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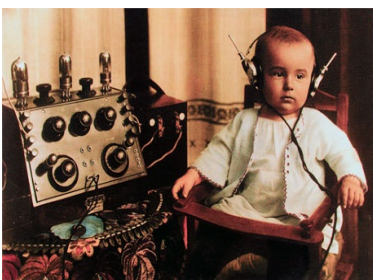
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## May Program

The May program will be a show and tell. Bring your favorite Amateur Radio item and tell the club all about it. This is a great way to introduce other aspects of Amateur Radio to the newer members of the club.

So far it looks like we'll have some vintage gear, a magnetic loop antenna, and a baby photo of Phil with his first radio.



## May Announcements

### KD5LCT Field Day Plans

What is Jason, KD5LCT, doing for Field day this Year?

First off I am working with seven led signs, 2-3 cameras, some of my computing power and Wayne Hoskins Cell network Internet access thing.

What I currently plan on doing is:

Provide Part 15 802.11b/g access to the Internet via AD5ST's cellular connection.

Provide "# of stations" worked on LED signs located at each station.

Provide door camera.

What I would need:

People with laptops willing to share a folder over the network to access the Field Day station logs (normally people are willing to do that on the day of the event).

I might need a projector to show the door cam.

What might be possible:

Provide an overall stations worked count via LED sign.

Expand camera network to an outside view, door cam and radio room view.

Have a picture updated about once per minute to k5sld.com or kd5lct.us of the activity going on in the radio room and outside.

Mini status web page that displays the last 5 stations worked by each station updated every minute.



## Calendar of Events

**May 18 Executive Board meeting** – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford. This is an open meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend.

**May 18 General Membership meeting** – 7:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

**May 19 VE Testing** – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

**May 19 Dining out** – 5:00pm, Pei Wei - 4133 South Cooper Street

**June 2 First Saturday Breakfast** – 8:30am, Pioneer - 306 109th Street

**June 2 VE Testing** – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

**June 15 Executive Board meeting** – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

**June 15 General Membership meeting** – 7:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

## Fourth of July

Paul Baumgardner, W5PSB, is still looking for volunteers for the Fourth of July parade in Arlington. Club members have always supported the parade in the past, so shoot Paul an email for details or give him a call. Email is [pbaumg1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbaumg1@sbcglobal.net) or phone at 817-994-0320

## Joe Lively, AA5L, Silent Key

I'm sad to report that club member Joe Lively lost his life in a motorcycle accident April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a short news article here: <http://tinyurl.com/c93j7u6>

If you know of any family, would you please contact one of the board members. It is traditional that we make a donation in the SK's memory to a favorite charity.



## Tidbits

With the help of Dave the tower guy, Wayne, KZ5O, and Steve, KD5ZD, Virginia, NV5F, now has the base section of her new tower firmly embedded in a ton or so of concrete. If you have a burning desire to help put up the rest of the tower and mount the rotator and antenna, see Virginia. I understand there may be cookies.

Inspired by Bill, AF4B, and Dave, NE5DL's recent SOTA activation, Dick, WN5S, and Rob, NV5E, are planning their own SOTA adventure, possibly in the Wichita mountains near Lawton, OK in October. SOTA is Summits On The Air. The idea is to take your radio gear up to the top of a mountain and make contacts. All qualifying peaks have a unique identifying number and there are people out there that collect those numbers. Dick will be running CW and Rob will try PSK and SSB. Both will be using their new KX3's. See <http://www.sota.org.uk/> for more information.

## April 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary*

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 20th, 2012 at 6:38pm. Present were Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Rob NV5E; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the President, Dennis N5ACK; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Chris K5LTX reported that he was successful in transferring the funds of the AARC to a bank that does not charge a monthly fee. He noted an error in the financial report regarding the interest payed on the Certificate of Deposit. The value should have read 31 cents. He verified that SafeHaven received the donation from the Club.

A motion was made to withdraw the Chase CD upon maturity in June and deposit it in the new bank. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Board members present.

Rob NV5E will start a Yahoo Group for the membership of the AARC.

Phil N5PWW will hold a testing session tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

## March 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary*

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:33pm April 20th, 2012 by the Vice President, Virginia NV5F. Other Board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Rob NV5E; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the President, Dennis N5ACK, and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Virginia NV5F asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Rob NV5E printed and distributed the newsletter. He will be starting a Yahoo Group for the AARC.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He is not currently conducting a training session.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report. He noted that the interest paid on the CD should have read 31 cents. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as amended. He successfully transferred the AARC funds from Chase to a bank which will not charge a monthly fee. In June, the CD will mature, and at that time Chris will move those funds as well from Chase. Chris mentioned that SafeHaven acknowledged the donation from the Club.

The minutes for the March meetings were submitted for publication in the April 2012 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Bill AE5BT described the plans for Field Day which will be held on June 23 and 24.

A break was taken at 8:15pm. At 8:30pm the meeting resumed, and Virginia gave a presentation on the questions found in the exam pool.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 36 people in attendance, 35 indicating AARC membership.

## AARC April 2012 Financial Report



	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	Actual Mar-12	Actual Apr-12	
<b>Income</b>							
Dues	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$578.00	\$295.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	
PayPal Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.41	\$71.91	\$0.00	\$153.53	
Radio Raffle Dec 2011	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$0.31	\$0.27	
	\$12.81	\$175.31	\$839.62	\$386.16	\$112.31	\$209.80	
<b>Expenses</b>							
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	
Bank fee donation	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	\$0.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
FT2900 radio for Dec 2011 raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2011 Field Day gas and supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.88	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Flowers by Linda (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.00	
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fur	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ham Radio Outlet (4 under door jumpers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$320.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$135.88	
<b>Variance</b>	<b>-\$307.19</b>	<b>\$125.90</b>	<b>\$839.62</b>	<b>\$161.16</b>	<b>-\$87.69</b>	<b>\$73.92</b>	
	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	Actual Mar-12	Actual Apr-12	Ending Balances
General Fund	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$827.41	\$141.91	-\$100.00	\$67.65	\$2,123.21
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$647.40
Chase/Capital One Checking	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$839.41	\$160.91	-\$88.00	\$73.65	\$3,982.51
Chase CD	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$0.31	\$0.27	\$2,162.19
Total Chase Bank	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	\$6,144.70
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	\$6,169.70

**Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 2/22/2012; good through 8/31/2012.**

Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX  
Treasurer AARC since August 2009

## Volunteers Needed to Help Test 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?

Volunteer observers, 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, weather permitting. Observers monitor and report on the RC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9. There are provisions for call-in reports from non-ham observers as well.

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.

Siren observer lists are emailed to known participants 1 to 2 days in advance. Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:45am. on the day of the test. Announcements begin at 12:15pm pm., and the formal net opens about 12:45pm on test day. All observers should be on location and checked in by that time. Testing begins at 1:00pm and is usually concluded by 1:20pm. You may join us at any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating the sirens. We particularly need observers in the western and southern parts of Arlington. For more information contact Linda, W5LMC, at [L\\_mcmillen@prodigy.net](mailto:L_mcmillen@prodigy.net) or the Office of Emergency Management at 817-459-6939.

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### Repeater Committee

Chairman Paul Baumgardner W5PSB

Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXX

**Membership Application** available at: [http://k5sld.com/forms/aarc\\_membership\\_application.pdf](http://k5sld.com/forms/aarc_membership_application.pdf)