



# 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

## President's Corner

Greeting radio amateurs, it's time for another meeting and Virginia, NV5F, has a great guest lined up for us via Skype. I can't tell you who it is but his initials are Gordo. Maurice, KM5RF, will have an update on the amp for the UHF repeater. We hope to increase the footprint of the UHF repeater to match that of the two meter repeater that already has an amplifier. Kudos to David Spore, KB3UBD, and the membership committee for the work that they're doing and putting out the first round of new member profiles. Don't forget the picnic coming up May 19th at River Legacy park, that will be the day after the May meeting, so only a month away. And of course we'll get our Field Day count down update from Bill, AE5BT. Field day is right around the corner so start thinking about how you can help the FD effort this year.

73,

Rob, NV5E

## Announcements

### April Program

#### THE SOUNDS OF EMERGENCY HAM RADIO CALLS

Gordon West, WB6NOA, ham radio educator and co-host of Ham Nation, will join us via Skype to present actual audio of emergency ham radio calls from the Twin Towers, to Hurricane Katrina, to car crashes, a school bus accident, and homes on fire out here in California.

These recorded radio calls are chilling, but ham radio control operators rise to the occasion of professionally taking down the traffic, and handling the emergency calls.

Come to be inspired and informed on how important ham radio communication really is when nothing else can get through. Also enjoy meeting Gordo, author of the popular W5YI ham license courses.



### **Current Events**

#### **VK9X, Christmas Island**

James Brooks, 9V1YC/N1YC, and Wilbert Knol, PE7T, are now active from Christmas Island (OC-002) until approximately April 21st.

They will be active as VK9X/N1YC and VK9X/PE7T on 80-10 meters using SSB and CW. They have no specific plans for Digital modes.

QSL via W5UE for VK9X/N1YC and via PE7T for VK9X/PE7T.

#### **Rodrigues Island**

Members of the Association Réunionnaise des Radio Amateurs (ARRA) [FR4KM] Radio Club will be active as 3B9RUN from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) between May 11-16th.

Operators mentioned are Jacky/FR4NP, Bruno/FR4PF, Emile/FR4PM, Jean/FR5CB and Bernard/FR5FC.

Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and FT8. Equipment will be 2x Icom 7000 and 1x Kenwood TS480 with a 500w amp into a Hexbeam and a DX88 vertical.

Interested in a Club Badge?

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## **Birthdays**

Mark Chronister    4/6  
Kelly Wouters      4/17

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

## Calendar of Events

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

**==== Dining Out (April 21, 5:00 pm) ====**

Torchy's Tacos (in the Highlands), 4000 Five Points Blvd. (Interstate 20), Suite 141, Arlington, TX 76018

**==== Breakfast (May 5, 8:30 am) ====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

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## 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](mailto:cushmantx@sbcglobal.net) ) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

# Meeting Minutes

## March 2018 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 March 16th, 2018 by the President, Rob NV5E. 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.

Rob NV5E called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

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

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

Maurice reported that last month the audit committee completed the audit of the 2017 financial records. As repeater trustee, he reported that the repeaters are in working order. He would like to make an upgrade to the UHF repeater by adding an RF amplifier. Maurice will collect specific information on the cost of the project and provide a detailed proposal to the membership at the April meeting.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that the evening's presentation would be a video regarding the 1992 amateur radio expedition to South Sandwich Island. The presentation in April will be a remote (via Skype) presentation by Gordon West on the topic of emergency communications. The topic in May will be antennas.

Bill AE5BT reminded the membership that Field Day 2018 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter. He thanked those who provided contributions to the March newsletter. If you would like any items of interest to appear in the newsletter, please submit them to Trey no later than the Sunday before the club meeting.

David Spore KB3UBD, as Membership Committee Chair, has organized a club picnic at River Legacy Park in May. It will be an opportunity to eat delicious food and get on the radio. If you would like to join the Membership Committee, contact David.

Rob NV5E mentioned that new AARC repeater net held its first check-in last month. The second installment of the net will be held tomorrow, the Saturday following the club meeting, at 7 pm on the 147.14 repeater. He also mentioned that the AARC participation in the ARRL International DX contest was a success.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am at 401 W. Sanford St. (use the north side entrance).

A break was taken at 8:10 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:20 pm with an introduction by Steve Bennett KD5ZD on the video of the 1992 DXpedition to South Sandwich Island.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 32 people in attendance, 29 indicating AARC membership.

### **March 2018 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on March 16th, 2018 at 6:31 pm. Present were President, Rob NV5E; 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.

Rob NV5E called the meeting to order.

Rob NV5E noted that new AARC repeater net was held last month and that the next iteration will be held tomorrow. The AARC made 100 contacts representing 50 countries during participation in the ARRL International DX contest.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the February meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the March newsletter.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. He would like to add a Henry Radio RF amplifier to the UHF repeater. He will collect specific information on the equipment and cost and provide a formal proposal in April.

Bill AE5BT said we are on track for participating in Field Day 2018 activities.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Virginia informed the board that the presentation for March will be a video documentary of the DXpedition to South Sandwich Island in 1992. She has confirmed that Gordon West will speak to the club via Skype in April.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.

David Walker W5DJO mentioned to the board that there are opportunities to assist the City of Arlington with siren testing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

**AARC March 2018  
Financial Report**

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	02/28/18		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,992.00
		G&W	\$ 205.41
		REPEATER	
		FUND	\$ 404.00
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,601.41</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,176.51
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,827.92</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
INCOME			
	DEP DUES	DUES	\$ 73.97
	DEP GOOD & WELFARE	G&W	\$ 22.00
BALANCE		NET CHANGE	\$ 95.97
	03/31/18		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,065.97
		G&W	\$ 227.41
		REPEATER	
		FUND	\$ 404.00
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,697.38</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,176.51
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,923.89</b>

# Membership

## Membership Committee

As I mentioned in our last meeting we will be featuring new members in the newsletter to help us all get to know them a bit better and put names with faces. This edition has more new member biographies than normal as we are playing catch-up. Thanks to Mary for collecting the biographies and helping me with committee activities!

Don't forget that the annual club picnic is coming up in May. As usual, it will be held on the Saturday following the club meeting (May 19<sup>th</sup> this year). The location is **River Legacy Park – Raccoon Run Pavilion**. We will start setting up at 9:00AM, and I will begin cooking around 10:30. We have the pavilion reserved until 2:00PM. I will be setting up my portable radio, and we should have one or two other radios in operation. We will be providing hamburgers and/or hot dogs, and we encourage everybody to bring snacks or some side-dish with them to the picnic.

David Spore  
KB3UBD

### ===== New Member Spotlight =====

The Membership Committee welcomes these new members! Thanks for joining our club. We hope to make your club membership an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Please contact David Spore or Mary Calkins if you need anything or have any ideas for club activities.

**Rob Bryan**  
KG5WXR



My name is Rob Bryan, KG5WXR. My Wife, Sherlyn, and I have been together for 8 years and Married now for 3 years. I have lived in Arlington since 1969. I graduated Arlington High School in 1981 and completed the Associates of Applied Science at TSTI Waco in 1989. I worked in the Dark Room of a computer chip company for a couple years before getting into the Bar business. I finally opened my own business, Rob's Billiards and Sports Bar (13930 Trinity Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76040) on October 22, 2004. I love to Hunt, Fish, and play Bass. I have been in my current band Woodja for 9 years. In the summer of 2017 I decided that I wanted to get an Amateur Radio License. I was able to get in contact with Mr. David Walker W5DJO of AARC who helped me from where to go for study material, setting up my new radio, and the meeting location. I passed my radio test in Jan of 2018. Finally, thank you AARC for allowing me to join your Club.



**Michael Griffin**

**KF5LJN**

I am a 48-year-old Catholic English/Irish American, who converted to Catholicism. I am working through a difficult divorce/annulment process. I worked in a high-tech factory for 20 years and have currently changed careers to drive thru fast food. I completed a community college degree in micro-manufacturing technology (Intel inside).

My interests include art, technology and reading. I have a Kenwood R-5000 receiver and Baofen UV-5R. I built a dual conversion superhetrodyne radio from a kit at TCC. I also built a low-voltage alarm. I currently live in Arlington, TX and obtained my technician license as KF5LJN on 06/14/2011. I upgraded to General on 06/14/2013. I haven't been too active in radio, but my goal is to meet on K5SLD repeater net on Saturdays. I go into Ham radio as a hobby because I like technology. I enjoy the process, currently use a handy talkie, and plan to upgrade as circumstances permit.



**Martin Medina**

**KE5TYT**

I am a Native Dallasite, born in Parkland Hospital 1964. I Graduated from Duncanville High School in 1983, and attended Tarleton State Briefly. Enlisted in Marine Corps Reserves 1983-1989. There I invented the M-16A1 service rifle, brokered the BlockBuster deal, and requested the printing factory (B.E.P.) for my beloved Texas. (see moneyfactory.gov). In 1995 I earned first Associates Degree from Brookhaven College in Automotive Technology (I am mechanic). I Attended OU Briefly. Then, in 2013 I earned a second Associates in Science from Brookhaven. I will Graduate from UTA this Spring with English Degree, B.A...

Personally, I am divorced and have a grown daughter, who has given me three grandchildren. Been single quite some time. They are in OKC area. My daughter grew up in Arkansas. I myself have lived in Oklahoma for a period of six years. Love it. Avid in ham radio, I am also into my motorcycle, 2007 Kawasaki Ninja 650. Looking forward to putting it on some racetrack soon.

## Time to pay Dues

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

## 2018 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	Rob May NV5E – <a href="mailto:nv5e@arrl.net">nv5e@arrl.net</a> – 817-303-8891
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Gerry Dalton W5MAY