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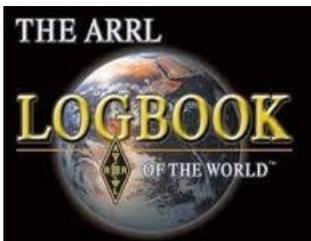
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February Program

Logbook of the World (LoTW) is an electronic QSL service of the ARRL. Setting up your LoTW account and uploading your contacts can be a little daunting. Virginia, NV5F, will try to make it a little easier for us to understand.



Click the on the logo to go to the ARRL LoTW webpage

February Announcements

Bill Tatsch, AE5BT, Ham of the Year

Eagerly awaited results of the Ham of the Year voting were announced at the January meeting and the winner was Emergency Coordinator Bill Tatsch. Bill has been EC and led the Field Day effort for the Arlington ARC seemingly since time immemorial. Bill does a tremendous amount of work for Field Day, from hauling generators, coax and antennas from the club storage facility, issuing press releases, arranging visits from served agencies and twisting his relatives arms into providing some of the best Field Day BBQ available anywhere. The work doesn't stop then. He oversees the clean-up of our FD site, and collects and sends in the logs to the ARRL. When he's not doing all those things he's busily counting days on the calendar so that he can remind us at the meetings that Field Day is fast approaching. Be sure to thank Bill for all his hard work.



Bill, AE5BT, accepts the HOTA year award from 2010 winner Virginia, NV5F

New Webmaster for www.k5sld.com

Jason Archip, KD5LCT, has taken over the duties of webmaster for the club website, taking over from Jack Swinden, W5JCK. Jack took the initiative several years ago to straighten out the previously neglected website. He procured the .org, .com and .net TDL's for the club and set up registration and hosting as well as installing the Joomla content manager. Jack put a ton of work into the website over the years. Thanks for that Jack. Jason has already started to make some minor changes and you can expect to see more in the future. If you have any ideas, changes or see errors than may need correcting please email webmaster@k5sld.org.

Calendar of Events

Feb 17 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford. This is an open meeting everyone is encouraged to attend.

Feb 17 General Membership meeting – 7:00pm, 501 W. Sanford

Feb 18 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

Feb 18 Dining out – Cracker Barrel – 5:00pm, I-20 at Bowen Rd

March 3 1st Saturday Breakfast – 8:30am, Main Street Café - 2023 South Cooper Street

March 3 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

March 16 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

March 16 General Membership meeting – 7:00pm, 501 W. Sanford

Tidbits

I'm adding this section for quickie items like announcements, questions, gossip, etc. So, here we go.

Soon it will be Spring, and you know what that means... that's right, antenna work! I know at least a couple of members will be needing some help with antennas in the near future. Virginia, NV5F, will be putting up a beam soon and will be looking for some help. See her at the meeting to get an update.

Contests are a great way to add to your Worked All States or DXCC total. See WA7BNM's Contest Calendar. You can always check out the calendar for the current week here: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>.

One of the benefits of getting this newsletter as a PDF by email is that links are clickable. If you still get the newsletter by snail mail, please consider electronic delivery, it also saves the club considerable printing and mailing costs.

Many of you use Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) for rig control and logging. HRD was recently sold to a private group. Speculation is that it will no longer be free. The new owners have released v5.1 with some bug fixes. They indicate that v6.0 will be released at Dayton during Hamvention. Rumors are that a basic version may remain free but that they will charge for the full featured version. You can download v5.1 (currently still free) at www.hrdsoftwarellc.com.

Are you looking to add to your DXCC total? Check out the Announced DX Operations website at <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>. It's a great resource for seeing what Dxpeditions are active so that you can get that rare one you need to make Honor Roll.

While we're on the subject of DX, you can who's been spotted on the air in real time at DX Summit, <http://www.dxsummit.fi/DxSpots.aspx>.

If you have an item for the newsletter, ideas for articles, want ads, comments or complaints or if you notice any errors, send them to me at nv5e@arrl.net.

January 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 20th, 2012 at 6:40pm. Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Rob NV5E; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

The Board discussed a request to use the repeater for a bible net. A majority of the board was opposed to granting approval of the request.

Locations for dining-out and first-Saturday breakfast were decided upon for the first half of the year.

Chris K5LTX will inform the membership that 2012 AARC membership dues are being accepted.

According to Article 7, Section 1E, the Board approved the sum of \$200 for the Repeater Committee to spend, should it be needed in the course of 2012, for the routine operation and maintenance of the Club's repeater systems.

Phil N5PWW will hold a testing session tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

January 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm January 20th, 2012 by President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Rob NV5E; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Dennis N5ACK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Rob NV5E printed and distributed the newsletter. If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, please contact Rob.

Phil has concluded a Technician Class training session that started on January 3rd. He continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

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

The minutes for the November meetings were submitted for publication in the January 2012 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

A motion was made and carried to make a donation to SafeHaven of Tarrant County in the amount of \$250.

Virginia NV5F presented the AARC Ham of the Year award to Bill AE5BT.

A break was taken at 8:05pm. At 8:15pm the meeting resumed, and Virginia gave a presentation on ham radio's telegraphic heritage.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 37 people in attendance, 30 indicating AARC membership.

AARC January 2012 Financial Report



	Actual Jul-11	Actual Aug-11	Actual Sep-11	Actual Oct-11	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	
Income								
Dues	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$590.00	
PayPal Dues	\$0.00	\$23.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.41	
Radio Raffle Dec 2011	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.28	\$0.20	\$0.35	\$0.27	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	
	\$100.78	\$49.17	\$182.85	\$160.27	\$12.81	\$175.31	\$839.62	
Expenses								
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$124.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Bank fee donation	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
FT2900 radio for Dec 2011 raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$184.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2011 Field Day gas and supplies	\$0.00	\$65.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fund)	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	
	\$124.18	\$65.90	\$409.16	\$9.53	\$320.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	
Variance	-\$23.40	-\$16.73	-\$226.31	\$150.74	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	
	Actual Jul-11	Actual Aug-11	Actual Sep-11	Actual Oct-11	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	Ending Balances
General Fund	\$62.50	-\$16.93	-\$226.66	\$150.47	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$839.41	\$2,025.65
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	-\$86.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$598.40
Chase Checking	-\$23.68	-\$16.93	-\$226.66	\$150.47	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$839.41	\$3,835.95
Chase CD	\$0.28	\$0.20	\$0.35	\$0.27	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	\$2,161.36
Total Chase Bank	-\$23.40	-\$16.73	-\$226.31	\$150.74	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$5,997.31
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	-\$23.40	-\$16.73	-\$226.31	\$150.74	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$6,022.31

Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 9/1/2011; good through 2/29/2012.

Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX
Treasurer AARC since August 2009

Volunteers Needed to Help Test 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 one the day of the test. The net will begin about 12:14 on test day, and you may join us at any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating the sirens. For more information contact Jack, W5JCK at w5jck@w5jck.com.

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Repeater Committee

Chairman Paul Baumgardner W5PSB

Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXX

Membership Application available at: http://k5sld.com/forms/aarc_membership_application.pdf