



# 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

### We Are Off and Running!

Greetings everyone. I hope this letter finds you in good health and that everyone stayed safe and warm during our brief winter event.

I really enjoyed meeting with everyone last month and sharing some vision for our club. We had a great turn-out; and I'm excited about what we will be doing throughout the year! Mother Nature was kind to us as we came together the next day for our first club event of the year... Winter Field Day, AARC style! Several of us gathered in the park where we assembled a variety of stations – testing and demonstrating our ability to set up and operate in the field. It was a fun day, and we learned a lot from each other.

In the January meeting, Kathleen Holley (KG5CVO) delivered a very informative presentation on her participation in the ARRL Teacher's Institute on Wireless Technology program. There she learned how educators can offer hands-on instruction in the classroom using ARRL provided aids for teaching and demonstrating fundamental principles in radio technology.

During the February meeting, David Walker (W5DJO) will present on "Building a Go-Bag". David has extensive experience in setting up radio equipment to operate reliably in the field. If you want to learn how to prepare your own equipment for mobilization and rugged field use, you don't want to miss this program.

That's all for now. We'll have plenty more to talk about on Friday. Things like upcoming public service opportunities, an outdoor parade and yet another exciting hamfest to attend nearby. So come on out! I'll see you then!

'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

President - AARC

# Announcements

## February 2023 program

### Go Kits

David Walker, W5DJO will be making a presentation on Go Kits

What would you want your Go-Kit to do for you?

Questions that I asked when building my go kit.

Some times after I built part of the kit.

## Items of Note

Pictures from Winter Field Day and Picnic





Thanks to Michael Edmonds, Don Kovatch, and Price Wooldridge for the pictures. Thanks to all who turned out and helped make it a fun day!

### **COWTOWN Marathon:**

February 24-26

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COWTOWN MARATHON ON SUNDAY THE 26TH.**

Thank you to the 50 operators that have signed up already but we need 42 more operators to do it up right!!

The forecast is for clear skies and temps in the mid to high 50s. Rain chances are low.

In other words, BALMY.

Please do sign up for this super important event.

We need to have "ALL HANDS ON DECK" or at least all radio operators to make this event a success for Fort Worth R.A.C.E.S. and the COWTOWN MARATHON.

Sign up on Better Impact, Call me, Text me or email me. My voice mail will be perpetually full until this is over so don't count on that.

This our largest, best-est and most-est fun event and a chance to do good for school kids all over the Metroplex.

Chuck

## **Greater Houston Hamfest:**

March 3rd and 4th 2023

The Greater Houston HamFest is back and now the largest hamfest in Texas. This will be a Two day show both Friday and Saturday.

Friday 2PM - 8PM Saturday 8AM - 3PM

Greater Houston Hamfest will again be at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds.

For more information go to: <https://houstonhamfest.org>

## **Newsletter Submissions**

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting. I would prefer receive them in Word format or in a text editor like Notepad.

## **Birthdays**

Marshall Simmons 2/11

Henry Wilder 2/9

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

## **Calendar of Events**

**February 17: Board Meeting** 6:30 pm,

501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

**February 17: General Membership Meeting**

7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

Want to join via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83740337680?pwd=WCtrZXFrYzhhNW9GL0UyK3NtYUw1dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 4033 7680

Passcode: 097793

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- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 837 4033 7680

Passcode: 097793

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83740337680>

**==== Dining Out ( February 18, 5:00PM ) =====**

David's Barbecue, 2224 W Park Row Dr, Pantego, TX 76013

**==== Breakfast ( March 4, 8:30 am ) =====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**Testing:**

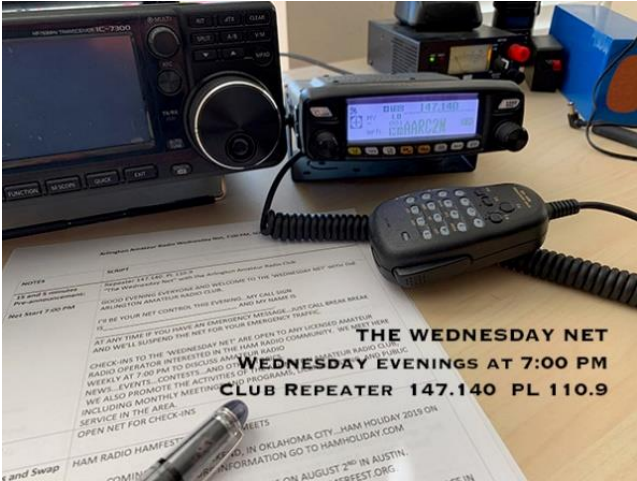
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test ( if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well ).

As of April 13, 2022 the FCC will begin charging an application fee of \$35.00 for license applications.

Also note you will need your FRN number and a valid email prior to taking that first test.

**February 18:** Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**March 4:** Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building



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Join us for the Wednesday Net

Need a Badge?

## 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

### January 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on January 20th, 2023, at 7:34 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Other board members present included Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Jack informed the membership that Kathleen KG5CVO would be presenting the evening's program on her participation in the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology. The club will participate in winter field

day on Saturday next week, and the membership is encouraged to bring their equipment to J. W. Dunlop Park. David KB3UBD is planning the club picnic for May 20th. Jack introduced the two new members of the board, Torre AA5CX and Clayton K5CWS, to the membership.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that Kathleen KG5CVO would be providing the presentation this evening, and David W5DJO would present next month on the topic of assembling a go-bag.

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

Philip KD5WDW, continuing in the role of Public Information Officer, informed the membership of the approaching deadline to enter the Mansfield St. Paddy's Pickle Parade. A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$50 for the entry fee. The motion carried.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports of November and December 2022. A motion was made and carried to accept the November report for audit as published. A motion was made and carried to accept the December report for audit as published.

Maurice is seeking three volunteers to participate in the audit of the financial records for 2022. The repeater is functioning.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for January 2023. Submission of content is welcomed, with the preferred format being a text file or Word document.

In Phil's N5PWW absence, Jack reported that testing sessions continue being held 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). David Walker mentioned that training books are now available.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned that he will contact Bill AE5BT to gather additional information on the responsibilities and execution of the role of emergency coordinator.

Jack reviewed the four club goals for 2023 as published in the newsletter. He would like to see the club membership grow from 54 in 2022 to 75 in 2023, add winter field day and Parks on the Air as club events for 2023, and add two more volunteers for net control of the Wednesday night net.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Trey asked if it was worth the expenditure to keep the Zoom subscription for the club.

Maurice suggested that the club renew the subscription and he will collect participation data. A motion was made to renew the Zoom subscription for \$129, and the motion carried.

A break was taken at 8:37 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:47 pm with a presentation by Kathleen KG5CVO on her participation in the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 21 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 0.

### **January 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 20th, 2023, at 6:39 pm, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order.

Jack mentioned that the program for the evening would be presented by Kathleen KG5CVO on the topic of her participation in the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology. He reminded the board that winter field day would be held on January 28th, and congratulated Maurice on receiving the Ham of the Year award. Jack reviewed the four club goals for 2023 as published in the newsletter. He would like to see the club membership grow to 75 during 2023, from the 54 members the club had at the end of 2022.

Torre AA5CX is working on a program on the topic of the terrahertz band. He plans to visit with other clubs/groups to see what they are doing. The AmazonSmile program will soon be discontinued.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the January newsletter contained the minutes from the November meetings.

Philip KD5WBW, continuing in the role of Public Information Officer, mentioned that he posted information about the club's participation in winter field day on the 'Good News Arlington' site. The deadline for signing up to participate in the Mansfield St. Paddy's Pickle Parade is approaching, and a vote of the membership will need to be taken to authorize the \$50 for the entry fee.

Trey AF5XS published the January 2023 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. A training session for the Technician Class exam is being organized as study guides are becoming available.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports for November and December 2022. The bill for the Zoom subscription will need to be paid soon. Maurice mentioned what he would like the club to become involved with a Parks on the Air (POTA) activation. The repeater is in working order.

Clayton K5CWS will coordinate with Bill AE5BT to gather more details on the club's participation in Field Day 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm



## January 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	12/31/2022		
		GENERAL FUND	2,021.53
		GOOD & WELFARE	742.84
		REPEATER FUND	783.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,547.84</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.21
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>5,808.05</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
EFT	ZOOM	ZOOM	
PAYPAL		SUBSCRIPTION	159.80
CHK#	PICKLED MANSFIELD		
2049	SOCIETY	CLUB ACTIVITYS	50.00
<b>INCOME</b>			
	DUES	2023 DUES	514.31
	REFUND FROM ZOOM	REFUND	9.90
	SAVINGS DIVIDEND	DIVIDEND	0.23
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	314.64
BALANCE			
	1/31/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	2,335.94
		GOOD & WELFARE	742.84
		REPEATER FUND	783.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,862.25</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.44
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>6,122.69</b>

# Membership

## Want to join the club

2023 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

Membership dues received after July 1st from applicants that were not members the previous year shall be one-half of the annual dues

## 2023 Club Officers

**President:** Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - [jmw1709@hotmail.com](mailto:jmw1709@hotmail.com) – 972-567-7815

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Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton, W5MAY