



# COMMUNICATOR

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

## April Meeting

This month's program will be about Emergency Communications presented by Gerry Dalton, RACES Liaison Officer for Tarrant County, Texas.

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### **60th Anniversary Picnic**

The Arlington ARC will hold a special event station/picnic from 8am - 2pm May 16 at the JW Dunlop Sports Center at the corner of Fielder and NW Greenoaks. We have rented a pavillion for the occasion and would love to have you bring your radios/antennas, etc. to try your hand at portable operation. There is no AC power at the pavillion but we will have a deep cycle marine battery and solar cells to better demonstrate how hams operate during emergencies. David Spore will demonstrate his portable station. We will also have several low power (QRP) radios including radios that will do CW, SSB, an PSK for you to try your hand at. Feel free to bring your own field portable radio and any other equipment you'd like to test out in an outdoor situation. There will be a demonstration on building a dipole antenna. So bring a picnic lunch and a sense of adventure and enjoy a day in the park with the Arlington Amateur Radio Club.

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We are still looking for additional radio operators to assist with Arlington's Lone Star Race 5K, 10K and Half Marathon benefitting The Ability Connection to be held on Sunday, April 26th.

<http://lonestarrace.org/>

Report time will be 5:00 to 5:30 a.m. depending on position, but everything should be concluded by 11 or 11:30. Contact Linda McMillen or David Walker for additional details or to volunteer. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

## Calendar of Events

**April 17: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

*Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

**April 17: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**April 18: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**April 18: Dining Out** 5:00 pm, Sal's Pizza 2229 W. Park Row Dr., Pantego, TX 76013

**May 2 : First Saturday Breakfast** 8:30 am Jay Jay Cafe 1001 S. Bowen Rd 76013

**May 2 : VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic 8am to 2pm at JW Dunlop Sports Center Information on front page:

## Tidbits

My sincere appreciation and thanks to Rob May for his quick help by taking down, replacing the coax and reattaching my antenna since the last meeting. He came fully prepared with "coax laying around in his garage," and the necessary hex-head wrenches. My only contribution was supplying the ladder, helping thread the coax up the antenna, and basically staying out of his proficient way. Thank you, Rob!

*Linda McMillen*

As a reminder... Field Day 2015 is quickly approaching. We're down to the double digits of days to go now and we'll need to get an idea of who would like to volunteer to work which stations. If you are interested in working a station, please see Bill Tatcsh AE5BT.

Also, we can use any and all help for the setup and takedown on Saturday morning at 9:00 and also Sunday around noon-ish.

## For Sale

For sale MFJ-1279 "Super Soundcard Interface", 8 pin round connector. Asking \$80, used very little, like new condition includes power supply, manual, all cables, and software, new cost \$139.95. If you have been wanting to try thee HF digital modes this is a chance to get a really versatile interface at a good price. Terry Lines, KD5RA – 817-8754-5463.

## Birthdays

Dennis McGrath N5ACK	4/2
Ron Davis KD5KFQ	4/3
Bud Davis KE5RGX	4/15
Brad Johnson WD5FIR	4/24
Terry Lines KD5RA	4/18
Graham Strickland	4/13

**Next Meeting 4/17/2015**



## **From the President**

Things are starting to perk up in the club, and I am excited about this year's upcoming events and new club activities. Our first new activity will be the club picnic on May 16th, which will be a great opportunity to show off our radio skills and use of emergency power. I will show off my go-bag with the solar panel and battery. Other members are encouraged to bring their setups, including portable antennas. The picnic is just the beginning, as I hope to have several projects and activities planned throughout the year. Field day will be upon us soon, and will certainly be our focus in June. For Field Day, I hope to get even more public awareness this year and attract lots of visitors. So far I have two volunteers to serve on the Membership Committee, and I would like to get one more person. If you are interested in joining the committee please come see me as soon as possible. I am working on a "job description" of the committee and will present it during the meeting this Friday. I will begin talking with volunteers about the committee this month as we plan the committee's rollout and initial responsibilities. I hope to see a bunch of you at the Lone Star Race this coming April 26th. This is a good opportunity to help the club reinvigorate our community service commitment, so it is important that as many of us show up as possible. I am hopeful that we can participate in one or two more similar events this year. Please let myself or Linda know if you are aware of any potential opportunities for community service. One idea I would like to throw out there is that we put together a HAM Radio presentation that we can do for schools. We are limited only by our imagination as to what we can do.

David Spore KB3UBD

# April/May Contest Calendar

## April 2015

± NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Apr 15±
± CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Apr 15 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 15 and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 16
± NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Apr 17
± Holyland DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 17 to 2100Z, Apr 18
± ES Open HF Championship	0500Z-0559Z, Apr 18 and 0600Z-0659Z, Apr 18 and 0700Z-0759Z, Apr 18 and 0800Z-0859Z, Apr 18
± Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest	0600Z, Apr 18 to 0559Z, Apr 19
± CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest	1200Z, Apr 18 to 2359Z, Apr 19
± Nebraska QSO Party	1200Z, Apr 18 to 0200Z, Apr 19 and 1700Z-2300Z, Apr 19
± Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19
± EA-QRP CW Contest	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 18 (20-10m) and 2000Z-2300Z, Apr 18 (80m) and 0700Z-1100Z, Apr 19 (40m) and 1100Z-1300Z, Apr 19 (20-10m)
± Ontario QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 18 to 0500Z, Apr 19 and 1200Z-1800Z, Apr 19
± North Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 18 to 1800Z, Apr 19
± YU DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 18 to 0500Z, Apr 19 and 0900Z-1700Z, Apr 19
± ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB	1800Z-2359Z, Apr 19
± Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 20
± SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 22
± CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Apr 22 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 22 and 0300Z-0400Z, Apr 23
± UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Apr 22
± 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, Apr 25 to 2359Z, Apr 26
± SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26
± QRP to the Field	1200Z-2359Z, Apr 25
± Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 25 to 1259Z, Apr 26
± Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26
± BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2100Z, Apr 26

## May 2015

± NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 1
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 1
± 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3
± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3
± Indiana QSO Party	1600Z, May 2 to 0400Z, May 3
± Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3
± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3
± RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, May 4
± CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 6 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 6 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 7
± NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, May 8
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 8
± F9AA Cup, PSK	1200Z, May 9 to 1200Z, May 10
± SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, May 9 to 2400Z, May 10
± FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 9
± 50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 9 to 0300Z, May 10

## **The above is an abbreviated list only.**

For more information on these and other contests, see the *WA7BNM Contest Calendar* at [.hornucopia.com/contestcal](http://hornucopia.com/contestcal)

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at [dfwcontest.com](http://dfwcontest.com).



## **March 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:33pm March 20th, 2015 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

David KB3UBD called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

The minutes for the February meetings were submitted for publication in the March 2015 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Terry KD5RA reported that the annual audit of the 2014 financial statements was conducted. Terry reviewed the treasurer's report from the months of January and February. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial reports as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are no training classes currently being conducted.

Rob May, on behalf of Bill AE5BT, reminded the membership that Field Day 2015 was only 98 days away. The plan is to start setting up stations at 9am on Saturday. If any members have ideas to be incorporated into the club's Field Day activities, speak with Rob or Bill.

Dennis N5ACK published the March 2015 newsletter and distributed it to the membership.

Linda W5LMC mentioned the upcoming Lone Star Half Marathon would provide an opportunity for club members to volunteer their communication skills. The marathon is being held on April 26th, 2015.

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership that the club's license was up to date. He brought the Yaesu System Fusion repeaters to show to the membership.

David KB3UBD informed the membership of the upcoming May 16th club picnic to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. As a result of last month's survey, David would like to establish a membership committee with the purpose of welcoming new members and conduct a membership drive.

A break was taken at 8:15pm. At 8:30pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by Gary Gregg KD5TDC, Police Technical Services Manager, City of Euless, on the subject of trunked radio systems.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm. The sign-in sheet showed 30 people in attendance, 27 indicating AARC membership.

## **March 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on March 20th, 2015 at 7:08pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Linda W5LMC requested the use of the club's repeater during the Lone Star Half Marathon, which will be held within the City of Arlington on April 26th. A majority of the board members present voted to grant permission.

Terry submitted the financial reports for January and February for publication in the newsletter.

David KB3UBD would like to hold a club picnic on May 16th to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. He also would like to establish a membership committee with the responsibility of attracting, welcoming, and mentoring new members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.



# March 2015 Financial Reports

Submitted by Terry Lines KD5RA 2015 Treasurer

## Arlington Amateur Radio Club March 2015 Financial Report

Accounts as of 2/28/15	General fund	2542.02	
	G&W	314.39	
	Repeater fund	1866.90	
	Checking	<b>4723.31</b>	
	C.D.	2170.42	
<b>Last Month Total Capital One</b>			<b>6893.73</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Flowers, etc. (G&W)	56.11	
	Yaesu Repeaters	1000.00	
	Texas Franchise Tax	50.00	
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
		<b>1106.11</b>	
<b>Income</b>	Dues	257.94	
	G&W Raffle	0.00	
	Christmas Raffle	0.00	
	Donation	0.00	
	Other	0.00	
		<b>257.94</b>	
	<b>Net Change</b>		<b>-848.17</b>
<b>Balances</b>	Calc checking total		<b>3875.14</b>
	Bank Statement		3875.14
	Checkbook Balance		3875.14
C.D. (renew 6/19/15)	Interest this month	0.17	2170.59
<b>This Month Total Capital One</b>			<b>6045.73</b>
Petty cash			25.00
<b>Club TOTAL as of 03/31/15</b>			<b>6070.73</b>

## 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](mailto:L_mcmillen@prodigy.net)) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

## Membership

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.

## 2015 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Spore KB3UBD – <a href="mailto:davids@instruments.com">davids@instruments.com</a> – 301-481-8244
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX