

LONGVIEW/EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2011 MEETING

The August 2011 monthly meeting of the Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 9:00 am by President Jim Quinn, AA5CX with 28 members and 11 guests present.

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

The treasurer's report for period July 17 to August 19 were read and approved. A balance of \$5,012.65 was brought forward from the previous reporting period. Receivables included \$40.00 in membership dues and expenditures included \$71.40 to SiteGround.com for website backup, \$64.95 for flowers for Richard Brown, leaving a balance of \$4,916.30.

John Keith, W5BWC, then presented the program on Grounding and Lightning Protection. John made available to members a very well articulated and informative booklet which is also available on John's website www.bwcelectronics.com. John described the physical aspects and electrical characteristics of a lightning strike. Highlights of John's recommendations include single point grounding, all site grounds bonded together, all conductors surge protected including the AC line, use of multiple interconnected ground rods with uninsulated connecting braid, and proper grounding of the tower or antenna support and if possible, a dwelling perimeter ground ring. John's ultimate recommendation for protection is to disconnect your station and physically isolate it from all conductors.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Gary Lewis, WG5L, ARRL District EC, presented an update on the ARES program and presented award certificates to the following:

Darrell Toland, Liaison to the city for ARES

Tom Noe, Net Control for Skywarn

Kurt Harris, Liaison to served agencies for EMCOMM

Jim Quinn, Asst. EMCOMM Coordinator

Jim Rogers, N5VGQ, reported that he has the 147.34 repeater at his house and has plans to move it to North Longview as soon as the weather cools. He has ordered a 100 watt Mirage amplifier for the repeater. He also has the DSTAR "hot spot" up and running at his house.

New LETARC member Gary Newman, N5XPD briefly discussed the need for continued vigilance concerning frequency protection of the ham bands and related Congressional actions.

Jason's Deli was chosen as the choice for the September Sunday evening dinner on September 4.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.

AUGUST MEETING ATTENDEES

Rod Bartlett	N8QVR	JoAnn Keith	KA5AZK
John Keith	W5BWC	Gary Lewis	WG5L
Nicolas McKinney	Visitor	Jacob McKinney	Visitor
Tom Wilbeck	N5KGN	Tom Noe	W5TDN
Dallin Spence	Visitor	Phillip Mullins	AE5KE
Tom Nance	KB5ZFS	Garrett Klein	Visitor
Charles Klein	Visitor	Bo Lansdale	KF5LDZ
Jim Quinn	AA5CX	Lynn Fitzgerald	KF5JXT
Todd Hoover	N5TJH	Priscilla Quinn	KE5VIK
Jim Quinn	AJ1MQ	Richard Clower	KE5RGF
Larry Hazelton	Visitor	Horace Richardson	KF5FUU
Guy Howell	W5CMK	Cliff Scott	AE5ZA
Bob Elkins	Visitor	Richard Brown	K5RRB
Richard Stansbery	Visitor	Tom Wilkinson	N5DCG
Gary Newman	N5XPD	Kurt Harris	KD5UVB
Roy Sherow	WJ5Z	Corey Ressler	KC5RAV
John Zenter	AE5OY	Harold Carl	KE5PTU
Colin MacRury	KE5QWN	Karl Falken	N2LIF
Jim Rogers	N5VGQ	Dennis Smith	WB5SRM
Terry Johnson	KG5WO		