August 2025
Longview East Texas Amateur Radio Club

PROPAGATION

LETARC piles up the QSOs at the NA QSO party at Mim's VFD

August meeting minutes

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0908
b. Prayer and Pledge by Bert Sharp and 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 June 2025 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of minutes from the July 2025 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
c. Reading of finance report from August 2025. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – Expressed the importance of LETARC doing some fundraising. Expressed thanks to Jason for the BBQ ribs for Field Day.
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Excited to see Bert back. If you have any ideas about a program, please contact Chris.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – The LETARC taxes have been filed, ARRL Equipment insurance has been paid and consolidated into one policy saving the club money, and there are a couple of checks that need to be deposited.
d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Not Present
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 – Papacitas on August 9th.

b. Tower Committee Report – Still working to get a quote on

a survey for the tower site.

VII. Reports by Members
a. Wyatt Partney found some cool radial tags from a guy on Etsy.
b. Jason Tucyn went up to Kentucky and worked a park. He earned his 5 Unique States award along with his 20 Unique Parks award.
c. Dave Luchak brought his 13 Colonies Certificates for everyone to look at.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program
a. No program due to technical difficulties.

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business
a. No POTA for August due to the Shreveport Hamfest
b. Texas QSO Party – September 20th Mims FD

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

XIV. Adjourn – 1045

XV. Notes
a. There were 14 people in attendance.

Thanks to Rhett KG5NWI for the meeting minutes

LETARC August dinner at Cracker barrel

Dave KJ5HOY wins a Yaesu FT-70 at the Shreveport hamfest

Did you notice the box under the phones? Dave bought an FT-70 and then won the exact same model radio 5 minutes later. Good to have a spare!

North American QSO Party at Mim's VFD radio room

LETARC operated under our club callsign K5LET for the NA QSO party in August and everybody had a blast. We logged 351 contacts in less than 4 hours of operating. Jim KA5BCM, Chris KG5SMZ, Jason KE4CPC, Dalton K5MIG and Don KG5CMS came out.

A thank you to Jim KA5BCM and Mim's VFD for allowing LETARC to use this incredible facility. The hexbeam, tower, and especially the air conditioning sure were nice in August.

Photo courtesy of Jason KE4CPC

WELCOME
GRADAN

Thank you to

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 and Dave Luchak KL7BX - groups.io coordinators
Dr. Hoo Kim AG5ZS - Letourneau university liaison
Our Wednesday night net control stations:
Tim Newcombe KI5ETF
Dave Luchak KL7BX
John Zenter AE5OY
Rhett Pilcher KG5NWI

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.

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