

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF  
THE LONGVIEW/EAST TEXAS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The August 2014 monthly meeting of the Longview/East Texas Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 16 by President John Zenter AE5OY with 14 members and 3 guests present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by voice vote after a motion to approve was made by Jim Quinn AA5CX and seconded by Jim Quinn AJ1MQ. The treasurer's report for the current reporting period was read and approved by voice vote after a motion to approve was made by Horace Richardson N5ZQD and seconded by Dean Patterson KE5AVH. Introductions of members and guest were then conducted.

Gary Lewis WG5L then presented the monthly program on the Voice of America and the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in Bethany, Ohio. The Voice of America was a powerful shortwave station funded by the government and was created at the beginning of World War II to present the truth of American democracy and freedom to the world. Gary related his own experience with VOA when he was a high school student and visited his father, who was an oil company employee in the African country of Angola. Gary was amazed to watch the locals gather enthusiastically around an old Zenith Transoceanic shortwave receiver and listen to VOA broadcasts. Gary then showed a video on the history of VOA and a tour of the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting which was produced and hosted by George Thomas W5JDX of AmateurLogic.tv fame. George toured the facility with Dave Snyder, a 14 year employee of VOA who was the last plant manager of the Bethany site before it was shut down. George presented an interesting history of the technology of the station, the transmitters used, the antennas used, the intricate antenna switching system and some of the enormous tubes used at the station. Tours of the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting are available to the public.

After a brief break for refreshments, the business portion of the meeting was conducted. A discussion of the club's fall picnic was undertaken and it was decided that the picnic will be held on September 20 at 4:00 pm at McWhorter Park in Longview in lieu of the usual monthly morning meeting. Members will provide the side dishes and drinks and the club will provide the barbeque meat. A link to a signup sheet will be placed on the website so that it can be determined how many members will be attending. Members are urged to sign up and attend.

John Zenter AE5OY announced the availability of new study materials for both Technician Class licenses and for upgrades to General Class. See John for details.

The following hamfests were announced:

Little Rock, Arkansas Sept. 20

Gainesville, Texas Sept. 27

Austin, Texas Digital Conference Sept. 5-7

Belton, Texas Oct. 4

Mena, Arkansas Sept 5-6

The monthly VE test session will be held at 2:00 pm this afternoon at LeTourneau University and all available VE's are welcome to assist.

After a thorough discussion, it was decided that Cajun Steamer would be the site of the next Sunday evening informal dinner on Sunday, September 7 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

## ATTENDEES

Robert Parham	KD5OUF	Dean Patterson	KE5AVH
Phillip Mullins	AE5KE	Horace Richardson	N5ZQD
Robert Stoker	KD5FJL	Jay Rowe	KF5UBO
Terry Johnson	KG5WO	John Zenter	AE5OY
Jim Quinn	AJ1MQ	Jim Quinn	AA5CX
Tom Noe	W5TDN	Cliff Scott	AE5ZA
Guy Navarro	WB5UAA	Arlie Long	N5RDD
Ken Kinman	KE5JYW	Jim Rogers	N5VGQ
Gary Lewis	WG5L		

## TREASURER'S REPORT (AUGUST 16 TO October 17, 2014)

Brought forth from the last reporting period was an account balance of \$932.39 which consisted of \$911.11 club funds and \$21.28 DSTAR funds. Income for this period included membership dues of \$25.00 each from Guy Navarro WB5UAA and Ken Kinman KE5JYW and \$100 donation from Jim Rogers N5VGQ from sales of surplus club equipment at recent tailgate sales for a total of \$150.00. Expenses for the period included \$16.50 to the Donut Palace of Longview for donuts for the monthly club meeting and \$21.28 from the DSTAR fund to Jim Rogers N5VGQ for reimbursement for coax connectors for a total expenditure of \$37.78. This leaves a current account balance of \$1,044.61, all of which are club funds. The DSTAR fund is totally depleted and has been removed from the books.

## SEPTEMBER 2014

In lieu of a monthly meeting, the annual LETARC family picnic was held September 20 at McWhorter Park and no formal business was conducted.