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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

A hint of Fall!

That is what we got in the last couple of weeks! And it was very refreshing! But we will probably have that return to summer temps before we really get consistent Fall-like temps! Maybe it will be cooler by the time of our next planned outing in October. Dave Spore, KB3UBD, has a site picked out in Smithville, TX, for a field trip. The pictures looked great, with the Colorado River as an attraction. October 9th is the date, which is less than a month away, so let Dave know if you are planning to go on the road trip. His email is davids@instruments.com. Smithville is just a little southeast of Bastrop.

The August meeting was fun, and we got to see inside some member's shacks and, in some cases, their wonderful ham radio relics! Ron, AG5QE, wins the award for neatest shack, with several shelves of radio history, and a Felix the Cat clock with moving eyes and tail! In terms of real cats, Price, K5NNL, wins with his shack buddies.

Virginia, NV5F, has another great program lined up for the next Zoom club meeting on the 18th. She has done a great job this year getting quality programs for us, despite a very busy schedule that includes working on her electrical engineering degree too! Please join us Friday night. If you need the Zoom invitation, just email me, K5NN@att.net, or Rob, W5WS@arrl.net, and we will make sure you can participate! The Board meets at 6:30 and is open to everyone and the membership at 7:30.

It is not too early to be thinking about the November meeting, when elections for club officers are held. If you are interested in being on the Board, just let any Board Member know so we can include you for consideration. We have a great club, partly because many members step up so selfishly and share their talents. What can you do to help enhance our club? We would love to see!

This Saturday, the 19th, is our next testing date. As we move into October, our dates are 10/3 and 10/17 with a three-week break after that until the first Saturday in November, the 7th.

We hope to see you Friday night!!

73's

David Setzer K5NN

President

Announcements

September 2020 program

'POW QRP'

Davide Cripe will once again join us via Zoom with an exciting historical program. This is the story of Russell Hutchison, a small-town New Mexico kid and radio hobbyist. Captured by the Japanese in WWII, Hutchison used his skills and his wits to outsmart his captors, and to build simple but effective clandestine radio gear to receive outside newscasts in the Cabanatuan POW camp. Also recounted, is the presenter's efforts to recreate the most authentic possible replica of Hutchison's radio.

It should be an interesting program so we hope you will all join us via Zoom.

Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting. I would prefer to receive them in Word format or in a text editor like Notepad. If you can avoid it please don't send it in PDF format, as it is a pain to tear apart a PDF, if I need to change any formatting.

Events

Club Meeting – via ZOOM

We'll have our monthly membership meeting this Friday, September 18th 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.

For those who like to work satellites

A repeater went live on the ISS this month – uplink 145.990 – downlink 437.800 – PL 67 hz

If you try it, give us a report.

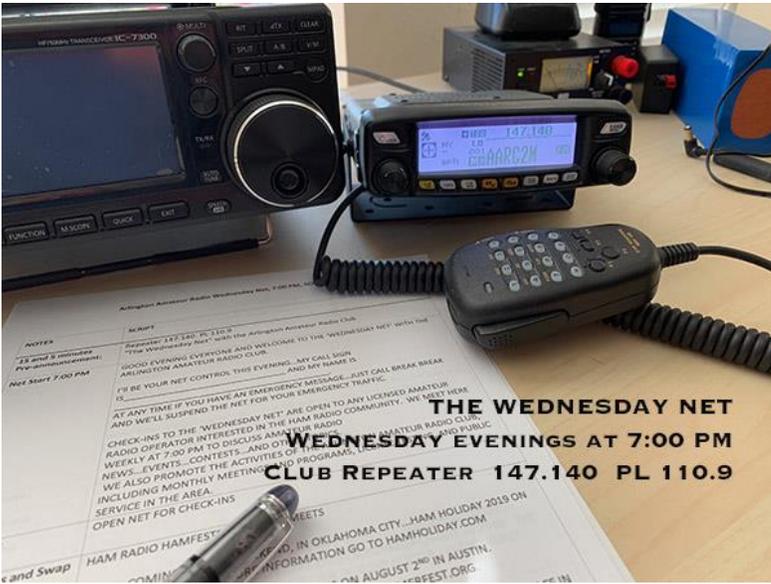
Club Net

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 W5DJ0 \$8.95 each plus tax</p>
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Birthdays

- Ronald Wartburg 9/20
- Bill Tatsch Jr 9/23

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

Calendar of Events

September 18: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

September 19: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

==== Breakfast (October 3, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

October 3: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

Camping trip!

I am sponsoring a trip to the Colorado River in Smithville, Texas. A treehouse cabin has been rented, and there are two spots for RVs and room for several tents. The cabin bedroom is already spoken for, but there is a queen sofa-bed in the living-room. Their site claims the cabin sleeps up to 10 people, but I haven't quite figured out how yet. If space is limited in the cabin you can bring your tent or RV. Radios can be setup in the cabin and the living room/kitchen space will be shared. There is a balcony too that is great for setting up radios, and we are allowed to put up antennas anywhere on the property. There appears to be a small clearing close to the Tree House that might be a good spot for an antenna (yes there are lots of trees).

We have three nights reserved, starting Friday October 9th. I plan to show up early Friday evening. Official check-in is 4:00PM Friday. Contact me if you are interested in going and I'll send additional information and a map. There are activities available on the river, including fishing and boating. If anyone needs a break from the cabin there are several good places to eat nearby, as well as shopping.



Cabin Location:

750 FM 2571
Smithville, Texas 78957

Hope to see some of you there at the Tree House! It's a bit of a long drive, but it will be worth it (also why I chose 3 nights).

73 David, KB3UBD

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

August 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 August 21st, 2020 at 7:35 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. He welcomed the attendees to the 'ice cream social distancing', and reviewed the protocol for the show-and-tell. He mentioned the possibility of receiving a donation of a crank-up tower which could be mounted on a trailer and used for Field Day or other events.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that she is in communication with David Cripe NM0S to provide a presentation in September. The presentation will be of a historical nature on the topic of utilizing a canteen to build a radio during WWII. She is still working on a presentation for October.

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

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

Regarding the repeater, there was nothing new to report.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for August.

Phil N5PWW reported that there are no training classes being held at this time. He 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). Phil mentioned that there is a ham in the vicinity of Matlock Road and Debbie Lane that is seeking a mentor. The ham is also in need of transportation to club meetings when in-person meetings resume.

With Bill AE5BT being absent, David K5NN reported 309 days remained until Field Day 2021.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the Public Information Office, had nothing new to report.

David Spore KB3UBD proposed the date of October 9 for the club camping trip. The location is in Smithville, Texas, approximately 4 hours south of DFW. Contact David for additional information.

A break was taken at 8:12 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:20 pm with a show-and-tell by approximately a half dozen club members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 17 people in attendance, all being AARC members.

August 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 August 21st, 2020 at 6:37 pm. Present were President, David K5NN; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

David K5NN called the meeting to order. He will investigate the possible acquisition of a tower that could be mounted to a trailer and used for Field Day.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that she is coordinating a presentation for the September meeting on the topic of building a canteen radio in a prisoner of war camp during WWII.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report published in the August newsletter. He paid the rent on the storage unit, and the insurance bill will be paid in November.

There was no news to report on the status of the repeater. A discussion was had on the topic of lowering membership dues. The consensus was to keep the dues at the current level.

Trey AF5XS published the August newsletter.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are no training classes in session at this time.

David Spore KB3UBD, researched possible dates for conducting a camping trip in the fall. He will present the information to the membership.

With Bill AE5BT absent, David K5NN noted that Field Day 2021 was 309 days away.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

AARC August 2020 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	07/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,752.77
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,579.08
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,809.79
EXPENSES	2037	STORAGE HUT	\$ 235.00
INCOME	DEP	AMAZON SMILES	\$ 7.98
		NET CHANGE	\$ (207.90)
BALANCE	08/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,525.75
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,352.06
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$19.12 \$ 2,199.83
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,601.89

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 and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

2020 Club Officers

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