



COMMUNICATOR

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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

Next Meeting 3/18/2016

Announcements

A BIG THANK YOU to the AARC members who assisted with the Cowtown Marathon.

March Meeting Topic

Show & Tell,

Please bring your favorite or strangest or oldest or ??? piece/s of radio equipment to show off and talk about AND/OR your favorite, or most interesting or strangest radio operator war story to share with club members. We'll be discussing the practical or impractical, fun and interesting aspects of being a radio operator. We know you have war stories, so now's the time to share with all of us at once.

Kit Building

Rob, NV5E, will be leading a club kit building class in April. We will build an air band receiver kit. The kit will moderately difficult but should not be a problem if you have any previous soldering experience. It's all through-hole with no surface mount components. The kit will come with a case and knobs. You will have to provide an antenna, power supply and headphones, things you probably have in your shack already. Cost of the kit will be \$35.00 payable to Rob at the March club meeting. If you won't be at the club meeting you can email Rob and let him know you want to build the kit and arrange to send a check or use Paypal to pay for the kit. nv5e@arrrl.net I will place the order right after the meeting and pass out the kits at

the April meeting. We plan on having the class in the meeting building but it may be in a different room depending on what is available. There will be two four hour sessions with the first one being on Saturday, April 16th, the day after the April club meeting. Kathleen and Trey, AF5XS, have offered the use of several soldering irons and some basic tools but please bring those if you have them.



Testing

One person came in for testing and passed the Technician class test.

Birthdays

3-Mar Kathleen Holley

Calendar of Events

March 18: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

March 19: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

==== Dining Out (Saturday after the club meeting, 5:00pm) ====

March 19th Andalous Mediterranean Grill (next to Gander Mountain, in the Highlands).

==== Breakfast (first Saturday, 8:30am) ====

April 2, Golden Corral The Highlands.

April 16 - MARCH OF DIMES WALK FOR BABIES - along the Trinity River in Fort Worth (sign up at <https://www.tarrantraces.org>)

April 24 - LONE STAR HALF MARATHON / MAYOR'S 5k Run/Walk - "Run the American Dream City" - Start/Finish at Pavillion - New this year: Proceeds from the Mayor's 5K benefit Arlington ISD Athletics. Help us build an adaptive sports program for physically disabled students in Arlington ! Open to runners/walkers/wheelchair participants of all abilities. Sign ups at club meeting or contact Linda McMillen W5LMC or David Walker W5DJO. <http://lonestarrace.org/>

- Half-Marathon start at 6:30
- Mayor's 5K start - 7:15
- Awards at 8:00 a.m.
- Yes, it's an early Sunday morning, but depending on your assignment you will be clear in time for church services - just let us know

May 7 - RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) New Member and Renewal Training - at the JEOC (Joint Emergency Operations Center) in downtown Fort Worth. Signups at www.tarrantraces.org beginning April 1st - FYI, RACES members are not required to leave work or home to spot or report specified conditions at their location. If you live or work in Tarrant County, you are invited to an interesting training session and desk-top scenario.

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).

Meeting Minutes

February 2016 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 February 19th, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Editor, Trey AF5XS; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

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

The minutes for the January meetings were submitted for publication in the February 2016 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of January which appeared in the February newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Terry reminded the membership that membership dues are due at the start of the new year. He also informed the membership that the audit of the financial records for 2015 would be conducted at tonight's meeting.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. Phil has a Technician class scheduled to run during the day from March 15th to the 17th, with an exam given on March 17th.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeaters are in working order. He is working toward scheduling a time to install the repeater amplifier.

Trey AF5XS created the second newsletter of 2016 and distributed it to the membership via email.

Linda W5LMC reviewed upcoming events that provide an opportunity for the membership to volunteer their expertise providing assistance with communications.

David KB3UBD reviewed initial plans for the club to participate in the 2016 National Parks on the Air program. The locations of interest are the San Antonio Missions, and the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

A break was taken at 8:00pm. The meeting resumed at 8:15 with a presentation by Rob May NV5E on an aircraft band radio receiver kit and a software defined radio project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership.

February 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 19th, 2016 at 6:33pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Editor, Trey AF5XS; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of January.

Maurice KM5RF has been working on coordinating a trip to the repeater site for the purpose of installing the new RF power amplifier and upgrading the firmware.

David KB3UBD reviewed his initial plans to visit the San Antonio Missions in August to participate in the National Parks on the Air program.

Linda W5LMC mentioned that Gerry Dalton is seeking volunteers to provide communication assistance during the Cowtown races.

Phil N5PWW will conduct a Technician class from March 15th to the 17th, with an exam on the last day of the class. Phil also continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Arlington Amateur Radio Club February 2016 Financial Report

Accounts as of 1/31/16			2772.36
	General fund		
	G&W		171.53
	Repeater fund		344.00
	Checking		3287.89
	C.D.		2172.39
Last Month Total Capital One	-----	-----	5460.28
Expenses			
	Storage Hut 3/15 thru 8/15	225.00	
	GoDaddy K5SLD.net & .com	24.13	
	Ham of the Year	56.11	
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
		305.24	
Income			
	Dues	47.94	General
	G&W Raffle	0.00	G&W
	Christmas Raffle	0.00	
	Donation	0.00	Repeater
	Other	0.00	
		47.94	
		Net Change	-257.30
Balances			
	Calc checking total		3030.59
	Bank Statement		3030.59
	Checkbook Balance		3030.59
C.D. (renew 6/19/16)	Interest this month	0.18	2172.57
This Month Total Capital One			5203.16
Petty cash			25.00
Club TOTAL as of 02/28/16	-----	-----	5228.16

Membership

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

2016 Club Officers

President:	David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244
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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.