



September Meeting - Our Annual Picnic

Instead of our monthly meeting, LETARC held its annual Potluck Picnic at McWhorter Park instead, where apparently a good time was had by all. The club provided the meats and plates, cups, paper towels and utensils while attendees brought lots (and lots!) of great food for our enjoyment. In fact, some of us who intended to take some photos had such a good time talking and eating that we took not a single photo! (Sorry!) The temperature was great, the winds were calm and the mood was jovial. What more could we have asked?

As far as the club meeting, about the only business that was conducted as planned was the selection of the location of the next monthly Informal Dinner Gathering, but that not a bad thing to discuss. We look forward to next September and another Annual Picnic. And by the way - if you do have a few photos of the event you'd like to share, please send them to letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com.

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Upcoming Club Officer Elections for 2015

Elections for the club officers for 2015 will be here before we know it! Elections are held at the December meetings, with the officers taking their seats the first of January.

Please consider helping the club by giving a bit of time and effort and volunteering for one of the positions. A Nominations Committee will be put together soon, and by stepping up to the plate and volunteering to serve, you'll be helping out those who have been donating their time and efforts in

recent years and you'll help steer the club down the right path. LETARC has a good reputation in all of northeast Texas for its service to its members, other clubs and the community and we should continue this tradition. Remember - the positions are only for one year or twelve months (even if you don't count the picnic) and you'll definitely be appreciated for your efforts.

More details will be forthcoming, but please think about helping out. You'll enjoy it!

How I Got into Ham Radio..

Unfortunately we did not have any submissions for this feature this past month. If you would like to share your own story of how you got into ham radio, please do! Send it to letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Hams Needed for Tyler's Rose Marathon

The Tyler Amateur Radio Club (TARC) has asked us for volunteers to help provide communications for the Rose City Marathon in Tyler on this Sunday, October 5th. Operators are needed at aid stations, along the routes (there are two) and at the club's communications van located at the Harvey Convention Center, the marathon's headquarters location.

The marathon is expected to last up until 2:00 p.m. at the latest and may finish earlier. Report

time is 6:00 a.m., but more detailed information is available should you have some interest. Contact Mark N5YFY at n5yey@live.com.

The Tyler club has been very supportive of our club and contributed to our funding of the D-Star repeater as well as providing for gifts for our tailgate sale and other events, so please consider helping out if you are able.

Dinner Gathering at Posado's Cafe in Longview

This month's Informal Dinner Gathering is at Posado's Cafe. As always, the gathering is held on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Details on these events may be found in two places; our club website at www.letarc.org under the Calendar tab and on the Yahoo Groups page at www.groups.yahoo.com/group/letarc under the events tab. Email reminders are sent by the Yahoo system five or six days ahead of each event, and again one day prior to it. If you are not a member of the Yahoo Groups page simply go to the page and click the "Join" button and once approved, you will get the reminder emails.

VE Session Report

John Zenter AE5OY, LETARC President and VE Team Liaison reports that Allen Redling of Bossier City successfully attained his General Class license while Mike Ferguson of Mineola and Stephen Rangeloff of Jefferson both earned their Technician Class licenses at this month's VE Session held on August 16th at LeTourneau University. Congratulations, all!

Suggestions for Activities

We are still open to suggestions for club members to participate in any sort of community activities to provide communications services. Please send your ideas/suggestions to letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

October 4th	Belton Fall Hamfest/Tailgate Sale
October 4th	Tyler Rose Marathon (See article above)

EmComm Certifications

If you have not done so, please make sure that if you are registered for Emergency Communications work (including Skywarn activities), you should ensure that your certifications are both current and posted on the EmComm site at the club website www.letarc.org. If you are interested in offering your ham radio skills and time to assist with community service when needed, please sign up at the same EmComm tab.

The Sign Man of Baton Rouge

You've seen him at HamCom. You're probably seen some of his work on heads, desks and cars. Now he has our LETARC logo! The Sign Man of Baton Rouge can now produce any sort of item you wish with our logo on it. LETARC doesn't show up on the website yet, but he does have the artwork/logo on file. Visit his site at www.thesignman.com

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m.
American Red Cross Building in Longview
Northeast quadrant of the intersection of Hwy 31 and Loop 281

Next VE Session:

Saturday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m.
LeTourneau University Glaske Building for Science & Technology

(For complete details see the calendar listings at www.letarc.org)

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