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August Meeting: Ice Cream Social

We will hold our annual ice cream social at the August club meeting, as we have every August in recorded history. As the summer draws to a close, though the heat of the summer is still turned up to eleven, we have an opportunity to relax, stay cool, and look back on the first part of the year. Bring some ice cream, or things that go along with ice cream, and join us for a good time.

Membership Roster – Call For Updates

Joyce Waites W5FJB is in the process of updating the club roster. If you have any updates (e.g., upgraded license, new call, new address, etc.), let Joyce W5FJB know. Check too that we have your birthday on file and correct so we can begin to include each month's birthdays in the newsletter.

Positions Opening

Jason Archip KD5LCT, the webmaster and Public Information Officer, has accepted new employment and will be relocating to Austin within the next month. As a result, we will need a new webmaster and a new Public Information Officer. If you would be interested in either of those duties, managing the website or handling public relations, please contact Jason or the Board.

Wayne Hoskins AD5ST, the newsletter editor, is in the process of relocating to Tyler to work from his employer's primary office. He will continue as editor for the remainder of this year from afar but will not be seeking reelection for next year. If you would be interested in handling the newsletter next year, please let the Board know prior to the November elections.

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building at 501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 pm, following the executive board meeting at 6:30 pm. Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

K5SLD Repeaters

- 147.14+ PL 110.9 (linked to 224.8)
- 224.8– PL 110.9 (linked to 147.14)
- 444.2+ PL 100.0 (linkable to IRLP)

Calendar of Events

August 16: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

August 16: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

August 17: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

August 17: Dining Out 5:00 pm, Ton's Mongolian BBQ, 1171 SW Green Oaks.

September 7: First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am, TBA

September 7: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

Tidbits

This month's newsletter is lighter than normal for a handful of reasons. This month is the quiet time of the year, after Field Day and before TQP, CQP, and the Worldwide start up in the fall. The inbox has been quiet, no articles and little news that hasn't already been printed. Probably the greatest single cause, however, is that your editor is, as this goes to press, in the process of moving to East Texas. Hopefully the chaos will subside by next month and all will return to normal.

Perhaps you have some content for the newsletter, an article or a topic or something? Send it in.

There's been some talk, quite a bit of talk in fact, the last few weeks on the QRZ.com forum on the topic of amateur license restructuring. The abstract is that some people think the current entry-level license, the Technician, offers new licensees unbalanced access (Extra privileges above 30 MHz, Novice privileges below 30 MHz) to ham radio, particularly lacking privileges on HF modes they would be most likely to use (SSB and Digital) on any band that's reasonably predictably open beyond NA (or TEP to SA). They suggest various solutions to the problem, mostly variations on a theme: replace Technician (not originally intended as an entry license) with a new entry license "Basic" (or similar names), a Novice for the modern era, which would have privileges on segments of both daytime and nighttime HF bands in a variety of modes, perhaps with some reduction of VHF+ privileges. As you can imagine, this idea generated much debate and a fair amount of good discourse as well. Though things are unlikely to change, it's interesting to think about.

Welcome New Members

David Gearhart KB5QWL

Bill Heishman N5HNN

Donna Heishman KB5BLB

Kristina Heishman KF5WBW

Mark Cayton KF5VQY

Contest Corner

August 17: North American QSO Party (SSB) 18Z-6Z. Exchange: name and state.

August 18: ARRL Rookie Roundup (RTTY) 18Z-0Z. Exchange: name, year first licensed, state.

September 7-8: All Asian DX Contest (SSB) Full 48 hours. Exchange: RST and age.

September 7-8: QCWA Fall QSO Party 18Z-18Z. Exchange: year first licensed, name, state or QCWA chapter.

September 14-16: ARRL September VHF Contest 18Z-3Z. Exchange: grid square.

State QSO Parties: MDC (8/10); Hawaii, Kansas, Ohio (8/24); Colorado (8/31); Tennessee (9/1)

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at hornucopia.com/contestcal.

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at dfwcontest.com.

DX Spot

JD1 Minami Torishima (Marcus Is., IOTA OC-073) JD1NQJ/JD1. Mainly CW, 17m/10m. QSL: JA8CJY.

September 6-16: XW Laos XW8XZ, XW1YC. QSL: M0URX, W5UE.

October: K9W Wake Atoll (IOTA C-053) K9W wake2013.org

October 20-28: YB Indonesia, Mapta Is. (IOTA OC-276) YB9Y, island's first activation. yb9y.com

November 5-18: T33 Banaba (IOTA OC-018) T33A t33a.com

For more information on DXing in Texas, visit Lone Star DX Association at lsdxa.org or dxe.org.

Public Service

The City Of Arlington tests its outdoor warning sirens at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, using volunteer observers, most of whom are hams reporting into a net held on the AARC's 2m repeater (147.140+, PL 110.9). Check-ins begin during the noon hour, and the test typically concludes before 1:30 pm. More observers are always needed, so please consider helping with this valuable effort if you can spare about an hour at lunchtime once a month. For more information, contact Linda W5LMC (l_mcmillen@prodigy.net) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

July 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31pm July 19th, 2013 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Wayne AD5ST, Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT, and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Dennis N5ACK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the IRLP is in working order.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Training sessions will resume probably in the fall.

David KB3UBD informed the membership that he is planning presentations for September and October. Tonight there is a presentation on amateur radio satellites by Keith Pugh W5IU. Next month is the ice cream social and the membership is encouraged to bring ice cream, cookies, cake, and pie.

The minutes for the June meetings were submitted for publication in the July 2013 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Bill AE5BT expressed his appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of Field Day.

Wayne AD5ST sent out the newsletter and brought hard copies for tonight's meeting.

A break was taken at 7:50pm. The meeting activities resumed at 8:10 with a presentation by Keith Pugh W5IU on the topic of amateur radio on-board orbiting satellites.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 34 people in attendance, 27 indicating AARC membership.

July 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on July 19th, 2013 at 6:38pm. Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report and noted expenses for activities related to Field Day.

Phil N5PWW continues to conduct testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. Training sessions will resume in the fall.

David KB3UBD is setting up presentations for the September and October. He reminded us that the ice cream social will be held at the August meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

July 2013 Financial Report

submitted by Joyce Waites W5FJB, treasurer

ACCOUNTS	7/30/13	General Fund	\$3494.29
		Repeater Fund	<u>1211.90</u>
BALANCE	Checking		4706.19
		Good and Welfare	698.57
INCOME		Dues and Paypal	91.47
EXPENSES		Gas for Field Day	22.01 (outstanding)
		CD at Capital One (matures 12/19/2013)	2166.98
Total at Capital One 7/30/13			6873.17
Petty Cash			25.00
TOTAL			6898.17

Joyce Waites, W5FJB
Treasurer 2013

2013 Club Officers

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Repeater Committee:	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX

Membership

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.