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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

President's Corner

Greetings radio amateurs! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the club in 2018. I hope to build on the many great things the club does and add few of my own twists. My main interests are DX'ing, QRP, Field Day, and building radios, so there will be lots of that but we'll also continue to support EmComm as we've always done. I encourage everyone to get their storm spotter credentials and join Tarrant County Races, as well as participate in the siren tests and hospital nets. My main goal is to get everyone on the air!

Currently the club has three operating events each year, the club picnic, Field Day, and JOTA (Jamboree On The Air). Roughly those are Spring, Summer and Fall. I would like to add a fourth event and my first inclination was the Texas QSO party but it's too close to JOTA. I think it makes the most sense to add an event in the Winter. The ARRL International DX Contest, SSB, the first week in March would be a fun contest to work as a club. Let me know what you think.

To encourage the use of the repeater, I'd like to bring back our AARC/newbie net. I'd like to get all new licensees on the air with a regular activity. I propose that the net be at 7:00pm on the Saturday after the meeting to begin with. That way the date is fresh in everyone's mind and it gives people who do the dining out on Saturdays after the meeting enough time to get home before the net. We can start the net on analog and then move to digital, for those who have it, later in the net.

Some other ideas I'd like to get feedback on:

Building projects - Micro-controllers? Antennas? Radio? Other? Do a big project as a group or individual projects?

Work parties to help everyone set up a basic antenna to get them on the air I'm talking one or two hours on a Saturday to help members set up a simple dipole or vertical.
We have a library of books. I need someone to volunteer to bring them to the club meeting each month and hold on to them between meetings.

I can be reached at rob@robmay.com or text or call 682-559-7246.

See you at the meeting!

73 de NV5E

Rob

Announcements

Ham of the Year

Rob May was awarded Ham of the Year. The presentation of the award was made at the club Christmas party



Club Elections

Just when you thought the elections were over with, we have two more positions to take care of.

We'll hold the election for Agent of Record for the Club
We'll hold the election for Station Trustee

January Program

Setting up an Electronics Workbench on a Budget

Rob, NV5E, will be showing us how to set up an electronics workbench on a budget.

For Sale

We still have some club shirts available:
Maroon and Gray - M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL (limited quantities)

Don't miss out, Get yours at the club meeting.

If interested please contact Rob May roblitespeed@hotmail.com

Interested in a Club Badge?

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Items of Note

The 2017 IRS filing is complete and has been accepted.

The Arlington Amateur Radio Club now has an Amazon Smile account. The club receives 0.5% of all eligible purchases donated to the club. Use the link on the Banner above or on the clubs webpage to designate the AARC as your charitable organization.

Birthdays

Scott Clark	1/8
Johnny Hayes	1/24
David Spore	1/11

If I missed your birthday, (I won't include the year, it makes me feel old) let me know - Trey

Calendar of Events

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

==== Dining Out (January 20, 5:00 pm) ====

Kincaid's, 3900 Arlington Highlands Blvd #113, Arlington, TX 76018

==== Breakfast (December 2, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

February 3: 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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30 pm on November 17th, 2017 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; 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.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the November newsletter. He thanked Steve Edmonds KZ5MSE for the article he provided on Mentorfest 2017.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that there were 218 days until Field Day 2018 and that he would be again running for the office of Emergency Coordinator.

The minutes for the October meetings were submitted by Trey AF5XS for publication in the November 2017 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Virginia NV5F reported that she would be running for the office of Vice President and that she was working on presentation for 2018. Ham of the Year ballots were still being accepted until the close of the meeting.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am, and he informed the membership that he would be running for the office of Training Coordinator. He will hold a General Class training session if a sufficient number of people express interest. Phil is working on setting up another Technician Class training session which will be a 3-day course held in the afternoon.

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. He reported that the repeater were in working order.

David KB3UBD reported that a group of six people attended the club camping trip. He's planning on organizing a trip in 2018 which will be closer to Arlington. David informed the membership that he would not be running for reelection as President, but instead focus on Membership Committee activities.

A break was taken at 7:55 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:05 pm with the election of club officers for 2018.

Rob May NV5E, having accepted the responsibility of presiding over the nominating process, informed the membership that officer elections would be held tonight. All offices were open for nominations, with the exception of the offices of Agent of Record, and Station Trustee. The slate of candidates was President, Rob May NV5E; Vice President, Virginia Smith NV5F; Secretary, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA; Treasurer, Maurice Martin KM5RF; Training Coordinator, Phil Stage N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT; and Editor, Trey Seastrunk AF5XS.

With the floor open for additional nominations, none were made. Rob made a motion that the slate of candidates be elected by acclamation. The motion carried, and a majority of those present voted in the affirmative. The slate of candidates was elected.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 29 people in attendance, 26 indicating AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 17th, 2017 at 6:31 pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board.

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He is working on putting together another training session.

Virginia NV5F is planning presentations for the beginning of 2018.

Andy KB2VQA thanked Trey AF5XS for taking on the responsibility of recording the club meeting minutes for the month of October.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the November newsletter.

David KB3UBD reported that the club camping trip went well. Several people attended the camp out, and next year he plans on holding it closer to Arlington.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

AARC November 2017 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	BALANCE
BALANCE	10/31/17			
		GENERAL FUND		\$ 2,377.92
		G&W		\$ 239.59
		REPEATER FUND		\$ 364.00
		CHECKING		\$ 2,981.51
		SAVINGS		\$ 25.00
		C.D.		\$ 2,175.43
		PETTY CASH		\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL		\$ 5,206.94
EXPENSES				
INCOME	DEP	DUES	DUES	\$ 98.97
			NET CHANGE	\$ 98.97
BALANCE	11/30/17			
		GENERAL FUND		\$ 2,476.89
		G&W		\$ 239.59
		REPEATER FUND		\$ 364.00
		CHECKING		\$ 3,080.48
		SAVINGS		\$ 25.00
		C.D.		\$ 2,175.43
		PETTY CASH		\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL		\$ 5,305.91

AARC December 2017 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	11/30/17		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,476.89
		G&W	\$ 239.59
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 364.00
		CHECKING	\$ 3,080.48
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,175.43
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,305.91
EXPENSES			
INCOME			
	DEP	DUES	\$ 129.56
	DEP	DONATION KA8GMD	\$ 40.00
		NET CHANGE	\$ 169.56
BALANCE	12/31/17		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,606.45
		G&W	\$ 239.59
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 404.00
		CHECKING	\$ 3,250.04
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,176.51
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,476.55

Membership

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

2017 Club Officers

President:	Rob May KB3UBD – roblitespeed@hotmail.com – 817-303-8891
Vice President:	Virginia Smith NV5F - virginia@pipertoo.com - 601-467-5920
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Repeater Committee:	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Gerry Dalton W5MAY