



# 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)

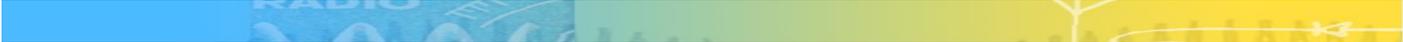
## June Meeting

### Field Day is almost here !!!

This month's meeting will be the last meeting prior to Field Day 2015. We need as many people as possible to help out in many ways. Starting at 9:00 on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>, we need people to help setup equipment and antennas. We also need anyone who can help operate stations, especially anyone interested in late night shifts would be greatly helpful since historically, that's the time when we have the greatest need. The stations that we will hopefully be running (as long as we have operators who can man them) will be SSB, Digital, GOTA, VHF, and CW.

On Sunday, we'll need help for the breakdown of equipment as well as helping with the cleanup process.

**Anyone interested in helping out in any way during the Field Day weekend, Please contact Bill Tatsch AE5BT at the meeting.**



## Calendar of Events

**June 19: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

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

**June 19: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**June 20: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.**

**June 20: Dining Out** 5:00 pm First Dixie Cafe 2400 W Pioneer Pkwy Ste.105 Pantego

**June 27-28: Field Day 2015**

**July 4: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

## 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.

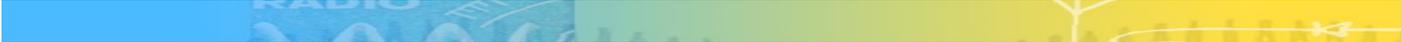
I have a Yaesu FT8900R for sale. I have the unit, the separation kit, RT Systems programming software and the cable, as well as a Diamond 8900 antenna. There is no coax with it. I am asking \$450. David Lucas KF5CFW 817-781-7256

## Birthdays

Leon Begin KF5YBE June 26th

Helen Stevenson KF5ZEC June 26th

## Next Meeting 6/19/2015



## **Misc. Club Info and Announcements**

**It's the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Arlington July 4<sup>th</sup> 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. [Pbaumgl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pbaumgl@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](http://dfwcontest.com).

## **May 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm on May 15th, 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; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; 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 April meetings were submitted for publication in the May 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 April. 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 at 10am. There are no training classes currently being conducted. When a sufficient number of people express an interest, Phil will hold a class.

Dennis N5ACK published the May 2015 newsletter and brought additional copies to the meeting.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that Field Day will be held on June 27th, and that setup of the stations and antennas will start at 9am. There will be a Get On The Air (GOTA) station, as well as side-band, VHF, and UHF. Anyone can visit and operate the equipment as there will be supervising control operators. Dinner is planned for 6pm and the membership is encouraged to bring a side-dish to complement the BBQ main course.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the new repeaters were installed on April 30th and they are operating well.

Linda W5LMC thanked the AARC members who assisted with communications for the Lone Star Half Marathon. She also conveyed the thanks of the race organizers (Arlington Fire Department, and promoters) to the members. Linda is looking for volunteers to provide communications for the Arlington Fourth of July Parade.

A break was taken at 8:08pm. At 8:20 pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by Maurice KM5RF on the use of the new repeater system.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm. The sign-in sheet showed 37 people in attendance, 33 indicating AARC membership.

## **May 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 15th, 2015 at 6:36pm. 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; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

David KB3UBD picked up the new AARC banner. There were additional charges of \$80. The motion was made a carried to spend the additional \$80.

Terry submitted the financial report for April for publication in the newsletter. He viewed the report with the board. Terry will be conducting an inventory of the physical assets of the club.

Phil will conduct a test session tomorrow. Phil informed the board that the \$50 refiling fee for the state tax exempt status was reimbursed to the club.

Linda informed the board that the Lone Star Half Marathon organizers sent their thanks to the AARC members who assisted with providing communications during the event.

Maurice reported that the new repeater was installed on the scheduled date of April 30th and it is operating.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

# May 2015 Financial Reports

Submitted by Terry Lines KD5RA 2015 Treasurer

## Arlington Amateur Radio Club May 2015 Financial Report

<b>Accounts as of 4/30/15</b>	General fund	2693.93	
	G&W	258.28	
	Repeater fund	866.90	
	Checking	<b>3819.11</b>	
	C.D.	2170.77	
<b>Last Month Total Capital One</b>	-----		<b>5989.88</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	New banner	165.50	GF
	XX	0.00	
		<b>165.50</b>	
<b>Income</b>	Dues	100.00	GF
	G&W Raffle	0.00	
	Christmas Raffle	0.00	
	Donation	0.00	
	Franchise Tax Refund	50.00	GF
		<b>150.00</b>	
		<b>Net Change</b>	<b>-15.50</b>
<b>Balances</b>	Calc checking total	<b>3803.61</b>	
	Bank Statement	3803.61	
	Checkbook Balance	3803.61	
C.D. (renew 6/19/15)	Interest this month	0.18	2170.95
<b>This Month Total Capital One</b>			<b>5974.56</b>
Petty cash			25.00
<b>Club TOTAL as of 5/31/15</b>	-----		<b>5999.56</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
<b>Vice President:</b>	Linda McMillen W5LMC - <a href="mailto:L_mcmillen@prodigy.net">L_mcmillen@prodigy.net</a> - 817-795-0999
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<b>Public Information Officer:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Webmaster:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX