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January Meeting

At the January meeting, Rob NV5E will be doing a presentation on programming radios using the CHIRP program. CHIRP is a free program available in Windows, Mac OSX, and also Linux which can program just about any modern VHF/UHF radio you can imagine using just one program. He will be bringing his laptop and will be available to program your HT as well. If it's a Baofeng or a Wouxun radio, he will have the cable necessary, but if it's any other radio, you will need to bring the programming cable for it.



Ham of the Year

At the Christmas/Holiday party in December, the Ham of the Year award (HOTY) was presented to Maurice Martin KM5RF. With all the work he's done for the club, it is a very well deserved award. Congratulations and thank you Maurice.

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

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

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

January 17: Dining Out 5:00 pm, Pei Wei 4133 S Cooper St

February 7: First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am Main Street Cafe, 2023 S Cooper St.

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

Tidbits

If you have anything for sale that you'd like to post here on the newsletter, just send me an email at N5ACK@ARRL.NET and I'll include it in the next month's newsletter. Likewise, if someone needs some help, or is looking for a particular amplifier or widgeit, let me know and I'll post it here.

Also, if you have any announcements, or especially any ideas to include in the newsletter or for a presentation, please feel free to send them to myself, or any board member.

Also, if you have any ideas for places to eat at our "Dining Out" and "First Saturday Breakfast" events, please let one of the board members know.

Wanted

-I am looking for xtals for the 2-meter GONSET radio. Dave Walker W5DJO 817-557-5219

-Depending on price and condition I would like to find an older Kenwood accessory; SP-520 speaker. Before shopping Ebay I would like to give the club members an opportunity to sell unused items. I can be reached at KD5RA@live.com or 817-874-5463 Terry Lines KD5RA.

For Sale

Antenna mounts

I have a light bar that has 3 MNO antenna mounts (on top) and 2 for COMET(one each side) antennas. Turm/stop lights are LEDs with backup lights.

This sold for \$500+.... Will take \$250.00 It is made to fit the stake holes in the bed and setup for a TUNDRA. Can be made to fit others. Dave Walker W5DJO 817-557-5219

Birthdays

Mary Canada W5LAM Jan 15th

Johnny Hayes NJ5T Jan 24th

Scott Clark AE5PC Jan 8th

Sharon Patton AB5YV Jan 26th

David Spore KB3UBD Jan 11th

Next Meeting 1/16/2015



From the Presidents Desk

Dear members,

Now that the holidays are over and my traveling is finished for now, it is time to roll up the sleeves and focus on my goals for the coming year. I will do my best to serve the club well, and I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me. I expect 2015 to be a terrific year for the club, and I look forward to working with all of you.

My goal for the club is to increase membership and expand our age spread just a bit. We need more youth in the club and in HAM radio in general. HAM radio can also be a family thing. It is nice to see sons and daughters getting involved with a parent HAM. We need more of that, and we need ways for everybody to get involved whether they are licensed HAMs or not. Therefore, our club will plan more activities and membership drives. This month and next we will work together to come up with some ideas. We must work fast and find ways to get things done in-between monthly meetings. I would like to finalize a list of events by the February meeting and get our first new activity on the calendar for late February or March.

I will ask the public information officer to help with more notices and come up with ways to promote the club and advertise activities that are intended for public participation. We will also be working more with other clubs in the area, as well as participating in joint ARC meetings. By keeping in touch with other clubs we can keep a better pulse on the overall HAM community in our region.

In general, I hope to inject some excitement into the club and inspire more activity. We should see more members, more fun, and more communication. I hope you will all participate and help find ways to make this club the envy of HAM radio clubs across the great state of Texas and beyond.

73's
David Spore
KB3UBD

Contest Corner January/February

± NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 16
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 16
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 16
± YL-ISSB QSO Party, SSB	0000Z, Jan 17 to 2359Z, Jan 18
± LZ Open Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Jan 17
± Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 17 to 1159Z, Jan 18
± North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 17 to 0559Z, Jan 18
± Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 19
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 21
± NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 23
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 23
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 23
± CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 23 to 2159Z, Jan 25
± REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 24 to 1800Z, Jan 25
± ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 24 to 0359Z, Jan 26
± SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 28
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 28
	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 28 and
	1900Z-2000Z, Jan 28 and
	0300Z-0400Z, Jan 29
± CWops Mini-CWT Test	
	0145Z-0215Z, Jan 30
± NCCC RTTY Sprint	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 30
± QRP Fox Hunt	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 30
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0000Z-2359Z, Jan 31
± Feld Hell Sprint	1300Z, Jan 31 to 1300Z, Feb 1
± UBA DX Contest, SSB	
February 2015	
± ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 3
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 4
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 6
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 6
± YL-ISSB QSO Party, CW	0000Z, Feb 7 to 2359Z, Feb 8
± Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 7 to 2400Z, Feb 8
± 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 7 to 2359Z, Feb 8
± Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 7
± British Columbia QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 7 to 0400Z, Feb 8
± AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 7
± Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z, Feb 7 to 1759Z, Feb 8
± AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party	2300Z, Feb 7 to 2300Z, Feb 8
± North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 8

The above is an abbreviated list only.

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.



November 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm November 21st, 2014 by the Vice President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Absent were the President, Sherry W5YUP; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

David KB3UBD called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of October. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Maurice KM5RF reported that he, after a vote by the board at the previous club meeting, deactivated the 147.14 repeater as there was a suspicion that it was causing intermittent interference on adjacent frequencies. He coordinated an inspection of the repeater equipment by Paul Baumgardner W5PSB and Harold Reasoner K5SXX. Harold lent the club a replacement repeater until the club's repeater can be repair or replaced.

Maurice also reported that the IRS requested a Schedule A for a previous year's tax return, which he will complete.

The minutes for the October meetings were submitted for publication in the November 2014 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Bill AE5BT reminded the membership that there were 281 days until Field Day 2015.

Rob May NV5E, having been appointed as the nominating committee chair, informed the membership that officer elections would be held that night. All offices are voted upon, with the exception of the offices of Agent of Record, and Station Trustee. As provided by the nominating committee, the slate of candidates was President, David Spore KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda McMillen W5LMC; Secretary, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA; Training Coordinator Phil Stage N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT; Editor Dennis McGrath N5ACK; and Treasurer Terry Lines KD5RA.

Rob opened the floor for additional nominations to the offices. He again asked for nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations from the floor, Rob made a motion that the slate of candidates be elected by acclamation. The motion carried, and those present voted in the affirmative, with no opposition voiced. The slate of candidates was elected.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership.

November 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 21st, 2014 at 6:42pm. Present were Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were President, Sherry W5YUP; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

Joyce reviewed the treasurer's reports for October. The insurance company has sent a questionnaire pertaining to the club's activities, which will affect the cost of the insurance. Joyce will complete the questionnaire.

Maurice reported that he deactivated the 147.14 repeater after the previous club meeting and coordinated an investigation of the fitness of the repeater equipment with Paul Baumgardner W5PSB, and Harold Reasoner K5SXX. Harold lent replacement equipment to the club until the repeater can be repair or replaced.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

November/December 2014 Financial Reports

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2014

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ACCOUNTS

Checking	12/5/2014 General fund	3232.74
	G&W372.55(part of G.F)	
	Repeater fund	1211.90
Expenses	Flowers	56.10
Income	Dues	62.50
	Raffle	55.00
Balances	Bank	12/5/2014 4506.04
	Checkbook	4506.04
C.D. (renew 12/19/2014)	interest this month .18	2169.88
TOTAL AT CAPITAL ONE		6675.92
Petty cash		25.00
TOTAL CLUB TREASURY		6700.92

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ACCOUNTS

Checking	12/31/2014 General fund	3294.14
	G&W372.55(part of G.F)	
	Repeater fund	1211.90
Expenses	Ham of the Year	56.11
	Insurance	320.00
Income	Dues	
	Raffle	30.00
Balances	Bank	12/31/2014 4159.93
	Checkbook	4159.93
C.D. (renew 6/19/15)	interest this month .18	2170.06
TOTAL AT CAPITAL ONE		6329.99
Petty cash		25.00
TOTAL CLUB TREASURY-End of Year		6354.99

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).

Membership

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

2015 Club Officers

President:	David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244
Vice President:	Linda McMillen W5LMC - L_mcmillen@prodigy.net - 817-795-0999
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Emergency Coordinator:	Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT – ae5bt@att.net – 817-296-8026
Trustee:	Maurice Martin KM5RF – km5rf@att.net – 817-266-9906
Agent of Record:	Phil Stage N5PWW – n5pww@sbcglobal.net – 817-465-5624
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Repeater Committee:	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX