# PROPAGATION

## LETARC NEWSLETTER

**IT'S HAMFEST SEASON**

## Dave Luchak finally got his 12 days of Christmas certificate

## There was not PoTA this month due to the Shreveport Hamfest

## Mike K8MRD with ham radio tube was there doing him walk through video

## There also was a booth setup to run as W1AW/5

## It was a good day  socializing with fellow hams

### Monthly social at Cotton Patch

**Next monthly social will be at Hupei Chinese Buffet on September 8th**

## Letarc tower site news

1. **The K5LET tower site barricade cable POST installation project has been put on HOLD for the time being. For a couple reasons (mainly personnel safety)**

**A. We are still dealing with finding a viable source for a drilling auger heavy duty enough to finish the final 10 post hole drilling (& post setting in concrete) work. We are going to most likely going to have to do the remaining post hole excavation work, using a RENTED drilling auger system .**

**B. The brutal heat this SUMMER**

## Upcoming event

# HAM RADIO
# TAILGATE SALE

**Door prizes and free table setup**

TEXAS BROADCAST MUSEUM

**Saturday**
Oct. 31st, 2026
(Halloween morning)

**Time**
9 AM - 11. AM (setup 8:30)

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, Dana, Phil and the team at the Texas Broadcast Museum!**

LONGVIEW EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**August 2026 Meeting minutes**

**Of**

**Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

A. Call to order by Wyatt Partney at 9:08
B. Prayer and Pledge by John Zenter
C. Introductions
D. Welcome

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

A. Adoption of meeting agenda, approved

**III. Adoption of Minutes**

A. Reading of minutes from the July 2026 meeting. Approved
B. Reading of finance report from June/July 2026.

**IV. Reports from Officers**

A. President Wyatt Partney - Thanked Dan for creating flyers. Wyatt visited the Upshur county tax office. Wyatt has not heard back from the office. Another person told Wyatt that the tower is not even listed on their paperwork. He has received a tax exempt form. Mentioned Shreveport HAMfest and showed a Mesh device and visited with Rhett and Caleb about Mesh.
B. Vice President Chris Crawford - Asked for more presentation ideas.
C. Secretary/Treasurer Rhett Pilcher/Don Gamble - Welcomed visitors and thanked Dan for flyers and Dave Luchak for tower work.
D. Media Director David Briggs - If you have anything for the news letter, reach out to Dave.
E. Communications Director Dave Luchak - Spoke about auger struggles with the difficult earth at the old Richard Brown tower site. We may have to rent equipment, Dave got prices on rentals. We are holding off for a while until the heat eases up. If you go out to the tower, you should take a buddy in case something bad happens. Dave hopes to put on the hasp soon. Dave spoke about the barrier cable and visibility PVC pipe that needs to be installed at a later day.

**V. Reports of the Board**

**VI. Reports by Committees**

A. Social Dinner Committee - China King buffet on Sept. 8th. Reach out to Dave if you are not on the dinner email list.
B. Tower Committee - Done in officer report

**VII. Reports from Members**

A. Trace Davis visited about Freedom link, Oct. 10th HAMfest in Atlanta. They are raffling off a Yaesu 991A to help Freedom link. They would like to work with

Longview and Jim Rogers to get us on FL. Trace is working with Skywarn as well. Caleb mentioned the Meshcore system and the Mesh networks they have created in East Texas.

**VIII. Recess**

**IX. Reconvene**

**X. Program -** Chris Crawford visited and showed a video of Ham radio perspectives - Reducing unwanted RFI

**XI. Unfinished Business**

A. Jamboree on the Air - Oct. 17th @ Henderson VFW and Camp Pirtle - Don asked for help at Camp Pirtle
B. Oct. 31st tailgate sale at the Texas broadcast museum in Kilgore. Don will visit with them today.

**XII. New Business**

A. Sept. 12th POTA @ Daingerfield S.P.

**XIII. VE Testing headcount -** enough V.E.s are present to test.

**XIV. Adjourn -** 10:49

**XV. Notes -** 16 in attendance

## 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**

**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**

**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**

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**Hope to hear you on the airwaves**

**73 de David KJ5HOY**