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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 in good health and ready to enjoy some cooler weather as Fall makes its appearance in the coming weeks. This is a great time to work on antennas, replace aging coax or take your station outdoors to see what you can assemble and operate under field conditions.

Our combined Ice Cream Social and Show-n-Tell event last month was another huge success! Thanks to each of you who provided ice cream, toppings, embellishments, and sides for everyone to enjoy. The Show and Tell, where fellow members showcased their favorite activities, projects, and experiences in the hobby over the years was informative, inspirational, and a source of motivation for all of us.

Last month we decided to move our weekly net to Tuesday nights. Price promptly named it the "Taco Tuesday Net", a name which caught on quickly and gave us a fresh identity, all in "good taste" I might add. Everyone seems to have adjusted quickly to the new schedule. Please let us know how it has worked out for you.

Just a reminder that we will be holding our annual election of officers in November. That's only two short months from now, so please be thinking about how you can contribute or where you can serve in 2024 in a leadership or support capacity for the club. The most immediate need is for someone to serve as the Nominations Chair, between now and November. Please let me know if you are interested. We will be discussing this more on Friday.

The September program is still under construction and will be presented by one of our members. I did not have the title or overview in time to include it here, but we will try to have it up on the web page as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Until then,
'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ
President – AARC

Announcements

September 2023 program

GridTracker

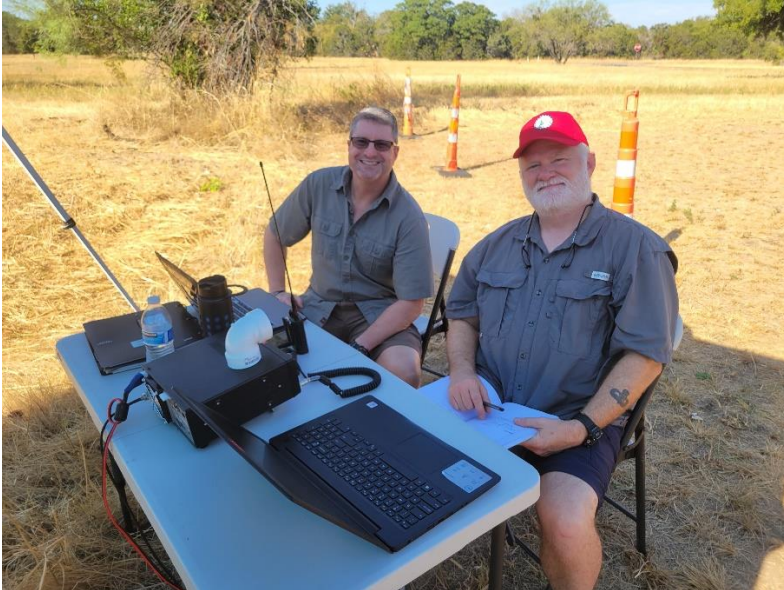
GridTracker is a warehouse of amateur radio information presented in an easy to use interface, from live traffic decodes, logbooks, real-time spot reports, weather, current solar conditions and more!

Interesting Happenings

POTA AND DINOSAUR TRACKS

By Philip Scoggins, KD5WBW

I have been preoccupied with dinosaur tracks not ham radio lately. Oddly, the two interests crossed paths on September 5, 2023. That morning, the temps were a bit cooler. It had not hit 93 degrees by 10 AM. Due to an incident with my car and a stationary object, that is when I arrived. At Dinosaur Valley State Park, two guys were under a canopy. Their table didn't have food on it. I knew what was going on. Michael Grubbs, WH6ERS, and Matthew Martinez, N5MHM, were engaged in a Parks on the Air (POTA) activation. For HF, they were running 100 watts through an ICOM 7300 and a short vertical antenna.



Michael, WH6ERS, and Matthew, N5MHM, POTA Dinosaur Valley State Park

The grass hadn't seen rain since June. I was there to assist a researcher from Ohio by removing great quantities of sand, dirt, and gravel to reveal dinosaur tracks. The reward was seeing some dinosaur tracks like no one has ever seen them before, or will again, and even finding tracks never seen before.



The “pond”, lower right, and lots of dirt and gravel extended to the people about two weeks ago.

Michael, and Matthew knew our own Maurice Martin, KM5RF. They referred to him as “The Marshall.”

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

Levent Gurdemir	9/2
Fred Little	9/2
Randon Porter III	9/10
Bill Tatsch Jr	9/23

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

Calendar of Events

September 15: Board Meeting

6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

September 15: General Membership Meeting

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84832855717?pwd=cHVmYy9nWTBHWnVzRVlVREtKVWN4QT09>

Meeting ID: 848 3285 5717

Passcode: 041432

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- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 360 209 5623 US
- +1 386 347 5053 US

Meeting ID: 848 3285 5717

Passcode: 041432

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84832855717>

==== Dining Out (September 16: 5:00PM) =====

David's Barbeque, 2224 W Park Row Dr, Suite H, Pantego, TX 76013

==== Breakfast (October 7, 8:30 am) =====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

Testing:

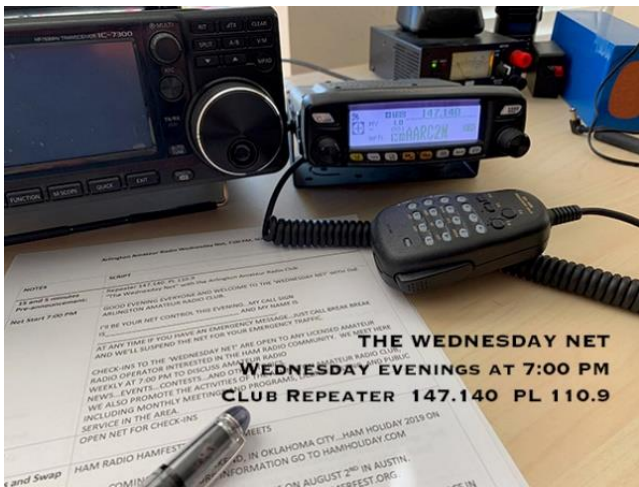
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test (if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well).

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.

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

October 7: 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

August 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on August 18th, 2023, at 7:42 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ. Other board members present included Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

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

A break was taken at 7:50 pm so that ice cream could be enjoyed. The meeting resumed at 8:14 pm.

Jack thanked those who volunteered to participate in the siren test. The next test will be held on September 6th. Jack thanked those who were flexible and patient during the process of moving the net to a different repeater. He also thanked Torre for providing a presentation on mapping the ionosphere in July.

Jack informed the membership of the upcoming Belton hamfest held October 6th-7th, and Parker County Springtown hamfest held on October 14th. He also mentioned a QST magazine article on 'digital voice the easy way'.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the presentation for the evening will be the ice cream social. He is working on getting a presentation for September. Officer elections will be held in November and there will be a search for a nominating committee chair.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the August newsletter contained the minutes from the July meeting. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for August 2023. Submission of content (text and photographs) 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). Training classes are not in progress.

Clayton K5CWS reported that the AARC Field Day submission has been accepted. In the future he plans on providing a debrief to the membership.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports for July. A motion was made and carried to accept the July report for audit as published. Maurice and Jack reviewed data from the repeater. Maurice shared with the membership his research on feed line and antenna replacement. David W5DJO made a motion to move the weekly net and the motion carried.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: David W5DJO mentioned that MCA, USMD, and AMH need volunteers to operate amateur radio stations.

A break was taken at 9:00 pm. The meeting resumed at 9:11 pm with a show-and-tell from the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 15 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 0.

August 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 18th, 2023, at 6:35 pm. 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 siren test went well, and that he and Maurice reviewed repeater measurements. Jack thanked Torre for providing a presentation on mapping the ionosphere.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the presentation for the evening will be a show-and-tell by the membership and the ice cream social.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the August 2023 newsletter contained the minutes from the July 2023 meetings.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He will be testing tomorrow and fulfilling a special request test session on Sunday. Training classes are not being held.

Clayton K5CWS informed the board that in September he may hold a debrief on the Field Day results.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report and his research on feed line and antennas. He reported that the repeater is working well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

August 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	7/31/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	1,921.91
		GOOD & WELFARE	747.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	3,492.51
		SAVINGS	2,235.88
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	5,753.39
EXPENSES	#2053	STORAGE 6 MONTHS	
		STORAGE	305.00
		TOTAL	305.00
INCOME			
	DUES	2023 DUES	104.01
	GOOD & WELFARE	GOOD & WELFARE	24.00
	DONATION	REPEATER FUND	20.00
		TOTAL	148.01
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	157.00
BALANCE			
	8/31/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	1,720.91
		GOOD & WELFARE	771.13
		REPEATER FUND	843.47
		CHECKING	3,335.51
		SAVINGS	2,235.88
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	5,596.39

Membership

Want to join the club

2023 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

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

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