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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! I'll be back this Friday to preside over the August meeting which will include the annual Ice Cream Social! We'll meet in the room where we normally have our Field Day dinner, so enter on the North side of the building on the East end. Not everyone has to bring ice cream, feel free to bring toppings (hot fudge, chocolate, cherries, pineapple), magic shell, fruit, cookies, pie, whipped cream or any dessert alternative. It will be the same door that you went in for VE testing if you tested with the Arlington club like I did. Phil will be putting together a slide show of photos from Arlington ARC events of the past year. If you have any photos, mail them to him at n5pww@sbcglobal.net

I'd like to mention how pleased I've been with the Wednesday night two meter net that Price, K5NNL, has been hosting for us. I hope to have him speak about the net at the meeting. It's been so nice to hear so many of your call signs over the air! And thanks for those that stick around for the 10-10 International net on 28.460 at 8:00pm and the AMSAT net back on the two meter repeater at 9:00pm.

See you Friday night at 7:30!

Rob

Announcements

August program

Club Ice Cream Social

This month come and join the Arlington ARC for a cool summer treat. We will have our usual membership meeting at 7:30, however it will be held on the other end of the building at 401 Sanford. (Enter on the north side.) Meeting and I've cream will be in room 110 where we have a big kitchen and a place to keep the ice cream cool. It's the room where we have our Field Day dinner, with lots of tables and space to spread out and eat and visit after our short general meeting.

So bring your favorite ice cream, sundae topping, drink, or non-dairy desert. Phil N5PWW will put together a slide show of photos from the last year or two to show on the big screen. If you have any photos to contribute, please email them to Phil. Please send anything radio related on your own or with the club.

So please come and join us Friday, August 17th, members, guests and friends. See you there!

Current Events

YLRL National Convention Comes to Oklahoma City

The first weekend of August brought a rare occurrence to the 5 call area. Two Arlington ARC members, Virginia NV5F and Mary KG5URO traveled to Oklahoma City for the national convention of the Young Ladies' Radio League. This convention, which is only held every 3 or 4 years, and always in a different city, came to Oklahoma City for the first time this year. Michelle Carey, YLRL District 5 chair resolved to host the convention in the 5 area a little over a year ago. And no one was disappointed by her efforts.

The YLRL is an organization which dates back to the early days of amateur radio and has a distinguished history. Since membership is limited to YLs, it is a small sisterhood where it's never hard to make friends and everyone seems to know each other. The convention was attended by a little over 40 ladies and with their accompanying OMs attendance was around 70 hams.

Friday and Saturday mornings and early afternoons were packed with inspiring presentations by speakers such as Ria Jairam N2RJ, Andrea Slack K2EZ and Jim Fenstermaker K9IF and included topics such as DMR, roving, the recent DX excursions in Kosovo as well as holiday DX operating and a unique 50 States QSL quilt commissioned by Margie Spangenberg KK4AGN. Nancy Hall KC4IYD, researcher at NASA Glen in Ohio was the keynote speaker at Friday night's banquet. Nancy, a native of Brooklyn New York, is responsible for developing many of the experiments conducted aboard the ISS.

Despite the OKC heat, the ladies and OMs found plenty to do in the afternoons, including a tour of the Oklahoma City Bombing memorial park and museum, the OKC underground and Bricktown, a revitalized downtown warehouse district, compete with canals and a water taxi, not to mention restaurants and clubs.

On Saturday afternoon the YLs held roundtable "Elmira" sessions. The ladies seemed decidedly most interested in the VHF digital modes, while the HF table was comparatively quiet. A few ladies did stop by the CW table, while mysterious topics like FT8 were left for another day. After the sessions, Virginia took a portable setup to the Myriad Gardens, a botanical garden near the Sheraton Hotel where the convention was held. Things weren't favorable on 20

meters but she did make a contact with Idaho! The park was beautiful, and the setup was declared a successful dry run of the portable station.

Others, including Mary, visited local art museums while some just took it easy. And due to the diligence of Michelle Carey W5MQC and her team of organizers the prize drawing was a highlight with every attendee walking away with at least one prize. Sponsors and supporters included DX Engineering, Icom, Diamond Antenna, Radioddity, ARRL and Elecraft.

Many made new friends and new goals for their ham radio pursuits. Mary was most fascinated by roving, so look for her new mobile VHF array coming soon! And Virginia liked OKC so much she has vowed to attend Ham Holiday the last week of July next year.



Virginia NV5F operates portable with IC-706, Buddipole and Bioenno battery at Myriad Gardens.



Margie Spangenburg with her quilt made from QSL cards from all 50 states.

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Birthdays

James Boyd	8/6
Sherry Shelton	8/11
Steve Bennett	8/14
Trey Seastrunk	8/21
Jim Stiebing	8/22
Jim Stiffler	8/22

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

Calendar of Events

August 17: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

==== Dining Out (August 18, 5 pm) ====

Corky's Brick Oven Pizzeria, 4760 Little Rd, Arlington, TX 76017

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

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

August 18: 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) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

July 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 July 20th, 2018 by the Vice President, Virginia NV5F. 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 President, Rob NV5E.

Virginia NV5F 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 amplifier which was order from Henry Radio has arrived. Maurice plans to install the amplifier when the temperature is cooler.

The minutes for the June meetings were submitted for publication in the July newsletter. A spelling error was noted in the June 2018 membership meeting minutes. The word "perspective" should have read "prospective". A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published with the spelling correction.

Virginia NV5F let the membership know that this evening's presentation would be on the emergency mesh networking system known as AREDN. Next month the ice cream social and slide show will be held. The membership is encouraged to bring ice cream, topping, baked goods, or non-dairy alternatives. Any pictures related to amateur radio that you would like to share during the slide show should be sent to Phil N5PWW.

Bill AE5BT thanked everyone who assisted with making Field Day such a success. The club earned extra points by making a satellite contact. For next year there are plans to use a beam antenna. If anyone has access or knows of someone with access to a lift/bucket truck which could be used to erect a beam antenna, please contact Bill. On Saturday, October 20th, 2018, Bill is planning on participating in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. This is an opportunity for the membership to introduce scouts to the hobby of amateur radio.

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 is a training session planned for August, lasting 3 days at NCTTRAC (North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council), and it is currently filled to capacity.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter. He noted that the July newsletter incorrectly displayed "June" on the front page. If you would like any items of interest to appear in the newsletter, please submit them to Trey starting the first weekend of the month.

Mary KG5URO, on behalf of David Spore KB3UBD, Membership Committee chair, informed the membership of David's plans to have a club camping trip in early October. The possible dates are October 5th or 12th, at either Cleburne or Cedar Hill State Park. If you would like to participate in the camping trip, contact David KB3UBD. David also wanted to inform the membership that he will be having the AARC business cards printed soon.

A break was taken at 8:06 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:22 pm with a presentation by Jim Erickson KB0DBJ on the topic of AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network).

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 27 people in attendance, 25 indicating AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on July 20th, 2018 at 6:40 pm. Present were 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. Absent was President, Rob NV5E.

Virginia NV5F called the meeting to order.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He will hold a training session, in August, at the NCTTRAC location. The session will be for the Technician Class license running for 3 weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the June meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the July newsletter.

Bill AE5BT reported that Field Day went well, with great participation and cooperation. The scouting event known as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be held in October, and Bill is planning on participating at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. If you would like to participate, contact Bill.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. Maurice received the UHF amplifier from Henry Radio. He plans to install it when the weather becomes cooler.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter. Virginia NV5F would like newsletter submissions to be made to Trey during the first week of the month so that Trey has an opportunity to publish the newsletter one week prior to the club meeting.

Mary KG5URO, on behalf of David Spore KB3UBD, Membership Committee chair, presented information to the board regarding the proposal to print business cards for the AARC. She also presented information concerning David's plans for organizing a club camping trip to be held in October.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

AARC July 2018 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	06/30/18		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,932.57
		G&W	\$ 239.03
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 1,304.00
		CHECKING	\$ 4,475.60
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D. + \$1.07	\$ 2,177.58
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,703.18
EXPENSES	2019 MAURICE MARTIN	Repeater Membership Com.	\$ 569.95
			\$ 38.00
INCOME			
	DEP DUES	DUES	\$ 47.94
	DEP GOOD & WELFARE	G&W	\$ 18.00
BALANCE	07/31/18	NET CHANGE	\$ (542.01)
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,942.51
		G&W	\$ 257.03
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 734.05
		CHECKING	\$ 3,933.59
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,177.58
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,161.17

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

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