



The Microphone Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society



(A monthly publication for members and friends of LWARS)

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<p>LWARS Board: Pres. Roy McCleary (N5ZKW) VP. Martin Coons (N5FAC) Treas. Robert Tear (N9KGL) Sec. Kenneth Ezzell (KE5EZZ) Dir. Matthew Sullivan (KG5ZPV) Dir. Mike Drew (KG5FZC) Dir. Tim Hutchings (N5TCH)</p>	<p>LWARS Training Net: Each Thursday at 7 PM. Repeater 146.620 Tone 123</p> <p>Simplex 146.580 (Simplex Net - First Thursday Evening of the Month)</p> <p>Back Up Repeater 146.780 Tone 123</p> <p>Email lwars.nz5t@gmail.com</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Saturday, Feb 17, 2024, at 10 AM Lake Whitney Public Library, 602 E. Jefferson Ave, Whitney, TX.</p> <p>Check the club's Facebook page or check into the Thursday evening LWARS Training Net for any updates. LWARS meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10 AM.</p>
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Winter Field Day

Jan 27-28, 2024

Winter Field Day Was A Huge Success!

We had a great turn out by club members setting up the mock emergency radio communication site. We ran one radio for 24 hrs in a camper using generator power.

With no less than five different antenna setups, we accomplished the task of making both voice & CW on all 10 bands attempted, & digital on five, 35 states, 56 sections, 4 territories in Canada, also Italy, Belgium, St Lucia, and Virgin Islands! And top all that off at the last minute, we made a satellite contact also!

ALL THIS ON LOW POWER QRP <10 WATTS

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Upcoming Dates of Note:

- Feb 5, 6 pm
SkyWarn Training, Meridian Civic Center
Meridian TX
- Feb 10, 11:30 am
Memorial Service for Gary D. Dobbs (K5GDD)
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- Feb 17, 10.:00 am
Next LWARS Meeting. Whitney Library
- March 02, 8 am - 2 pm
Irving Amateur Radio Club HAMFEST
<https://irvingarc.org/hamfest/>
- April 08, 8 am - 1 pm
LWARS at Lake Whitney State Park
Chamber of Commerce Solar Eclipse Event
- April 13. 7 AM - 1 PM
Temple Amateur Radio Club HamExpo
<https://tarc.org/hamexpo/>

Winter Field Day Continued

Performing 24 hours of constant radio communications is a big undertaking that took a lot of planning to put on, but exercising this feat teaches us the key elements of being prepared for unforeseen events. With so many turning out to setup, we all have taken away more knowledge and confidence. The 2024 WFD was a blast and we are all looking forward to Summer Field Day!

“Thank you everyone for the team work and support. We had a Great Winter Field and enlightened several citizens while making new friends. We had some non active hams get back on the air and a few started to work on obtaining their license.” Roy McClearly N5ZKW, LWARS President

Special thanks to Ron AA5HK, Tim N5TCH, Martin N5FAC, The White Bluff Community and their board members, Marlon Duckett (Call Sign Pending) who donated the camper, and Ed KD5JUM for the Generator.





We are looking forward to our next big event on Eclipse Day 2024 on April 8th! More information coming soon.

*I think my ham radio equipment may have fallen in love with me.
It hasn't said anything but, I've been picking up a lot of signals.*

In Memory Of

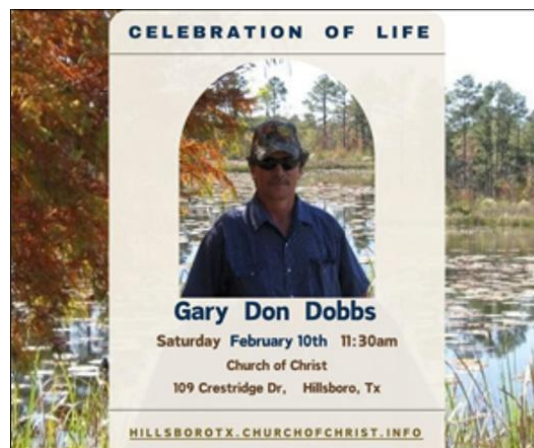
Gary D Dobbs
K5GDD

The LWARS Family is saddened to hear of the passing of Gary Dobbs. As long time member of LWARS, a former club director & treasurer, and loved by all who knew him, Gary has left a great impression on so many. Gary's first call sign was KF5DFG which was activated 09/23/2009. Becoming a General Class operator, Gary took up the call sign K5GDD (fitting his initials) on 11/03/2009.

Born 01/09/1959 in Hill County, Gary lived to see his 65th birthday before passing on 01/19/2024. May he rest in peace.



Centered, Gary was enjoying Summer Field Day with his LWARS family.



Monthly Meeting Record of Minutes

Date: Jan 20, 2024

Begin: 10:00 AM

End: Approx 11:30

Attending Total: 28

Members: 20

Guests: 8

Lead by: Roy McClearly, N5ZKW, President

Old Business

> Motion to accept Previous Minutes of Dec 16, 2024

By: Danny Rymer K5FDR

2nd: Robert Tear N9KGL

Passed By Majority Voice

> Ron AA5HK updated the club on Winter Field Day 2024, ask for 100' low loss cable and large white board.
No Motions Floored.

New Business

> Chris Clark WX5CTC presented a slide show and discussed the work he has been doing for the club working on LWARS Facebook Page. As a certified Meta manager, Chris spoke about the need to create a LWARS FB page (public) and a separate LWARS Membership Group (private).

Motion to accept 1) New LWARS Facebook Page, 2) New LWARS Members Only Facebook Group, and 3) Deactivate the old LWARS Facebook Group.

By: Rommie Bollinger NR5A

2nd: Danny Rymer K5FDR

Passed By Majority Voice

> Robert Tear N9KGL presented information on the use of HamClubOnline.com that can be used to manage the club's roster, email send outs, club assets, taking payments and donations

> IT Committee Formed to explore all expects of LWARS utilities such as our Web Site, Facebook, Gmail Account, and possible use of HamsClubOnline.com.

Appointed chair, Robert Tear N9KGL with appointments of Ed Jaworski ,Chris Clark WX5CTC, Tim Hutchings N5TC, & Ken Ezzell KE5EZZ

> Net Control Assignments

Jan 25 Ron Franklin

AA5HK

Fen 1 Tim Hutchings

N5TCH

Feb 8 Chris Clark

WX5CTC

Feb 15 John Lear

WW5LW

> Motion to adjourn By: Robert Tear N9KGL 2nd: Ron Franklin AA5HK Passed By Majority Voice