May 2025

PROPAGATION

Newsletter of the Longview East Texas Amateur Radio Club

Jim Rogers N5VGQ is the 2024 LETARC HAM of the year!

A little bit about Jim N5VGQ...

I think everybody knows LETARC's communications manager Jim Rogers N5VGQ. Jim is one of those guys who goes out of his way to help others. I have met a lot of new hams with a radio or antenna or other gear they are excited about that tell me "I got this from Jim Rogers." Jim has won this award several times, he humbly said "If you win this once, it should take you out of the running to win it again." That may be true for us normal folk, but Jim is such a great guy that he is worthy of the award multiple times. Jim, from the bottom of our heart thank you for all that you have done for our club and thank you for all that you have done for our hobby. Congratulations Jim!

May meeting minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0909
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 April 2025 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from May 2025. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – Gave an update on Jim Roger's situation and spoke about some plans for the tower site.
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Looking for program volunteers for our club meetings. Get with him if you are interested in doing a program for the club.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – LETARC now has 47 active dues paying members and is approaching our goal of 50 members in 2025. Federal taxes have been filed for 2024.
d. Media Director, Don Gamble – June 7th will be our tailgate sale in Kilgore at the Texas Broadcast Museum. June 28th is Field Day. Keep sending stuff for the newsletter. Don, also asked for continued prayers for Charles KI5WWH.
e. Communications Director, Jim Rogers – Not Present

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V. Reports of the Board
a. Bert requested that we vote at the next meeting on what to put on the tower 100' standoff.
b. Bert requested the formation of a Tower Committee. Jason KE4CPC, Chris KG5SMZ, and Dave KL7BX have volunteered to serve on the committee.

VI. Reports by Committees
a. Social Dinner Committee Recommendation, David Luchak – Texas Traditions in Gladewater. June 10th @ 6:30pm.

VII. Reports by Members
a. Dave gave a rundown of how the 13 Colonies Contest works.
b. Wyatt showed off his new Yaesu FTX1F radio and his homebrew line launcher.
The club also really liked his Ryobi portable air compressor.
c. Bert showed off a few different portable vertical antennas.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program - FT8

XI. Unfinished Business
a. Tailgate Plans – Setup will be at 8am. The tailgate will open at 8:30am. $5 wristbands will be sold for entry to the Broadcast Museum. Rhett will be purchasing a plaque and a few door prizes for the tailgate.

b. Field Day Plans – LETARC is on the calendar for Mim's Fire Department for June 28 and 29th. Jason will be providing BBQ for the club. LETARC will operate as a 2F station.

XII. New Business
a. 2nd Saturday POTA June 14th @ Tyler Nature Center US-6588

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

XIV. Adjourn – 1113

XV. Notes
a. There were 22 people in attendance.
b. Donuts for this meeting were donated by Doug Pilcher and Sherri Pilcher.

Thank you to Rhett for the minutes and thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Pilcher for the donuts

POTA @ Lake Bob Sandlin

Dave KJ5HOY and guest Herb AC5C activate Lake Bob Sandlin State Park with Dave's Yaesu 891. Picture courtesy of Jason KE4CPC. Thanks Jason!

Dinner @ Butcher Shop

Picture courtesy of Jason KE4CPC

Thank you to

Mims volunteer fire department
The Longview fire training center on American Legion BLVD
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
Dr. Ron Morton KF5GMA & Carolyn Morton KF5GLT Longview CERT
Our Wednesday night net control stations:
Jim Rogers N5VGQ
Dave Luchak KL7BX
Don Gamble KG5CMS
John Zenter AE5OY
Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI
Tim Newcombe KJ5ETF

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If you would like to contribute please email Don gambledon@gmail.com.

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