



# 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

### Ice Cream Social Distancing!

As you all well know, our August meeting is when we hold our annual Ice Cream Social and usually a “show and tell”. So, we are going to need to get even more creative in the era of COVID precautions. We will meet again via Zoom. I want to encourage each of you to be prepared to participate in both the show and tell and eating your favorite ice cream while we watch everyone share something they are proud of, old, new, unique, cool or just your favorite piece of gear. I plan to show you all around my combination office/ham shack! Be on the lookout for the link. It will be the same as the new one we used for the July meeting.

I'm sure a number of you participated in the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo as I did. There were over 14,000 attendees! I sat in on several sessions including:

Fully-Remote Amateur Radio Exam Administration

Pack Tenna: Think Like a Backpacker

Hollow-State Homebrewing

These were all very informative and well presented. I also dropped in on a few vendors. Overall, it seems to have worked very well for being remote!

We continue to be one of the few clubs holding in person license testing. Our September testing dates are September 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Get those study materials out and brush up for that next higher level license!

Stay safe and we will see you on the air!

73's!

David, K5NN

# Announcements

## August 2020 program

Ice cream social and sharathon via zoom.

## Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting

## Events

Club Meeting – via ZOOM

We'll have our monthly membership meeting this Friday, August 21st at 7:30pm following the Executive Board meeting at 6:30. Both are open meetings so feel free to join in before the membership meeting if you like.

Check your email for the invite.

Hope to see you online.



July meeting via Zoom

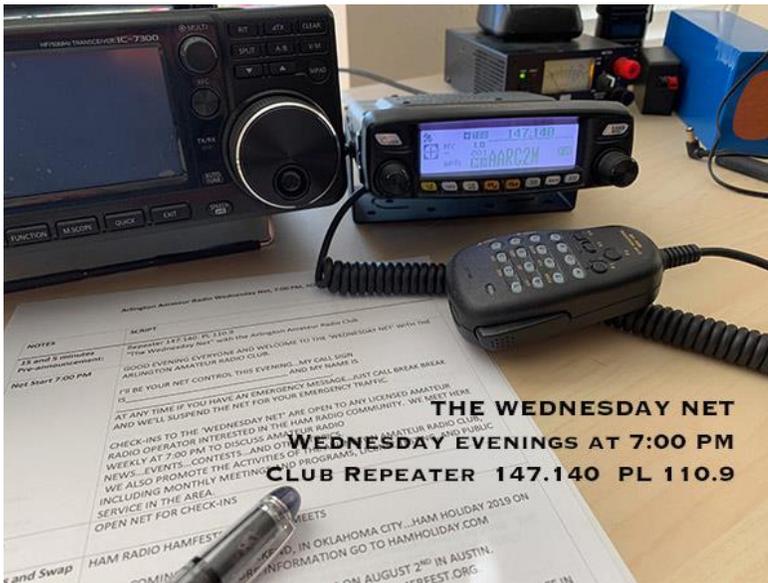
## Club Net

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
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## Birthdays

Steve Bennett	8/14
Trey Seastrunk	8/21
Jim Stiebing	8/22
Jim Stiffler	8/22

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

## Calendar of Events

**August 21: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

**August 22: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**==== Breakfast (September 5, 8:30 am) ====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**September 5: 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

## July 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 July 17th, 2020 at 7:32 pm by the President, David K5NN. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order. He thanked Rob May W5WS for the work he did with coordinating Field Day activities, including the presentation at the June meeting. David also reminded the membership of the election of officers in November. Anyone interested in running for an office should inform David K5NN or Virginia NV5F.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW gave a brief 'Behind the call sign' presentation.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership the evening's program would be presented by Calvin W7KYG on the topic of organizing and participating in an ARISS event. August will bring us to the zoom ice cream social if social distancing is still required. She is still working on presentations for September and October.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the July newsletter contained the minutes from the June meeting. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report as it appeared in the July newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published.

He reported that there was nothing new to report on the repeater.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for July. Submissions of content are welcomed and due by the Saturday before the club meeting.

Phil N5PWW reported that there are no training sessions being held at this time. The new Extra Class test pool went in to effect on July 1st. Phil 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). Three people are scheduled to attend the next test session. Social distancing is being exercised.

Bill AE5BT announced that 344 days remained until Field Day 2021. JOTA (Jamboree on the Air), the world wide scouting event, is scheduled for October 17th. The club may setup a station in a parking lot, or arrange for local scouts to visit the site. Bill thanked Rob W5WS his efforts in coordinating activities for Field Day 2020.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the Public Information Office, published a media notification to inform the public of the club's Field Day participation.

A break was taken at 8:00 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:05 pm with Calvin W7KYG informing the membership of all that goes in to organizing and operating an ARISS event. The presentation and Q&A were completed at 9:17 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 23 people in attendance, 20 being AARC members.

### **July 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 July 17th, 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.

David K5NN called the meeting to order.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that the program for the evening's meeting would be presented by Calvin W7KYG on his involvement in setting up an ARISS event.

The ice cream social is scheduled for August, however social distancing requirements may require it to be held in an unusual way from years past. She is still working on the program for September. On behalf of David Spore KB3UBD, she reported that he is still thinking of organizing a camping trip in the fall.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the July newsletter contained the minutes from the June meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report published in the July newsletter. He paid the rent on the post office box. With the current hot weather, he plans on waiting until fall arrives before installing the repeater upgrade.

Trey AF5XS published the July newsletter.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Three people have confirmed that they will be participating in the next session, with two additional people expressing interest.

Bill AE5BT announced that only 344 days remained until Field Day 2021. JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) will be held on October 17th, and is an opportunity to introduce scouts to amateur radio. Bill complimented Rob W5WS on his efforts in making Field Day 2020 a success.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the Public Information Officer, sent a media release to advertise the club's involvement in Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

## AARC July 2020 Financial Report

DESCRIPTION		CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	06/30/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,728.80
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,555.11</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,785.82</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
INCOME			
	DEP	DUES	\$ 23.97
		NET CHANGE	\$ 23.97
BALANCE	07/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,752.77
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,579.08</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,809.79</b>

# Membership

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> - 214-536-9726
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