



# 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

## Editor's Note

Thank you all for being understanding, while I was ill in June and missed the June newsletter, as well as the meeting. After 2 weeks of breathing treatments it took another week and a half to begin to feel human again. I wanted to acknowledge the fact I did not publish a June newsletter.

## Letter from the President

Just another month of “summer vacation”! We need to keep things active and continue doing what we can to bring in new members. I think we should consider an activity we can do this September... although September will be tough because I am flying to New Hampshire on the 21<sup>st</sup> for my daughter's wedding. The months of September and October need something... but not sure what. I know in October we will have JOTA. I am open to ideas for an activity this fall. Maybe we could even do another park activation / camping trip.

Speaking of park activations... plans for the August 20<sup>th</sup> San Antonio Missions trip are coming along nicely. I drove down to San Antonio on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet with the head park ranger. We are planning a big event, complete with a tent (gazebo) setup in front of the visitor's center and activities planned for the kids. We have been given permission to setup antennas on the roof and/or in the lawn area next to/behind the visitor's center (no pedestrian traffic there). The park is going to implement a special edition of their “Junior Ranger” program and have a printout of questions related to Ham radio that kids must answer in order to get their ranger badge. We will also be encouraging them to get on the radio. I have already listed the activation on ARRL's website. This is going to be the BIGGEST activation event in the country.

I'm still trying to finalize the list of volunteers who will do down there. We will need to show up the evening before (August 19<sup>th</sup>), so we can get to the park early in the morning to setup. I am making arrangements at the Holiday Inn Express on I410 and Roosevelt. I would like to have at least two or three

others besides myself. I DO NOT want to be the only one driving down there. I am looking forward to an exciting day at San Antonio Missions Park!

David  
KB3UBD

## Announcements

### July Meeting Topic

Bill Adams, AF4B: Radio on the Summits and overview of logging programs.

Rob May, NV5E: Club member built radios

### San Antonio Missions – Update

I have been talking with the Holiday Inn Express which is close to the park (off of I410 and Roosevelt). I can get us a rate of \$90.00 per night, and if I can present a Tax-exempt letter we won't have to pay taxes. I would like to get an accurate count this month of those who plan to go. I can probably do a small "group" block and let everybody call and make their own reservation. You would just have to give the name of the group to get the rate and tax-exempt status. They can reserve the room with a valid credit card, but not actually charge anything until check-in time. I plan to stay 2 or 3 nights, and I'm thinking most will want to stay 2 nights (we will not get back to the hotel until after 5:00pm on Saturday). You do have the option of checking out in the morning and storing things in their storage area. Otherwise, they can provide a late check-out time of up to 2:00PM.

I will be talking with the park some more this week to see how some of the details are coming along (i.e., park ranger program, etc). The ranger could not get approval to show the videos, but everything else is a "green light". They will let us mount antennas on the lower roof or in the large yard area by the visitor center. I have attached photos of the area we plan to setup (in front of the visitor's center). The roof would be great for mounting antennas (has a nice solid row of wood beams). We can also setup antennas in the yard area, and they will provide sandbags to help secure antennas (he also thinks steaks in the yard area for guywires would be OK).

Should have more details by the club meeting. I would also like to get the funds this week for purchasing the shirts. Please see if somebody can bring a Tax Exempt letter/form to the meeting this week so I'll have it ready for the hotel (or email me a pdf copy).

David  
KB3UBD





## Birthdays

George Alkire	KG5HZI	7/3
Larry Kennedy	WA5GLO	7/9
Teresa Pollock	K5IWF	7/9
Wayne Shelton	KZ5O	7/19

## Calendar of Events

**July 15: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**July 16: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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

July 16, 5pm - TBA

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

Aug. 6 , 8:30am – 9:30am TBA

August 20<sup>th</sup> San Antonio Missions trip

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](mailto:l_mcmillen@prodigy.net)) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

# Meeting Minutes

## **May 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 May 20th, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Editor, Trey AF5XS; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

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

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

Phil N5PWW holds test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. He may conduct a class for the General license if enough people express interest. Please contact Phil if you are interested in taking the class.

Bill AE5BT gave an overview to the membership of the stations that will be setup during Field Day. Setup starts on Saturday, June 25th at 9am. On Saturday at 6pm the club will have a BBQ dinner and the membership is encouraged to bring a side dish to feed 4 to 6 people. Assist will also be needed to take down the equipment on Sunday morning around 11am.

Trey AF5XS published the newsletter. If the membership wishes to include items in the newsletter, they should be submitted to Trey by the Saturday prior the club meeting.

Linda W5LMC informed the membership of the presentation for the evening would be given by Nancy McCain, the ARRL North Texas Section Manager.

David KB3UBD informed the membership that due to health issues, Terry KD5RA would not be able to fulfill his duties as treasurer. Anyone who would like to run in the special election for the office of treasurer should contact David. David is planning a trip to San Antonio on June 3rd to scope out locations for the anticipated National Parks on the Air activation at the San Antonio Missions from August 19th to 20th. If you would be interested in participating in the activation, let David know.

Rob NV5E informed the club that the first class of the aviation-band receiver kit was conducted. The second class will be held on June 4th.

A break was taken at 7:57pm. At 8:10pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by Nancy McCain on the topic of the ARRL.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. The sign-in sheet showed 21 people in attendance, 18 indicating AARC membership.

### **May 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 20th, 2016 at 6:36pm. Present were the President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Trey AF5XS; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

David KB3UBD will ask the membership if anyone is interested in completing the remainder of Terry's KD5RA term as treasurer.

Linda W5LMC mentioned an opportunity for club members to volunteer their communication skills at the Arthritis Walk for the Cure being held on May 21st. This evening's program will be given by Nancy McCain, the North Texas Section Manager of the ARRL.

Bill AE5BT will ask the membership to bring a side dish for the Field Day picnic. Field Day provides an opportunity of members and guests to get on the air.

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are currently no classes being conducted.

David KB3UBD has reserved a pavilion at River Legacy Park for tomorrow's AARC picnic. He plans on visiting the San Antonio Missions on June 3rd to scout locations for the August trip to be part of the National Parks on the Air program. When David last spoke with Maurice KM5RF, Maurice had scheduled a date to install the repeater amplifier and install the new repeater firmware.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

### **June 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

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

The June newsletter was not published in time for the membership meeting.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. Phil will conduct a class if a minimum of 10 people commit to a class. Six people have expressed interest in the General class, and two people have expressed interest in the Technician class.

Maurice KM5RF completed the upgrade of the repeater firmware and the installation of the RF amplifier.

Linda W5LMC mentioned that the evening's presentation will be on the upcoming AARC Field Day 2016 activities. The presentation in July will include a review by David KB3UBD on the National Parks on the Air trip to Oklahoma, and an update by Rob NV5E on the aircraft band radio receiver kit. August will be the ice cream social.

Bill AE5BT reviewed the Field Day 2016 plans for the club.

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### Arlington Amateur Radio Club June 2016 Financial Report

<b>Accounts as of 5/31/16</b>	General fund	2680.66
	G&W	201.53
	Repeater fund	364.00
	Checking	<b>3246.19</b>
	C.D.	2173.10
<b>Last Month Total Capital One</b>	-----	<b>5419.29</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Income</b>	Dues	12.50 GF
	G&W Raffle	0.00
	Christmas Raffle	0.00
	Donation	0.00
	Other	0.00
	<b>12.50</b>	<b>12.50</b>
<b>Balances</b>	Calc checking total	<b>3258.69</b>
	Bank Statement	3258.69
	Checkbook Balance	3258.69
C.D. (renew 12/19/16)	Interest this month	0.18
<b>This Month Total Capital One</b>		<b>5431.97</b>
Petty cash		25.00
<b>Club TOTAL as of 6/30/16</b>	-----	<b>5456.97</b>

**The CD matured 6/19/16. Next maturity date 12/19/16**



## Membership

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.

## 2016 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Spore KB3UBD – <a href="mailto:davids@instruments.com">davids@instruments.com</a> – 301-481-8244
<b>Vice President:</b>	Linda McMillen W5LMC - <a href="mailto:l_mcmillen@prodigy.net">l_mcmillen@prodigy.net</a> ) - 817-795-0999
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<b>Trustee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf@att.net">km5rf@att.net</a> – 817-266-9906
<b>Agent of Record:</b>	Phil Stage N5PWW – <a href="mailto:n5pww@sbcglobal.net">n5pww@sbcglobal.net</a> – 817-465-5624
<b>Public Information Officer:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Webmaster:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), 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 ARRC 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.