



# COMMUNICATOR

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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

CQ Zoom CQ Zoom

For the April meeting, the club met on a Zoom video conference. There were 22 of us in attendance and the meeting went well. I know we had at least one club member that is unable to attend regular meetings in person, so it was great to reach him in this way. We had a great presentation on Filters from Bob Geisel, AC5BG. It was a nice refresher for most of us on something we use regularly every time we operate one of our rigs.

We are watching the unfolding events across the State, as businesses start to re-open. With the meeting falling early in the month, we will utilize video conferencing again this month. The Board meeting will be held on May 15th, at 6:30 pm via Zoom, with the membership meeting following at 7:30 PM. Instructions to access Zoom will be going out in an email to the club membership this week. Rob, W5WS, has been teasing us with some hints as to what the program will be and it sounds very interesting, so log on and enjoy.

Our Wednesday 2M net has been very well attended, and our group of Net Controls does a great job with Price, K5NNL the usual, and Rob, W5WS, and Virginia, NV5F, pitching in as needed. They all do a fantastic job and keep it lively and informational. Come join us at 7 pm every Wednesday night on the club repeater on 147.14, PL 110.9!

We had some interesting weather in April, with a couple of RACES activations. We got nickel sized hail in North Arlington during one of them, and then on the 28<sup>th</sup>, had a front come through with an amazing amount of lightening. If you are interested in storm spotting, you can go to [www.fortworthraces.org](http://www.fortworthraces.org) and learn more. All other public service events continue to be postponed.

We are also monitoring the COVID-19 situation and at this time we are still planning to hold the event, albeit with some increased safety protocols, so stay tuned as things continue to evolve.

We had 8 new Hams created at the testing session on May 2, including 3 Extras! One candidate passed all three exams in one day! Phil, N5PWW, and

Bill, W5WJH, mentored me through my second session as a VE. It's great to see new blood coming into the hobby. The next testing sessions will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> and then on June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> (Field Day or not). Stay safe and we will see you on the air!

73's!

David

K5NN

## Announcements

### May 2020 program

Is it possible for an amateur astronomer and radio operator and his reporter friend to pick up transmissions from the first men to land on the moon? Find out Friday when Rob, W5WS, presents "Eavesdropping on the Moon". Spoiler: there's audio!

## Events

### Club Field Day

After consultation between the Emergency Coordinator, Bill Tastch (AE5BT), President David Setzer (K5NN) and Rob May (W5WS), it was decided it would be prudent to cancel our normal Field Day plans for 2020. Much thought went into this. Although the stay at home rules have started to be relaxed, we don't know what effect that will have on the prevalence of Covid 19. Experts generally agree that the number of cases will go up. As of today, May 9th, the Tarrant County Executive order of April 21 is still in effect and prohibits public or private gatherings of any number of people outside of a single household. The current Open Texas report from Governor Abbott also says that we should "avoid crowds and limit physical contact". The Open Texas report also states that "People 65 years or older, especially people 65 years or older with medical issues like heart disease, diabetes, cancer, or a weakened immune system, are at a higher risk for getting very sick or dying from COVID-19.

We believe that the risk to club members is too high to safely conduct Field Day in the traditional manner. We encourage all members to still participate in Field Day as a solo entry and list the Arlington ARC as your club when you submit your score. Here are the classes that our members might want to use:

Class B - One or two person portable on emergency power

Class B(battery) - One or two person portable, emergency power other than a motor driven generator, limited to 5 Watts

Class C - Mobile: Stations in vehicles

Class D - Home stations on mains power, may not contact other class D station

Class E - Home stations on emergency power, may contact all stations

Class F - EOC: must operate from a government Emergency Operations Center

So, fire up the radio on June 27th and make your exchange 1B NTX or 1E NTX, or whatever you can manage as long as you participate. See the ARRL website for complete rules and classifications.

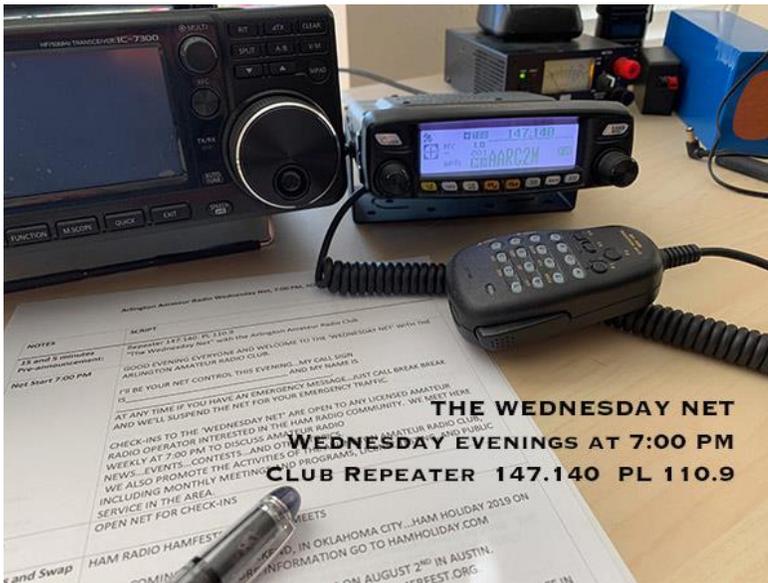
## Club Net

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

No members in May that I know of.

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

## Calendar of Events

**May 15: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

**May 16: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**June 6: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**June 20: 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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was held via teleconference and called to order on April 17th, 2020 at 7:34 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; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

David K5NN called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to add their first name and call sign to their teleconference screen name.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that the evening's program would be presented via teleconference by Bob Geisel AC5BG on the topic of filters. In the month of May, Rob W5WS will provide a presentation. In the following months, there will be programs on Field Day preparation, organizing an ARISS event, and the ice cream social. David Spore KB3UBD informed Virginia that the club picnic usually held in May, will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the April newsletter contained the minutes from the February 2020 meetings, and a notice that due to the cancellation of the March meeting there were no minutes to publish. The March newsletter contained the minutes from the November 2019 and January 2020 meetings. A motion was made and carried to accept the November 2019, January 2020, and February 2020 minutes as published.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletters for March and April. Submissions of content are welcomed.

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). Social distancing is being exercised.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the appointed Public Information Officer, starting next week will invite local officials to the AARC Field Day event.

Maurice KM5RF noted that 3 months of financial reports appeared in the March and April newsletters. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports for audit as published.

The new Yaesu DR2 repeater is ready to deploy when access to the repeater site is available.

At 8:08 pm Bob Geisel AC5BG began his presentation on the topic of filters.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 22 people in attendance, 18 being AARC members.

### **April 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held via teleconference on April 10th, 2020 at 7:15 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.

David K5NN called the meeting to order.

Virginia NV5F mentioned that the program for the April meeting would be presented via teleconference by Bob Geisel AC5BG on the topic of filters. In the month of May, Rob W5WS will provide a presentation. June's presentation will include information on Field Day planning, followed in July by a program on setting up and running an ARISS event. The ice cream social is scheduled for August.

Andy KB2VQA noted that since the regular board and membership meetings did not take place in March, the April newsletter contained an explanation of their absence. Also contained in the April newsletter were the minutes from the February meetings. The March newsletter contained minutes from the November 2019 and January 2020 meetings. Approval of all the minutes will be sought from the membership at the April membership meeting.

Maurice KM5RF noted that the financial reports were published in the March and April newsletters. The pickle parade registration fee would not be refunded. The new repeater is ready for programming, however, he will delay installation until access to the site is more easily attained.

Trey AF5XS distributed the March and April newsletters.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Social distancing is being exercised. The processing of licenses has not been effected. A new pool of questions for the Extra class exam will go in to effect on July 1st.

Bill AE5BT announced 78 days until Field Day 2020. The club will assume that Field Day will take place and make preparations.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the appointed Public Information Officer, will start compiling Field Day content for distribution to the local media and officials.

David K5NN will ask David KF5CFW to update the club's web page with information regarding the membership meeting being held via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

## AARC April 2020 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	03/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,585.91
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,412.22</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,642.93</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			\$ -
	2035 DAVID SETZER	PICKLE PRADE	\$ 50.00
		NET CHANGE	\$ 60.14
INCOME	DEP DUES	DUES	\$ 110.14
BALANCE	04/30/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,646.05
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,472.36</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,703.07</b>

# 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.

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](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

## 2020 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Setzer K5NN – <a href="mailto:k5nn@att.net">k5nn@att.net</a> -
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Rob May W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton W5MAY