



# The Microphone Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society



(A monthly publication for members and friends of LWARS)

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Members:38    Tech:13    Gen:10    Extra:13    Advance:1		

From The Secretary's Desk....



Just a few weeks away!  
 LWARS will once again  
 participate in the  
 national pass time  
 known as FIELD DAY!  
 Last year Ron (AA5HK)

spear-headed a great, points focused, event  
 that saw LWARS place among the top 30  
 entries world wide for the 2A class and the top entry in Texas for the 2A class. This year  
 we will be taking a smaller more relaxed stab at Field Day. We will be combining Field  
 Day with the annual club picnic that we missed due to that rare rain out we had last  
 month (joke). We will still be seeking points by making contacts for 24 hours using two  
 radios, one dedicated to HF and one radio that will be VHF/HF/Digital, utilizing the clubs  
 hex beam and long wire antennas.

*Upcoming Dates of Note:*

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> DFW Ham Expo  
[www.dfwhamexpo.com](http://www.dfwhamexpo.com)  
 Vista Mall 2401 S. Stemmons Fwy  
 Lewisville, TX

June 15<sup>th</sup> LWARS Monthly Meeting  
 10Am Whittney Library.

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This year's effort is led by Tim Hutchings-N5TCH with assistance from Jim Elms-KJ5DUL, Kendy Weldon, and Ken Ezzell-KE5EZZ. Kendy is one of our newest members and is very excited about her first field day! We will be having a kick off breakfast Sat morning for those that come out early and hopeful stick around for the Field Day setup. Later in the evening, will be having our Annual Club Picnic, hoping to see lots of members and family come out. All this will be taking place at the Whitney Public Library.

For the club picnic, we plan on having the event outside at the back of the Whitney Library. Hopefully it will be a good weather day and we can enjoy the "backyard" and patio area of the library. Bring your chairs if you have -em.

A quick overview of event times, may be modified later.

### Saturday June 22

- 8:20 am Breakfast Crew Arrives
- 9:00 am Breakfast Ready (Breakfast Burritos Hot Off The Grill, OJ & Coffee)
- 10:00 am Field Day Setup
- Noon-ish Break for lunch (up to each indivial if, when, and where)
- 1:00 pm Start! Field Day Contacts Can Officially Be Made & Logged.
- 4:00 pm Picnic Crew Assemble
- 4 to 5 pm Picnic Crowd Start To Arrive.
- 5:00 pm Dinner Served (All Beef, ¼ Pound Gourmet Hot Dog, Chips, & Drink)

The radios will be operated overnight.

### Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 1:00 pm Field Day Contacts Ends & The Tear Down Begins.



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## Ham News

<https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-volunteers-obtain-ham-exemption-to-pennsylvania-handsfree-law>

### **ARRL Volunteers Obtain Ham Exemption to Pennsylvania Handsfree Law**

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Member-volunteers of ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® in Pennsylvania have successfully protected the legal right to use amateur radio while operating mobile within the state. A handsfree distracted driving bill had worked its way through the legislature over the past several years, and ARRL Atlantic Division Director Bob Famiglio, K3RF, successfully advocated for an exemption for licensed radio amateurs. “The bill survived until just before the latest vote, which stripped out our exemption but left in exemptions for commercial drivers, including truck drivers, bus drivers, and public transportation [drivers],” he wrote in a message to ARRL members in Pennsylvania.

In April, the exemption was stripped from the bill, sending Pennsylvania hams into a state of worry. ARRL members in the state rallied, contacting their state legislators to explain the benefit that licensed operators provide to the state. The bill also was going to remove the ability for first responders, such as volunteer firefighters, to use radios in their personally owned vehicles. “Hundreds of emails then went out to legislators and such and back to me. We also helped our volunteer emergency responders who were in the same boat as us with radio use from their personal cars. Many members are also emergency responders as well, and they picked up on this too,” said Famiglio. This week, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted in favor of accepting the bill with the exemption. The senate passed it last summer. The bill is now on its way to Governor Josh Shapiro’s desk, where he is expected to sign it. Mobile use of amateur radio will continue in Pennsylvania, thanks to ARRL advocacy and government relations carried out by member-volunteers.

<https://daily.hamweekly.com/2024/05/hamvention-2024-sets-attendance-record/>

### **Hamvention 2024 Sets Attendance Record**

Dayton Hamvention 2024 announced record attendance for this year's event with 35,877 attendees making the trip to Greene County Fairgrounds.

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## Tips and Tricks

From John F. Reisenauer, Jr. KL7JR <https://hamuniverse.com/hamhints.html>

1. To keep RFI out of your shack (does nothing for your neighbors) at termination point of antenna use 6-8 wraps of 6" coil dia coax. Don't let 1st wrap touch last wrap is all you need to look out for.
2. Do not set external tuner directly on top of rig. The older manual tuners would distort the audio on some bands. I keep my Z-100 auto tuners about 1 inch above my rig (use anything non-conductive for the spacer). This may not be a problem with the newer tuners but I keep the separation anyway.
3. I like to keep a small fan blowing on the back of the rig or power supply to help things out. If you rig or ps fans keep coming on this will do the trick.
4. I keep my laptop at least 2-3 feet away from my rig and have never had RFI problems. It helps to ground the rig too.
5. I always keep my signal and audio cables as far away from the power cords as possible. If you have them all bunched together, you will have problems one day.  
Have A Nice Day!

Until Next Edition, KE5EZZ 73+