



# 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

### The dying embers of Summer!

As usual, Summer made its re-appearance and we've had a number of warm days, but the mornings have been wonderful, great for dog walking! By the club meeting, we should have a report on the outing that Dave Spore, KB3UBD, arranged along the Colorado River in Smithville, TX on the weekend of October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The September meeting was fun, and we got to hear a great presentation by David Cripe, NM0S, on the ways our POW's in WWII found to stay informed about progress of the war, by building a receiver out of parts they could scrounge up, and then find creative ways to keep in hidden. That was truly our Greatest Generation.

Virginia, NV5F, has another great program lined up for the next Zoom club meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. She will present on radio astronomy. Please join us Friday night. If you need the Zoom invitation, just email me, [K5NN@att.net](mailto:K5NN@att.net), or Rob, [W5WS@arrl.net](mailto:W5WS@arrl.net), and we will make sure you can participate! The Board meets at 6:30 and is open to everyone with the full membership at meeting at 7:30.

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 so many members step up unselfishly and share their talents. What can you do to help enhance our club? We would love to see! We also will be sending you a request for your nomination for the Ham of the Year. This is a prestigious award that recognizes a club member for going above and beyond in contributing to the success of the club. Please take time to reflect back on the year and make your nomination. So many are worthy!

We hope to see you on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

73's

David Setzer K5NN

President

# Announcements

## September 2020 program

### Radio Astronomy Basics

Virginia NV5F has been having a little radio astronomy adventure the past few weeks and she will be sharing some of what she has learned with the club this Friday. Hear about the basics of radio telescopes, interferometry and what the future of radio astronomy looks like.

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, October 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FYI

#### FCC Orders Amateur Access to 3.5 GHz Band to "Sunset"

Despite vigorous and continuing opposition from ARRL and others, the FCC has ordered the "sunset" of the 3.3 - 3.5 GHz amateur radio secondary spectrum allocation. The decision allows current amateur activity on the band to continue, "grandfathering" the amateur operations subject to a later decision. The FCC proposed two deadlines for amateur operations to cease on the band. The first would apply to the 3.4 - 3.5 GHz segment, the second to 3.3 - 3.4 GHz. The FCC will establish the dates once it reviews additional comments.

"We adopt our proposal from the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to remove the amateur allocation from the 3.3 - 3.5 GHz band," the FCC said in its *Report and Order*. "[W]e adopt changes to our rules today that provide for the sunset of the secondary amateur allocation in the band, but allow continued use of the band for amateur operations, pending resolution of the issues raised in the *Further Notice*."

The *Report and Order* ([R&O](#)) and *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in WT Docket No. 19-348 adopted on September 30

## Working the repeater on the ISS

**W5ERX**  
 Wade Bolling  
 1839 Kirby  
 Kyle, Texas 78640



TEXAS HILL COUNTRY DX ASSOCIATION

CONFIRMING QSO	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
AA5VZ	25	9	2020

2-WAY	UTC	MHz	RST	PSK QSO
ISS Rep	2153	437.145	59	EM10



Radio: Anytone 874 UV Plus 145↑437↓ 5W  
 Ant: Arrow hand held

Thank for the QSO on the  
 ISS Repeater! Take Care!

73 Wade EM10

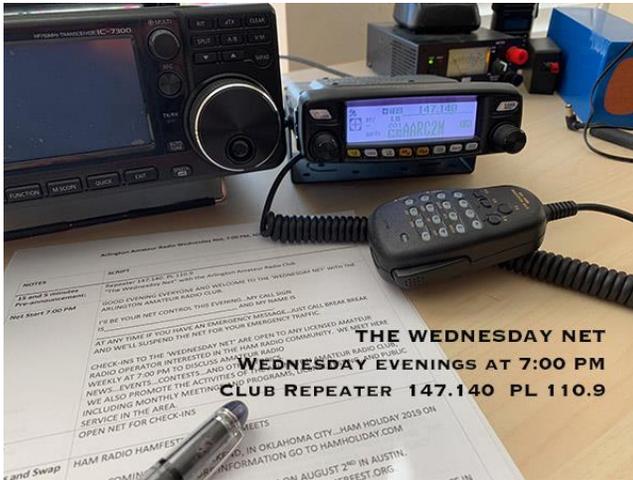


It was truly an exciting moment for me. It was very easy to do. I was using an arrow antenna mounted on the antenna tracker platform I demonstrated at last year's "Show and Tell". It just points the antenna in the right direction and gives me an extra hand to write with. The radio was a Kenwood TH-D74A handheld with 5W output. I hope you and others have the joy of making an ISS contact soon.

73  
 Jack – AA5VZ

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

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

# Calendar of Events

**October 16: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

**October 17: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**==== Breakfast (November 6, 8:30 am) ====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**November 6: 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

**September 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 September 18th, 2020 at 7:32 pm by the President, David K5NN. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order. He asked Jack Weaver AA5VZ to give a brief 'Behind the call sign' presentation.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that David Cripe NM0S would be presenting the evening's program on a WWII prisoner of war camp convert canteen radio. She will provide a program in October on the topic of radio astronomy, as related to the radio telescope project with which she is involved. Election of club officers will be held in November, and may be accompanied by a show-and-tell or a presentation.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report as it appeared in the September newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. Maurice will wait until November to coordinate access to the repeater site for installation of the new repeater.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for September.

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). Three people have confirmed their attendance at the next session.

Bill AE5BT reported that 281 days remained until the start of Field Day 2021. JOTA (Jamboree on the Air), the amateur radio scouting event, will be held in October. Score-O will be held at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch on the same weekend. In the past, the club has traveled to SRSR to set up an amateur radio station to allow scouts to experience the amateur radio hobby. Due to the risk of COVID exposure, Bill will not be participating. Club members can individually participate from their homes if they wish.

David K5NN did not receive a response to his request to accept a donation of a crank-up tower.

A break was taken at 7:59 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:05 pm with a presentation by David Cripe on the history of a WWII canteen radio used in a prisoner of war camp, and his experience in replicating the radio using vintage parts in the present day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 16 people in attendance, 14 being AARC members.

### **September 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 September 18th, 2020 at 6:38 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; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order.  
He has not received a response from his inquiry requesting a donation of a crank-up tower.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that the evening's program on a canteen radio in a prisoner of war camp during WWII would be presented by David Cripe. Virginia will provide a program in October on the topic of radio astronomy. November will see the election of club officers for 2021. A show-and-tell or presentation may follow the election.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report published in the September newsletter. He paid the rent on the storage unit and received a payment from the Amazon Smiles program.  
He will coordinate a time in November to gain access to the repeater site to install the new DR-2 repeater.

Trey AF5XS published the September 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 attend the next test session, with an additional four confirming their attendance at the following test session. There are no training classes in session at this time.

Bill AE5BT informed the board that JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) and Score-O will be taking place in October at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. In the past, the club has set up stations to introduce scouts to the hobby of amateur radio. Bill recommended that the club not visit SRSR as the risk of exposure to COVID was still too high. The club could participate by setting up a station in the parking lot of 401 W. Sanford Street, or from the homes of club members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

## AARC September 2020 Financial Report

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE		
08/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,525.75
	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
	REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
	CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,352.06</b>
	SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	C.D.	\$ 2,199.83
	PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
	NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,601.89</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		\$ -
<b>INCOME</b>		\$ -
	NET CHANGE	\$ -
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# 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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