



# The Microphone Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society



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The Microphone is back. I thought at first I might make the newsletter a quarterly publication, but that got postponed and delayed and now it's been over six months since the last issue. I think it should go back to being a monthly, but I'm not sure I'm up to the task.

At any rate, I'm going to try to bring it up to date this month with a review of what we've been doing this year so far.

We've actually been quite busy. The main events being Winter Field Day, the Spring Picnic, and Field Day in June. Some of us have participated in CERT Training, and we already have several more events coming up this Fall.

I want to thank those of you who have shared pictures of some of our activities, and hope you will continue to do so.

I also want to encourage you all to share your own contributions. Those of you who are out doing POTA and SOTA activations and other activities of interest are more than welcome to share your experiences and accomplishments.

If you're trying something new I'm sure it would be interesting to share with the rest of us. If you're traveling it would be great to see some pictures of your favorite destinations.

If someone would like to keep us up to date on what's happening with the ARRL, that would be helpful.

An update on what's happening with ARES and Skywarn would also be interesting. There's actually been quite a bit of stormy weather this Spring, and we had a few activations. I'm sure we will be watching the weather closely again after we get through this hot spell.

I've been watching something that keeps me interested – DXpeditions. I've been trying all week to get TO3K in Mayotte, an archipelago in the Indian Ocean between Madagascar and the coast of Mozambique. Unfortunately, 10 meters has not been cooperating and as of August 8<sup>th</sup>, another Coronal Mass Ejection from the Sun has pretty much wiped out the bands for awhile. TO3K will be active through August 10<sup>th</sup>. They've been doing some FT8 on 28.084MHz, and SSB on 28.440MHz, listening 5-10 KHz up. I learned how to set up split operations on my FT-991A when I picked up TX9A in the Austral Islands.

While DX hasn't been great lately, conditions have been more favorable for closer contacts, and I have picked up four new states in the last week or two, Indiana, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma.

What new contacts have you made?

Jim KJ5DUL

## 21 Dec 2024 Christmas Party

The December LWARS meeting was followed up by our Christmas Dinner. There was lots of great food!



It looked like everyone enjoyed the food and the conversation.

## 25-26 Jan 2025 Winter Field Day

White Bluff is such a great location to have Winter Field Day. Setup was at 1:00pm Friday afternoon and we were done quickly. The EOC provided their Communications trailer and Generator.

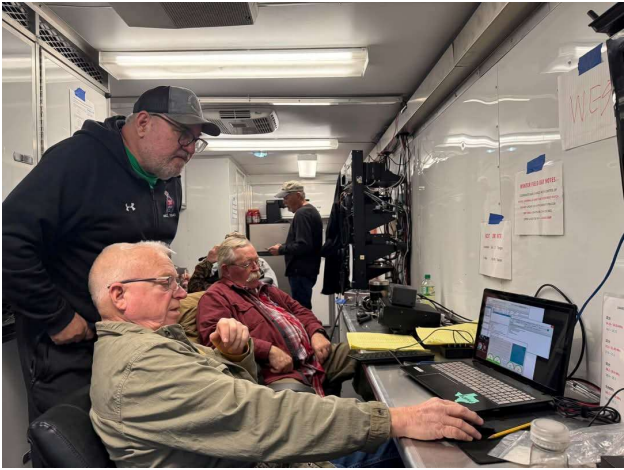
Ron AA5HK procured a multiplexer and band pass filters which worked well with the Hex Beam. WFD restrictions were 10 watts Phone, and 5 watts CW.

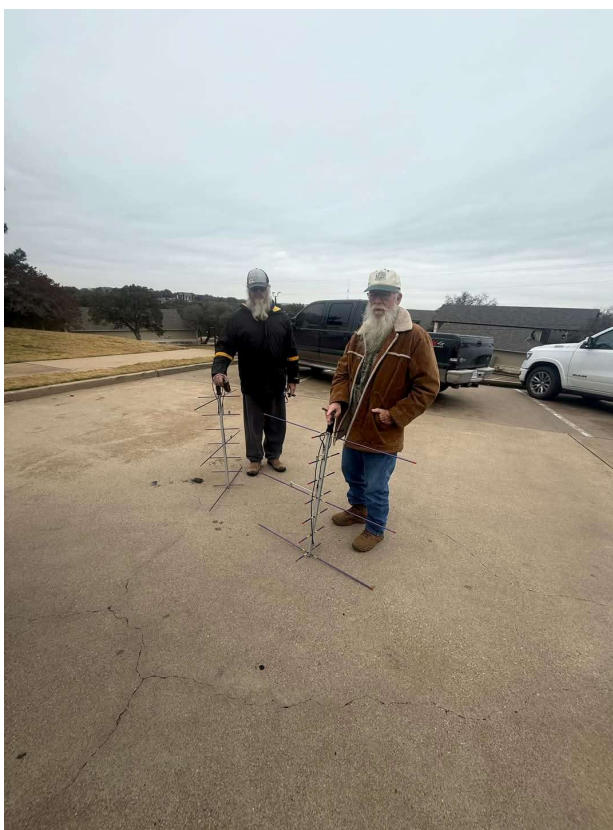
Tim N5TCH reported we missed one point multiplier, a Satellite Contact with SSB or CW, so we had a total of 23 out of 26. We had 363 phone contacts and 30 CW and digital contacts for 423 QSO points. The multiplier of 23 gave us a total of 9729 points, which may have changed, as we had until 1 Mar 2025 to submit contacts.

It was a great job by everyone!









## 26 Apr 2025 LWARS Picnic

Due to Easter weekend, the Picnic was rescheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the State Park. Jim Elms – KJ5DUL was “volunteered” as Chairman and Robert Tear – N9KGL/AG volunteered to cook again. Tim Hutchings – N5TCH was “volunteered” to help

Ron AA5HK set up a mast on his truck and raised Tim’s new fan dipole. They got some POTA contacts, and Robert made some great hamburgers. Another fun picnic, and the State Park turned out to be a really nice place to have the event.





Sorry, couldn't find the picture of Ron's truck with Tim's fan dipole set up.

## 28-29 Jun 2025 Field Day

Summer Field Day Committee volunteers were Tim Hutchings – N5TCH, Jim Elms – KJ5DUL, and David Vecchio – N5DEW

The Committee surveyed the West Shore Civic Center and recommended the location for Field Day. Thanks to Daryl Bullock KJ5BEV for offering the location and providing so much help.

We used the Club Radio and Tim brought his 7300.



Tim Hutchings – N5TCH and Amy Teal distributed posters, and Amy got the City Council to make a proclamation for Field Day

Although the fee for the West Shore Civic Association was \$300.00, we had an Anonymous Cash Donation of \$300.00 which offset the expense. There is no way to adequately express our gratitude, but Thank You very much!

Tim Hutchings – N5TCH reported that overall, we did very well. We contacted all States except Delaware. We had 565 contacts, and 2724 points. This total was updated later.



West Shore Civic Association had their portable sign out on Highway 22.



Rommie NR5A got our signs up.





Friday at 1:00pm we prepositioned some of the equipment and set up the antennas on Saturday at 8:00am







Resting after getting everything set up.

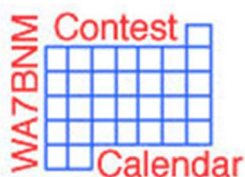
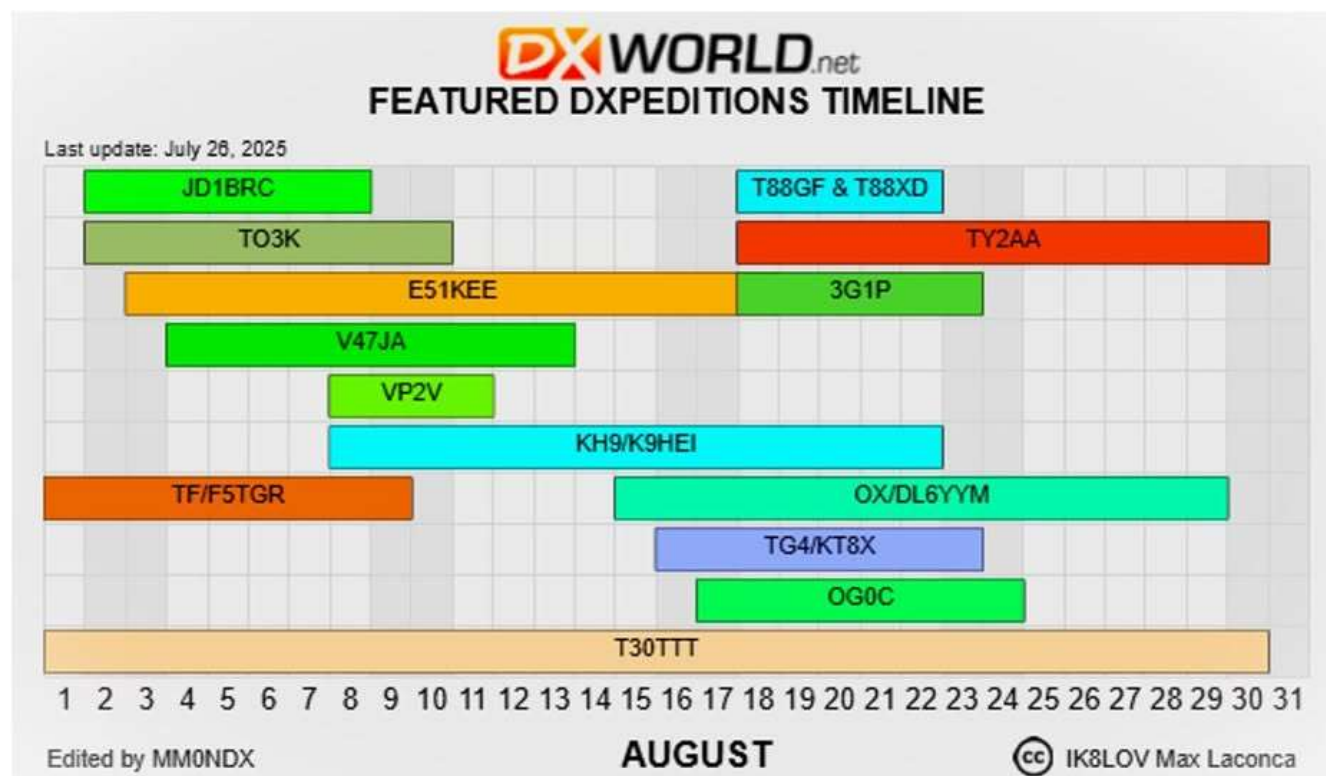


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While I'm not much of a contester, it's good to know when you can find lots of different operators representing many different countries on the air.

Well, that's all I can think of for this newsletter. So much more is going on all the time, if you can contribute ideas and news I would appreciate it. I'll try to turn out an issue monthly. Please contribute so we can see what you have to share.

Jim KJ5DUL