LONGVIEW EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

PROPAGATION

LETARC visits with 16 year old HAM radio wiz kid and *Contest University instructor* Katherine KE8LQR via ZOOM.

LETARC Activities

March of 2025 was a good month for LETARC.

We enjoyed a good dinner of Mexican food at Papacita's on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

We had a rainy but productive POTA activation at Martin Creek State Park on the 2nd Saturday. Sorry for the lack of pictures, the weather made for bad photo conditions. Wyatt W5IQE, Dave KJ5HOY and Don KG5CMS came out for POTA in the rain.

We had a simply incredible presentation from Kate KE8LQR via ZOOM on our 4th Saturday meeting. Kate has done more in amateur radio as a teenager than most of us have in years and years. Thank you to Chris KG5SMZ for lining up the great presentation and thank you to Rhett KG5NWI for helping out with ZOOM when I got frustrated with my computer.

March meeting minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0904
b. Prayer and Pledge by Bert Sharp and Rhett Pilcher
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 February 2025 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from March 2025. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – No report
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Katie Campbell, KE8LQR will be our program today. Catherine is 16 years old and works with Youth on the Air and the ARRL.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – The two youth radios are programmed and ready to go. Rhett has been in contact with the mom of two boys and will be meeting her at some point to distribute those radios. Rhett also announced the birth of his son, Luke.

d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Spoke about the April 12 and April 26 races. Saturday May 3rd is a possible date for operation at Mim's Fire Department. Thanks to Wyatt Partney for donating a few radios to the club. Don proposed donating one of the radios to the Rusk County Club as an award for their Fox Hunt that many of our members attend.
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 – April 8th @ China King in Longview 6:30pm

VII. Reports by Members
a. Don, KG5CMS has a free XL POTA shirt available for anyone who wants it.
b. Jason, KE4CPC gave information about the Kilgore race including the route. We will attempt to use the Kilgore repeaters. If not available, we will fall back to the LETARC 34 machine.
c. There was some discussion about hosting a Hamfest or Tailgate Sale. The Broadcast Museum in Kilgore may host us for a tailgate. Don will reach out to local clubs and Chuck at the Broadcast Museum.
d. October 18th will be the Youth on the Air event at the Henderson VFW. This will be in conjunction with Jamboree on the air and the Scouts.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program
a. Katie Campbell, KE8LQR – Youth on the Air / ARRL, Zoom Meeting

XI. Unfinished Business
a. April 12th
- Resurrection Run – Rusk County Amateur Radio Club – Henderson, TX
b. April 26th
- Fueling Fitness 5k / 10k – Kilgore, TX
c. April 26th
- April LETARC Monthly Meeting – The Back Porch Restaurant, Kilgore, TX (After the race) VE Testing session is unchanged.
d. Field Day Volunteer Coordinator

XII. New Business
a. April 12th
- 2nd Saturday POTA @ Tyler SP US-3059 (Texas State POTA Day) (Afterthe Henderson Race)

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

XIV. Adjourn – 1057

XV. Notes
a. There were 19 people in attendance

Thank you Rhett KG5NWI for the minutes

Dinner at Papacita's

Thank you to Dave KL7BX for coordinating our dinners.

Foxhunt in Henderson!

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!**

Check into LETARC's Wednesday evening network at 8:30 P.M. We use the 147.34 MHz repeater and sometimes have a simplex net on 146.52 MHz afterward.

We hope to see you at our 2nd Tuesday dinners, 2nd Saturday POTA activations, and 4th Saturday meetings!

Thank you to

Kate Campbell KE8LQR
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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