



# 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

## President's Corner

Wow.... 2019 is almost gone!

Of course this month's meeting will be dedicated to electing those who will serve us on the board in 2020. So come and vote! And don't hesitate to step up and run for an office where you can make your valuable contribution. Also consider joining Dave Spore KB3UBD on the membership committee. He has some excellent things planned for next year. Whether in general membership, or serving on the board, we all make a difference.

Another way to do so is to help us recognize one member who has made a unique difference for us all. Please vote for Ham of the Year if you have not done so already. Voting ends at this month's meeting. Ham of the Year will be announced at the Holiday party in December.

And of course bring your latest project or hamfest find or niftiest new gadget to inspire us at this meeting for show and tell. And looking forward to 2020, if you need a project, we will be hosting ladies from the Young Ladies Radio League District 5 for a kit building session on Saturday February 1st. Arlington ARC members are encouraged to participate: YLs, OMs, or family. The kit is the 4 States QRP Murania AM broadcast receiver. It's a neat little kit with a unique construction

style. The kit costs around \$35 in our group order and can be built in a few hours. So come out and make a day of it with us in February for this YLRL winter activity.



Email me or talk to me at the club meeting if you'd like to join in. I will bring the radio to show and tell and let everyone know more about it. We need members to let us know by December 15th to get in on the reduced price for the kit. Or if you decide to join later you can get it from [www.4sqr.com/kitIndex.php](http://www.4sqr.com/kitIndex.php) for \$42.00 with shipping. It's never too late to join the fun!

And of course, in the meantime, we hope to see you this Friday at our last regular meeting of the year and at our holiday party at Spring Creek Barbecue on Wednesday December 4th.

Blessings to all for wonderful holidays and a great new year.

73!  
Virginia NV5F

# Announcements

## November Program

### Show and Tell

Anyone is welcome to bring whatever you have built, made, found, or are working on to show the club. We love to see what our members are up to via their projects or acquisitions, be they vintage or cutting edge. If you don't have an exhibit, just come and be inspired.

### Boy Scouts Camporee

Pictures from the parking lot of the club meeting building with Andy, KB2VQA, and Ron, AG5QE, making contacts and one from the Camporee at Texas Motor Speedway featuring Virginia, NV5F, Andy and a couple of Boovs.



### Arlington ARC Officer Elections

Just a reminder that the election for club officers is coming up at the November meeting, just a week away. David Setzer, K5NN, is our nominating committee. All board positions are open for election. If you have a desire to run for one of the positions, please let David know. If you are an officer and you are not seeking re-election also let him know. He can be reached at [k5nn@att.net](mailto:k5nn@att.net), or by text or phone at 214-536-9726.

While you're in a voting mood, also put in your vote for Ham of the Year. Virginia will have ballots and a ballot box. The winner will be announced at the holiday dinner in December.



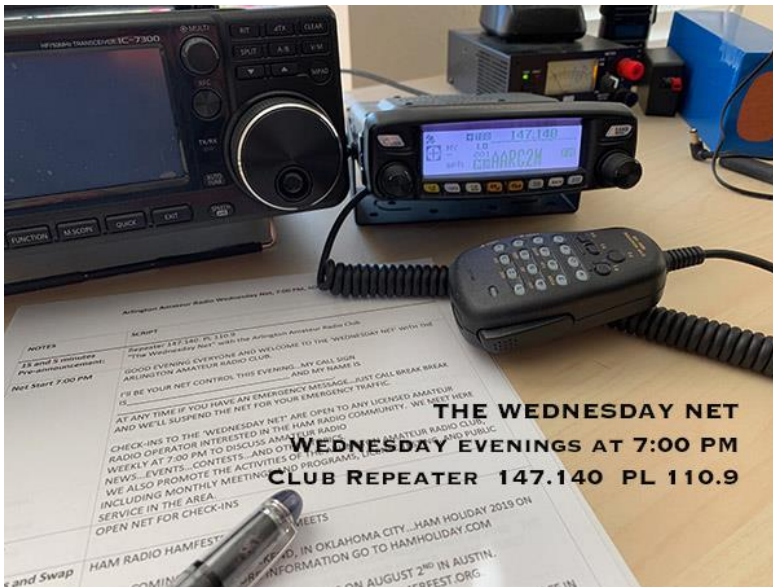
## Club Net

Please join Net Control every **Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for the club's "Wednesday Net"**. Each week we discuss HF conditions and activities, the contest and Hamfest calendars, answer the Question Pool Question of the Week, and have a general discussion to hear what's happening with our members and visitors to the Net.

Don't be left out! Fire up your VHF/UHF rig, and key that microphone! Newcomers are especially welcome. Ask questions and get familiar with the hobby.

Join us for the **"Wednesday Net" at 7:00 PM** on the club 2 meter repeater, frequency 147.140 MHz, with the PL Tone 110.9. We hope to hear you there!

73, K5SLD



## Want a club name badge?

 <b>ACCENT AWARDS &amp; TROPHIES</b> 1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013 TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS <a href="mailto:sales@accentawards.us">sales@accentawards.us</a> <b>817.469.8791</b> <a href="http://www.accentawards.us">www.accentawards.us</a>	 <b>DAVE</b> <b>W5DJO</b>  \$8.95 each plus tax
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## Birthdays

David Lucas

11/13

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

## Calendar of Events

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

**==== Dining Out (November 16:, 5 pm) ====**

Spring Creek Barbeque north of the Parks Mall. 3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015

**==== Breakfast (December 7, 8:30 am) ====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

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## 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

## October 2019 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on October 18th, 2019 at 7:30 pm by the President, Virginia NV5F. Other board members present included Vice President, Mary AE6Q; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS (arrived 7:46 pm).  
Absent was Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Virginia NV5F called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Virginia NV5F noted that due to the absence of Maurice KM5RF, we would wait until the November club meeting to review the financial reports for September and October. She reminded the membership that club dues are due at the January meeting. Due to an issue with the repeater, Maurice installed a backup repeater, and the issue with interference appears to be resolved. Maurice will investigate to determine if the issue was caused by a failure of the repeater equipment or external interference.

Phil N5PWW continues to provide testing sessions at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are no training classes at this time.

David Walker W5DJO informed the membership of opportunities to assist with the testing of warning sirens within the City of Arlington. The testing takes place on the first Wednesday of the month from approximately 1 pm to 1:30 pm.

Mary AE6Q was not able to contact the presenter of the evening's presentation on the topic of Radio in the Park, so there will not be a presentation tonight. AARC officer elections and a show-and-tell will be held in November. Anyone with a gadget or project can participate in the show-and-tell.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the minutes from the September meetings for publication in the October newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the September minutes as published.

Chair of the Membership Committee, David Spore KB3UBD, is working on scanning various club artifacts to create a digital archive of the history of the AARC. He plans on providing a flashback of club history for publication in the newsletter each month. For the year 2020, David would like to plan a miniature DXpedition for the club, as well as the club picnic and camping trip.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter. Submissions of content are welcomed.

Virginia was contacted by the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL)-District 5 representative regarding the hosting/organization of a kit build project. She has set the date for February 1st, and the kit will be an AM receiver.

Virginia would like to plan a fox hunt for November 16th. She is looking for someone to take the duty of administering the AARC traveling library, which entails bring the box of books to the club meeting each

month. Ballots for Ham of the Year will be accepted at the October and November meetings.

Bill AE5BT mentioned that the scouting event known as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) was being held during the following weekend. The club would be setting up a station in the parking lot of 501 W. Sanford from 10 am to 3 pm in an effort to communicate with scouts participating in the event. The club plans on bringing amateur radio to the Longhorn Council Camporee on November 9th at Texas Motor Speedway.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm and the membership enjoyed conversation and refreshments. The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership.

### **October 2019 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on October 18th, 2019 at 6:34 pm. Present were President, Virginia NV5F; Vice President, Mary AE6Q; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Virginia NV5F called the meeting to order. Due to the absence of Marice, the financial report will be reviewed and approved at the November meeting. The backup repeater has been installed, and Maurice will further investigate the cause of the original repeater malfunction.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are no training classes in progress or scheduled at this time.

Mary AE6Q had arranged for the evening's presentation to be on Radio in the Park, however Mary was not able to contact the presenter. There will be no presentation tonight. In November there will be the election of club officers and a show-and-tell by anyone who would like to participate.

Andy KB2VQA recorded, typed, and submitted the September meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the October newsletter. The AARC holiday gathering will be held on December 4th, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at Spring Creek Barbeque on Cooper Street.

Bill AE5BT reminded the board that Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) was being held over the weekend and the club was planning on setting up a station in the parking lot at 501 W. Sanford from 10 am to 3 pm. On November 9th the club plans on visiting the Longhorn Council Camporee held at Texas Motor Speed to bring amateur radio to the scouts.

Virginia will ask Maurice KM5RF to plan a fox hunt for the club on November 16th. The election of club officers will be held at the November club meeting, and Virginia is interested in running for the office of vice president. After being contacted by the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL)-District 5 representative regarding the hosting/organization of a kit build project, Virginia has set the date for February 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

## AARC October 2019 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	9/31/2019	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,762.35
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 471.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 738.59
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,972.78</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,179.59
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,202.37</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
		NET CHANGE	\$ 43.97
INCOME			
	DEP DUES	DUES	\$ 23.97
	DEP GOOD & WELFARE	G&W	\$ 20.00
BALANCE	10/31/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,786.32
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 491.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 738.59
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 4,016.75</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,179.59
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,246.34</b>



# Membership



## Waves From the Past

From the Membership Committee



Each month, the Membership Committee will present an image from the past. Our club has been around for over 60 years, and there is a great deal of history.

Any information about the photo will be presented, and we encourage our members to speak up if they know more about the image. This way we can annotate the image and preserve more detail.

This image was taken during Field Day in 1963. Anybody know who this is? I wonder what park this is?

### Want to join the club

2019 Club Dues are due

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

## 2019 Club Officers

**President:** Virginia Smith NV5F - [virginia@pipertoo.com](mailto:virginia@pipertoo.com) - 601-467-5920  
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**Repeater Committee:** Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Rob May W5WS,  
Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton W5MAY