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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.

President's Corner

Greetings radio amateurs. The November club meeting is the annual election of officers. If you've ever had the desire to see how the radio club works from the inside or you're a natural born leader, I encourage you to run for office. All offices are open for election, some of the current board members will seek re-election while others like me are stepping down to let someone have a turn at running the club. If you'd like to run, just let me or Scott, AE5PC, know before the meeting gets started and we'll put your name up for nomination. We will also take nominations from the floor. It is perfectly ok to nominate yourself, but please don't nominate someone else unless you talk to them first. Normally the election is straightforward and doesn't take very long. We'll use the balance of the meeting time to have a Show 'n' Tell and Maurice is going to bring a spectrum analyzer to see if your handie talkie meets FCC regulations. I'm interested in seeing how mine does. We'll also do final voting for Ham of the Year. Please think of someone who has gone above and beyond to help the club this year and fill out a ballot for them. On this one, you don't have to ask first. The Ham of the Year will be announced at the annual party in December. See you Friday!

Rob, NV5E

K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0

Announcements

November Program - a Little Bit of Everything

After our yearly election of 2019 club officers we will have our annual Show and Tell. Bring something cool that you've been building or working on, a QSL card of which you are particularly proud, a great piece of radio history or something unique from your shack or collection. We want to see what you've been up to in 2018! In addition Maurice KM5RF will bring his spectrum analyzer to test the emissions and harmonics on your favorite HT. So bring those handhelds Chinese or otherwise to see how yours stacks up! We hope to see you at November's meeting!

Current Events

Virginia and Mary visit the USS Batfish last month.

Young Ladies Aboard the USS Batfish, WW2SUB by Virginia Smith NV5F

October 12 through 14, 2018 was a special weekend for some members of the Young Ladies' Radio League district 5 who braved stormy weather to meet at the Muskogee War Memorial Museum in Muskogee, Oklahoma to operate a special event aboard the museum submarine USS Batfish. The USS Batfish Radio Club call sign WW2SUB was used for the special event honoring 52 submarines lost during World War 2. The two specific subs honored by this weekend activation were the USS Wahoo and the USS Dorado, both of which were lost with all hands the same week in October 1943 - 75 years ago.



The USS Batfish Radio Club has permanent antennas on the museum site which were used by two station aboard the dry-docked submarine. One station operated from the submarine mess hall while the other was appropriately located in the tiny radio room! The YLs, assisted by USS Batfish club host Wade Harris KF5IF, also erected a portable tower and multi band beam - in the rain - for use by a third station running from the museum conference room. The rain persisted for all of Saturday, which made all appreciate how useful a submarine could be in keeping them and their equipment dry!

The event organized by YLRL District 5 Chair Michelle Carey W5MQC drew about 20 participants including 14 YLs from Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, including Arlington ARC's own Mary Calkins AE6Q and Virginia Smith NV5F. Though

most of the ladies in attendance hold General or Extra class licenses, several had little on air experience. The event was a wonderful opportunity for the more experienced operators to help others to have a great first outing on HF. Christina KG5VGB and Annie KG5VGA, a mother and daughter from Plano, Texas did wonderfully considering neither had ever made an HF contact prior to the weekend! The ladies operated from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon sideband phone on several bands from 10 to 80 meters for over 300 contacts including DX as far flung as Japan.



On Saturday night several of the ladies spent the night in crew quarters aboard the Batfish, a unique slumber party/adventure highlighted by the opportunity to explore normally "off-limits" areas including lower storage compartments and the periscope room. And just about bed time an area power outage left the museum and the submarine dark, giving a whole new dimension to "lights out." Batfish emergency lighting was most appreciated!

On Sunday morning operations got going at a leisurely pace after Virginia NV5F played some solemn and not-so-solemn tunes on her bagpipes from the deck and the sail of the Batfish. Both Mary and Virginia assisted other operators and made a few memorable contacts of their own. More importantly, lifelong friendships were forged and strengthened. And the YLRL ladies have already planned to return to the USS Batfish next fall!!



Club Net

Be sure to check into the AARC net Wednesday night at 7:00pm on the clubs' 2m repeater (147.140, pl 1109). We've had some lively and very interesting discussions on digital modes and legal status of Chinese handie-talkies the last couple of weeks. If you have a topic or question feel free to bring it up, I'm sure we'll have lots of good information to pass along. 73, K5SLD

Want a club name badge?

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Birthdays

David Lucas	11/13
Larry Pollock	11/05
Abdulmanan Saleh	11/14

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

Calendar of Events

November 16: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

==== Dining Out (November 17, 5 pm) ====

Pei Wei, 4133 S Cooper St #307, Arlington, TX 76015

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

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

November 17: 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 the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

October 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:36 pm on October 19th, 2018 by the President, Rob NV5E. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; 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.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the treasurer's report as published in the newsletter. The liability insurance will be coming due soon. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. He informed the membership of his plan to install the new repeater RF amplifier on November 17th. This will mean the repeater will not be available for several hours while the installation is in progress. SafeHaven of Tarrant County thanked the AARC of the donation made to them.

The minutes for the September meetings were submitted for publication in the October newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published. Andy KB2VQA informed the membership that the AARC holiday gathering was scheduled for Thursday, December 13th from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at Spring Creek Barbeque on South Cooper Street.

Bill AE5BT let the membership know that Field Day 2019 was only 246 days away. The current plan is to use a beam antenna for operations during Field Day. 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.

Bill reported that the trip to Sid Richardson Scout Ranch in Bridgeport to participate in JOTA was canceled. This was due to the extensive rain which had fallen in the area, causing a hazard to equipment and health of the volunteers. Club members can still participate in the Jamboree On The Air by tuning in to the JOTA frequencies and communicating with Scouts.

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). He will offer Morse code training, both before and after the testing session, to those who are interested.

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.

Rob NV5E mentioned that the club camping trip at Cedar Hill State Park planned for the weekend of October 12th-14th was canceled due to the extensive rainfall. The weekly repeater net continues to convene on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on the 147.14 repeater. Election of club officers will be held next month. Scott AE5PC will be the chair of the Nominating Committee. Contact Scott if you are interested in running for office.

Virginia NV5F reported that this evening's program would be presented by Valeria Hotzfeld, via Skype, on the Puerto Rico hurricane assistance trip in which she participated in 2017. November will be the election of club officers, followed by a show-and-tell. The membership is encouraged to bring a product or project that they would like to let other members know about. Maurice will be bringing his RF spectrum analyzer so that members can test their handie talkie radios.

A break was taken at 8:10 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:22 with a presentation by Valeria Hotzfeld.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 31 people in attendance, 29 indicating AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on October 19th, 2018 at 6:36 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.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month, with the next session being held tomorrow at 10 am. He will offer Morse code training for approximately 1 hour prior to the test session, as well as following the test session.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the September meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the October newsletter. The AARC holiday gathering has been scheduled for Thursday, December 13th, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at the Spring Creek Barbeque on South Cooper Street.

Bill AE5BT, expressed concerns regarding the conditions at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch due to the extensive volume of rain which had fallen over the past week. SRSR is the location proposed for the AARC's participation in JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) on Saturday, October 20th, 2018. He took a poll of the members who volunteered to participate as to their desire to continue with the plans. The members unanimously agreed to not participate at SRSR due to the harsh conditions.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. He noted that the insurance bill will be due soon, and that the donation made to SafeHaven of Tarrant County was acknowledged by the organization. He plans on installing the new RF amplifier at the repeater site on November 17th.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that the evening's presentation will be given by Valeria Hotzfeld NV9L, via Skype, about her trip in 2017 to Puerto Rico to provide assistance after the hurricane. In November, there will be a show-and-tell held after the election of club officers. Maurice plans on bringing his RF spectrum analyzer so that members can evaluate their HT radios. There won't be a meeting in December, but the membership is invited to attend the AARC holiday gathering on Thursday, December 13th at Spring Creek Barbeque.

Rob NV5E mentioned that David Lucas will be resigning as Public Information Officer at the end of the year. Rob will allow the new club president to appoint a new person to the position of PIO in 2019. David will continue to manage the K5SLD web site.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.
The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

AARC October 2018 Financial Report

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE 09/30/18	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,347.05
	G&W	\$ 251.84
	REPEATER FUND	\$ 734.05
	CHECKING	\$ 3,332.94
	SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	C.D.	\$ 2,177.58
	PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
	NET TOTAL	\$ 5,560.52
EXPENSES		\$ -
INCOME		
DEP	G&W	\$ 12.00
DEP AMAZON SMILES	DONATION	\$ 40.65
	NET CHANGE	\$ 52.65
BALANCE 10/31/18	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,387.70
	G&W	\$ 263.84
	REPEATER FUND	\$ 734.05
	CHECKING	\$ 3,385.59
	SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	C.D.	\$ 2,177.58
	PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
	NET TOTAL	\$ 5,613.17

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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