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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 fans!

It's nearly spring, and one of our busiest times is right around the corner. Soon will begin the season for picnics, parades and Field Day! Not to mention hamfests!

I have some radio travels planned and will be taking photos to add to Phil's ice cream social slideshow at the end of the summer. I encourage all of you to get pictures of your radio activity, no matter how big or small, and share them with us. Also consider writing an article for the newsletter about what you're up to. This is intended to be news from you guys. We'd love to hear what's going on with any of you.

Mary and I are hoping to get us all interested in building things this year, starting with this month's program by Joe K0NEB. Between me and Mary, who got a nice soldering iron for Christmas, our local kit gurus like Rob W5WS and a possible visit from Joe the kit guy later this year, we ought to have some pretty neat things for show and tell!!

I've also heard some exciting rumblings from several members who are hard at work on their CW skills. Phil N5PWW has also been doing some CW training before test sessions. So consider joining in on that, and keep up the good work!

That's it for me this time. I'm looking forward to some nice weather and great times ahead!

Hope to see you all at the meeting!

73 de Virginia NV5F

Announcements

February Program

Kit Building



Joe Eisenberg KØNEB, kit building editor for CQ magazine, AKA "the Cat in the Hat guy" at Dayton Hamvention, will join us via Skype. He will be showing us some fun and affordable kits to be enjoyed by new kit builders as well as those experienced in electronics. Joe, an enthusiastic traveler and photographer, will also share a little about his trip to operate the radios on the set of "Last Man Standing" in Los Angeles!

Ideas for Winter reading

Current Events

A little Fun

Cowtown Marathon

It went well and it was fun to meet nrw people. One of the highpoints for me was when a young man reported in from Fluid station 19. Net control mentioned it was his first transmission and to give his call sign.

I like it when new Hams start enjoying the hobby.

Trey, AF5XS

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

Kathleen Holley	3/3
Joann Lines	3/22
Darin Muir	3/30

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

Calendar of Events

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

==== Dining Out (March 16, 5 pm) ====

Andalous Mediterranean Grill, The Highlands (next to the old Gander Mountain), 457 I-20 Frontage Rd #101, Arlington, TX 76018

==== Breakfast (April 6, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

March 16: 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

February 2019 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:37 pm on February 15th, 2019 by the President, Virginia NV5F. Other board members present included Vice President, Mary AE6Q; 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.

Virginia NV5F called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

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). Participants in the testing sessions will be required to have an email address and their FRN to complete their FCC forms. He offers Morse code training, both prior to and following the testing session, to those who are interested.

The question pool for the General exam will change on July 1st.

Phil noted that the ARRL no longer includes emergency communications as one of their main objectives.

Mary AE6Q reported that this evening George Burger W0PHX will give a presentation via video conference from Minnesota on the contests Summits on the Air, and World Wide Flora & Fauna.

At the March meeting, the kit-building editor of CQ magazine will speak to the club via Skype on the topic of building kits. The April meeting will include a presentation on amateur radio satellites.

Virginia NV5F noted that the presenter for the March meeting might be brought to Arlington in a following month if the membership is interested funding travel expenses for an in person kit-building experience. Virginia made the membership aware of a request by the organizers of the Arlington Heroes Parade for assistance during the parade.

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

Bill AE5BT let the membership know that Field Day 2019 was only 127 days away, being held on the weekend of June 22nd. Assistance from the membership to set up equipment on Saturday morning, and pack up on early Sunday afternoon is greatly appreciated.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that last month he received a request from an organization to provide a presentation on amateur radio for a group of blind youths. There were no new developments in regard to the request, such as a specific date.

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.

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 paid for the ARRL equipment insurance for the repeater, and added the new amplifier to the list of covered equipment. Maurice also renewed the web hosting for the AARC web site. This evening the audit committee will review the 2018 financial records.

A break was taken at 8:15 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:20 pm with a presentation on Summits on the Air, and World Wide Flora & Fauna, given by George Burger W0PHX.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 25 people in attendance, 23 indicating AARC membership.

February 2019 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 15th, 2019 at 6:36 pm. Present were President, Virginia NV5F; Vice President, Mary AE6Q; 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.

Virginia NV5F called the meeting to order.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He is planning on offering a training class for the General Class exam after the new question pool goes in to effect on July 1st of this year. Phil informed the board that people attending the testing sessions are now required to bring their FRN.

Phil has some historical documents pertaining to the club which he would like to contribute to David Spore's KB3UBD archiving effort.

Mary AE6Q informed the board that the evening's presentation will be given by George Burger W0PHX on the topics of World Wide Flora & Fauna, and Summits on the Air. Future presentations will include ham radio kit building, noise floor RFI, and working amateur radio satellites.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. He submitted the 990 tax form, added the new repeater amplifier to the insurance, and renewed the web hosting for another year.

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

Bill AE5BT reported that there were no new developments in regard to the request he received from an organization to provide a presentation on amateur radio for a group of blind youths.

Trey AF5XS printed and distributed the newsletter.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that she received a letter from the organizers of the Arlington Heroes Parade. They would like to know if the AARC would be able to provide radio communication assistance for the event. In regard to the upcoming kit-building presentation via Skype scheduled for March, Virginia would like to assess the interest of the membership in funding an in person visit by the presenter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

AARC January 2019 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	01/31/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,638.88
		G&W	\$ 285.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 714.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,639.19
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,178.67
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,867.86
EXPENSES	2026	MAURICE MARTIN	
		REPEATER INSURANCE	\$ 77.70
		WEB HOSTING	\$ 38.88
		TOTAL	\$ 116.58
	2027	STORAGE HUT	
		STORAGE	\$ 235.00
		NET CHANGE	\$ (71.27)
INCOME			
	DEP	DUES	\$ 247.94
	DEP	AMAZON SMILES	\$ 32.37
BALANCE	02/28/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,567.61
		G&W	\$ 285.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 714.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,567.92
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,178.67
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,796.59

Membership

Want to join the club

2019 Club Dues are due

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

2019 Club Officers

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