



# 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

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0

## February Meeting

**Rob May NV5E,**

Rob will be presenting a program about building a small radio kit to listen to communications at DFW airport.

## Letter from the President

From the President

Well, the year is off to a good start! I am excited about the events we are planning and getting more involved with community service. Soon I will need to get with Rob to plan the technical workshops we want to have (the first one will be a little kit-building activity). Hopefully we can begin those by March. I have also been talking with some national parks about doing a HAM radio event. I am coordinating one or more National Parks on the Air trips with Randy Berger's club. This Friday night I will detail what we have found so far and what ideas we have. I had a nice talk with the director at the San Antonio Missions, and am seriously thinking about doing a NPOTA trip there in August. He also wants to contact other parks and do a big multi-park event with us. So, there are lots of possibilities brewing!

I hope to see all of you at the February meeting, as there should be some fun discussion about trips to national parks (we may have to plan more than one trip).

David  
KB3UBD

## Calendar of Events

**February 19: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford. *Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

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

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

### **==== Dining Out (Saturday after the club meeting, 5:00pm) ====**

February Spaghetti Warehouse (east side of Parks Mall) 1255 W  
Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76017

**Sunday February 28th:** COWTOWN Marathon - a few additional ham operators needed to assist at Fluid/Rest Stops. This is a public service event and membership in RACES is not required. Nor is prior experience but if possible you'll be partnered with someone who has. A good way to get some public service experience. Report and end times vary depending on where assigned. HT on full power is minimum requirement. It'd be great. If you are interested in participating, please register at [www.tarrantraces.org](http://www.tarrantraces.org) ASAP.

### **==== Breakfast (first Saturday, 8:30am) ====**

March First Dixie 2400 W Pioneer Pkwy #105, Pantego, TX 76013

**Saturday March 5th:** TESSA 2016 National Storm Conference - Colleyville - <http://www.tessa.org/>

**Sunday, April 24th:** LONE STAR HALF MARATHON and Mayor's 10K - we will need 16 to 20 radio operators to assist in this major Arlington Public Service Event. No experience necessary. Contact Linda McMillen W5LMC to volunteer. More info at club meeting.

**For Sale**

## **Birthdays**

Next Meeting 2/19/2016

## **Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **January 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:32pm on January 15th, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Editor, Trey AF5XS; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

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

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of October which appeared in the November newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published. Terry reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of November which did not appear in the newsletter. He distributed copies of the report to the membership in attendance. At the start of November there was a balance of \$4706.18, with Good and Welfare income of \$14, and 18 cents of interest, resulting in an ending balance of \$4720.36. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of December 2015 which appeared in the January 2016 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Terry reminded the membership that the audit of the financial records for 2015 will be conducted at the February membership meeting and he would like 3 volunteers from the club membership to comprise the audit committee.

Terry informed the membership that the form 990N has been submitted and accepted by the IRS.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. At this time Phil is not conducting any training classes. He is attempting to coordinate with a medical group to start a Technician class if a minimum of 10 people express interest. Phil informed the membership of an upcoming change in the exam question pool for Extra Class which goes in to effect July 1st, 2016.

Bill AE5BT reported that 162 days remained before we reach Field Day 2016.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeaters are in working order.

Trey AF5XS created the first newsletter of 2016 and distributed it to the membership via email.

Linda W5LMC reviewed ideas for upcoming presentations.

The minutes for the November meetings were submitted for publication in the January 2016 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

David KB3UBD thanked the membership for bestowing upon him the honor of Ham of the Year.

Dave Walker W5DJO made the membership aware of an antenna located at the VA which needs repair to its guy wires. Four volunteers would be needed to conduct the repair.

A break was taken at 8:05pm. The meeting resumed at 8:15 with a discussion lead by David KB3UBD on the 2016 National Parks on the Air program and possible participation in the program by the AARC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. The sign-in sheet showed 25 people in attendance, 24 indicating AARC membership.

## **January 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 15th, 2016 at 6:30pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's reports from the months of October, November, and December. He has filed the appropriate tax forms for 2015, and plans on conducting the annual audit of the AARC 2015 financial records at the February membership meeting.

Maurice KM5RF received Yaesu Fusion shirts as a result of the club's purchase of the repeater system. A donation of \$20 to the repeater fund will allow a member to receive one of the shirts. Maurice will coordinate a trip to the repeater site for the purpose of installing the new RF power amplifier and upgrading the firmware.

David KB3UBD would like to organize a trip with the AARC so that the club may participate in the program known as National Parks on the Air. He is also planning on working with Rob May to hold a kit building workshop for the club.

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

## Arlington Amateur Radio Club January 2016 Financial Report

<b>Accounts as of 12/31/15</b>		General fund	2200.74
		G&W	171.53
		Repeater fund	224.00
	Checking		<b>2596.27</b>
	C.D.		2172.21
<b>Last Month Total Capital One</b>			<b>4768.48</b>
			\$56.11 not cleared
<b>Expenses</b>	Ham of the Year	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
		<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Income</b>	Dues	571.62	Gen Fund
	G&W Raffle	0.00	
	Raffle	0.00	
	Donation	120.00	Repeater Fund
	Other	0.00	
		<b>691.62</b>	
		<b>Net Change</b>	<b>691.62</b>
<b>Balances</b>	Checking this month		<b>3287.89</b>
	Bank Statement		3287.89
	Checkbook Balance		3287.89
C.D. (renew 6/19/16)	Interest this month	0.18	2172.39
<b>Total Capital One this month</b>			<b>5460.28</b>
Petty cash			25.00
<b>TOTAL as of 01/31/16</b>			<b>5485.28</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.

## 2016 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>Emergency Coordinator:</b>	Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT – <a href="mailto:ae5bt@att.net">ae5bt@att.net</a> – 817-296-8026
<b>Trustee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf@att.net">km5rf@att.net</a> – 817-266-9906
<b>Agent of Record:</b>	Phil Stage N5PWW – <a href="mailto:n5pww@sbcglobal.net">n5pww@sbcglobal.net</a> – 817-465-5624
<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, Gerry Dalton W5MAY

## K5SLD AARC REPEATER ETIQUETTE

1. Always identify yourself according to the regulations. This means every ten (10) minutes and at the end of your transmission. This is not only AARC's policy; it is also required by our license. It never hurts to give your station's call sign more than less. It helps other users know you are there if they are listening.
2. Avoid lengthy conversations, pause between transmissions. This in no way means keep the repeater quiet. On the contrary AARC put the repeater on the air to be used and we are very happy when it is busy. It does, however, mean that we all should remember to leave pauses for those to have their say.
3. Always yield the frequency to a breaking station (any station with emergency traffic). The pro sign "break" has a very specific meaning on ham radio. So if you hear it, then give them the frequency. If you use it, remember the importance of its use. Ham radio has saved many lives and you never know when it may need to save yours.
4. Yield existing conversations to recognized activities: Weekly Nets, RACES, Siren Testing, etc.
5. Do not engage in political soap boxing or views on religious matters. These subjects are very personal to others listening and should be avoided. Do not engage in any personal antagonisms. Keep in mind that some conversations are best held in private. Hate speech or derogatory remarks directed at any person or group (political, ethnic, racial, religious, sexual orientation, etc.) are never allowed on AARC repeaters. Please keep that stuff to yourself, nobody else wants to hear your personal rants over the airwaves. AARC is firm on this policy, you will be warned and if you continue you may be asked to leave the repeater.
6. Do not use CB lingo/language or phonetics excessively. This is FM, not like HF so we all can hear you loud and clear.
7. Selling items OTHER than ham related equipment is not allowed, nor is conducting any business. This is not only our policy but is also a prohibition against our license. As Amateur Radio operators, we are prohibited from gaining any pecuniary benefit from our operation of our amateur radio stations. When in doubt take it off the air.
8. Watch your language; the repeater is "G Rated" 24 hours a day. Sometimes slips happen. That being said there is a complete difference between an inadvertent slip and an intentional act.
9. If you hear stations jamming or interfering do not make any comment, ignore them. Do not antagonize those interfering! This is not going to make them stop; it also puts your license at risk as well.