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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. It's been a busy month between club meetings. We had a nice turn out for the club picnic and we were able to get a few people on the air although conditions were spotty. Maurice cooked up some excellent fare and I don't think anyone left hungry. Thanks to all who participated.

HamCom seemed to be a big success, it was nice seeing so many club members out and about. Let us know at the meeting if you picked up anything nice.

Our Saturday night newbie net is doing well but look for a new, improved weekly club net to augment/replace it. More details at the club meeting on Friday.

Of course the big news is Field Day. We have SSB, digital and CW stations lined up and hope to have a GOTA station as well. Talk to Bill, AE5BT, or me at the club meeting to see how you can help. The goal this year is to get everyone on the air at one of the stations. Get there early to help set up, enjoy some pizza and then it's on the air. Stick around for some world class BBQ at 6:00, then settle into the operators chair We welcome operators for the entire 24 hrs, so if you find you're up at 3:00am Sunday morning, head on over to FD, we'll be glad to have you. We usually start taking down the stations by about noon on Sunday, so stick around for that. Many hands make light work.

73,

Rob, NV5E

Announcements

June program

It's Time for Field Day!

This month we will spend our time preparing for the annual ARRL Field Day which will take place the following weekend on June 23-24. Come and find out how you can contribute to the biggest operating activity in ham radio. We need people to set up, tear down, bring food, greet the public, and, of course, get on the radio! If you're unfamiliar with Field Day, come learn what we do and why. Get inspired and get involved! Field Day has something for everyone.

Current Events

Letters from Xenia: Dayton Hamvention 2018

By Virginia Smith NV5F

My second year traveling to Ohio for the ultimate ham radio gathering was just as much fun as last year. Friends I had made last year were happy to see me again and I felt the same! Despite the intermittent rain on Friday and Saturday, I felt undaunted, unlike the sellers at the flea market, who were contending with the weather for the second year in a row. Fortunately the mud problem was much more under control thanks to some ingenuity and temporary paths made in the grass with recycled asphalt grindings. My friend Dave N2DPF and I were planning to "recycle" some used ham treasures, however the rain prevailed and we never even unpacked our flea market stuff!

I was able to enjoy a chat or two with Bob Heil K9EID of Heil Sound, who had brought his new parametric receive audio system as well as his Pine Board Project. He gladly demonstrated both! And of course I caught up with Gordon West WB6NOA at the W5YI booth. Bob and Gordon were both at the Ham Nation forum, and immediately afterward I assisted Gordo with his tropospheric ducting seminar. I won't elaborate too much, but there was an alcoholic beverage involved in his demonstration. Gordo is a natural teacher and unfailingly enthusiastic about ham radio and the only guy I know who can pull off short shorts, a very loud dress shirt and a black bowtie all in the same outfit!

Between the YL forum, the DX Dinner and checking in with AMSAT, RCA and ARRL, I was busy the entire time! (Did you notice how many acronyms we use in amateur radio?!) And did I mention all the great stuff there is to buy? New products were all over the place, and activities and demonstrations were waiting around every corner, including a Hamvention special event station, which I have still yet to operate. Live podcasts and broadcasts and video were everywhere as well. So if you'd like to attend after the fact, just look up Hamvention 2018 on YouTube!

Amazing programs, people and products were in such abundance at this, the second year of Hamvention at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio. The food was even better than last year, lending to the pleasant "county fair" atmosphere. And the clouds and rain did keep us cool. Hamvention has much more to do and see and eat than is possible in one weekend, so of course I must return next year! I hope so e of you can join me next year.

Photos from the club picnic

Thanks to Price Wooldridge, K5NNL and Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA



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Birthdays

Jon Simpson 6/2
Leon Begin 6/26
Paul Francis 6/28

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

Silent Keys

It is with great sadness that we announce that Tom Little W5GVP passed away on May 25 2018.

Tom was a long time member of the AARC and was an active "DXer".

Calendar of Events

June 15: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

==== Dining Out (June 23, 6 pm) ====

BBQ at Field Day, Please bring a side dish or dessert

==== Breakfast (July 7, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

June 16: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

July 7: 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 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 May 18th, 2018 by the President, Rob NV5E. Other board members present included 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. Absent was the Vice President, Virginia NV5F.

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

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

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

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). There are training sessions planned for the last week of June and July, each lasting 3 days. David Walker W5DJO will be hosting a radio operator class at the NCTTRAC (North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council). If anyone is interested in attending CW classes, contact Phil.

Bill AE5BT reminded the membership that Field Day 2018 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24. Assistance will be needed to setup the stations on Saturday morning, starting at 9 am, along with packing up the stations on Sunday around 11 am.

A dinner is planned for Saturday at 6 pm and the membership is asked to bring a side dish, for example, ice, a jug of ice tea, salad, baked beans, or potato salad.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the 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. He appreciates any contributions of content.

Rob NV5E reminded the membership of the new AARC repeater net held on the Saturday following the club meeting, at 7 pm on the 147.14 repeater.

A break was taken at 8:04 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:16 pm with a presentation by Tod Farrel WE5TR on the digital mode known as FT8.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 32 people in attendance, 28 indicating AARC membership.

May 2018 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 18th, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Present were President, Rob NV5E; 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. Absent was Vice President, Virginia NV5F.

Rob NV5E called the meeting to order.

Rob NV5E reminded the board that tomorrow the AARC picnic will be held at River Legacy Park. Maurice KM5RF will bring grilling supplies, hamburger, and hot dogs.

Rob NV5E submitted a request to New York Air Brake for a donation in the sum of \$300 for the purpose of allowing the AARC to continue with supporting the community through amateur radio.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. He contacted Henry Radio in regard to the specifications of the UHF amplifier. Maurice will probably order the amplifier next week.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He will hold two training sessions, one in June and one in July, at the NCTTRAC location.

In preparation for Field Day, Phil will rebuild the carburetor of the electric generator.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the April meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the May newsletter.

Bill AE5BT is preparing for Field Day 2018 activities. He asked David Lucas KF5CFW to invite public officials to our Field Day site, as well as send public relations information to the local newspapers.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

AARC May 2018 Financial Report

AARC February 2018 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	04/30/18		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,768.94
		G&W	\$ 252.41
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 704.00
		CHECKING	\$ 3,725.35
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,176.51
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,951.86
EXPENSES 2017	PHIL STAGE CARBURETOR FOR GEN.	MISC	\$ 76.22
INCOME			
DEP	DUES	DUES	\$ 121.91
DEP	GOOD & WELFARE	G&W	\$ 24.00
DEP	DONATION #3530	DONATION	\$ 300.00
DEP	AMAZON SMILES	DONATION	\$ 5.00
		NET CHANGE	\$ 374.69
BALANCE	05/31/18		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,819.63
		G&W	\$ 276.41
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 1,004.00
		CHECKING	\$ 4,100.04
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,176.51
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,326.55

Membership

Want to join the club

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

2018 Club Officers

President:	Rob May NV5E – nv5e@arrl.net – 817-303-8891
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