



# 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

Greetings to all.

I hope this letter finds you safe and in good health. Summer is here and there's much fun to be had. Some among us already made their pilgrimage to Dayton, Ohio. Others are breaking ground in new areas of operating their radios and building amenities for their stations. What about you? Are you planning a Ham-cation this year? If so, be sure to tell us about it. We want to know what you're up to, and about your experiences!

It was great to see everyone at the AARC Picnic last month. The weather was great, and the food and fellowship were second to none. I always enjoy seeing the creative ways our folks set up radio stations under field conditions. David (KB3UBD) operated from one end of the pavilion using solar assisted battery power and his infamous peanut-butter-jar dipole. Meanwhile, Ron (AG5QE) demonstrated, with good results, his FT-10DX set-up using battery power and a tri-pole mounted vertical antenna. Thank you, David, for the superb job you did in organizing yet another great picnic, and for grilling up those delicious hamburgers and hot dogs we all enjoyed.

Last month club Vice President Torre Quinn (AA5CX) talked to us about "The Mysterious Terahertz Gap", revealing opportunities that may exist to explore this uncharted region of the radio spectrum. Thank you, Torre, for "tickling our gray matter" and creating an awareness that there is still undeveloped territory, ripe for exploration by the curious among us.

So, any guesses on what we'll be discussing at the June meeting? Well, of course! **FIELD DAY**: the most popular radio event of the year. And it's right on our doorstep... less than two weeks away. So, be sure to come out to the club meeting Friday night and get all the details on what we'll be doing and how YOU can join in on the fun. See you then!

'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ  
President – AARC

# Announcements

## June 2023 program

We will be discussing field day.

## Items of Note

Equipment for sale

1 – ICOM IC-735 Transceiver with ICOM PS-55 Power Supply.....asking \$530

1 – MFJ #939 Auto Tuner.....asking \$115

Contact Dave Edwards [frats76039@gmail.com](mailto:frats76039@gmail.com)

## 18th Annual W4DXCC DX and Contesting Convention

September 29 and 30, 2023

Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge

Please visit [W4DXCC.com](http://W4DXCC.com) now for more information and to order your conference and banquet tickets

## 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

Jon Simpson, N5WXZ	6/2
Cameron Owen, N5ICZ	6/5
Victoria Hess-Miller, KI5RZ0	6/15

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

## Calendar of Events

**June 16: Board Meeting** 6:30 pm,  
501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011  
All members are welcome attend.

**June 16: General Membership Meeting**

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

Want to join via Zoom?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210092650?pwd=OEFXSG9WdDRkZ1dFdkhldGovTWNsZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 1009 2650

Passcode: 251290

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Passcode: 251290

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kb9J4PAtgN>

==== Dining Out ( June 17: 5:00PM ) ====

Old School Pizza Tavern,  
603 W Abram St, Arlington, TX 76010

## ==== FieldDay ====

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1PM – June 25<sup>th</sup> 1PM  
501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011  
Dinner at 6PM

## ==== Breakfast ( July 1, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

## Testing:

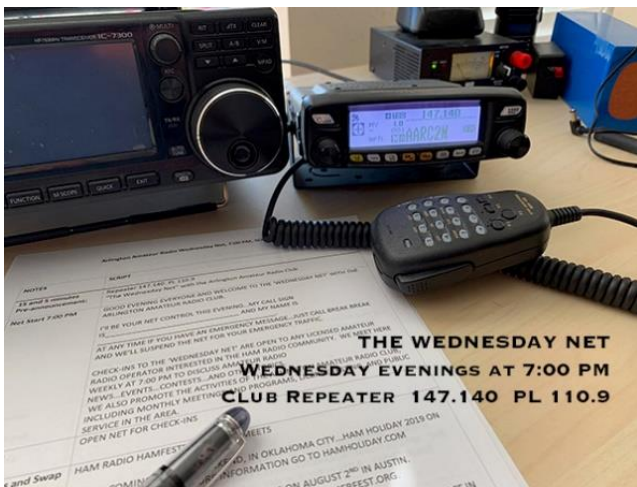
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test ( if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well ).

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.

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

**July 1:** 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

### May 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes

**submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on May 19th, 2023, at 7:31 pm by the Vice President, Torre AA5CX. Other board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent were President, Jack AA5VZ; and Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Torre AA5CX called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Torre informed the membership that the program for the evening would be presented by him on the topic of the mysterious terahertz gap. Next month's presentation will be a discussion of Field Day activities.

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.

The review of the financial report for April 2023 was postponed until Maurice KM5RF returns.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for May 2023. Submission of content is welcomed.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions in person 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). A training class is scheduled for next week if the minimum number of 10 people confirm their participation. Contact David W5DJO for more information on the class. The test pool questions for the General Class exam will expire on June 30th.

Clayton K5CWS is working with Bill AE5BT to coordinate Field Day activities. Field Day is an opportunity to learn how to operate under abnormal conditions and introduce the public to amateur radio. Volunteers will be needed to operate the stations. In the past, Bill has funded the BBQ dinner that was prepared by his family at Field Day. A motion was made to spend up to \$375 from of the general fund for the dinner. The motion carried. Bill reminded the membership to bring their family to dinner, as well as food items such as potato salad, fruit salad, cookies, and potato chips. Field Day takes place during the last full weekend in June. Setting up the equipment starts on Saturday at 9 am with the goal of being on the air by 1 pm.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Randon WA5BEG mentioned that DX Engineering offers next day delivery of amateur radio equipment and parts. Dave W5DJO is seeking volunteers to assist in the monthly test of amateur radio stations that are installed in hospitals.

A break was taken at 8:07 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:19 pm with a presentation by Torre AA5CX on the topic of the mysterious terahertz gap.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 15 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership.

## **May 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

### **submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 19th, 2023, at 6:35 pm. Present were Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent were President, Jack AA5VZ; and Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Torre AA5CX called the meeting to order.

Torre mentioned that the program for the evening would be presented by him on the topic of the mysterious terahertz gap. Next month's presentation will be a discussion of Field Day activities.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the May 2023 newsletter contained the minutes from the April 2023 meetings. The usual 5 pm dining out will not take place due to a conflict with the club picnic.

Trey AF5XS published the May 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 class is scheduled for next week, but the minimum number of students have yet to confirm their participation. The test pool questions for the General Class exam will change on July 1st.

Clayton K5CWS is working with Bill AE5BT on Field Day. Bill informed the board that the BBQ dinner that has been enjoyed in past years at Field Day will cost approximately \$375 to feed 60 people. Clayton proposed that a proposal be brought before the membership to spend up to \$375 for the Field Day dinner. The board agreed with the proposal.

Clayton added the club's Field Day location to the ARRL Field Day locator map. He reviewed the current plan for Field Day stations and operators.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

## May 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	4/30/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	2,296.45
		GOOD & WELFARE	697.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,817.05</b>
		SAVINGS Interest +.22	2,235.66
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>6,077.71</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	#2051	POSTMASTER	
		P.O. BOX RENTAL	<b>194.00</b>
		TOTAL	194.00
INCOME			
		DUES	
		2023 DUES	24.01
		AMAZON SMILES	
		DONATION	6.29
		AMAZON SMILES	
		DONATION	13.71
		TOTAL	44.01
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	-149.99
BALANCE			
	5/31/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	2,146.46
		GOOD & WELFARE	697.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,667.06</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.66
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>5,927.72</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

<b>President:</b>	Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - <a href="mailto:jmw1709@hotmail.com">jmw1709@hotmail.com</a> – 972-567-7815
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