July 2026. LETARC

PROPAGATION

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AMERICA'S 250th BIRTHDAY

THANKS FOR ALL THE VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT

FOR GIVING THERE ALL SO WE

REMAIN FREE

The official signing day was August 2nd 1776 by 56 delegates but adopted July 4th 1776 by the 2nd Continent Congress

- **LETARC July 2026 club meeting minutes**

I. Opening Ceremonies

- **A. Call to Order by Wyatt Partney 9:04**
- **B. Prayer and Pledge by John Zenter**
- **C. Introductions**
- **D. Welcome from Wyatt Partney**

II. Adoption of Agenda

- **A. Meeting agenda adopted**

III. Adoption of Minutes

- **A. Reading of the minutes from June meeting adopted**
- **B. Reading of Finance report from June 2026 not read**

IV. Reports from Officers

- **A. President Wyatt Partney. Stay out of the heat , visited about changing locations at POTA with pota performer. camped at Caddo Lake state park tried to activate at**

camp site but had technical difficulties and had to go to the day use area. Wyatt showed a flyer to try to inform more people about LETARC meeting dates courtesy of Dan Fennell K7FEN. Asked Roland Williams KJ5RCW and Allen Morrison KOECE to introduce themselves.

- B. Vice President Chris Crawford if you have any program suggestions please let him know
- C. Secretary/ Treasurer Don Gamble welcome the new members. He listed upcoming dates.
- D. Media DIrector David Briggs. If you have any special event competition please let him know he is making a list to put in monthly news letter
- E. Communications Director Dave Luchak. Had technical difficulties with auger and couldn't drill the rest of the holes. Looking for a solution to get them completed Dave would like to visit with Jim Rogers about obtaining cable. Dave is adding a security hasp to help sucure building.

V. Reports of the Board

VI. Report by Committee's

- Social Dinner Committee. The social has been changed to Cotton Patch for August. Due to jason's deli charging a nonrefundable deposit to reserve the room

VII. Reports by Members

Bert Sharp visited about ham 2K polo logging platform and adding WWFF to your POTA activations.

VIII. Recess

IX. Reconvene

X. Program : Chris Crawford visited and showed a demonstration of Ham Radio perspective- King of QRP rigs

XI. Unfinished Businees

- Adopted the changes to the Constitution Dave Luchak visited about our goal of making plans for LETARC equipment and lands to help with our tax paperwork . Dave Luchak moved to adopt the constitutional changes that had been proposed and advertised in the newsletter. David Briggs seconded. Crystal explained the changes made and advertised in our newsletter. A vote was taken and motion was carried.
- Jamboree on the Air - October 17th. Have 2 locations this year the VFW in Henderson and camp Pirtle near Carthage. Donnie will be at the VFW in Henderson. But if anyone Is interested in going to Camp Pirtle (SCOUT camp near Carthage) please get with Donnie to get the information. You can setup whatever you like UHF/VHF

or HF. Or both.

- October 31st tailgate sale at the Texas Broadcast Museum in Kilgore.

I. New Business

- Sept 19th Texas QSO party. If anyone would like to use the radio room at Mims please get with Donnie.

XIII. VE Testing headcount enough

XIV. Adjourn 10:49

XV. Notes. 16 attendees at the meeting

No pota in August due to the Shreveport ham fest

Its 2 days this year

Fri 1-5 Saturday 7-2

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CADDO LAKE STATE PARK POTA

Don KG5CMS / Crystal KJ5BNI/ Wyatts W5IQE /R.L K5TEW and David KJ5HOY (taking photo)

Don and R.L. had some technical difficulties.

But we had some scout's come by and Don talked to them about JOTA in October

Wyatt and Crystal stayed the night Friday night testing out there new camper.

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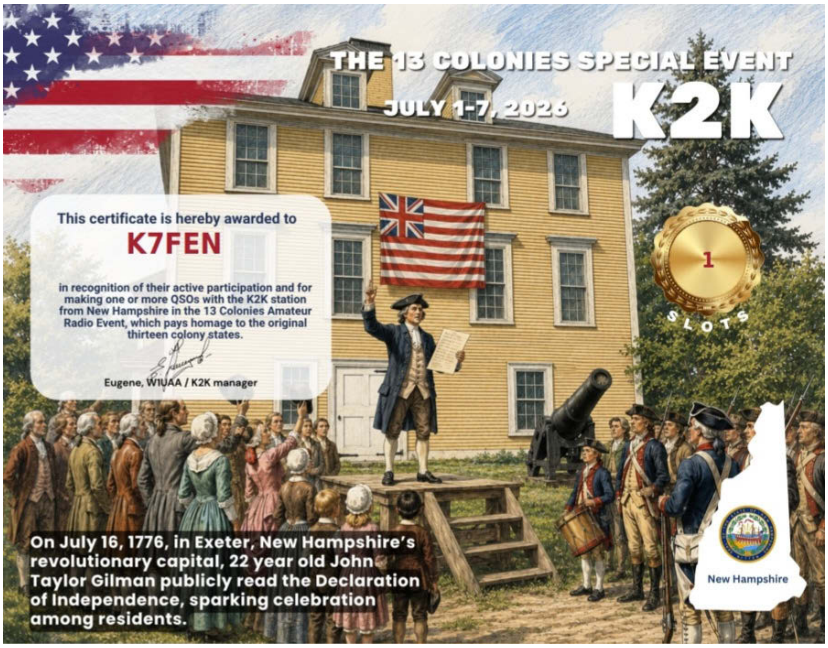
July 2026 montly social at Papacita's Mexican Restaurant

Next month is at Cotton Patch

Was changed from Jason's Deli due to new reservation policy

13 Colonies event

Daniel Fennell got 10 plus K2K



Dave Luchak clean sweep #4

18th Annual 13 Colonies Special Event
K2A/NY
K2B/VA
K2C/RI
K2D/CT
K2E/DE
K2F/MD
K2G/GA
K2H/MA
K2I/NJ
K2J/NC
K2K/NH
K2L/SC
K2M/PA
In CONGRESS. July 4. 1776.
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,
GB13COL
WM3PEN
TM13COL
Phil Garrett N5ECY
The Amateur Radio Operator noted above has participated in this on-air Amateur Radio Event commemorating the Thirteen Colony States, our Independence, & our active Military Personnel and Veterans.
This Year's event is held in tribute of Ken Villone (KU2US/SK); who created the 13 colonies special event in 2009.
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1776 ★ 2026
AMERICA
CLEAN SWEEP
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THE 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT
JULY 1-7, 2026
K2K
This certificate is hereby awarded to
KJ5BNI
Crystal Partney
in recognition of their active participation and for making one or more QSOs with the K2K station from New Hampshire in the 13 Colonies Amateur Radio Event, which pays homage to the original thirteen colony states.
Eugene, W1UAA / K2K manager
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New Hampshire
On July 16, 1776, in Exeter, New Hampshire's revolutionary capital, 22 year old John Taylor Gilman publicly read the Declaration of Independence, sparking celebration among residents.

Special Thanks You To

Mim's Volunter Fire Department

Longview Fire Training Center on American Legion Drive

Dave Luchak KL7BX LETARC dinner chairman

and Comm Director

Jim Perry KA5BCM for our radio room

John Zenter AE5OY and our VE team

Marty Duplissey N5KBP for the great work on the ARRL audio news (despite the fire)

Steve Lott 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

Thanks for reading our newsletter and if you would like to contribute any ham radio events, news, or interesting information. Please e-mail it to Daveham592@gmail.com

Please visit our website at letarc.org and our facebook page.

Hope to hear you on the airwaves

73 de David KJ5HQY