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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

President's Corner

Greetings Radio Amateurs, the weather has been frightful for past month or two with hardly a day of sunshine. Couple that with coming cooler weather and that means more time to get on the air! Despite nearing the bottom of the sunspot cycle there is plenty of activity on the air. Traffic on the digital modes, particularly FT8 is booming. It's hard to find an open spot on the waterfall. There's the big CQ World Wide DX SSB contest the last weekend of the month for those who want to add to their DXCC (DX Century Club) totals, plus a host of state QSO's parties if you're trying to earn a WAS (Worked All States) award.

We will also start accepting ballots for HOTY (Ham of the Year). If you think someone has gone above and beyond to help out the club, please help us recognize them. I can think of several club members that are worthy of the award. At next months meeting we'll be election club officers for 2019 (has it been a year already???). If you'd like to run for one of the club offices or think you know someone who might want to run, please see Scott, AD5PC, and let him know. Scott is our nominating committee. We'll also take nominations from the floor the night of the election. See you at the meeting!

Rob

Announcements

October Program - NV9L's Puerto Rico Adventure



Valerie Hotzfeld NV9L will join us via Skype to recount her adventures in Puerto Rico after Hurricanes Irma and Maria last year. She was deployed with 50 hams selected by ARRL mere days after the storm. Val hosts the DX and contesting segment on the Ham Nation internet broadcast and was selected Ham of the Year at Dayton Hamvention this year and is an avid contester. Please join us Friday for Val's exciting account from a ham in the thick of things.

Current Events

Ten-Ten International Net Breakfast Club

In 1983, Steve KD5ZD had gotten his Advanced Class License and was listening on the 10-meter band one evening when he discovered the Ten-Ten International Net. This organization of amateur radio operators was founded in 1962 and promotes usage of the 10-meter band. The Net Controller at that time was Tom W5GVP. When Tom asked for check-ins, Steve checked in. After three weeks of joining in on the nets, Tom invited Steve to join the group for Breakfast & Coffee at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Crossroads Cafe in Arlington, Texas. The cafe was a real greasy spoon! Steve joined the Breakfast & Coffee bunch and later became a member of the Ten-Ten International Net. Steve said that this original group included Tom W5GVP, Tiger K5TGE, V.V. N5POS, and a few other 10-10ers that are now silent keys. Tiger and V.V. were former fighter pilots in World War II. Steve KD5ZD and Phil N5PWW have fond memories of their get-togethers.

In 1989, after the Crossroads Cafe closed, the Ten-Ten International Net group started a search for a new place to meet. They found the Pioneer Restaurant in Arlington. The group has been going there ever since and having a blast!

Nine years ago, Bill W5WJH joined up with the group at the Pioneer Restaurant. Not long after that, Bill took over as Net Controller of the Cowtown and Lone Star Chapters of the Ten-Ten International Net. Both nets are at 8 p.m. CDT at 28,460 MHz. The Cowtown Net is on Wednesdays, while the Lone Star Net is on Sundays.

All the guys in the group are retired and former military. John N5WYR was retired air force. He became a silent key a couple of years ago.

Recently, there have been some changes. Johnny NJ5T has moved to a home in the country in Mexia, Texas. Steve KD5ZD will soon be moving to a country home outside of Weatherford. Johnny and Steve will be greatly missed and we hope they will come back and visit us from time to time.

The Ten-Ten International Net currently meets at 7 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at the Pioneer Restaurant. Group members include Bill W5WJH, Brad KG5KDJ, Dave KF5UNP, Gray KG5CEA, Phil N5PWW, Ray WD8JKY, Rob NV5E, and Virginia NV5F. A new addition to the group, Mary AE6Q, made a copper plaque with the Ten-Ten International Net logo on it. The Owner of the Pioneer Restaurant gave the group permission to hang the plaque on the wall at the corner booth where the group meets. This plaque is to commemorate a great group of amateur radio operators who have a great sense of humor and are a lot of fun!

Mary AE6Q



Club Net

Be sure to check into the AARC net Wednesday night at 7:00pm on the clubs' 2m repeater (147.140, pl 1109). We've had some lively and very interesting discussions on digital modes and legal status of Chinese handie-talkies the last couple of weeks. If you have a topic or question feel free to bring it up, I'm sure we'll have lots of good information to pass along. 73, K5SLD

Want a club name badge?

 <p>ACCENT AWARDS & TROPHIES 1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013 TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS <i>sales@accentawards.us</i> 817.469.8791 www.accentawards.us</p>	 <p>DAVE W5DJO</p> <p>\$8.95 each plus tax</p>
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Birthdays

If I missed your birthday, let me know (I won't include the year, it makes me feel old) - Trey

Calendar of Events

October 19: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

==== Dining Out (October 20, 5 pm) ====

Spring Creek BBQ, 3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015

==== Breakfast (November 3, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

November 3: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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

Warning sirens

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 the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

September 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30 pm on September 21st, 2018 by the President, Rob NV5E. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Rob NV5E called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the treasurer's report as published in the newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. He informed the membership of his plan to install the new repeater RF amplifier during the first weekend of November.

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

Virginia NV5F reported that in place of a formal presentation, the club would have a swap meet. In October there will be a program presented by Valeria Hotzfeld, via Skype, on the Puerto Rico hurricane assistance trip. November will be the election of club officers, followed by a show-and-tell.

On behalf of Bill AE5BT, Rob NV5E let the membership know of the plans to travel to Sid Richardson Scout Range, as part of JOTA, on Saturday, October 20th. The departure time will be around 8:30 am from 501 West Sanford Street for the 2 hour trip to Bridgeport. Once on location, the stations will be set up and operated for approximately 4 hours. The departure time from SRSR will be approximately 5 pm. Please contact Bill if you would like to participate.

Rob NV5E reiterated the plan to utilize a beam antenna for operations during Field Day 2019. If anyone has access or knows of someone with access to a lift/bucket truck which could be used during that weekend to erect a beam antenna to a height of 25 to 30 feet, please contact Bill.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am at 401 W. Sanford St. (use the north side entrance). There are currently no scheduled training sessions. With the lack of interest in a Morse code class, it appears it may be postponed until 2019.

David Walker W5DJO informed the membership that there will be two radio operator classes being held soon, and that Linda McMillen W5LMC has taken over the responsibility of communications during the monthly siren testing.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter. If you would like any items of interest to appear in the newsletter, please submit them to Trey starting the first weekend of the month.

David Spore KB3UBD, Membership Committee chair, informed the membership of the plans to have a club camping trip at Cedar Hill State Park on the weekend of October 12th-14th. The AARC promotional flyers and AARC contact information business cards have both been printed. The Membership Committee would like to review AARC historical information and artifacts to build a scrap book, and scan the documents to create an electronic archive.

Rob NV5E informed the membership that the election of club officers will be held in November and that all officers are open.

A motion was made to make a donation in the sum of \$300 to SafeHaven of Tarrant County. The motion was seconded and carried.

A break was taken at 8:08 pm, which signaled the start of the club swap meet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 22 indicating AARC membership.

September 2018 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on September 21st, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Present were President, Rob NV5E; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Rob NV5E called the meeting to order.

On behalf of Bill AE5BT, Rob reported that Bill will be participating in JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Bill to coordinate the rally point and time of departure from Arlington, as well as carpooling options.

Rob NV5E would like to bring before the membership the motion to make a donation to SafeHaven of Tarrant County.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that next month's presentation will be given by Valeria Hotzfeld NV9L, via Skype, about her trip to Puerto Rico to provide assistance after the hurricane. In November, there will be a show-and-tell to be held after the election of club officers.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the August meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the September newsletter.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. There is currently a PayPal charge dispute, resulting in a negative balance. Maurice has moved \$45 to the account to return the balance to \$0, allowing the AARC PayPal account to continue to accept transactions. Maurice has been in contact with PayPal to resolve the issue.

Maurice has set a tentative date of November 3rd for the installation of the new repeater RF amplifier. At the November club meeting, he plans on bringing his RF spectrum analyzer as part of a show-and-tell, and allow members to test their radios.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month, with the next session being held on October 6th. There are no plans for training sessions at this time. There has not been sufficient interest in a Morse code class.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

AARC September 2018 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	08/31/18	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,679.55
		G&W	\$ 257.03
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 734.05
		CHECKING	\$ 3,670.63
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,177.58
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,898.21
EXPENSES			
	2022	G&W JOANN	
		LINES	\$ 52.19
	EFT	PAYPAL DISPUTE	\$ 45.00
	2023	SAFEHAVEN	\$ 300.00
INCOME			
	DEP	DUES	\$ 12.50
	DEP	G&W	\$ 47.00
		NET CHANGE	\$ (337.69)
BALANCE	09/30/18	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,347.05
		G&W	\$ 251.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 734.05
		CHECKING	\$ 3,332.94
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,177.58
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,560.52

Membership

The membership packet material is finished, and I should be able to show it off at this month's meeting. The club business card and flyer are going to look very nice in our presentation. Anybody who wants a club card, please contact myself or Mary and we'll be sure to get you one. Thanks to Virginia for helping me with the card design and getting them printed!

Want to join the club

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

2018 Club Officers

President:	Rob May NV5E – nv5e@arrl.net – 817-303-8891
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