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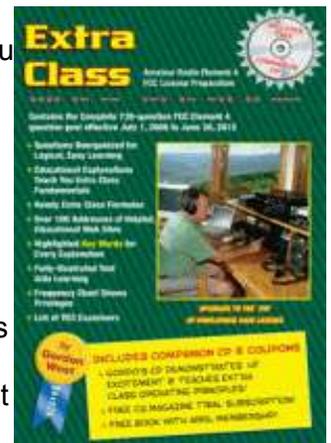
March Announcements

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Extra Class License Course Underway

The Extra Class License course began last week, but if you are interested or want to brush up on your theory, you might be able to get in on the action. The class is on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 6 pm. They are using the Gordon West study manual. Please contact **Phil Stage N5PWW** for more details and location info. n5pww@sbcglobal.net



Club Dues are Due

Yep, it's that time of year again. Arlington ARC club dues can be paid two ways. The club website k5sld.org now has a **PayPal** option, which is a very easy and convenient way to pay dues if you have a PayPal account. And of course dues can still be paid to Arlington ARC via check. Checks can be sent to the club P.O. Box or given to Chris Webster, club treasurer, at the meeting. Dues for the year are still \$25.

Spring Fox Hunt

At the last club meeting a spring VHF fox hunt was proposed and **Maurice KM5RF** has agreed to provide us with a cleverly hidden fox for our next outing. At this month's club meeting I will bring up the topic of a date and a place. I think late April or early May would be a good time and I am considering Randol Mill Park as a location. Please come ready to make some suggestions of dates, rain dates times and locations. The last fox hunt in October at River Legacy was great fun for everyone who participated and I'd like to make the next one even more exciting. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas even before the meeting. pipertoo@earthlink.net - Virginia NV5F



March Presentation

This month **Dennis McGrath N5ACK** will talk about antennas for people in HOA restricted communities. There's nothing more frustrating than finding the home that you really like (or more importantly, the home that your wife really wants), then find out that the HOA covenants prohibit putting up a ham antenna. No antenna = no shack = very sad ham. If there's a will, there's a way around those rules.

Arlington ARC Events Calendar

March 18, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford

March 18, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

March 19 Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License test Session at 501 W Sanford

March 19, Sat, 5:00pm, Dining Out – Toni's Pizza 5071 Little Rd., Arlington

April 2, Sat, 8:30am, 1st Saturday breakfast – TBD

April 2, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 501 W Sanford

April 6, Wed. 12:30pm, Arlington Siren Test

April 15, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Our website has an Events Calendar, so check it out for the latest information on upcoming events at www.k5sld.com

AARC Financial Report – February 2011

								
AARC February 2011 Financial Report								
	Actual Sep-10	Actual Oct-10	Actual Nov-10	Actual Dec-10	Actual Jan-11	Actual Feb-11		
Income								
Dues	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$615.00	\$195.00		
PayPal Dues	\$23.97	\$23.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.41	\$0.00		
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$31.00		
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
CD interest	\$0.34	\$0.38	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.33		
	<u>\$99.31</u>	<u>\$24.35</u>	<u>\$12.86</u>	<u>\$0.36</u>	<u>\$894.78</u>	<u>\$226.33</u>		
Expenses								
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Bank fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00		
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$8.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.62		
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Flowers by Linda (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Printing supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$193.06	\$0.00		
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ham Radio Outlet (4 under door jumpers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$328.94</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$193.06</u>	<u>\$56.62</u>		
Variance	<u>\$99.31</u>	<u>-\$304.59</u>	<u>\$12.86</u>	<u>\$0.36</u>	<u>\$701.72</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>		
	Ending Bal Oct-09	Actual Sep-10	Actual Oct-10	Actual Nov-10	Actual Dec-10	Actual Jan-11	Actual Feb-11	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$1,350.53	\$98.97	-\$304.97	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$671.35	\$138.38	\$1,582.59
Repeater Fund	\$1,320.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,266.90
Good & Welfare	\$466.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$599.58
Chase Checking	\$3,138.14	\$98.97	-\$304.97	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$701.35	\$169.38	\$3,449.07
Chase CD	\$2,150.02	\$0.34	\$0.38	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$2,158.09
Total Chase Bank	\$5,288.16	\$99.31	-\$304.59	\$12.86	\$0.36	\$701.72	\$169.71	\$5,607.16
Petty Cash	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	\$5,313.16	\$99.31	-\$304.59	\$12.86	\$0.36	\$701.72	\$169.71	\$5,632.16
Note: \$225 for storage paid 3/12/2011; good through 8/31/2011.								
Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX Treasurer AARC since August 2009								

February 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 18th, 2011 at 6:40pm. Present were President, Jack W5JCK; Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Virginia proposed the organization of a fox hunt for the spring.

Maurice reported that the status of the IRLP node has not changed. He will coordinate with the repeater chair to take action at the repeater site.

The Board discussed bringing before the Membership a motion to allocate \$200 for the repeater committee to spend during 2011 for the routine operation and maintenance of the repeater systems. This annual allocation is stated in Section 1E of the AARC bylaws.

Bill asked Phil to confirm with the building management that the Sanford Street location will be available for the AARC to use for Field Day 2011.

Phil will be holding Extra Class training sessions starting the second Tuesday of March. If you would like to assist Phil in the teaching of the sessions, please contact Phil.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

February 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:32pm February 18th, 2011 by the President, Jack W5JCK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Jack W5JCK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign. The Newbie Net has been suspended until the next Technician Class training sessions have been completed.

Phil N5PWW will continue to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He will be holding an Extra Class training session starting on the second Tuesday of March. If you would like to assist in teaching the class, please contact Phil.

Bill AE5BT reported the possibility of the AARC participating in Field Day 2011 with a designation 3A. The club would run voice, data, and CW. Bill asked the Membership if they would enjoy holding Field Day activities at the Sanford Street location. A majority of the Membership voted in favor of the Sanford Street location.

Virginia NV5F printed and distributed the newsletter.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial reports for January 2011. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial reports as published in the February 2011 newsletter.

The minutes for the January meetings were submitted for publication in the February 2011 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

To comply with Section 1E of the AARC bylaws, a motion was made before the Membership to allocate \$200 for the repeater committee to spend during 2011 for the routine operation and maintenance of the repeater systems. The motion carried.

A break as taken at 8:00pm and the presentation started at 8:20pm.

Dennis N5ACK gave a presentation on building a 2-meter wire J-Pole antenna.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 31 people in attendance, 27 indicating AARC membership.

Volunteers Needed to Help Test the Warning Sirens

If you live or work in Arlington, chances are, you have heard the wail of one of our warning sirens. In the event of severe weather, these sirens going off might save your life. But, what if they did not go off? Where would we be then?

Volunteers, working in conjunction with the Arlington Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, assist in the testing of the city's sirens on the first Wednesday of each month. The test is conducted between 12:30pm to 1:30pm on the AARC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9.

If you have the time available, we would love to enlist your cooperation and radio expertise in this most necessary and rewarding effort. Your report of a malfunctioning siren just might mean the saving of a life or avoidance of bodily injury.

Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:00am on the day of the test. The net will begin about 12:15pm on test day, and you may join us any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating siren locations. For more info contact Jack Swinden, W5JCK, AARC President.



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