

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

The December 2011 monthly meeting of the Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 9:00 am, December 17, by President Jim Quinn, AA5CX with 26 members present. Introduction of members was made and the minutes of the November, 2011 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report for the current reporting period was read and approved.

Todd Hoover, N5TJH, Media Director for LETARC, then presented a very comprehensive power point presentation highlighting the activities and achievements of LETARC for 2011. Todd reviewed each monthly meeting, showing highlights of each meeting and the program presented, some of which included repeaters and how they work, ARES and EMCOMM activities, DSTAR, antenna construction, software defined radio, grounding and lightning protection, tower climbing and proper climbing equipment, Echolink and Winlink 2000, and the optimal amateur radio station setup. A review of Field Day activities and the Tailgate Sale was also included. Numerous excellent photos recorded the 2011 history of LETARC and were included in the presentation.

President Jim Quinn, AA5CX then addressed the progress the club made in 2011. LETARC finished the year with 73 members and is the largest amateur radio club in Northeast Texas. Thanks to the generosity of BP, LETARC was able to purchase a new VHF repeater. Richard Brown, K5RRB, purchased the repeater at cost for the club. Van Bullock, K5VAB is graciously offering a location for the repeater at his home and on his personal tower.

President Jim Quinn then presented the annual LETARC Ham of the Year award. This year's award was presented to LETARC Communications Officer, Jim Rogers N5VGQ for his untiring efforts on behalf of LETARC. Jim was able to sell surplus BP equipment acquired through the efforts of Eric Sandvik, KE5PTV, and Rod Bartlett, N8QVR, and use the funds to purchase a new repeater system and to make other improvements to the club station and substantially enhance the LETARC treasury.

Jim Quinn, AJ1MQ, head of the officer nominating committee, then collected outstanding election ballots and retired with the committee to count the ballots.

A discussion then followed on the location and installation of the new 147.34 repeater system. Jim Rogers, N5VGQ, advised that the repeater system would be put up at the home of Van Bullock, K5VAB, very soon.

A request was made for suggestions for upcoming programs in 2012. Topics of interest to be pursued in the coming year included upgrade classes, HF contesting, and swap meets.

The nominating committee, having finished the ballot counting, then presented the results of the 2012 officer election. The results are as follows: Gary Lewis, WG5L, President; Tom Wilbeck, N5KGN, Vice President; Todd Hoover, N5TJH, Media Director; Jim Rogers, N5VGQ, Communications Officer; Terry Johnson, KG5WO, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Secretary/Treasurer then reminded club members that memberships would need to be renewed starting in January. Dues for 2012 will be \$25.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for family memberships. Also, anyone renewing their membership in the ARRL can do so through the club and earn a rebate for the club treasury.

A discussion then followed about the location of the January 2012 'Eatin Meetin'. It was decided that Posado's would be the location and that because of the New Year holiday, the date was changed to Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Rod Bartlett, N8QVR, announced that VE testing would be held at 2:00 pm at LeTourneau University.

Jim Quinn, AJ1MQ, who graciously accepted the responsibility of NCS manager for the LETARC net, requested volunteers to act as NCS for the Wednesday night 2 meter net. Anyone interested should see Jim.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am .

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought forward from the last reporting period were \$5,759.39 bank funds and \$5.01 cash on hand. Income for the period included:

Dues from the following members-

Rod and Penny Bartlett	\$35.00
Jim Rogers	\$25.00
Todd Hoover	\$25.00
John Zenter	\$25.00
Tim O'Sullivan	\$25.00
Terry Johnson	\$25.00
ARRL membership dues Tim O'Sullivan	\$39.00 (paid by Tim in cash)
Terry Johnson ARRL dues rebate	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
Total Monthly Income	\$201.00

Expenditures for the month:

Ck# 1299 - Todd Hoover – reimbursement for HOY plaque and meeting snacks	\$59.60
Debit card expenditure- Lowe's – supplies for installing new repeater	\$89.05
Debit card expenditure – Coburns- fiberglass pad to place repeater cabinet on	\$43.55
Ck# 1300- ARRL Dues N1TGO Tim O'Sullivan(adds \$15.00 to club funds)	\$24.00
Ck# 1301- All Sheet Metal Company- rainproofing fixture for repeater cabinet	<u>\$200.64</u>
Total Expenditures for the Month	\$416.84

\$5,759.39
<u>+\$ 201.00</u>
\$5,960.39
<u>-\$ 416.84</u>
\$5,543.55 bank funds
<u>+\$ 5.01</u> cash on hand
\$5,548.56 total club funds

ATTENDEES

Paul Piccola	W5BPP	Phillip Mullins	AE5KE
Dean Patterson	KE5AVH	Richard Brown	K5RRB
Jim Rogers	N5VGQ	Gordon C. Martin	WA5GM
Horace Richardson	N5ZQD	Rod Bartlett	N8QVR
Terry Griffith	K5PDQ	Jim Quinn	AA5CX
Robert Wallace	KF5NDK	Tom Nance	KB5ZFS
Priscilla Quinn	AA5PQ	Jim Quinn	AJ1MQ
Todd Hoover	N5TJH	Van Bullock	K5VAB
Gary Lewis	WG5L	Guy C. Howell, Sr.	W5CMK
Weldon Pittman, Jr.	KC5GQM	Cliff Scott	AE5ZA
Glenn Hays	N5TNC	John Zenter	AE5OY
Dennis Smith	WB5SRM	Tom Wilbeck	N5KGN
Tim O'Sullivan	K1TGO	Terry Johnson	KG5WO