



# 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

Members of the Arlington ARC, due to the threat posed by the Covid 19 pandemic, the demographic of club, and an abundance of caution, this months meeting of the ARLington ARC will not take place.

Welcome to Daylight Savings Time!

It's that time of year when we push into the evenings with a longer day! Maybe it will lead to a few more "daytime" contacts on 10 meters after work! I've been joining in on some of the Ten-Ten Nets on Wednesdays and Sundays and trying to get back on HF regularly.

As of this writing, we have been notified of the cancellation of the Mansfield ST. Paddy's Day Pickle Parade. We had registered for a float and were preparing for it. Although we are disappointed that it was cancelled, I am encouraged at the work of Philip Scoggins, KD5WBW, our Public Information Officer. He will be looking for more opportunities for the club to get out in the public eye. As we find ways to do that, please join in to help us raise awareness in the community about what we do.

Our club meeting is on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and Virginia, NV5F, has another great program lined up. After a few technical issues at the February meeting, we were treated to a fascinating presentation on the history of amateur radio and early exploration of the Arctic. I learned a lot from that presentation about the impressive work of early practitioners of the hobby we love so much and some of the early gear that they used. Man was it massive!

We are also in the early stages of storm season so stay alert for changing weather conditions, and maybe attend a Skywarn School and become a spotter! It's a great way to serve the community through your love of Amateur Radio. You can go to [www.tarrantraces.org](http://www.tarrantraces.org) and learn more.

On a final note, the AARC Board is monitoring the COVID-19 activity. In my work, I get daily updates from the NCTCOG Emergency Preparedness leadership. We are in a transition period from being relatively unaffected locally, to new pockets of cases of the virus in North Texas. We will continue to monitor the situation and make informed decisions about the impact on club activities. In the final analysis, we are each in the best position to protect ourselves, so stay informed and make decisions that are best for you in the long run.

We hope to see you on March 20<sup>th</sup>!

73's!

David

K5NN

## Announcements

This Newsletter is mostly corrected information for the February newsletter. We will use the published Minutes and Financials included here for approval.

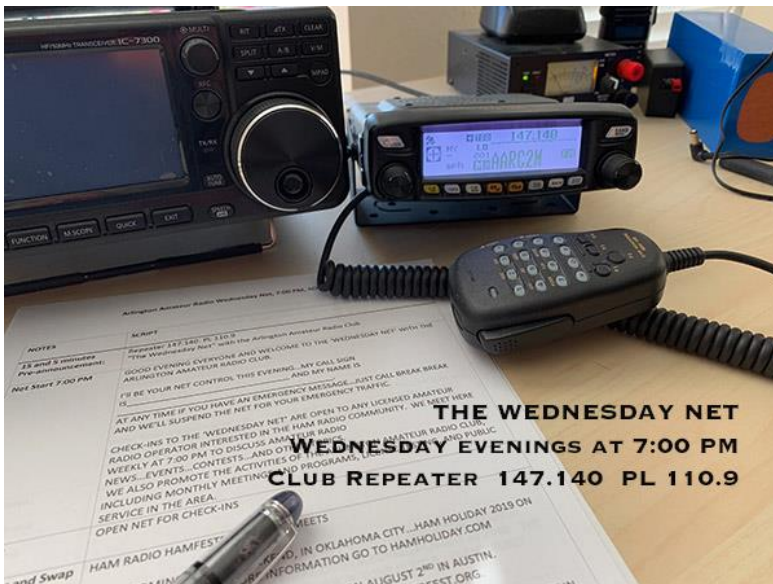
### Club Net

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?

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

Kathleen Holley 3/3

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

## Calendar of Events

Events have been canceled due to Covid-19 shelter at home orders.

## 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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on November 15th, 2019 at 7:41 pm by the President, Virginia NV5F. Other board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Absent was Vice President, Mary AE6Q; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

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

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.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the treasurer's reports for the months of September and October as published in the newsletters. He noted that the value of G&W for October should have read \$29, so he will be making an additional deposit. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports for audit as published with noted correction.

Maurice recommended to the membership that the club participate in the Yaesu repeater upgrade program to replace the repeater which experienced a failure of its receiver. The price is \$350, plus additional shipping costs. A motion was made to allocate up to \$500 for the purpose of acquiring the upgrade. The motion carried.

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

Bill AE5BT expressed his gratitude to those who participated in the scouting event known as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), as well as the Longhorn Council Camporee held at Texas Motor Speedway.

Virginia NV5F reminded the membership that officer elections would be held tonight, and that she would be seeking the office of vice president as she enjoys scheduling programs.

She is also still accepting ballots for the Ham of the Year, the winner of which will be declared at the AARC holiday party in December. In February, Virginia will be hosting an AM receiver kit building event for the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL)-District 5. AARC members and family are encouraged to participate.

As Nominating Committee chair, David Setzer K5NN, informed the membership that officer elections would be held tonight. All offices were open for nominations, with the exception of the offices of agent of record, and station trustee. A slate of candidates were assembled as follows: President, David Setzer K5NN; Vice President, Virginia Smith NV5F; Secretary, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA; Treasurer, Maurice Martin KM5RF;

Training Coordinator, Phil Stage N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT; and Editor, Trey Seastrunk AF5XS.

With the floor open for additional nominations, David K5NN asked if there were any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made that the slate of candidates be elected by acclimation. The motion carried, and a majority of those present voting in the affirmative. The slate of candidates was elected.

A show-and-tell followed which included various amateur radio projects/equipment of the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 19 people in attendance, 17 of which indicated AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 15th, 2019 at 6:46 pm. Present were President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Absent were Vice President, Mary AE6Q; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. A test session will be held tomorrow morning. There are no training classes in progress or scheduled at this time.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the October financial report with the board. He reported that the newly installed backup repeater is working fine. The original repeater had a problem with its receiver. Maurice recommended that the club participate in the Yaesu upgrade program to receive a DX-2 repeater for \$350. A motion will be brought before the membership to spend up to \$500 to acquire a new repeater through the upgrade program.

David Setzer K5NN inquired as to if his appointment as Nominating Committee chair was noted on paper was a record. The appointment did not appear in the minutes for October. Research conducted after the meeting indicated that the appointment appeared in the section of the November newsletter entitled, "November Program"; subsection "Arlington ARC Office Elections", and in an email sent to the membership on November 7th.

Andy KB2VQA recorded, typed, and submitted the October meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the November newsletter.

Virginia NV5F mentioned that she would be running for the office of vice president, and she will be hosting a kit building event in February.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

**January 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on January 17th, 2020 at 7:32 pm by the President, David K5NN. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

David K5NN called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that David K5NN would be presenting the program for the evening on the topic of the technological history of the phone company. She is currently working on programs for the February through May meetings. She will be hosting a kit building party for the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL)-District 5 members on February 1st. AARC members and family are welcomed to participate. The Irving ham club is sponsoring a micro grant program to enhance public outreach, and Virginia will brainstorm ideas with David K5NN.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the minutes from the November meetings for publication in the January newsletter. Due to difficulties with email, the minutes were not received by Trey for publication. The February newsletter will contain the minutes from November 2019 as well as January 2020.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the treasurer's reports (November and December 2019) as published in the January newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports for audit as published. He is accepting member dues for 2020. Maurice changed to a different provider for the liability insurance and saved \$120 on an annual basis. The new upgraded repeater has been received, and he plans on installing it sometime in the next several months.

Maurice is looking for 3 club members to volunteer their time to participate on the audit committee for the annual review of the club's financial records.

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

David K5NN mentioned that there are several sirens still available for monitoring during the monthly siren test. David appointed Philip Scoggins to the position of Public Information Officer.

Phil N5PWW continues to provide testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401. W. Sanford Street (use north side entrance). There are no training classes at this time.

In the absence of Bill AE5BT, it was announced that only 162 remain until Field Day 2020.

A break was taken at 8:00 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:11 pm with a presentation on the technological history of the phone company, given by David K5NN.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 18 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership.

**January 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 17th, 2020 at 6:33 pm. Present were President, David K5NN; 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.

David K5NN called the meeting to order.

Virginia NV5F mentioned that the evening's program would be presented by David K5NN on the topic of telephone history. She has good prospects for presentations over the next several months. It was brought to Virginia's attention that the Irving ham club is accepting applications for a micro grant program, with the money to be spent on capital improvements to enhance public outreach. She will be hosting a kit building party on February 1st for District 5 members of the Young Ladies Radio League, as well as others who wish to participate.

Andy KB2VQA recorded, typed, and submitted the November meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the January newsletter.

Maurice KM5RF switched to a different provider for the club's liability insurance and saved more than \$100. He received the shipment of the new repeater upgrade and will unbox it soon.

Trey AF5XS distributed the newsletter. He will provide an additional email address to which the meeting minutes will be sent.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There will be testing opportunities at the Cowtown ham fest as well.

There are no training classes in progress or scheduled at this time. The new Extra Class test pool will go in to effect on July 1st.

David K5NN announced that Philip Scoggins KD5WBW has been appointed as the Public Information Officer. David and Virginia will discuss ideas regarding the micro grant program for ham radio public outreach.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

## AARC January 2020 Financial Report

|                     | DESCRIPTION | CATEGORY       | BALANCE            |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| BALANCE             | 12/31/19    | GENERAL FUND   | \$ 2,823.24        |
|                     |             | GOOD & WELFARE | \$ 516.84          |
|                     |             | REPEATER FUND  | \$ 319.30          |
|                     |             | CHECKING       | <b>\$ 3,659.38</b> |
|                     |             | SAVINGS        | \$ 25.00           |
|                     |             | C.D.           | \$ 2,179.59        |
|                     |             | PETTY CASH     | \$ 25.00           |
|                     |             | NET TOTAL      | <b>\$ 5,888.97</b> |
| <br><b>EXPENSES</b> |             |                |                    |
|                     |             | NET CHANGE     | \$ 442.97          |
| INCOME              | DEP DUES    | DUES           | \$ 429.85          |
| BALANCE             | 01/31/20    | GENERAL FUND   | \$ 3,253.09        |
|                     |             | GOOD & WELFARE | \$ 528.84          |
|                     |             | REPEATER FUND  | \$ 319.30          |
|                     |             | CHECKING       | <b>\$ 4,101.23</b> |
|                     |             | SAVINGS        | \$ 25.00           |
|                     |             | C.D. \$1.12    | \$ 2,180.71        |
|                     |             | PETTY CASH     | \$ 25.00           |
|                     |             | NET TOTAL      | <b>\$ 6,331.94</b> |



## AARC February 2020 Financial Report

|                 | DESCRIPTION | CATEGORY            | BALANCE            |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| BALANCE         | 01/31/20    | GENERAL FUND        | \$ 3,253.09        |
|                 |             | GOOD & WELFARE      | \$ 528.84          |
|                 |             | REPEATER FUND       | \$ 319.30          |
|                 |             | CHECKING            | <b>\$ 4,101.23</b> |
|                 |             | SAVINGS             | \$ 25.00           |
|                 |             | C.D. \$1.12         | \$ 2,180.71        |
|                 |             | PETTY CASH          | \$ 25.00           |
|                 |             | NET TOTAL           | <b>\$ 6,331.94</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b> |             |                     |                    |
|                 | 2032        | WEBPAGE DOMAINS     | \$ 119.02          |
|                 |             | MAURICE MARTIN      |                    |
|                 |             | WEBPAGE HOSTING     | \$ 38.88           |
|                 |             | REPEATER VOICE CHIP | <u>\$ 37.83</u>    |
|                 |             | <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$ 195.73</b>   |
|                 | 2033        | DONATION            | \$ 300.00          |
|                 | EFT         | SAFEHAVE            |                    |
|                 |             | AARL                | \$ 91.70           |
|                 | 2034        | STORAGE HUT         | \$ 235.00          |
|                 |             | STORAGE             |                    |
|                 |             | NET CHANGE          | <b>\$ (712.98)</b> |
| <b>INCOME</b>   |             |                     |                    |
|                 | DEP         | DUES                | \$ 82.65           |
|                 | DEP         | AMAZON SMILES       | \$ 10.80           |
| BALANCE         | 02/29/20    | GENERAL FUND        | \$ 2,561.94        |
|                 |             | GOOD & WELFARE      | \$ 544.84          |
|                 |             | REPEATER FUND       | \$ 281.47          |
|                 |             | CHECKING            | <b>\$ 3,388.25</b> |
|                 |             | SAVINGS             | \$ 25.00           |
|                 |             | C.D.                | \$ 2,180.71        |
|                 |             | PETTY CASH          | \$ 25.00           |
|                 |             | NET TOTAL           | <b>\$ 5,618.96</b> |

## Membership

This year we hope to add more fun events to our lineup, such as the mini DXpedition. A destination should be decided by the end of March, with a planned trip time sometime in August or September. I will bring a list of possible destinations to the club meeting.

The club picnic will be on May 16th between 9:00AM and 2:00PM. Exact location will be announced by the March meeting. I am working on cataloging the club library, and will bring the collection to the next meeting. Let me know if you need any club business cards, which are handy for introducing people to the club or handing out during Ham conventions.

David KB3UBD

### Want to join the club

2020 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

## 2020 Club Officers

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>President:</b>                  | David Setzer K5NN – <a href="mailto:k5nn@att.net">k5nn@att.net</a> -                                 |
| <b>Vice President:</b>             | Virginia Smith NV5F - <a href="mailto:virginia@pipertoo.com">virginia@pipertoo.com</a> - 601-467-59  |
| <b>Secretary:</b>                  | Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA – <a href="mailto:kb2vqa@optonline.net">kb2vqa@optonline.net</a> – 817-652-0307 |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>                  | Maurice Martin KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf1@charter.net">km5rf1@charter.net</a> – 817-266-9906     |
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| <b>Training Coordinator:</b>       | Phil Stage N5PWW – <a href="mailto:n5pww@sbcglobal.net">n5pww@sbcglobal.net</a> – 817-465-5624       |
| <b>Emergency Coordinator:</b>      | Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT – <a href="mailto:ae5bt@att.net">ae5bt@att.net</a> – 817-296-8026              |
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| <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> | Philip Scoggins KD5WBW - <a href="mailto:philip-scoggins@tx.rr.com">philip-scoggins@tx.rr.com</a>    |
| <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), Rob May W5WS,<br>Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton W5MAY                 |