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March Meeting

This month's meeting presentation will be a very interesting presentation. It will be on ATV (or HAM TV). The presentation will cover the basics of what ATV is, how to set it up and what some of the useful applications are.

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building at 501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 pm, following the executive board meeting at 6:30 pm. Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

K5SLD Repeaters

- 147.14+ PL 110.9 (linked to 224.8)
- 224.8- PL 110.9 (linked to 147.14)
- 444.2+ PL 100.0 (linkable to IRLP)



These days, it costs very little to get started with ATV, especially if you're good at building or "rolling-your-own" setup. Camera costs are a fraction of what they used to be years ago.

Calendar of Events

March 21: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

March 21: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

March 22: Dining Out 5:00 pm, Babe's Chicken 230 N. Center St. Arlington

April 5 : First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am, Rise and Shine 1815 West Pioneer Parkway

April 5 : VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

Tidbits

If you have anything for sale that you'd like to post here on the newsletter, just send me an email at N5ACK@ARRL.NET and I'll include it in the next month's newsletter. Likewise, if someone needs some help, or is looking for a particular amplifier or widgeit, let me know and I'll post it here.

Also, if you have any announcements, or especially any ideas to include in the newsletter or for a presentation, please feel free to send them to myself, or any board member.

For Sale

Antenna mounts

I have a light bar that has 3 MNO antenna mounts (on top) and 2 for COMET(one each side) antennas.

Turn/stop lights are LEDs with backup lights.

This sold for \$500+.... Will take \$250.00 It is made to fit the stake holes in the bed and setup for a TUNDRA.

Dave Walker

W5DJO

817-557-5219

Birthdays

Donna Heishman KB5BIB April 2

Dennis McGrath N5ACK April 2

Terry Lines KD5RA April 18

Virgina Golderman KF5FVW April 22

David Morrison KF5JNR April 30

Next Meeting 3/21/2014

As a reminder, club dues are now due if they have not been paid yet.

Dues can be paid online via Paypal (link is on the website), or our treasurer Joyce will be happy to take cash or checks at the meeting. Best time to see her would be during the break before the presentation.

Also, don't forget that we now have a "lending library" of books that will brought to the the meetings each month. Please make sure that when you borrow a book, that it's brought back at the next meeting so others may borrow it.

From the Presidents Desk

Well here it is, the month of March, the first quarter of the year is nearly over. Spring is in the air.

Income Taxes are coming due and Field Day is just around the corner. What we really need is rain.

If the weather holds good for the next week or two Wayne and I will be heading for the nearest camping ground.

I'm getting cabin fever and camping is the only cure. Anyone who wishes to go along is more than welcome. The Club used to have these campouts two or three times a year, as many as six to ten trailers and a couple of tents.

Sometimes it looked as though we were conducting a mini field day, someone was sitting up a radio and running a long wire.

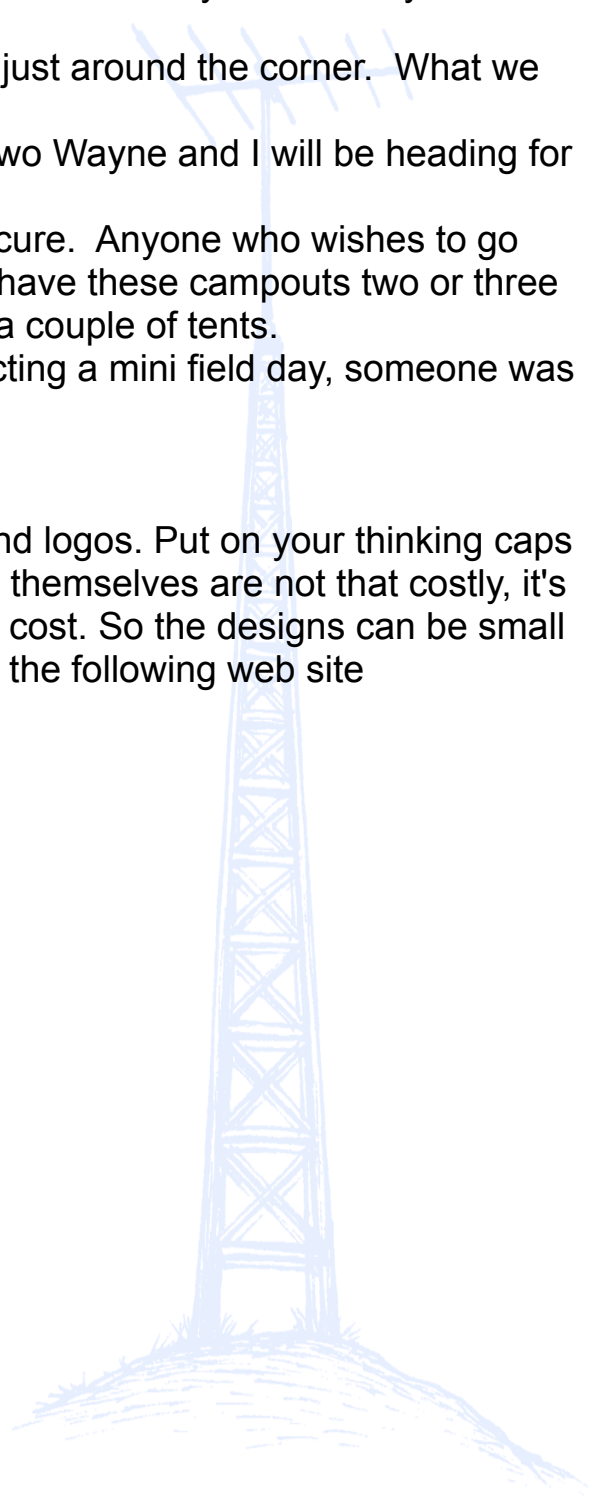
Speaking of Field Day, we need shirt designs and logos. Put on your thinking caps and put your creative minds to work. The shirts themselves are not that costly, it's the amount of ink and the number of colors that cost. So the designs can be small and colorful or large with one or two colors. Go the following web site

<http://www.texasshirtwerx.com/>

See everybody at the meeting.

73

Sherry W5YUP



Contest Corner March/April

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Mar 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 20
Oklahoma QSO Party 1300Z, Mar 22 to 0100Z, Mar 23 and 1300Z-1900Z, Mar 23
Louisiana QSO Party 1500Z, Mar 22 to 0300Z, Mar 23
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 29 to 2359Z, Mar 30

Mississippi QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 5 to 0200Z, Apr 6
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Apr 9
New Mexico QSO Party 1400Z, Apr 12 to 0200Z, Apr 13
Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 12 to 2359Z, Apr 13
Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 19 to 0400Z, Apr 20
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital 0001Z, Apr 26 to 2359Z, Apr 27
Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 26 to 2159Z, Apr 27

The above is an abbreviated list only.

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at hornucopia.com/contestcal.

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at dfwcontest.com.

Public Service

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 Linda W5LMC (L_mcmillen@prodigy.net) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Membership

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.

February 2014 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 February 21st, 2014 by the President, Sherry W5YUP. Other board members present included the Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

Sherry W5YUP called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

The minutes for the January meetings were submitted for publication in the February 2014 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report for January 2014. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial reports as published. Joyce has finished the tax return for 2013. She reported that Maurice is working on tax returns for previous years.

Joyce informed the membership that it was approximately one year ago that the club made a donation to SafeHaven of Tarrant County shelter. A motion was made and carried to make a donation in the sum of \$250 for 2014.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. No training sessions are currently scheduled.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that Field Day was only 127 days away. As the date approaches he will be looking for volunteers to operate VHF and CW stations.

David KB3UBD is planning a presentation on amateur television for the month of March.

Old business: Phil N5PWW and David W5DJO completed an inventory of the club's equipment. Paul Baumgardner provided a list of repeater equipment.

New business: Joyce W5FJB asked for volunteers from the membership to participate in the annual financial audit at the March meeting. The three members who volunteered their time were Rob May, Helen Stevenson, and Wayne Shelton.

A break was taken at 8:00pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:10pm with a presentation by Paul Swartz on the organization known as Honor Flight DFW.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership.



February 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 21st, 2014 at 6:40pm. Present were President, Sherry W5YUP; Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report and reported that she completed the tax return for 2013. She is working with Maurice on the returns from previous years. She will ask for volunteers to participate in the annual financial audit held at the March meeting.

Joyce made a motion to remove Chris Webster, as his request, from all the Capital One accounts held by the Arlington Amateur Radio Club. Bill AE5BT seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote of those board members present, the motion carried.

Phil N5PWW continues to conduct testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. No training sessions are currently being conducted or have been scheduled.

Phil N5PWW and David W5DJO completed an inventory of the club's equipment. Paul Baumgardner provided a list of repeater equipment.

Phil N5PWW is preparing and will submit the form 802 Periodic Report of a Nonprofit Corporation for the State of Texas.

David W5DJO reported that there is noise at the repeater site on the IRLP frequencies in use. An investigation will continue in an attempt to remove the noise.

David KB3UBD is planning a presentation and demonstration of amateur television at the March meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

February 2014 Financial Report

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2014

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Radio Club
February 2014 Financial
Report

ACCOUNTS

Checking	2/1/14	General fund	3439.30
		G.F. includes income and G&W \$587.00	
		Repeater fund	1211.90
		Expenses	0.00
		Dues and pay pal(G.F.)	292.94
Balances	Bank	2/28/14	4944.14
	Checkbook		4944.14
C.D. (renew 6/19/2014)			2168.27
TOTAL AT CAPITAL ONE			7112.41
Petty cash			25.00
TOTAL CLUB TREASURY			7137.41

2014 Club Officers

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Repeater Committee: Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair),
Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX