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January Program

The Victorian Internet: Ham Radio, Communications, and Our Telegraphic Heritage

This presentation, inspired by the book *The Victorian Internet* by Tom Standage, is a look at the intertwining of technological advances which led to modern communication and information technology, including radio. The telegraph, Morse Code, and the culture surrounding it, not only launched modern information technology, it also gave us many of our terms and practices in radio communication. Even some of our popular sayings and ideas originated in this earliest form of telecommunication.

January Announcements

AARC Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party was big success this year. Andy, KB2VQA served as MC and led us through an entertaining round of "thieving Santa". More Santa than thieving took place although a couple of people did snatch some gifts to keep it interesting. After that Andy had one of our servers choose the winning ticket for the FT-2900 raffle. Virginia, NV5F, was the lucky winner.



New Officers for 2012

Club officers for 2012 were elected at the November general meeting. Jack, W5JCK, decided to step down as President after holding that office for the past two years. Vice President Dennis McGrath, N5ACK, was elected the new President. Newsletter Editor Virginia Smith, NV5F, will move into Dennis' old position as Vice President and Rob May, NV5E will serve as Newsletter Editor for the next year. All other officers ran unopposed and will remain in their familiar places for 2012:

Secretary: Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA

Treasurer: Chris Webster, K5LTX

Training Coordinator and Agent of Record: Phil Stage, N5PWW

Emergency Coordinator: Bill Tatsch Jr., AE5BT

Trustee: Maurice Martin, KM5RF

Ham of the Year

The winner of the 2011 HOTA will be announced at the January meeting. Be sure to attend so that you can congratulate the winner.

Cowtown Hamfest of Fort Worth

This popular hamfest will take place January 20 – 21 at the Lockheed Martin Recreational Area. The address is 3400 Bryant Irvin Road in Fort Worth. See their website, www.cowtownhamfest.com for maps and directions.

Arlington ARC Events Calendar

Jan 20, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Jan 20, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Jan 21, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 401 W Sanford

Jan 21, Sat, 5:00pm, Dining Out – Mellow Mushroom, 200 North Center St., Arlington

Feb 4, Sat, 8:30am, 1st Saturday Breakfast – Golden Corral 2820 West I-20, Grand Prairie

Feb 4, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 401 W Sanford, Arlington

Feb 17, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Feb 17, Fri, 7:30pm Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Feb 18, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 401 W Sanford

Our website also has our Events Calendar, www.k5sld.com

AARC Financial Report – November 2011

Chris Webster, K5LTX, will present the Financial Report at the January club meeting. The November, December and January reports will be printed in the February newsletter.

November 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 18th, 2011 at 6:38pm. Present were President, Jack W5JCK; Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Treasurer, Chris K5LTX.

Election of Club officers will be held tonight.

Phil N5PWW will hold a testing session tomorrow. Phil has organized a Technician Class training session that will start on January 3rd and run for four to six weeks, two evenings a week. An exam will be given on the evening of the last class. Six students have committed to the session. It will be held at the South Arlington Medical Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

November 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm November 18th, 2011 by President, Jack W5JCK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Treasurer, Chris K5LTX.

Jack W5JCK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Virginia NV5F printed and distributed the newsletter.

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

A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. On January 3rd, 2012, Phil will start a Technician Class training session that will run for four to six weeks, two evenings a week. On the last night of the session, an exam will be given. Six students have committed their time to participating in the session. It will be held at the South Arlington Medical Center.

Virginia NV5F continues collecting ballots for the AARC Ham of the Year. The winner will be announced at the December holiday gathering.

Virginia reported that an AARC fox hunt will be held on November 19th at 11am. The fox will be on the 2 meter band and participants in the hunt will check-in on the 2 meter repeater.

The Nominating Committee Chair, Sherry W5YUP, informed the Membership of the following offices to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Training Coordinator, and Emergency Coordinator. The floor was opened to nominations. The following were nominated and seconded: President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Rob May NV5E; and Training Coordinator, Phil N5PWW. No other nominations were made. A vote on each candidate was held. The candidates were approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 39 people in attendance, 33 indicating AARC membership.



Photos courtesy of Maurice Martin, KM5RF.

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.

2012 Club Officers

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Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXK