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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

Field Day is Almost Here

It's here! The day that we all look forward to, Field Day for 2021! Building on our successful May Club Picnic, we are ready to return to physical meetings. This month's meeting will be held in our normal venue, 501 W. Sanford. The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 and the membership at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both of the meetings. Rob May will be sharing details on how we are going to operate for Field Day. There are still opportunities to volunteer, so please reach out to Rob if you can help out. He sent a recent email with some opportunities.

Thanks to our Vice President Jack, AA5VZ, for a great presentation on "Operating with Raspberry Pi in the Shack" during the May meeting. He covered loading software, particularly WSJT-X. These sessions are on the website if you missed either meeting.

Possible upcoming sessions are:

- Learning and using CW
- Learning and Building with the Arduino
- Traffic Handling on DFW Nets
- Looking Across 100 Years of Amateur Radio

We are working to get all these great programs on the website as they occur.

Our June meeting is the 18th and field day is the 26th. Philip, KD5WBW, our PIO, is working hard to get us noticed by the City of Arlington. We may have a city councilman join us, which would be great!

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email or call my cell. My email is k5nn@att.net and my cell is 214-536-9726.

We hope to see you on the 18th and the 26th!!

73's

David Setzer K5NN, President-AARC

Announcements

June 2021 program

Field Day

Rob May and Bill Tatsch will be updating us about Field Day, with where we are and what we still need to get ready.
From Rob:

We'll be all together at the club meeting room at 501 W. Sanford. For some of the new members, use the south entrance of the building that is just off of N. Cooper and Sanford. We will have a club meeting the week before so you'll have a chance to get your bearings before Field Day. As usual, we'll be class 3A. We will have a digital station doing FT8, a CW station, and of course a Sideband (also called Phone, in amateur radio all voice modes can be called "phone"). We'll have two bonus stations, a VHF/UHF station (I see this as mostly doing 6 meter phone and digital) and a Get on the Air (GOTA) station. The GOTA station is for non-amateurs, new amateurs, and inactive amateurs. So, if you're a new ham, or interested in becoming a ham, or if you haven't been on the radio in a year or more, make the GOTA station your first stop. We especially welcome our younger, future hams. We've had operators as young as 3 and 4, so bring the kids/grandkids/great-grandkids. We will be using the club's callsign K5SLD, except for the GOTA station which will use the callsign of the control operator

It should be an interesting program so we hope you will all join us at our regular meeting spot

Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting. I would prefer to receive them in Word format or in a text editor like Notepad. If you can avoid it please don't send it in PDF format, as it is a pain to tear apart a PDF, if I need to change any formatting or make any edits.

Events

Club Picnic

A good time was had by all







Field Day

Philip tells us he sent out individual invites to all council members, current and future members and mayors. Already got a reply from Marvin Sutton, Councilman, District 3. He said he would be there on the 26th.

Bonus points will be great but having City Hall aware of us is better.

Philip, KD5WBW

ISS

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) cross-band repeater will be available for ARRL Field Day, June 26 - 27. Contacts will count toward Field Day bonus points as satellite contacts and Field Day contacts. Field Day rules limit stations to one contact on any single-channel FM satellite. Note that contacts made during Field Day by ISS crew would only count for contact credit, but not for satellite bonus points. ISS cross-band repeater contacts are also valid AMSAT Field Day satellite contacts.

The ARISS cross-band repeater uplink is 145.990 MHz (67 Hz tone), with a downlink of 437.800 MHz.

ARISS suggests that those unfamiliar with the ISS repeater may want to practice with it prior to Field Day. ARISS had planned to switch modes to the Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) during the second week of June, but this won't happen until after the first ARISS school contact following ARRL Field Day.

The ARISS ham station will be off-air during spacewalks on June 16 and June 20.

New Radio Club in Kaufman County

Hello, we are pulling together a new radio club here in Kaufman County and I was hoping you could help us spread the word.

"It is an exciting time here in Kaufman County and we welcome all amateur radio Operators to joins us.

K5RCP local repeater:

Downlink: 441.67500

Uplink: 446.67500

Offset: +5.0 MHz

Uplink Tone: 110.9

Downlink Tone: 110.9

W4DXCC Convention

September 24th and 25th, 2021, Pigeon Forge, TN

It is time to make your **Hotel Reservations** for this years convention. You can **NOT** make Online Hotel Reservations for this event you **MUST** call the Hotel directly at this number **865 428-8350**. When You Do, Tell them you are with **W4DXCC by SEDCO** for a special room rate, do it now.

Online Convention Reservations are Up and Ready for you to make your convention and banquet reservations. Go here [Online Reservations](#)

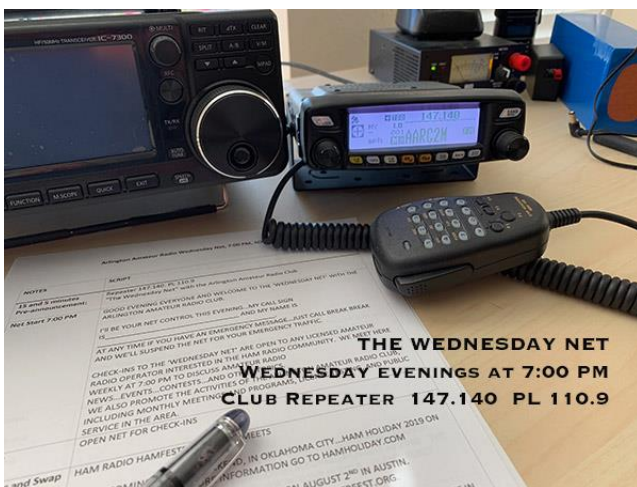
Club Net

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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Birthdays

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

Calendar of Events

June 18: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

June 18: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

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

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

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

June 26-27 Field Day 8:30AM, Saturday to about 1:00 PM, Sunday, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

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

May 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was held via teleconference and called to order on May 21st, 2021 at 7:32 pm by the President, David K5NN. Other board members present included Vice President, Jack AA5VZ; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order.

Jack AA5VZ informed the membership this month's presentation would be a continuation of last month's presentation on setting up a Raspberry Pi for use in the ham shack.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the May newsletter contained the minutes from the April meetings. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of April 2021. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. Maurice reported that the repeater is working well.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for May 2021.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401 W. Sanford Street (use the entrance on the north side). The FCC now requires that those taking an exam have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and email address on file. Phil confirmed that the meeting room is available for the club to use for membership meetings and Field Day activities.

Bill AE5BT announced that Field Day 2021 was 36 days away. He has arranged for a BBQ dinner on the Saturday of Field Day. He needs assistance with side dishes, asking the membership to bring such items as beans, potato salad, and fruit salad. For radio operations during Field Day, two rooms will be used to accommodate social distancing. Bill will invite the local fire house to dinner and observe radio operations.

At the membership meeting in June, Rob W5WS will provide a presentation on Field Day operations and answer questions from the membership.

David Spore KB3UBD confirmed that the pavilion reserved for the club picnic is available all day.

David K5NN announced that the membership meeting in June will be held in person, with a Zoom simulcast.

A break was taken at 8:00 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:05 pm with Jack AA5VZ continuing his presentation from last month on setting up a Raspberry Pi computer for use in amateur radio.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 18 people in attendance, 16 being AARC members.

May 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held via teleconference on May 21st, 2021 at 6:41 pm. Present were President, David K5NN; Vice President, Jack AA5VZ; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order.

Jack AA5VZ informed the board that the evening's presentation would be a continuation of last month's presentation on getting started with a Raspberry Pi computer in amateur radio. Rob W5WS will lead a presentation in June covering how to participate in Field Day. Continuous Wave (CW) will be the topic for July.

A proposal will be made to the membership to conduct the June membership meeting in person, with a Zoom simulcast.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the May newsletter contained the minutes from the April meetings.

Maurice KM5RF, reviewed the financial report published in the May 2021 newsletter. He may soon be able to visit the repeater site.

Trey AF5XS published the May 2021 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The new fee of \$35 will be paid directly to the FCC in the near future for new licenses and upgrades. Phil confirmed that the building is reserved for both the membership meetings and Field Day activities in June.

Bill AE5BT has coordinated a BBQ dinner for Field Day.

David K5NN will accept a donation of additional equipment from an estate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

AARC May 2021 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	04/30/21		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,004.98
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 286.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,836.29
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,206.76
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,093.05
EXPENSES			
INCOME	DUES	DUES	\$ 48.97
	AMAZON SMILES	DONATION	\$ 8.11
		NET CHANGE	\$ 57.08
BALANCE			
	05/31/21		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,062.06
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 286.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,893.37
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,206.76
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,150.13

Membership

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.

Want to join the club

2021 Club Dues are due

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

2021 Club Officers

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