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October Meeting

This month's meeting will be a “show-and-tell”.

Please bring in something radio related to show off to the club. It can be something brand new, or some old boat anchor, or maybe something you built and are proud of. Basically anything from a spark gap generator to a brand new software-defined radio is good.

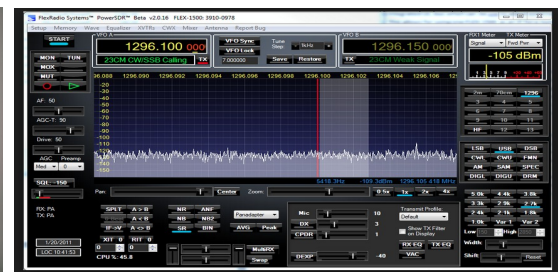
Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building located at:

501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 p.m.

Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

The executive board meeting is held prior to the general member meeting at starting at 6:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend the executive board meeting.



K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0



Calendar of Events

October 16: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford. *Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

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

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

October 17: Dining Out 5:00pm Mellow Mushroom 200 N Center St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

November 7: First Saturday Breakfast Main Street Cafe 2023 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76010

For Sale

Birthdays

Next Meeting 10/16/2015



From the President

It is hard to believe that the holiday season and end of 2015 are just around the corner. I feel that it has been a pretty good year for the club, and I am looking forward to an even better 2016. I have enjoyed serving as president of the club and will be seeking a second term this November.

My goal as president has been to increase membership and make the club more interesting for all members. I feel that I have made some good progress towards those goals and hope to really break out in 2016 with even more new members and additional activities.

While I officially formed the Membership Committee this year, it has not taken off as fast as I would have liked. So, for 2016 I would like to appoint our first "Membership Committee Chairperson" as soon as possible. In January of 2016 I will review the Membership Committee resolution with the general membership and ask for volunteers to head up the committee. I have a lot of great ideas, but need some help with their implementation. The resolution spells out the basic duties and responsibilities of the committee, but we need to focus more time and energy on the implementation. I have a couple of volunteers who have helped with membership committee activities, and I greatly appreciate their contribution and willingness to help out.

I will be further enhancing the "membership folder" this year and will give copies to my volunteers to help make sure new members get them. One duty of the committee volunteers is to greet new members so as to make sure they are welcomed to the club and that we have their contact information. I am working on making sure I talk to every new member and asking them if they have received the folder. So, my goal for 2016 is to further solidify the function of the Membership Committee, appoint a committee chairperson, and get the committee more active in working on the established goals and responsibilities.

We will also be working hard to come up with more activities and ways in which we can serve the community.

The club got some good exposure this year at public events, and I hope to expand upon that success and take advantage of more opportunities. As far as club activities go, I think we should hold the club picnic and Fox Hunt every year. In addition, beginning in 2016 we will begin working on technical workshops such as kit-building, antenna construction, and general HAM Radio operating. I want to make sure that we have enough activities to keep everybody busy and give members lots of choices as to what they would like to participate in. This will appeal to new members and help bring in more members as they realize we are an active club that has a great deal to offer.

Thanks to everyone for helping make this year a great success, and for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president and learn more about the club and HAM radio. My first year was a sort-of "get my feet wet and learn as you go" kind of year. Now I am ready to take off and accomplish even more in my second year.

David Spore
KB3UBD

October/November Contest Calendar

October 2015	
+ SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 1
+ TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 3
+ German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
+ Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 3 to 0800Z, Oct 4
+ California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 3 to 2159Z, Oct 4
+ Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 10 to 1559Z, Oct 11
+ 10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
+ Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 10 to 0800Z, Oct 11
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 10 to 2359Z, Oct 11
+ Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 10 to 1200Z, Oct 11
+ Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 2359Z, Oct 11
+ Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 2200Z, Oct 11
+ FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 10
+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 18
+ New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 17 to 0200Z, Oct 18
+ Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1459Z, Oct 18
+ Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 18
+ Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 19
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 24 to 2400Z, Oct 25
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 28
November 2015	
+ High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Nov 1
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Nov 7 to 2359Z, Nov 8
+ Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 7 to 1200Z, Nov 8
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
+ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 8
+ WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
+ JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 14 to 1300Z, Nov 15
+ OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 14 to 1200Z, Nov 15
+ CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 14 to 0500Z, Nov 16
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 16
+ YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 20
+ SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 21 to 1000Z, Nov 22
+ LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 21 to 1200Z, Nov 22
+ All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 21 to 0700Z, Nov 22
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Nov 25
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29

The above is an abbreviated list only.

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at [.hornucopia.com/contestcal](http://hornucopia.com/contestcal)

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



September 2015 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 on September 18th, 2015 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

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

The minutes for the August meetings were submitted for publication in the September 2015 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of August. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. At this time Phil is not conducting any training classes.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership of an opportunity to participate in the amateur radio related scouting event known as Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). Bill will travel to the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch on Saturday, October 17th for the whole-day event. If you would like to participate in the event, please contact Bill.

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership that additional insurance has been purchased to cover 100% of the replacement cost of the new repeater system. In the month of October he is planning on coordinating a trip to the repeater site to install the new RF amplifier and a firmware upgrade.

Linda W5LMC announced that the evening's program on attaching connectors to coaxial cable would be presented by Rob May and Maurice. Next month's meeting will feature a show-and-tell by the membership.

Dave Walker W5DJO let the membership know of an upcoming event that needed the communication excellence of the amateur radio community. On November 7th the Fire Department is holding a 5k and Fun Run at Veterans Park in Arlington. Contact Dave if you interested in assisting at the event.

David KB3UBD solicited the membership for a club member to volunteer for the position of Election Committee Chair. Officer elections will take place in November.

A break was taken at 8:05pm. The meeting resumed at 8:20 with a presentation by Rob May and Maurice Martin on different techniques of attaching connectors to coaxial cable.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19pm. The sign-in sheet showed 31 people in attendance, 29 indicating AARC membership.

September 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on September 18th, 2015 at 6:37pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

Maurice KM5RF and Rob May NV5E will provide a presentation this evening on how to attach connectors to coaxial cables. Maurice will orchestrate a fox hunt tomorrow morning.

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of August. In relation to the Good and Welfare Fund, a motion was made and carried to increase the budget for flowers to \$75.

Bill AE5BT will be traveling to the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch on Saturday, October 17th to participate in Jamboree On The Air (JOTA).

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing session on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Linda W5LMC said that the October meeting will feature a show-and-tell presentation by any club members who would like to bring something of amateur radio interest to the meeting.

September 2015 Financial Reports

Submitted by Terry Lines KD5RA 2015 Treasurer

Arlington Amateur Radio Club September 2015 Financial Report

Accounts as of 8/31/15		General fund	2636.78
		G&W	140.53
		Repeater fund	866.90
		Checking	3644.21
		C.D.	2171.49
Last Month Total Capital One			5815.70
Expenses	Storage Hut (though Feb 2016)	225.00 GF	
	KM5RF Repeater Insurance	74.90 Repeater Fund	
	KM5RF Repeater Power Amp	568.00 Repeater Fund	
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
		867.90	
Income	Dues	25.00 GF	
	G&W Raffle	17.00 G&W	
	Christmas Raffle	0.00	
	Donation	0.00	
	Other	0.00	
		42.00	
		Net Change	-825.90
Balances	Calc checking total		2818.31
	Bank Statement		2818.31
	Checkbook Balance		2818.31
C.D. (renew 6/19/15)	Interest this month	0.18	2171.67
This Month Total Capital One			4989.98
Petty cash			25.00
Club TOTAL as of 9/30/15			5014.98

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
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Webmaster:	David Lucas KF5CFW – kf5cfw@gmail.com – 817-781-7256
Repeater Committee:	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Gerry Dalton W5MAY



K5SLD AARC REPEATER ETIQUETTE

1. Always identify yourself according to the regulations. This means every ten (10) minutes and at the end of your transmission. This is not only AARC's policy; it is also required by our license. It never hurts to give your station's call sign more than less. It helps other users know you are there if they are listening.
2. Avoid lengthy conversations, pause between transmissions. This in no way means keep the repeater quiet. On the contrary AARC put the repeater on the air to be used and we are very happy when it is busy. It does, however, mean that we all should remember to leave pauses for those to have their say.
3. Always yield the frequency to a breaking station (any station with emergency traffic). The pro sign "break" has a very specific meaning on ham radio. So if you hear it, then give them the frequency. If you use it, remember the importance of its use. Ham radio has saved many lives and you never know when it may need to save yours.
4. Yield existing conversations to recognized activities: Weekly Nets, RACES, Siren Testing, etc.
5. Do not engage in political soap boxing or views on religious matters. These subjects are very personal to others listening and should be avoided. Do not engage in any personal antagonisms. Keep in mind that some conversations are best held in private. Hate speech or derogatory remarks directed at any person or group (political, ethnic, racial, religious, sexual orientation, etc.) are never allowed on AARC repeaters. Please keep that stuff to yourself, nobody else wants to hear your personal rants over the airwaves. AARC is firm on this policy, you will be warned and if you continue you may be asked to leave the repeater.
6. Do not use CB lingo/language or phonetics excessively. This is FM, not like HF so we all can hear you loud and clear.
7. Selling items OTHER than ham related equipment is not allowed, nor is conducting any business. This is not only our policy but is also a prohibition against our license. As Amateur Radio operators, we are prohibited from gaining any pecuniary benefit from our operation of our amateur radio stations. When in doubt take it off the air.
8. Watch your language; the repeater is "G Rated" 24 hours a day. Sometimes slips happen. That being said there is a complete difference between an inadvertent slip and an intentional act.
9. If you hear stations jamming or interfering do not make any comment, ignore them. Do not antagonize those interfering! This is not going to make them stop; it also puts your license at risk as well.