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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.

Letter from the President

We are getting close to the end of school and sliding into the summer months! Let's keep up the enthusiasm and plan for a fun-filled, active summer. We can kick it off this weekend at the club picnic, which is Saturday from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at River Legacy Park. The pavilion we have reserved is called the "Raccoon Run Pavilion". I encourage you to show up at the picnic for some fun and hot dogs! Bring the whole family. I am also looking for another radio or two that we can setup. I will be there by 9:00AM to start setting up.

Plans for the August San Antonio Missions event are coming along. I will be doing an initial site visit on June 3rd to scope out the area and pick a good spot for the radio setup. I have a couple of folks interested in going, and would like to make sure I have at least 3 who will be able to make the trip on August 19th and 20th (setup is first thing Saturday morning on the 20th). This will be a big and well publicized event. I am looking forward to an active summer, and I can see from my Calendar that we need something to occupy us in July. Let me know if you have any ideas for a July activity.

Have a great month! Hope to see at the picnic!

David
KB3UBD

K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0

Announcements

May Meeting Topic

ARRL –

Program for May is presented by Nancy Lankford McCain, North Texas Section Manager - ARRL. Come with any and all questions you may have.

Birthdays

Gary Burns	KG5GMJ	5/15
Curtis Eveler	KG5IDA	5/28
JoAnn Lines		5/22
Morrie Pickler	KB5UNX	5/15

For Sale

Bill Keele is helping the widow of a silent key sell Ham radio equipment

Opinions will vary but below is an opinion on some of the items. Condition is everything and I was concerned about the equipment "not being used for sometime". I assumed the equipment was functional and in average condition. If the equipment hasn't been used for a while I'd be concerned about the HV power supplies in the amplifier and the oscilloscope. The radios and other equipment I priced are rather old vintage gear but in my opinion not to the point of really being collectible.

Kenwood TR 7400A and PS ----- \$50 to 100
Dentron MT3000A Tuner ----- \$100 to 150
Drake L-4B and PS ----- \$400 to 800 condition is everything
Kenwood TS 930S, PS, Mic, Speaker ----- \$200 to 300
Drake Wattmeter W-4 ----- \$50 to 100

TailTwister Rotor control
Heath DC Supply 2762
BK AC power supply
Heathkit HD-1426 Relative Field Strength meter
Antenna Switch

HP 1710B Oscilloscope ----- \$200 to 250

T-40HD Crank-up tower with electric wench (does not fold over)
Mosley CL 33 beam atop tower

Calendar of Events

May 20: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

May 21: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

May 21st, Walk to Cure Arthritis

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

May 21, 5pm – 6pm Babes Chicken 230 N Center St, Arlington, TX

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

June 4, 8:30am – 9:30am Main Street Cafe 2023 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX

June 25/26: Field Day

July 4th: Arlington's 4th of July Parade

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).

Meeting Minutes

April 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31pm on April 15th, 2016 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, 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 March which appeared in the April newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

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

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. He may conduct a class for the General license if enough people express interest. The class would be held 2 nights per week, for 5 weeks.

Bill AE5BT gave an overview to the membership of the stations that will be setup during Field Day.

Linda W5LMC informed the membership of the upcoming Joint Meeting of Tarrant Count Radio Clubs to be held on May 7th.

David KB3UBD announced that the AARC picnic will be held on May 21st at River Legacy Park from 8am to 2pm. As part of the Nation Parks on the Air program, a trip will be taken to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area from April 29th to 30th. A trip will also be taken to the San Antonio Missions from August 19th to 20th.

A break was taken at 8:01pm. At 8:10pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by Keith Pugh W5IU on the topic of amateur radio satellites.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership.

April 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 15th, 2016 at 6:30pm. Present were the 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, Trey AF5XS; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of March, as published in the April 2016 newsletter.

Linda W5LMC mentioned a couple of the opportunities for club members to volunteer their communication skills. The March of Dimes-March for Babies is being held on April 16th, and the Lone Star Half Marathon is being held on April 26th.

Bill AE5BT received the Field Day 2016 t-shirts and will distribute them tonight.

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

David KB3UBD has reserved a location at River Legacy Park of the May 21st AARC picnic. In June, he plans on visiting the San Antonio Missions to scout locations for the August trip to be part of the National Parks on the Air program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Arlington Amateur Radio Club, April 2016 Financial Report

Not available at time of publication

Membership

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

2016 Club Officers

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