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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

Greeting from Xenia Ohio!

It's still called the Dayton Hamvention but as of 2017 it's located at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia. This month Mary AE6Q and I are taking one for the team so we may return with great knowledge and inspiration to share with all of you. Maybe we will win a new radio to use at Field Day!

And none of this is to say that y'all don't have great stuff to do back in Texas! The club picnic is Saturday the 18th. There will be food and radios galore. Come out and have lunch, operate on portable power and be an ambassador for this great hobby!

Our Field Day plans are shaping up great, including a plan to operate with five IC-7300s. There's also a plan in the works to get a beam antenna high in the air for pur sideband ops. Other than that we will work our usual setup with plenty of opportunities for aspiring operators to get on the air. We will also be looking at creative ways to earn some more points, including a Facebook presence and educational presentations.

But first there is Hamcom on June 7-8 at the Plano Event Center. It is an excellent hamfest, the biggest in Texas, and a great way to get inspired for summer ham radio fun. The programming is excellent and the venue is friendly and has great outdoor space for parking and flea market. If you have not made Hamcom, give it a try. It's a fun way to kick off the summer.

I personally am looking forward to Hamcom, Field Fay and seeing you all next month!

Until then, stay on the air!

73

Virginia NV5F

Announcements

May Program

Noise Floor / RFI by Bob Geisel AC5GB from the Mansfield-Johnson Amateur Radio Service.

Current Events

Dayton Hamvention May 17-19

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

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Birthdays

Morrie Pickler 5/15

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

Calendar of Events

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

==== Dining Out (May 18, 9 am) ====

JW Dunlop park (off of Green Oaks, close to the familiar River Legacy park). We will start setting up around 9:00AM and have the North pavilion until 2:00PM. Bring your radio and try to make some contacts! Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. If you can bring a side-dish or dessert, that would be great. Let's get an even bigger turnout than last year!

J.W. Dunlop Park

1500 NW Green Oaks Blvd.

Arlington, TX 76012

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

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

May 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 the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30 pm on April 19th, 2019 by the President, Virginia NV5F. Other board members present included Vice President, Mary AE6Q; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; as well as Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; 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 reminded the membership that the question pool for the General exam will change on July 1st. He continues to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am at 401 W. Sanford St. (use the north side entrance).

Mary AE6Q announced that the evening's presentation would be given by Tom Schuessler N5HYP on the topic of amateur radio satellite communications.

The presentation in May will be given by a guest from MJARS (Mansfield-Johnson Amateur Radio Service) on the subject of noise floor and radio frequency interference. In June there will be a discussion of Field Day, as Field Day starts on the day following the club meeting. The topic of emergency communications will follow in July, with the annual ice cream social and slide show in August.

Virginia NV5F, over the several months, would like to sort out the details of scheduling Joe Eisenberg K0NEB for an in-person visit to Arlington to build a kit with the club. Joe is the kit building editor of CQ magazine, and gave a presentation to the club in March.

David Spore KB3UBD, as Membership Committee chair, informed the membership of the annual AARC picnic, which will be held on Saturday, May 18th, from 9 am to 2 pm. The location of the picnic will be J. W. Dunlop Park, in the pavilion located on the north side of the park. David has received various documents related to the history of the AARC. He will start reviewing the items and categorize them, in an effort to archive the information.

In the absence of Bill AE5BT, Rob May W5WS let the membership know that Field Day 2019 was only 64 days away, being held on the weekend of June 22nd, the fourth full weekend in June. Set up of equipment is scheduled for Saturday morning at 9 am, and pack up on early Sunday afternoon. The current plan includes setting up stations for digital communication, Morse code, side band, GOTA (Get On The Air), and 6 meters. Rob would like to earn extra points for such activities as appointing a safety officer, conducting a

formal education activity, using alternative power, and making a satellite contact.

There will be a barbeque dinner planned for Saturday evening, with the membership asked to bring a side dish to feed approximately 4 people.

The minutes for the February meetings were submitted for publication in the March newsletter. David Walker W5DJO noted that the monthly hospital net is conducted on the last Friday of the month, and not the third Friday as it appeared in the minutes from the March meeting. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published with the noted correction.

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.

Virginia NV5F noted that she was contacted by the organizers of the Arlington Heroes Parade, which is scheduled for the early afternoon of Saturday, November 9th. Virginia will inform the organizers that the AARC is interested in providing assistance with communications.

A break was taken at 8:10 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:25 pm with a presentation on amateur radio satellite communications, given by Tom N5HYP.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 20 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 19th, 2019 at 6:38 pm. Present were President, Virginia NV5F; Vice President, Mary AE6Q; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; as well as Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; 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. The question pool for the General exam will change on July 1st. There are no training classes in progress at this time.

Mary AE6Q informed the board that the evening's presentation would be given by Tom N5HYP on the topic of satellite communications. She reviewed the plans for presentations for the months of May through August.

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

Virginia received additional information from the organizers of the Arlington Heroes Parade, which is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, November 9th. She also received information from David Spore KB3UBD regarding the annual AARC picnic. The picnic will be held on Saturday, May 18th, from 9 am to 2 pm at J. W. Dunlop Park in the pavilion located at the north side of the park.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

AARC April 2019 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	03/31/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,768.58
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 335.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 738.59
		CHECKING	\$ 3,843.01
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,178.67
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,071.68
EXPENSES	2028	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 106.00
	2029	DAVID SPORE	\$ 45.00
		NET CHANGE	\$ (53.03)
INCOME			
	DEP	DUES	\$ 73.97
	DEP	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 24.00
BALANCE	4/31/2019	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,691.55
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 359.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 738.59
		CHECKING	\$ 3,789.98
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,178.67
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,018.65

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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