

LONGVIEW EAST/TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2011 MEETING

The June 2011 monthly meeting of the Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 9:05 am by President Jim Quinn, AA5CX with 18 members and 2 guests present.

The minutes of the May 2011 meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report for the period May 22 to June 18 was read and approved. A club balance of \$3,180.59 was brought forward from the previous reporting period. Monies received during the period included \$100.00 in membership dues; \$3,110.00 from the sale of solar panels through the efforts of Jim Rogers, N5VGQ, Eric Sandvik, KE5PTV, and BP; \$61.00 from Jim Rogers from the sale of donated estate sale items. Expenditures included \$300.00 to Hays Infinity Solutions for the club liability insurance; \$587.00 to Gentry Electronics for a new antenna rotor for the club station. This yielded a club balance as of June 18 of \$5,564.59.

MONTHLY PROGRAM:

Todd Hoover, N5TJH, LETARC Media Director, then introduced the presenters of today's program. Mike McCreary, WB5LJQ, of Shreveport and John Mark Robertson, N5JMR, of Bossier City, presented a very interesting and informative program on Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio, D-STAR. Mike and John presented a brief history of D-STAR, its origins in Japan with the Japanese Amateur Radio League and Icom and Kenwood's involvement in the development of the technology. They discussed the growth of D-STAR in the U.S. and the formation of K5TIT to further its development in this country. They presented information on the various radio units available for D-STAR operation, use of repeaters, use of D-STAR on 2 meters, 440, and the 70 cm band and high speed data transmission on 23 cm, and the registration necessary to gain access to the D-STAR system. Mike gave a brief overview of a complete D-STAR repeater system and the requirements to operate a system. Mike also discussed the DV Dongle, a USB device which allows access to the D-STAR system from the home pc. A question and answer period followed.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Richard Brown, K5RRB, discussed plans for the upcoming Field Day activities. It was decided that 2 stations, along with a GOTA station would be operated. A sign-up sheet was passed around to enlist operators for the event. Food requirements and preparation were discussed and BBQ chicken was decided upon as the entrée of the day. It was also decided to begin discussion and preparation for Field Day 2012 as soon as possible after the conclusion of Field Day 2011.

Gary Lewis, WG5L, discussed the progress of the EMCOMM program and introduced the EMCOMM steering committee, which consists of himself, Jim Quinn, AJ1MQ, and Priscilla

Quinn, KE5VIK. The committee is developing training, equipment, and net procedure protocols. Participants should be registered, which can be accomplished by logging onto the website and filling out the appropriate forms.

Jim Quinn, AJ1MQ, discussed the program available through the ARRL whereby a rebate to the club can be attained when members renew their ARRL membership.

Todd Hoover, N5TJH, announced that a second newsletter would be forthcoming in early July to present for the second time the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws recommended by the Board. A vote on the changes will take place at the July monthly meeting.

Jim Rogers, N5VGQ, announced that a new rotor for the club antenna system will be installed this week in time for Field Day. The new 80/40 wire dipole is also in place. Jim stated that work is continuing on the 147.34 repeater and it should be on the air shortly. He is also looking at alternate sites for the repeater.

Carl Falken, N2LIF, announced that Lone Star Emergency Services is conducting training at the Alert Academy this week and anyone interested should contact him.

The membership decided to hold the July monthly Sunday evening dinner at the Italia Restaurant on Spur 63 in Longview, at 6:00 pm on Sunday July 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

ATTENDEES

RICHARD BROWN	K5RRB	JIM QUINN	AA5CX
TERRY JOHNSON	KG5WO	MARK ROBERTSON	K5JMR
MIKE MCCREARY	WB5LJQ	TERRY GRIFFITH	K5PDQ
TOM NANCE	KB5ZFS	GUY HOWELL, SR.	W5CMK
TOM NOE	W5TDN	DOROTHY CLEVELAND	KF5KEI
JIM QUINN	AJ1MQ	PRISCILLA QUINN	KE5VIK
RICHARD FLEMING	N5DNU	HAROLD CARL	KE5PTU
TOM WILBECK	N5KGN	DENNIS SMITH	WB5SRM
TODD HOOVER	N5TJH	JIM ROGERS	N5VGQ
KARL FALKEN	N2LIF	CLOYS TOLBERT	K5CGT