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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

What a difference a month makes!

A month ago, we were all going about our lives normally. Going to work, out to eat, socializing with our friends and family and hearing about all the countries struggling with COVID-19. Now it's here with us, influencing our daily activities and negatively touching our lives, friends, social activity and in many cases, people's livelihoods! Our main goal now, is to practice all the CDC recommended behaviors, including the latest, covering your face when you are outside regardless of how you feel. The new data on how this virus spreads is alarming, so please do everything in your power to stay safe and keep others safe.

The Board meeting has been pulled up a week, and will be held on April 10th, at 7 pm via Zoom. The membership meeting will be on the regular night, April 17th at 7:30, and will also be on Zoom. Instructions to access Zoom will be going out in an email to the club membership this week. So will the newsletter, with several months' worth of minutes and financial reports.

Our Wednesday 2M net has been very well attended, so drop in and enjoy the conversation. It's a great way to stay connected and hear what everyone is doing while we mostly work from home. Those of you like me, that have some local travel requirements, be extra careful out there!

Although we have had a relatively calm spring, we are still in the middle stages of storm season so stay alert for changing weather conditions and consider becoming a spotter! It's a great way to serve the community through your love of Amateur Radio. You can go to www.fortworthtraces.org and learn more. All other public service events have been cancelled.

Phil Stage, N5PWW, and I were at the testing location on April 4th, but we didn't have any candidates show up. Thanks to Rob May, W5WS, for being on standby in case we had someone come in for testing! We were ready with masks and gloves just in case. At this writing on April 6th, we plan to be at the second testing opportunity on April 18th.

Stay safe and we will see you on the air!

73's!
David
K5NN

Announcements

April 2020 program

Filters – What are they and Why do we need them?

Bob Geisel AC5BG will cover Low-Pass, High-Pass and Band-Pass filters and how they are used in Amateur Radio applications. We'll go easy on the math and focus more on solving real-world problems. So plan to attend our special online membership meeting and presentation this month. Look for details on joining the meeting via Zoom in your email.

Events

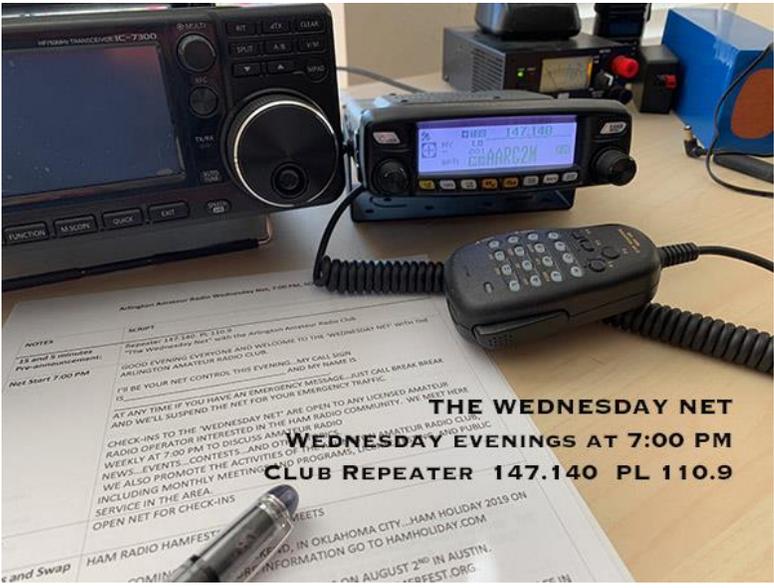
Club Net

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?

 <p>ACCENT AWARDS & TROPHIES 1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013 TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS sales@accentawards.us 817.469.8791 www.accentawards.us</p>	 <p>DAVE W5DJO</p> <p>\$8.95 each plus tax</p>
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Birthdays

- Mark Chronister 4/6
- Graham Strickland 4/13

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

Calendar of Events

April 17: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

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

May 2: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

May 16: 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

February 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes
submitted by **Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on February 21st, 2020 at 7:31 pm by the President, David K5NN. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that the kit building party she hosted for the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL)-District 5 members on February 1st drew a good turnout, with 18 kits being distributed. The evening's program by David Cripe NM0S would be a retrospective of Art Collins' use of amateur radio during the 1925 US Navy expedition of Greenland. March will include a presentation on antennas, and April will feature of visit from a member of MJARS.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the minutes from the January meetings for publication in the February newsletter. Due to difficulties, the minutes were not published. The March newsletter will contain the minutes from November 2019, January 2020, and February 2020.

Maurice KM5RF verbally reviewed the treasurer's report (January 2020) as it did not appear in the February newsletter.

After it appears in the March newsletter, it will be voted upon.

Maurice mentioned that the AARC made the last donation to SafeHaven of Tarrant County in 2018. He recommended a donation of \$300 be made at this time. A motion was made and carried to make the donation.

A motion was made and carried to provide Philip Scoggins KD5WBW with \$50 for the entry fee to the Mansfield pickle parade, and \$25 for incidental expenses.

Maurice informed the membership that he purchased a voice chip for the new repeater.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter. Submissions of content are welcomed. He will investigate how the incorrect data (meeting minutes and financial report) were included in the February 2020 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to provide testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401. W. Sanford Street (use north side entrance). No one has yet taken the opportunity to test with the AARC this year. There are no training classes at this time.

The new Extra Class test pool will go in to effect on July 1st.

Bill AE5BT let the membership know that only 127 days remained before the start of Field Day 2020 on June 27th.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW informed the membership that the upcoming Mansfield pickle parade offers the membership an opportunity to ride in the parade as well as assist with providing communication assistance. He also mentioned that on March 7th there will be a Texas Severe Storms Association (TESSA) National Storm Conference on the Bob Duncan Center.

David Spore KB3UBD is planning the club picnic for May 16, and a mini DXpedition for August or September. He is in possession of the traveling library, so if you would like to check out material or make a donation, let him know.

David W5DJO informed the membership of a need for volunteers to assist with verifying that radio equipment is functional at various hospitals. The net takes place on the last Friday of each month from 11 am to noon.

A break was taken at 8:22 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:53 pm with a presentation via Skype on the use of amateur radio by Art Collins during the 1925 US Navy Expedition to Greenland, given by David Cripe NM0S.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 22 indicating AARC membership.

February 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 21st, 2020 at 6:35 pm. Present were President, David K5NN; 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 (arrived 6:55 pm).

David K5NN called the meeting to order.

Andy KB2VQA recorded, typed, and submitted the January meeting minutes to Trey for publication in the February newsletter, however, they were not published.

Bill AE5BT will announce the 'days until Field Day 2020' at the membership meeting.

Virginia NV5F mentioned that the evening's program would be presented via Skype by David Cripe NM0S on the topic of the use of amateur radio on the part of a 14 year old Art Collins to communicate with the US Navy expedition to Greenland in 1925. The presentation in March will also be via Skype, and on the topic of antennas. Virginia mentioned that the kit building party for the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL)-District 5 members on February 1st went well.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

There are no training classes in progress or scheduled at this time.

Trey AF5XS distributed the newsletter. His goal is to publish the newsletter on the Sunday or Monday before the club meeting.

Maurice KM5RF noted that he submitted the January 2020 financial report for publication, yet the report from 2017 was published. He renewed the club's internet domain name for 2 years. Maurice noted that a couple years have passed since the last donation was made to SafeHaven of Tarrant county. He suggested bringing before the membership the motion to make a \$300 donation. The payment for the storage facility will be coming due soon, and he submitted the 990N form.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the newly appointed Public Information Officer, informed the board that he submitted an entry form and paid the \$50 fee for the club to participate in the Mansfield pickle parade on March 14.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

March 2020 Meeting Minutes
submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership and the Executive Board of the AARC did not take place in the month of March. Out of concern for the health of the membership and public, in regard to the possible spread of COVID-19, the meetings were canceled.

AARC March 2020 Financial Report

DESCRIPTION		CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	02/29/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,561.94
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,388.25
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,618.96
EXPENSES			\$ -
		NET CHANGE	\$ 23.97
INCOME			
	DEP DUES	DUES	\$ 23.97
BALANCE	03/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,585.91
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,412.22
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,642.93

Membership

This year we hope to add more fun events to our lineup, such as the mini DXpedition. A destination should be decided by the end of March, with a planned trip time sometime in August or September. I will bring a list of possible destinations to the club meeting.

The club picnic will be on May 16th between 9:00AM and 2:00PM. Exact location will be announced by the March meeting. I am working on cataloging the club library, and will bring the collection to the next meeting. Let me know if you need any club business cards, which are handy for introducing people to the club or handing out during Ham conventions.

David KB3UBD

Want to join the club

2020 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

2020 Club Officers

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Repeater Committee:	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Rob May W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton W5MAY