



# 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

Greetings radio amateurs, big doings this month with the club's first (ever?) swap meet! Bring your no longer used items and see if someone in the club can use them. Buy, sell or trade, here's your chance to pick up some gear cheap or to clean out the shack. I'm interested to see how it goes; maybe this can become an annual event.

It's not too early to start thinking about club elections. We'll hold elections in November, so think about serving your club as one of the board members. I'm going to appoint one or two people to serve as an Election Committee at this meeting. If you're interested in running in November, let someone on the board or the Election Committee know. I will not be running for re-election, so the President position will need someone for sure. Other members may choose to stand for election again but feel free to throw your hat in the ring for any position you're interested in.

The club's 2 meter net on Wednesday nights continues to go great guns. I'm impressed with the participation and I'm impressed with the professional way the net is run by our primary net control Price, K5NNL, and his very able back up, Virginia, NV5F. If you haven't been checking in on Wednesdays, come on by and see what you've been missing. It's friendly and laid back but full of good information and plenty of opportunity to participate.

Rob

# Announcements

## ***September Program - Club Swap Meet***

In keeping with the mood of camaraderie and fellowship at last month's ice cream social, this month we will try a club swap meet. Please bring any radio gear or related items (electronics, audio, computer stuff) which you might like to sell, trade or give away. It is up to those selling or buying to have reasonable prices or to come to reasonable agreements when making a transaction. If you have nothing to sell, make a list of the radio stuff you might need and come ready to find some deals. The real goal here is to get us together to enjoy each other's company, and to find some equipment happy new homes!

### **Current Events**

## **Ham-Com 2019**

Registration Announcement!

We would like to thank everyone for a fun and successful 40th Anniversary! Ham-Com 2018 saw the return to the Plano Event Center, new vendors to the event, and a variety of forums for all.

Ham-Com 2019 is still months away, but we would like to point out some of the top changes. Ham-Com 2019 will go back to a 2 day event on Friday and Saturday. Hours of operation are posted on the site under [Event Info](#). **Registration will also be open October 1st for indoor flea market tables and general admission tickets so check back to claim your tables and tickets.** We will also open registration October 1st for volunteers and presenters.

## **Club Camping Trip**

Don't forget that the club camping trip is coming up on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to camp for two nights and return late Sunday morning. The park is Cedar Hill:

1570 W. F.M. 1382

Cedar Hill, TX 75104

(972) 291-3900

I have one site reserved, and will call the park to see if a specific site can be reserved ahead of time (may just be assigned upon arrival). I am going to try and setup in Loop M, which may not be too difficult, as there are still nearly 200 sites available. We will bring radios and try to make some contacts. On Saturday evening we will have a group cookout with burgers and hot dogs, plus whatever other dishes people decide to bring. I will also bring supplies for S-mores. If you want to go, please go online to make a reservation or call the park. If you come at the last minute, I can accommodate two more tents at my site.

You can download a park map here:

[https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park\\_maps/pwd\\_mp\\_p4503\\_1311.pdf](https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4503_1311.pdf)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

David, KB3UBD

Interested in a Club Badge?



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## **Birthdays**

Randon Porter	9/10
Ronald Wartburg	9/20
Bill Tatsch Jr	9/23

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

# Calendar of Events

**September 21: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**==== Dining Out (September 22, 5 pm) ====**

: Torchy's Tacos, The Highlands (near World Market), 4000 Five Points Blvd. (Interstate 20), Suite 141, Arlington, TX 76018

**==== Breakfast (October 6, 8:30 am) ====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**October 6: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**October 20: 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 the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

# Meeting Minutes

## **August 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 August 17th, 2018 by the President, Rob NV5E. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Rob NV5E called the meeting to order and suggested the everyone serve themselves a bowl of ice cream before it melted. After getting settled into their seats with desserts in hand, Rob asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

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

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. He informed the membership of the spurious emission that he detected on the output frequency of the 2-meter repeater. He determined the source of the emission to be located at Ceder Hill.

Virginia NV5F has not yet planned a presentation for September. In October she will have a program on the Puerto Rico hurricane assistance trip, presented by Valeria Hotzfeld via Skype. November will be the election of club officers.

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 21st-23rd, at NCTTRAC (North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council). More than 40 participants are expected. An exam will be given on August 23rd, and Phil requested the assistance of a few more VEs on that day from 1 pm to 3 pm.

David Walker W5DJO informed the membership that he retired from the voluntary position in which he assisted the City of Arlington with the monthly emergency siren testing. He thanked those whom had assisted with the siren testing in the past.

On behalf of Bill AE5BT, Rob NV5E informed the membership of the plan to utilize a beam antenna for operations during Field Day 2019. If anyone has access or knows of someone with access to a lift/bucket truck which could be used during that weekend to erect a beam antenna to a height of 25 to 30 feet, please contact Bill. On Saturday, October 20th, 2018, Bill is planning on participating in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. The club can also set up a station in Arlington if someone is interested in doing so.

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 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 to be held at Cedar Hill State Park on the weekend of October 12th-14th. Participants should make their own reservations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 29 people in attendance, 27 indicating AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 17th, 2018 at 6:32 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 mentioned that he was happy with the amount of participation in the Wednesday 2-meter net and the efforts put forth by David Spore as chair of the Membership Committee.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. The bill for the storage locker will be arriving soon. He will also write a check to reimburse Virginia for the AARC business cards she purchased. He reported detecting a spurious emission which was effecting the 2-meter repeater on the output frequency. Using direction finding techniques, he narrowed down the location of the emission to the antennas on Cedar Hill. He contacted the tower operator and informed them of his findings.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that tonight's program would be the annual ice cream social and slide show. She is trying to organize a program of September. For October she will have Valeria Hotzfeld NV9L tell the club, via Skype, about her trip to Puerto Rico to provide assistance after the hurricane.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He will hold a training session next week, 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. There are 46 people who have committed to attending the class. Phil will need a few VEs to assist with administering and grading the exams on August 23rd.

Bill AE5BT reported the scouting event known as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, and Bill is planning on participating at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. If you would like to participate, contact Bill.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

AARC August 2018 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	07/31/18		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,942.51
		G&W	\$ 257.03
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 734.05
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,933.59</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,177.58
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,161.17</b>
EXPENSES	2020	MEMBERSHIP	
	VIRGINIA SMITH	COM.	\$ 45.92
	2021	STORAGE HUT	\$ 235.00
INCOME			
	DEP	DUES	\$ 12.50
	DEP	AMAZON SMILES	\$ 5.46
BALANCE	08/31/18	NET CHANGE	<b>\$ (262.96)</b>
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,679.55
		G&W	\$ 257.03
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 734.05
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,670.63</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,177.58
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,898.21</b>

# Membership

The membership packet material is finished, and I should be able to show it off at this month's meeting. The club business card and flyer are going to look very nice in our presentation. Anybody who wants a club card, please contact myself or Mary and we'll be sure to get you one. Thanks to Virginia for helping me with the card design and getting them printed!

## Want to join the club

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

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