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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)

May Meeting

Instead of a "program" on May 15th meeting, we will have a presentation and discussion about the install of the new repeaters, any issues radio operators may have been having, any issues that may have not been fully worked out yet, a show and tell on how to reset individual radios for those who have not yet done so (so bring your radios), along with plans for the Picnic on May 16th, who is bringing what equipment, etc.

60th Anniversary Picnic

It's time for the Arlington Amateur Radio Club's 60th Anniversary operating event and picnic! We have the North pavillion at JW Dunlap Sports Center at the corner of N. Fielder and NE Green Oaks from 8:00am until 2:00pm Saturday, May 16th. Please use the entrance on NE Green Oaks. Arrive early to help set up the main station. We'll primarily use an Elecraft K3 on SSB, If you have portable equipment that you'd like to try out, please bring it. Rob will try to do some QRP DX with his Small Wonder Labs PSK20 rig. Dave, KB3UBD, will demonstrate his backpack station. Scott, AE5PC, will bring his portable Supertenna yagi. I'll do a little show and tell on building a dipole. A Hustler 5BTV vertical available as well. We'll have a generator but we'll also be demonstrating solar and battery power. Bring a picnic lunch or get some take out and join us.

Calendar of Events

May 15: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

May 15: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

May 16: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

May 16: Dining Out 5:00 pm Kincaids at the Arlington Highlands

June 6: First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am la Madeleine (Parks Mall) 4201 S Cooper St #731

June 6: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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

Tidbits

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 the HF digital modes this is a chance to get a really versatile interface at a good price. Terry Lines, KD5RA – 817-8754-5463.

Birthdays

JoAnn Lines 5/22

Dick Pongratz K5SHT 5/20

Next Meeting 5/15/2015

Misc. Club Info and Announcements

Lone Star Race Organizers and the City of Arlington (and I personally) would like to thank each of the following AARC members for getting up well before dawn to participate in the Lone Star Race on April 26th. As with all public service events a few minor bumps but overall everything went remarkably smoothly. Thank you for your feedback! And Wayne, your treatise. Great ideas, hopefully some of which we can implement in the future. They could not have done it without your patience, expertise and participation:

Wilson Bergeron, Kathleen Holley, Wayne Hoskins, Maurice Martin, Linda McMillen, Richard Para, Trey Seastrunk, David Spore, Phil Stage, Joyce Waites, and Dave Walker who served as Net Control.

Also a sincere thank you to the Arlington Radio Club for the use of its repeaters.

Linda McMillen
W5LMC
Amateur Radio Liaison

May 16th: Joint Area Radio Clubs meeting in Southlake starting at 9:00 a.m. Members from other Tarrant County Radio Clubs will be there to present information about what they are doing, and most likely about their own experiences with the Fusion repeaters. Linda McMillen will be going to represent the Arlington Radio Club. We realize this conflicts in part with the picnic, but if anyone else plans to attend and/or needs directions, let her know. We should be back in Arlington shortly after noon, if not before:

Subject: Next Joint ARC Meeting - May 16th mark your calendars !
NETARC has secured the East DPS Community Room in Southlake for the next joint Tarrant ARC meeting in May. **Date:** May 16th, 2015.

Address: East Southlake DPS/Fire 667 North Carroll Ave Southlake, Texas Near Hwy 114 and Carroll Ave (2 blocks south, east side of road) in Southlake. Enter from the east side of the building. **Time:** 9:00-12:00

Please encourage your club members to attend, all are welcome!

See you guys in May,

Randy, WA0D
NETARC
Phone: 817-366-2339

It's the 50th anniversary Arlington July 4th Parade this year and we need volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for fixed positions around the Parade route, on carts and at the announcer booths.

We typically need 20 plus volunteers.

Parade Operations are conducted on the 147.14 + 110.9 hz repeater. We start at 0700 are typically wrapped up by 12:00 noon followed by a traditional lunch at Jason's Deli at Lincoln Square.

Please let me know if you can assist. Pbaumg1@sbcglobal.net

Thank you.

Paul Baumgardner W5PSB

April/May Contest Calendar

May 2015

+ AGCW QRP/QRP Party	1300Z-1900Z, May 1
+ 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3
+ ARI International DX Contest	1200Z, May 2 to 1159Z, 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 2400Z, May 3
+ VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1200Z, May 10
+ CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 9 to 1159Z, May 10
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, May 9 to 2359Z, May 10
+ FISTS Spring Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 9
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, May 13 to 0400Z, May 14
+ His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 16 to 1200Z, May 17
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 18
+ Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 23 to 0200Z, May 24
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 27
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, May 27 to 0400Z, May 28
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 30 to 2400Z, May 31

June 2015

+ 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	0001Z, Jun 6 to 2359Z, Jun 7
+ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Jun 6
+ VK Shires Contest	0600Z, Jun 6 to 0600Z, Jun 7
+ SEANET Contest	1200Z, Jun 6 to 1200Z, Jun 7
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Jun 10 to 0400Z, Jun 11
+ Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 13
+ Portugal Day Contest	1200Z, Jun 13 to 1159Z, Jun 14
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Jun 13 to 2359Z, Jun 14
+ GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 13 to 1500Z, Jun 14
+ REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 13 to 1600Z, Jun 14
+ ARRL June VHF Contest	1800Z, Jun 13 to 0300Z, Jun 15
+ All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 22
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 24
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Jun 24 to 0400Z, Jun 25
+ Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
+ His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28
+ ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28

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.

April 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31pm April 17th, 2015 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

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

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

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of March. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report 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.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that Field Day will be held on June 27th, only 10 weeks away. Dinner is planned for 6pm and the membership is encouraged to bring a side-dish to complement the BBQ main course. Bill is accepting orders for AARL Field Day T-shirts.

David KB3UBD has scheduled the new repeaters to be installed on April 30th. The Membership Committee is being formed, with two volunteers at this time. At least one additional volunteer is being sought.

Linda W5LMC mentioned the upcoming Lone Star Half Marathon will provide an opportunity for club members to volunteer their communication skills. The marathon is being held on April 26th, 2015 and should be completed by lunch time. Linda is interested in what types of programs the membership would like to see. Please provide your ideas to Linda.

Rob May has reserved the pavilion at J.W. Dunlop Sports Center for the AARC 60th anniversary picnic to be held on May 16th.

A motion was made to spend the sum of \$85 for the purchase of an AARC banner. The motion was seconded and carried by the membership.

A break was taken at 8:02pm. At 8:12pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by Gerry Dalton W5MAY, RACES Liaison Officer for Tarrant County, on the subject of emergency communications.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership.

April 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 17th, 2015 at 6:40pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

A resolution was brought before the board to establish a Membership Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Terry submitted the financial report for March for publication in the newsletter. He viewed the report with the board.

Phil will conduct a test session tomorrow. He also refiled for the state tax exempt status.

David KB3UBD has scheduled a club picnic on May 16th to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. A motion was made to spend the sum of \$85 for the purchase of an AARC banner. The motion was seconded and carried by a majority of the board members present.

Bill will be accepting orders from the membership for AARL Field Day T-shirts.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

April 2015 Financial Reports

Submitted by Terry Lines KD5RA 2015 Treasurer

Arlington Amateur Radio Club April 2015 Financial Report

Accounts as of 3/31/15	General fund	2749.96	
	G&W	258.28	
	Repeater fund	866.90	
	Checking	3875.14	
	C.D.	2170.59	
Last Month Total Capital One			6045.73
Expenses	PO Box, one year	80.00	GF
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
		80.00	
Income	Dues	23.97	GF
	G&W Raffle	0.00	
	Christmas Raffle	0.00	
	Donation	0.00	
	Other	0.00	
		23.97	
			Net Change -56.03
Balances	Calc checking total		3819.11
	Bank Statement		3819.11
	Checkbook Balance		3819.11
C.D. (renew 6/19/15)	Interest this month	0.18	2170.77
This Month Total Capital One			5989.88
Petty cash			25.00
Club TOTAL as of 04/30/15			6014.88

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.

2015 Club Officers

President:	David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244
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Repeater Committee:	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX