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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

On Frequency

Virginia's trip to the Dayton Hamvention

This spring I was treated to a new experience, as were thousands of other hams who attended this year's Dayton Hamvention. This was my first trip to this amateur radio Mecca, but for those perennial attendees, Hamvention was also a brand new event. I likened the world's largest hamfest in its debut at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio to a cross between Ham-Com and the Texas State Fair. The grounds consisted of several large buildings with exhibit spaces and large meeting rooms for forums. In the courtyard between the buildings were a variety of food trucks and vendors, along with plenty of seating at picnics tables and on bleachers. Many of the exhibitors and dealers spilled into an array of large tents. There were various outdoor demos, including AMSAT contacts an ICOM's EMCOMM van, while the vast flea market spilled out onto the green infield of a dirt track.

I didn't have any previous Hamvention experiences to which I could compare this one, so for me it was ham radio heaven. People I hadn't seen in years and plenty of new friends awaited me. There were groups to join, and new things to see were around every corner. Of course all the major dealers and manufacturers were doing a brisk business, and the Saturday crowds were epic, as was the traffic on Friday morning. The traffic issues were solved by Hamvention and the Xenia police by Saturday morning, to our relief. I imagine this is the biggest event the fairgrounds or this lovely little southern Ohio town has ever seen.

The programs were fun and well-attended in roomy air-conditioned spaces. I got a front row seat in the Ham Nation panel and helped Gordon West WB6NOA with his program on fun demonstrations for kids - and adults. I even won a cool prize in a ham radio instructors' forum hosted by Carole Perry WB2MGP, a living legend in ham radio education. I finally was able to meet Bob Heil K9EID in person, not to mention a most of the rest of the Ham Nation peanut gallery. Swept up in the excitement, I was inspired to join AMSAT, YLRL, and The Radio Club of America, and I look forward to the friendships and adventures these organizations will bring.

The weather was warm and humid, and some folks remarked that the exhibition halls were not air-conditioned, but they were well-ventilated, and, being from Texas, I hardly noticed! The food was plentiful and varied, and the lines at lunchtime were insane, but I didn't mind waiting for a giant pork chop sandwich or homemade ice cream. The coffee truck was popular on Sunday morning, which dawned cool and rainy. In fact it rained off and on all weekend, and Hamvention's legendary flea market took the biggest hit of any attraction. The grassy infield where most of the tables were set out became a maze of muddy thoroughfares where vehicles had driven to carry loads of treasures in and out. By Saturday afternoon disheartened tailgaters had begun moving out, and by Sunday not much was left. Hamvention officials have already begun working on a solution to this and other hiccups. However, for the most part, Hamvention in its new location was a shining success. I hope to return in the future to see what improvements will be made, and what surprises await.

By Virginia Smith NV5F



Gordon West at the W5YI booth talking with students who have passed their license exams



ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher NY2RF with Bob Heil and the Ham Nation crew at the ARRL booth.

Announcements

June Meeting Topic

Field Day Prep!

It's that time of year again! Field Day is June 24-25 and it's not just about the operators. It takes effort and a variety of talents to pull this annual radio extravaganza off! And of course we need enthusiastic ops! So come out this month and help us plan a fantastic Field Day. We need volunteers for everything from laying coax to bringing dessert, and don't forget Sunday morning clean-up. It takes all of us, and we like to hear everyone's good ideas about how to make our Field Day great!



Getting ready for Field Day

For Sale

Terry Lines equipment estate sale.

| Item | Price | Condition | Notes |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Radios | | | |
| Yaesu FT-847 | \$750.00 | VG | |
| Ten Tec 1220 2m | \$50.00 | G | Built from kit |
| HTX-420 | \$40.00 | G | 2m/440 HT |
| HTX-202 | \$25.00 | G | 2m HT, need to find accessories |
| Amps | | | |
| Ameritron ALS-600 | \$650.00 | VG | Solid state w/ps |
| Mirage BD35 HT amp | \$100.00 | VG | In box |
| Antenna Tuners | | | |
| Ameritron ATR-30 (manual) | \$275.00 | VG | 1500W |
| MFJ 969 Deluxe Versa Tuner (manual) | \$100.00 | VG | Roller inductor 300W |
| LDG YT-847 Autotuner | \$100.00 | VG | |
| LDG YT-1200 Autotuner | \$100.00 | VG | |
| Power Supplies | | | |
| Samlex RPS 1210 | \$25.00 | G | 13.6V, 10A w/added meter |
| Astron RS-35M | \$125.00 | G | |
| Homebrew 12, -12, 5V supply | \$25.00 | VG | |
| Generic 12V, 3A supply | \$10.00 | G | |
| Misc | | | |
| Yaesu MD100 microphone | \$50.00 | G | |
| Philmore HD3030 headphones (mono) | \$8.00 | G | |
| Alpha Delta coax switch, 2 port w/gnd | Sold | G | |
| Hamsticks plus dipole adapter w/balun | \$75.00 | G | 2 ea. hamsticks for 10-75m |
| Heil HM-10 microphone | \$75.00 | VG | w/stand and Icom adapter |
| Heil Proset Plus | Sold | VG | |
| Kenwood MC50 desk mic | \$50.00 | G | |

If interested please contact Rob May roblitespeed@hotmail.com

Items of Note

Club shirts are here! Pick yours up at this month's meeting!.

Birthdays

Jon Simpson 6/2

Calendar of Events

June 16: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

June 17: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

==== Dining Out (June 17, 5:00 pm) ====

Pei Wei 4133 S Cooper St #307 Arlington, TX 76015

==== Breakfast (July 1, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

July 1: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

July 15: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

Warning sirens

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 David Walker W5DJO (cushmantx@sbcglobal.net) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

May 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31 pm on May 19th, 2017 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Absent were Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

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

David reminded the membership that the AARC picnic will be held on Saturday morning at River Legacy Park. Lunch will be served at 11 am and members are encouraged to bring a side dish. David will follow up with Gray regarding the membership survey.

The minutes for the April meetings were submitted for publication in the May 2017 newsletter. The submitted executive board minutes contained a list of the board members who were present at the meeting, however, the published minutes contained a cut and paste typographical error which listed the participants in the incorrect order. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Bill AE5BT reviewed plans for Field Day, which will include setting up digital, CW, sideband, VHF, and GOTA (Get On The Air) stations. Station setup will start around 9 am on Saturday and station disassembly will start around 1 pm on Sunday. There will be a brisket dinner served on Saturday at 6 pm, and the membership is encouraged to bring a side dish.

Bill also informed the membership that the AARC t-shirts had arrived and were available for distribution.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the treasurer's report as it appeared in the newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the report as published.

A break was taken at 7:57 pm, and the meeting resumed at 8:05 pm with Maurice KM5RF and Rob NV5E leading the membership in constructing stub filters for use during Field Day.

The meeting adjourned around 10 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership.

May 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 19th, 2017 at 6:36 pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were Vice President, Virginia NV5F; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeaters are working fine.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He expects 5 people to attend the test session tomorrow.

Bill AE5BT reviewed plans for Field Day activities. The plan is to run with a 3A designation, setting up sideband, CW, and GOTA (Get On The Air) stations. Maurice will change the oil in the generator.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the meeting minutes from the month of April for publication in the May newsletter.

David KB3UBD reminded the board that the AARC picnic will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 8 am to 2 pm, and that he will bring food and supplies for the grill.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

AARC May 2017 Financial Report

| DATE | NUM | DESCRIPTION | CATEGORY | AMOUNT | BALANCE |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| BALANCE 12/31/2016 | 4/30/2017 | | | | |
| | | | GENERAL FUND | | \$3,028.10 |
| | | | G&W | | \$243.53 |
| | | | REPEATER FUND | | \$364.00 |
| | | | CHECKING | | \$3,635.63 |
| | | | SAVINGS | | \$25.00 |
| | | | C.D. | | \$2,173.28 |
| | | | PETTY CASH | | \$25.00 |
| | | | NET TOTAL | | \$5,858.91 |
| EXPENSES | 2008 | ROB MAY | CLUB SHIRT'S | \$467.50 | |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| | DEP | CLUB SHIRT SALES | MISC | | \$111.00 |
| | | | NET CHANGE | | -\$356.50 |
| BALANCE 12/31/2016 | 5/31/2017 | | | | |
| | | | GENERAL FUND | | \$2,671.60 |
| | | | G&W | | \$243.53 |
| | | | REPEATER FUND | | \$364.00 |
| | | | CHECKING | | \$3,279.13 |
| | | | SAVINGS | | \$25.00 |
| | | | C.D. | | \$2,173.28 |
| | | | PETTY CASH | | \$25.00 |
| | | | NET TOTAL | | \$5,502.41 |

Membership

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals. 2017 Dues are due.

2017 Club Officers

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|------------------------------------|--|
| President: | David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244 |
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| Repeater Committee: | Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Gerry Dalton W5MAY |