center on American Legion drive
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
Tim Newcombe KJ5ETF New Net Control!

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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