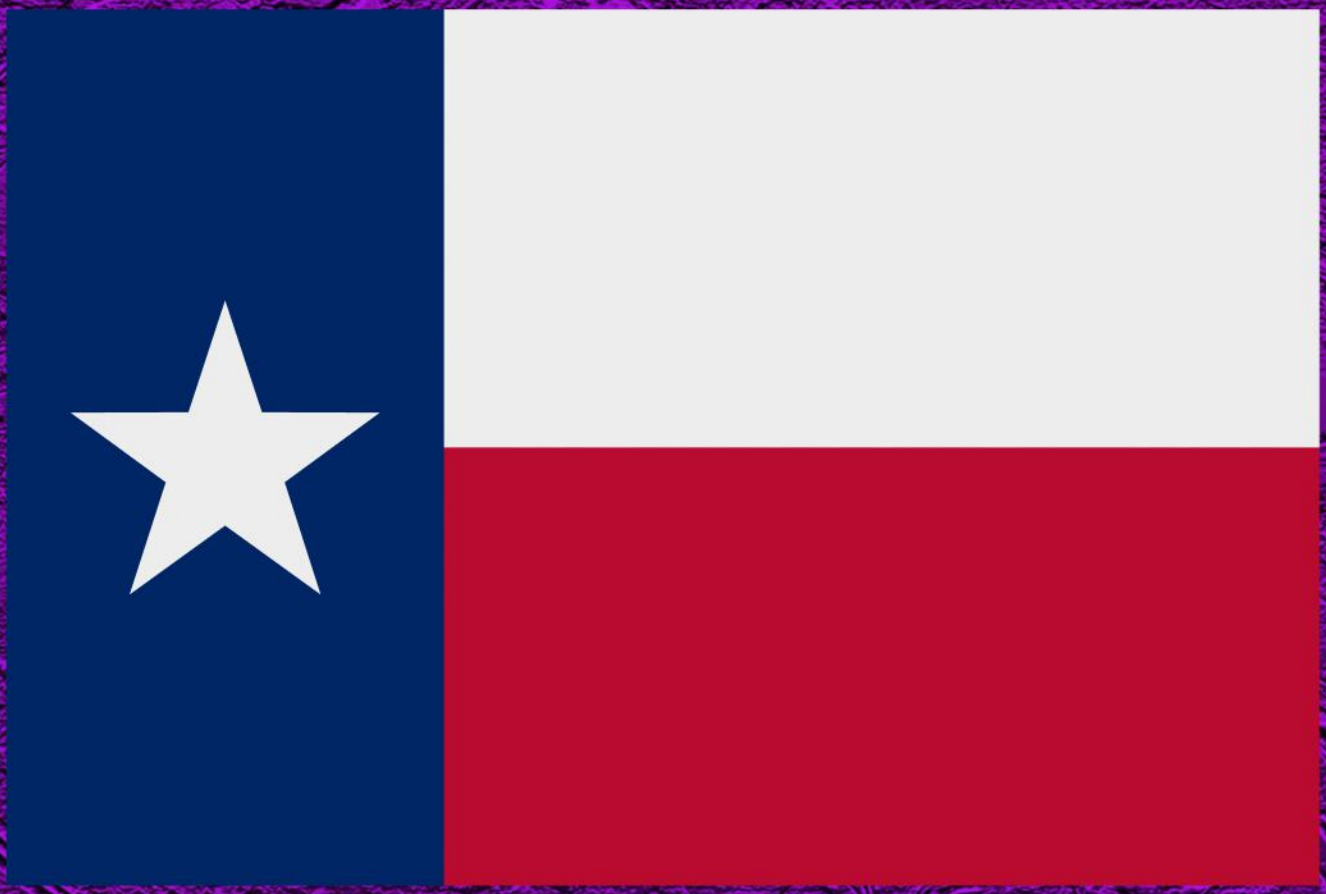
September 2025

PROPAGATION

Newsletter of the Longview / East Texas Amateur Radio Club



LETARC operates the 2025 Texas QSO party

LETARC minutes from September

I. Opening Ceremonies
a. Call to order at 0905
b. Prayer and Pledge by John Zenter and Rhett Pilcher
c. Introductions
d. Welcome from Chris Crawford

II. Adoption of Agenda
a. Meeting agenda adopted.

III. Adoption of Minutes
a. Reading of minutes from the August 2025 meeting. No objections. Adopted.
b. Reading of finance report from September 2025. No objections. Adopted.

IV. Reports from Officers
a. President, Bert Sharp – Not present.
b. Vice President, Chris Crawford – Welcomes presentation ideas from anyone that has an idea.
c. Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett Pilcher – Asked for donations to the donut fund. An anonymous donation has been made to LETARC towards the purchase of a new repeater for the club.
d. Media Director, Don Gamble – Welcomed new members to the club. October 4th lunch BBQ fundraiser at Mims Fire Department. October 18th will be Jamboree on the air in Henderson.
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 – China King in Longview on October 14th at 6:30pm.
b. Tower Committee Report – The tower has been proven to be ours. We will need to do a survey so that we have proof. This will also give LETARC a deed which we can take to Upshur County as proof that we do not owe taxes on the property. The survey will not exceed an amount of $1,400. Jason Turcyn made a motion to accept the survey proposal. Dave Luchak seconded. Motion passed. No objections. Adopted.

VII. Reports by Members
a. Wyatt showed his radial tags to the club.
b. Jason reported that LETARC earned 146 QSOs during the Texas QSO Party at Mims.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program
a. The Storied History of Ham Radio Callsigns

XI. Unfinished Business
a. None.

XII. New Business
a. October 11th– 2nd Saturday POTA @ Tyler SP US-3059
b. Jim Quinn addressed the club. He gave information about LETARC's Groups.io page. He requests that when joining the groups.io that you give information about yourself to prove that you're not a spam bot or solicitor. Jim owns a drone company and is willing to help members of the club survey a tower for free. Jim would like to reach out to Tom Noe and the GCEC (Gregg County Emergency Communications) to see about taking over the Gregg County Skywarn repeater. Movement on this issue was tabled until the tower site
c. New Repeater – An anonymous donor has donated the amount needed to purchase a new Yaesu dual band fusion repeater. Jim Rogers' input was requested by the donor as to which repeater would be selected. Don made a motion to purchase the Yaesu repeater from DX Engineering for the amount donated. Seconded. Motion passed. No objections. Adopted.

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

XIV. Adjourn – 1050

XV. Notes
a. There were 21 people in attendance.

Thank you to Rhett KG5NWI for the minutes

LETARC dinner at Papacita's
Pictures courtesy of Dave KL7BX

Thank you Dave for organizing our dinners

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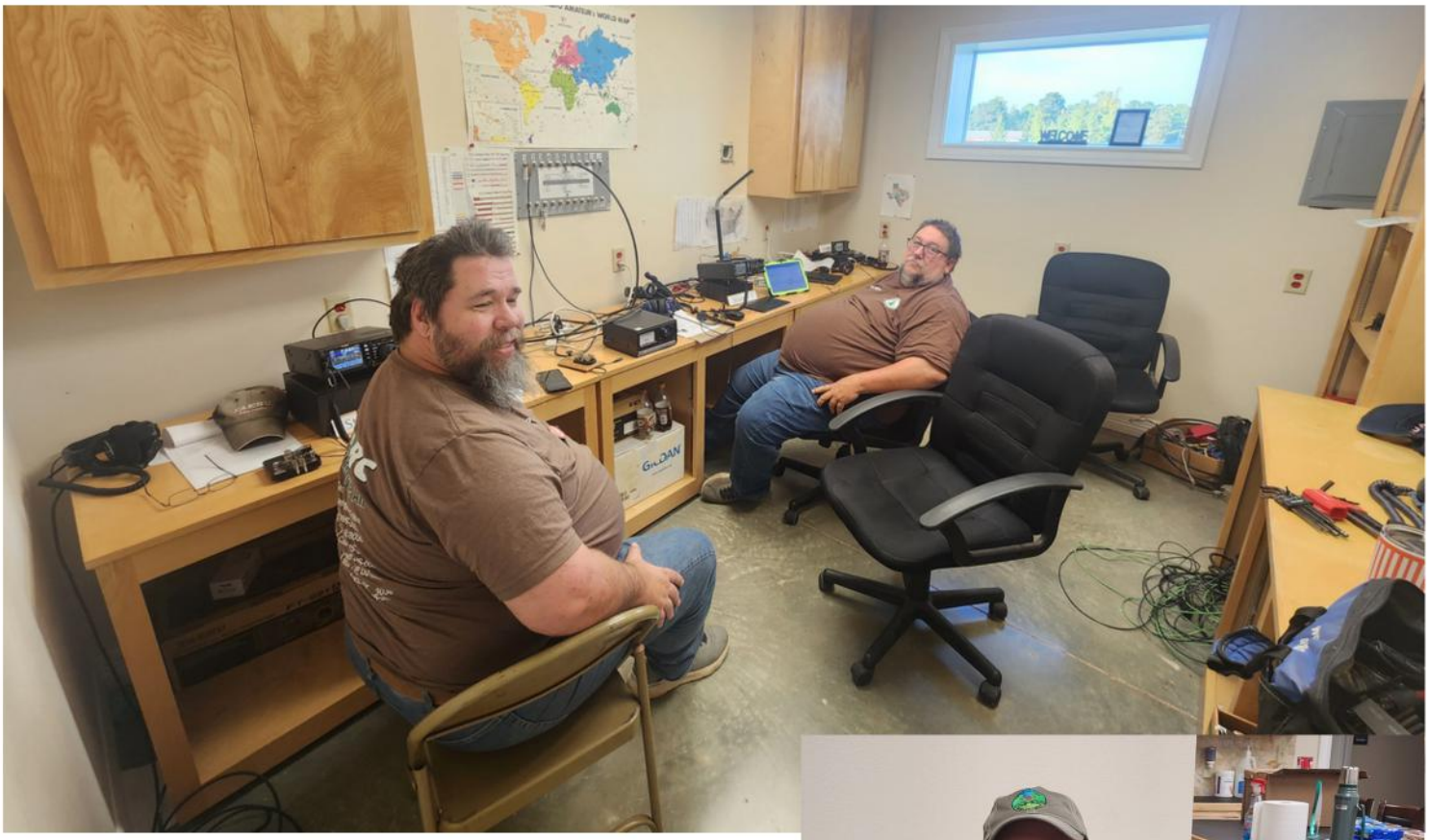
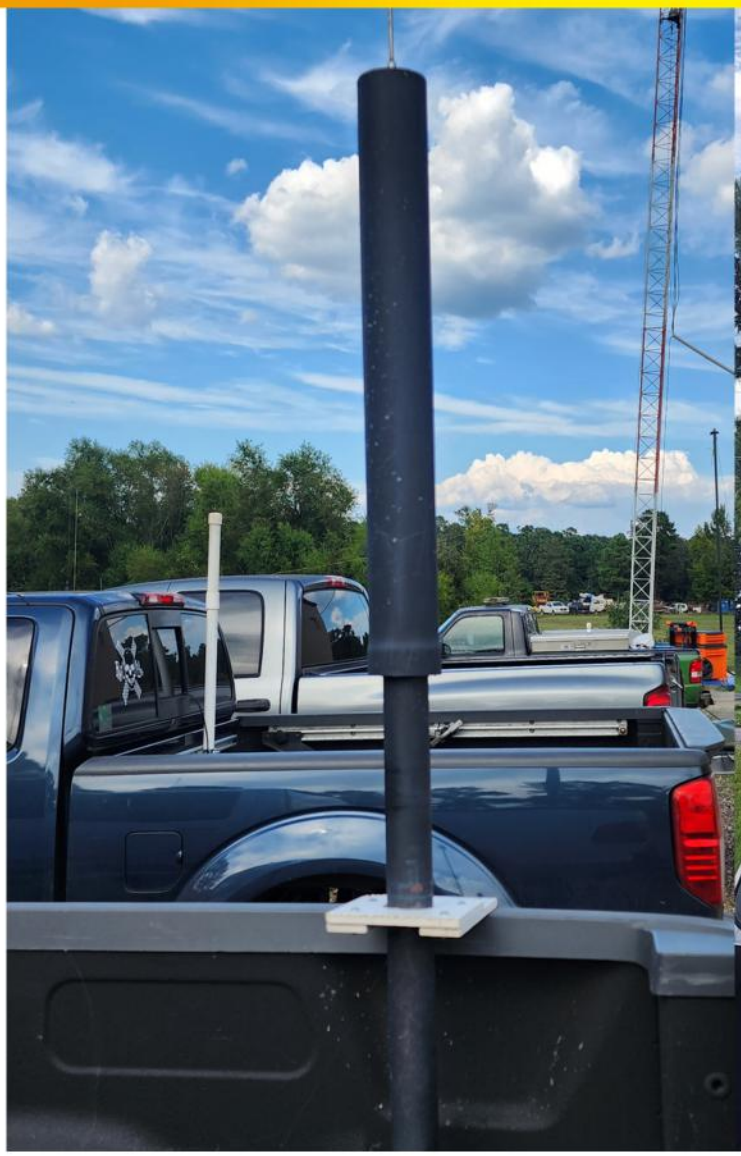
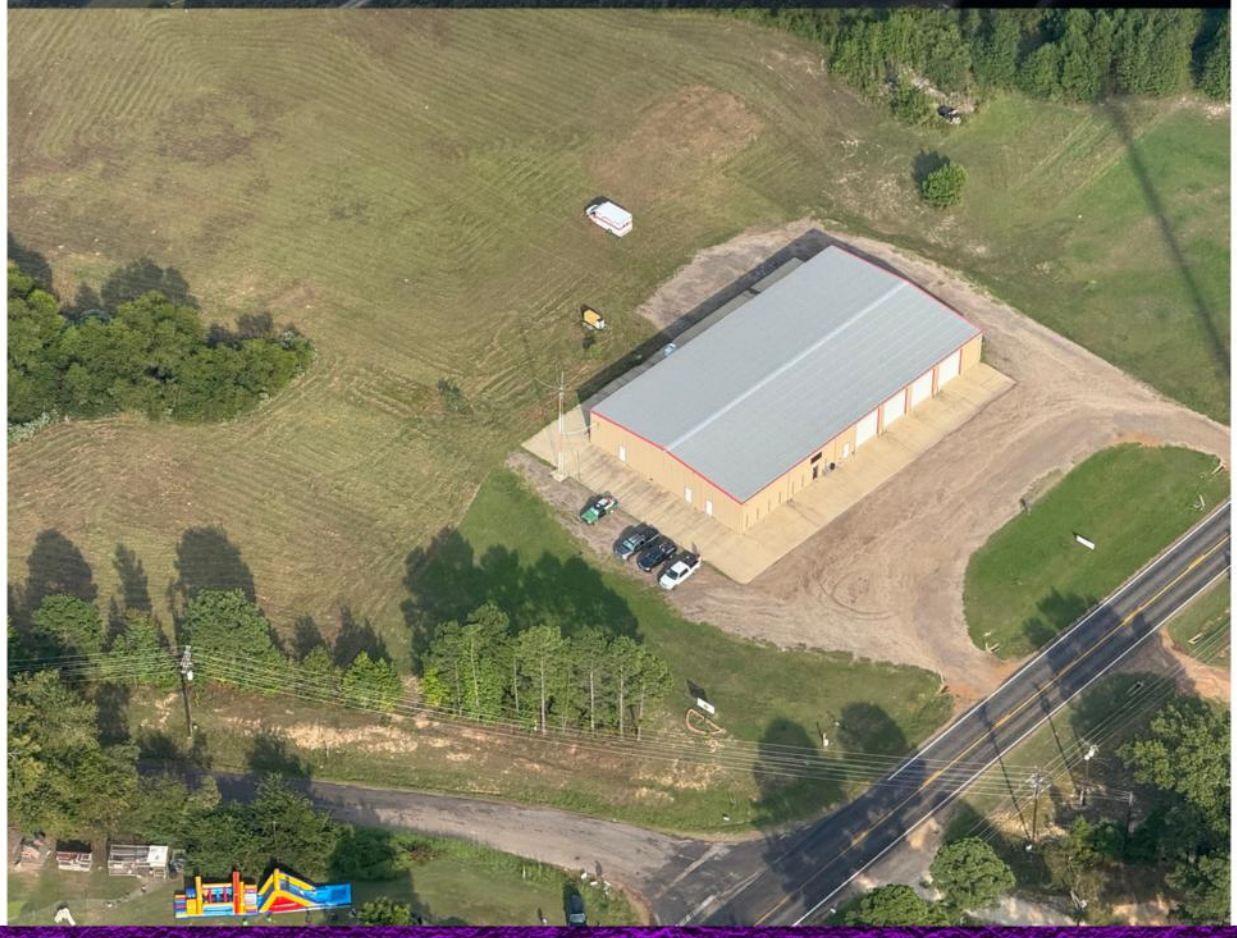


Above: Jason and Dave in the Mim's radio room. Right: Wyatt and Frankie hang out.



While we were at Mim's we worked Mike W5MCP in Marion county. He was just down the road and brought his homebrewed HF mobile screwdriver antenna for us to look over. It is incredible.

While we were drooling over Mike's antenna Wyatt took pictures from a plane – Thanks for the pics Wyatt.



A special 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

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