



# COMMUNICATOR

January 2020

Arlington Amateur Radio Club • P.O. Box 1702, Arlington TX 76004-1702 • K5SLD.org

## Inside This Issue

- 1 President's Corner
- 2 Announcements
- 3 Birthdays
- 4 Calendar Of Events
- 5 General Meeting Minutes
- 6 Board Meeting Minutes
- 7 Financial Report
- 8 Membership
- 9 Club Officers

## 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

Welcome to a new decade!

As we enter a new decade of AARC and Amateur Radio, we should pause to reflect on the success we had in 2019! Great meetings with excellent programs, license testing, awesome Wednesday night nets, great events for Field Day and JOTA and fellowship opportunities on the Saturdays after the meeting.

At the Club Holiday Party, it was announced that Mary Calkins, AE6Q, was voted "Ham of the Year". It is a great honor to be elected by the membership of the club to receive this award, and it recognizes selfless service by a club member during the year. Congratulations to Mary for being recognized for their contributions during 2019, and good luck to her in Arizona!

Virginia, NV5F, and the 2019 Club Leadership team did an awesome job, and 2020 is going to be another great year. Most of the Board is returning and I am pleased that you elected me as your President. With the Board's help, we will deliver more of the great content you are accustomed to with a few new (or old) activities to enjoy. Please consider joining Dave Spore KB3UBD on the membership committee. He has some excellent things planned for next year. We really need a Public Information Officer, a person that knows how to use social media! Whether in general membership, or serving on the board, we all make a difference.

Speaking of Virginia, she will be hosting ladies from the Young Ladies Radio League District 5 for a kit building session on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Arlington ARC members are encouraged to participate: YLs, OMs, or family. The kit is the 4 States QRP Murania AM broadcast receiver. It's a neat little kit with a unique construction style. The kit costs around \$35 in our group order and can be built in a few hours. So come out and make a day of it with us in February for this YLRL winter activity. Although it is too late to order the discounted kit through the club, you can get it from

[www.4sqr.com/kitIndex.php](http://www.4sqr.com/kitIndex.php) for \$42.00 with shipping. It's never too late to join the fun!

Some of you may know that I spent 30 years at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. I saw many changes across those years. For our January Program, I will deliver a bit of history of the telephone system and talk about some of the discoveries in telephony that have had an impact on amateur radio. So please attend the meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> and let's get ready for another great year!

73!

David

K5NN

## Announcements

### January Program

#### From Telephone to Amateur Radio

Our new club president David Setzer K5NN spent 30 years at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and saw many changes across those years. For our January Program, He will deliver a bit of history of the telephone system and talk about some of the discoveries in telephony that have had an impact on amateur radio. So please attend the meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> for an intriguing chapter in communication history.

#### Member Forum

##### IMAGE FROM SPACE

By Philip Scoggins, KD5WBW

Good way to start the new year and decade was to capture an image from the International Space Station (ISS). On December 29<sup>th</sup> and just for curiosity, I checked to see if the ISS was going to schedule any slow scan TV (SSTV) events. I was not sure how far in advance notices are posted. With luck there was one event ending New Year's Day. There were no passes of the ISS over me until January 1<sup>st</sup>. The two opportunities were at times when I didn't plan to be at the radio (3 AM? and 8 AM?) after staying up late.

I used a mag-mount antenna, on a pizza /cookie pan, atop a bookcase, attached to the radio, Signalink USB radio interface, and MMSSTV software. Virginia, NV5F, once said she received some terrestrial SSTV by letting the software capture the images while she did other things. I figured I could let the software work while I slept.

Sorry, I don't remember the details of the passes as far as time or elevation. After the first pass, I woke up for no particular reason. I checked and there was a sliver of an image (Not sure if the image was saved to the computer or just temporarily stored on the software.) I was not too happy with how little I got of the image. Enough was there to claim it was from space but would not impress anyone. I saved it anyway and went back to bed. The next pass provided a better image. Easy enough to ID and was one of the ISS transmissions. Anything recognizable and attributed to coming from space is a thrill. May there be many and better quality

images in coming year(s) and decade(s).



## Events

### ***Cowtown Hamfest***

January 17 and 18 is the [Cowtown Hamfest](#) this year.

Cowtown Hamfest 2020 will Be Held At Forest Hill Civic And Convention Center, 6901 Wichita Street Forest Hill, Texas 76140

### **2020 Cowtown Marathon Feb 28 – Mar 1**

Contact Chuck Inmon at 480-363-7487 or by email at [K5IJD@yahoo.com](mailto:K5IJD@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping out.

### **YLRL kit build on February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Contact Virginia Smith to see if there any more available spots.

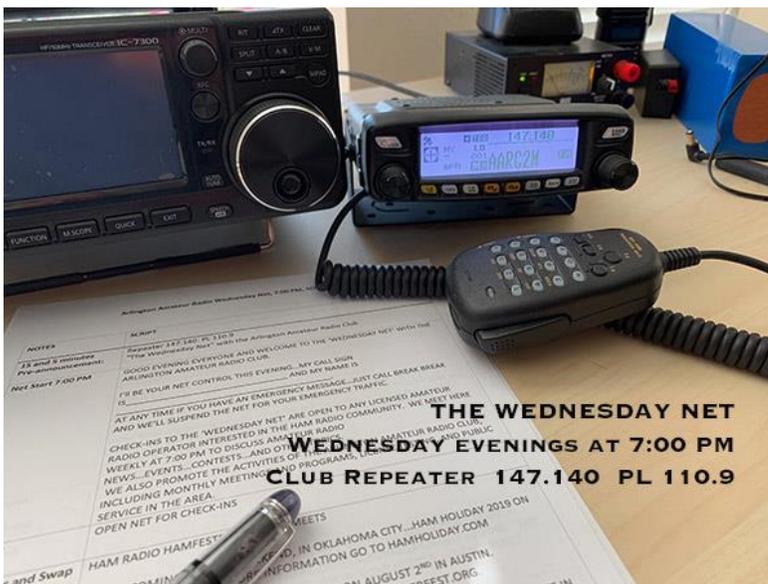
## Club Net

Please join Net Control every **Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for the club's "Wednesday Net"**. Each week we discuss HF conditions and activities, the contest and Hamfest calendars, answer the Question Pool Question of the Week, and have a general discussion to hear what's happening with our members and visitors to the Net.

Don't be left out! Fire up your VHF/UHF rig, and key that microphone! Newcomers are especially welcome. Ask questions and get familiar with the hobby.

Join us for the **"Wednesday Net" at 7:00 PM** on the club 2 meter repeater, frequency 147.140 MHz, with the PL Tone 110.9. We hope to hear you there!

73, K5SLD



## Want a club name badge?

 <b>ACCENT AWARDS &amp; TROPHIES</b> 1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013 TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS <a href="mailto:sales@accentawards.us">sales@accentawards.us</a> <b>817.469.8791</b> <a href="http://www.accentawards.us">www.accentawards.us</a>	 <b>DAVE W5DJO</b> \$8.95 each plus tax
--	--

## Birthdays

Scott Clark            1/8  
David Spore            1/11

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

## Calendar of Events

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

**==== Dining Out (January 18:, 5 pm) ====**

TBA

**==== Breakfast (February 1, 8:30 am) ====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**January 18: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**February 1: 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

Unavailable at time of publication.

## AARC November 2019 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	10/31/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,786.32
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 491.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 738.59
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 4,016.75</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,179.59
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,246.34</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	E-CHECK #2031	AARL CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE MAURICE MARTIN	INSURANCE
			\$ 200.00
			REPEATER DR2X
			\$ 350.00
			RETURN SHIPPING
			\$ 69.29
			\$
		NET CHANGE	(487.67)
<b>INCOME</b>			
	DEP	DUES	DUES
			\$ 106.62
	DEP	GOOD & WELFARE	G&W
			\$ 25.00
	DEP	SHIRT SALES	SHIRT SALE
			\$ 15.00
BALANCE	11/30/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,707.94
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 516.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 319.30
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,544.08</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,179.59
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,773.67</b>

## AARC December 2019 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	11/30/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,707.94
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 516.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 319.30
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,544.08</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,179.59
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,773.67</b>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>			
		NET CHANGE	\$ 115.30
INCOME	DEP DUES	DUES	\$ 115.30
BALANCE	12/31/19	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,823.24
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 516.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 319.30
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,659.38</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,179.59
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,888.97</b>

# Membership

## Want to join the club

2020 Club Dues are due

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

## 2019 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Setzer K5NN – <a href="mailto:k5nn@att.net">k5nn@att.net</a> -
<b>Vice President:</b>	Virginia Smith NV5F - <a href="mailto:virginia@pipertoo.com">virginia@pipertoo.com</a> - 601-467-59
<b>Secretary:</b>	Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA – <a href="mailto:kb2vqa@optonline.net">kb2vqa@optonline.net</a> – 817-652-0307
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf1@charter.net">km5rf1@charter.net</a> – 817-266-9906
<b>Editor:</b>	Trey Seastrunk AF5XS – <a href="mailto:trey01@swbell.net">trey01@swbell.net</a> - 817-891-6372
<b>Training Coordinator:</b>	Phil Stage N5PWW – <a href="mailto:n5pww@sbcglobal.net">n5pww@sbcglobal.net</a> – 817-465-5624
<b>Emergency Coordinator:</b>	Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT – <a href="mailto:ae5bt@att.net">ae5bt@att.net</a> – 817-296-8026
<b>Trustee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf@att.net">km5rf@att.net</a> – 817-266-9906
<b>Agent of Record:</b>	Phil Stage N5PWW – <a href="mailto:n5pww@sbcglobal.net">n5pww@sbcglobal.net</a> – 817-465-5624
<b>Public Information Officer:</b>	Open
<b>Webmaster:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Rob May W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton W5MAY