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April Announcements

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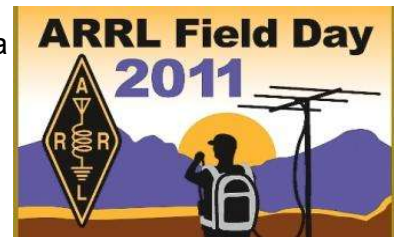
Spring Fox Hunt

At the last club meeting This month – on Saturday April 16th – we will meet at Randol Mill Park in Arlington for a VHF fox hunt at 10 am. (Rain date is April 30th.) **Maurice Martin, KM5RF** will provide us with a fox transmitting on 2 meters. So bring your HT and some kind of directional antenna. The 2 meters tape measure antennas that some of us built last fall work great for fox hunting. If you'd like to build one on your own, contact me for a link to the instructions. pipertoo@earthlink.net - Virginia, NV5F



Field Day shirt Orders

Bill Tatsch, AE5BT will be taking orders for the 2011 Filed Day golf shirts at this month's club meeting. So show your enthusiasm this year with this new shirt design! Shirts will be \$15 (includes shipping). Please be prepared to pay cash up front. If you do not pay in advance we cannot order a shirt for you. If you are not prepared to pay for a shirt at the meeting, you can order it directly from ARRL later.



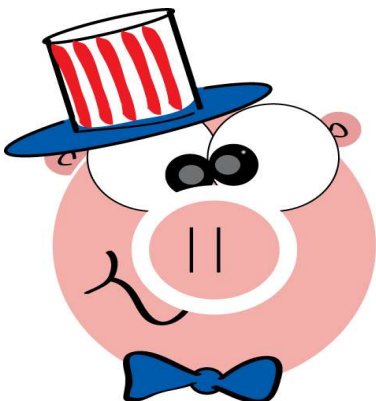
Cool QSLs Wanted

Next month our presentation will be a round table show-and-tell featuring YOUR best QSL cards. So be thinking about which card you want to share with us and plan to bring it to the May club meeting.

April Presentation

HAMS, SOCIAL MEDIA WANTS YOU!

Social Media has become one of the most interactive and impressive forms of communication in years. Many are beginning to understand that these forums offer effective avenues for information dissemination in disasters and emergencies. Craig Fugate, director of FEMA, said that the first place he goes when he hears of a situation is Twitter. With this new in-depth understanding of the role that social media can play in disasters, a need has been identified: **we need more hams using social media!** In this month's presentation **Michelle Raczynski, WI5EAS** will show us how we can help make a difference in better preparing and supporting our community during a disaster with social media. We will also find out how the amateur radio hobby can be enhanced by use of social media. If you have questions before the meeting direct message Michelle on Twitter [@d_m_raczynski](https://twitter.com/d_m_raczynski) or send an email at d_m_raczynski@yahoo.com



Arlington ARC Events Calendar

April 15, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford

April 15, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

April 16, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License test Session at 501 W Sanford

April 16, Sat, 10:00am, VHF Fox Hunt Randol Mill Park, Arlington

April 16, Sat, 5:00pm, Dining Out - Rudy's BBQ, 451 East I-20, Arlington

May 7, Sat, 8:30am, 1st Saturday breakfast – TBD

May 7, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 501 W Sanford

May 4, Wed. 12:30pm, Arlington Siren Test

May 20, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Our website has an Events Calendar, so check it out for the latest information on upcoming events at www.k5sld.com

AAARC Financial Report – March 2011

The March financial report will be distributed via email and copies will be available at the club meeting this Friday. We're sorry for the inconvenience.

March 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on March 18th, 2011 at 6:41pm. Present were President, Jack W5JCK; Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

- Virginia NV5F is organizing a fox hunt to be held on the date of April 16th at 10am, with a rain date of April 30th. The location will be Randol Mill Park and the 'fox' will broadcast on the 2 meter band.
- The matter of making a donation in the amount of \$150 to SafeHaven of Tarrant County was discussed. It was brought before the Membership for a vote.
- Bill AE5BT will place a bulk order for Field Day 2011 shirts. He will announce the particular information at the Membership meetings in March and April.
- Maurice reported that the IRLP RF link between the repeater site and the Internet donor site was not working. He will coordinate with the repeater chair to take action at the repeater site.
- Dave Walker W5DJO made a formal request of the board that the EOC be allowed to use the 2 meter repeater for a drill on March 26th. The Board granted permission.
- A discussion of locations for dining-out and breakfast was had. Locations for the months of April, May, June, and July were decided upon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

March 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:32pm March 18th, 2011 by the President, Jack W5JCK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Jack W5JCK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

- Virginia NV5F announced that the next 2-meter fox hunt will be held on April 16th, at 10am in Randol Mill Park.
- She also printed and distributed the newsletter.
- Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report for February 2011. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published in the March 2011 newsletter.
- The minutes for the February meetings were submitted for publication in the March 2011 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.
- Phil N5PWW will continue to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He is holding an Extra Class training session at the South Arlington Medical Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Bill AE5BT reported that he will be taking orders for Field Day 2011 shirts. He will require \$15 and your shirt size at the time that you place the order with him. He will deliver the shirts at the May meeting.
- Maurice gave a report on the IRLP. He and Dave Waker W5DJO spent approximately 20 hours rebuilding the IRLP computer at the internet donor site and configuring the router. It appears that the RF link between the repeater site and the internet donor site was not working. Maurice will coordinate with the repeater chair to take action at the repeater site.
- A motion was made and carried to donate \$150 to SafeHaven of Tarrant County.
- A break was taken at 8:17pm and the presentation started at 8:30pm.
- Dennis N5ACK gave a presentation on antennas that can be used in a HOA situation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 30 people in attendance, 29 indicating AARC membership.

Volunteers Needed to Help Test the Warning Sirens

If you live or work in Arlington, chances are, you have heard the wail of one of our warning sirens. In the event of severe weather, these sirens going off might save your life. But, what if they did not go off? Where would we be then?

Volunteers, working in conjunction with the Arlington Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, assist in the testing of the city's sirens on the first Wednesday of each month. The test is conducted between 12:30pm to 1:30pm on the AARC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9.

If you have the time available, we would love to enlist your cooperation and radio expertise in this most necessary and rewarding effort. Your report of a malfunctioning siren just might mean the saving of a life or avoidance of bodily injury.

Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:00am on the day of the test. The net will begin about 12:15pm on test day, and you may join us any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating siren locations. For more info contact Jack Swinden, W5JCK, AARC President.



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