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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

Indian Summer lingers

Well, we have had a few cold fronts, but the southern winds have always returned quickly and made for some great fall days, albeit a little on the warmer side.

We will have an important event during the club meeting on Friday November 20th. Price Woolridge is serving as our nominating committee this year and he will present a slate of officers to the membership. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. This will set the leadership of the club for the next year.

On another note, Rob, W5WS, is still taking online voting for Ham of the Year. Again, this year, we have many deserving club members. If you are a club member, you should have received a Survey Monkey form to nominate someone, so check your email and let Rob know if you didn't receive your chance to recognize a club member that has served the club in a significant way in 2020. You have until December 1st to respond.

Virginia, NV5F, has the program lined up for the next Zoom club meeting on the 20th. She will present on radio astronomy. 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 with the full membership at meeting at 7:30.

At this time, it does not appear that we will try to have any type of in person event during the holidays. At the Board meeting, we will discuss what we want to do for December. We will be ready to announce the Ham of the Year, we could have another show and tell session to get a peek at some of your recent projects or a few more of the antiques many of you have, or/and have an open discussion on how COVID has affected your station operation. If you have any suggestions, please forward to me at K5NN@att.net.

We hope to see you on the 20th.

73's

David Setzer K5NN

President

Announcements

November 2020 program

Elections for club officers

If anyone would like to run, they can contact Price at pricewool@gmail.com or 405-210-5481. Or they can contact David Setzer, K5NN.

I will talk about this and ask for additional nominations at the meeting.

So far the nominations are:

President:	David Setzer	K5NN
Vice President:	Jack Weaver, Jr.	AA5VX
Secretary:	Andy Kapushoc	KB2VQA
Treasurer:	Maurice Martin	KM5RF
Training Coordinator:	Phil Stage	N5PWW
Emergency Coordinator:	Bill Tatsch, Jr.	AE5BT
Editor:	Trey Seastrunk	AF5XS
Station Trustee:	Maurice Martin	KM5RF
Agent of Record:	Phil Stage	N5PWW

Thanks.

Price

Radio Astronomy Basics

Virginia NV5F has been having a little radio astronomy adventure the past few weeks and has asked Dr. Ed Albin, director of space studies at American Public University (her school) to give the program. 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.

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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, November 20th 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

From ARRL

ARRL Seeks Waiver of Proposed FCC Amateur Application Fees

ARRL has urged the FCC to waive its proposed \$50 amateur radio application fee. The Commission proposal was made last month in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in MD 20-270. The proposal has already drawn more than 3,200 individual comments overwhelmingly opposed to the plan. The fees, directed by Congress and imposed on all FCC-regulated services, are to recover the FCC's costs of handling and processing applications.

"Amateur radio applications were not listed when the Congress adopted its 1985 fee schedule for applications, and therefore amateur license applications were excluded from the collection of fees," ARRL said on November 16 in its formal comments on the proposal. "Similarly, a decade later when regulatory fees were authorized, the Amateur Service was excluded, except for the costs associated with issuing vanity call signs." The new statutory provisions are similar Amateur radio license applications are not addressed in the application fees section and explicitly excluded from regulatory fees," ARRL said, and there is "no evidence of any intent by Congress to change the exempt status of amateur applications and instead subject them to new fees."

ARRL argued that the FCC has explicit authority to waive the fees if it would be in the public interest, and should do so for the Amateur Radio Service. Unlike other FCC services, the Amateur Radio Service is all volunteer and largely self-governing, with examination preparation, administration, and grading handled by volunteers, who submit licensing paperwork to the FCC, ARRL pointed out.

"Increasingly, the required information is uploaded to the Commission's database, further freeing personnel from licensing paperwork as well as [from] day-to-day examination processes," ARRL said.

The Communications Act, ARRL noted, also permits the FCC to accept the volunteer services of individual radio amateurs and organizations in monitoring for rules violations. In 2019, ARRL and the FCC signed a memorandum of understanding to renew and enhance the ARRL's Volunteer Monitor program, relieving the Commission of significant time-consuming aspects of enforcement.

These volunteer services lessen the regulatory burden -- including the application burden -- on the Commission's resources and budget in ways that licensees in other services do not, ARRL said.

Amateur radio's role in providing emergency and disaster communication, education, and other volunteer services also justifies exempting radio amateurs from FCC application fees.

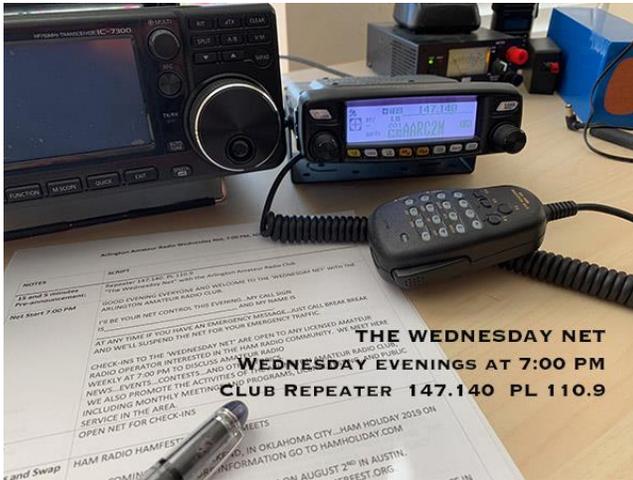
Additionally, amateur radio has also motivated many students to develop critical science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills. ARRL noted that the Amateur Radio Service contributes to the advancement of the radio art, advances skills in communication and technology, and expands the existing reservoir of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts -- all expressed bases and purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

"Accomplishing these purposes entails working with young people, many of whom may have difficulty paying the proposed application fees," ARRL said.

ARRL concluded that the FCC should exercise its authority to exempt amateur radio from application fees generally. If the FCC cannot see its way clear to waive fees altogether, it should waive them for applicants age 26 and younger.

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

David Lucas 11/13
Abdulmanan Saleh 11/14

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

Calendar of Events

November 20: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

November 21: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

==== Breakfast (December 5, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

December 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

October 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 October 16th, 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 announced a change in the evening's program from radio astronomy to a multiple ham radio topics. The club will continue to use teleconferencing for the foreseeable future. Since the usual in-person holiday party is not suitable, a club meeting will be held on the third Friday of December. David K5NN displayed pictures of the ham radio camping trip provided by David Spore KB3UBD.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that the program on radio astronomy was postponed until November, and in its place would be a discussion of various aspects of ham radio for people new to the hobby. She will assume the responsibility of organizing the voting process for Ham of the Year. In December, there will be a teleconference meeting in place of the usual in-person holiday party.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report as it appeared in the October newsletter. He noted that the heading of

the report should have read 'September' instead of 'August'. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published with the noted correction to the heading. Maurice reported that the repeater is operating well.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for October. David K5NN encouraged the membership to send any items of interest to Trey for inclusion in the newsletter.

Phil N5PWW reported that there are no training classes being held at this time. In 2021, he will explore the use of teleconferencing to conduct training classes, as suggested by Philip KD5WDW. 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).

Bill AE5BT reported that 253 days remained until the start of Field Day 2021, and that JOTA (Jamboree on the Air), the amateur radio scouting event, was being held October 16-18. Club members wishing to individually participate in the event are welcomed to do so.

David K5NN noted that the election of club officers will take place in November. A nominating committee will be assembled to prepare a slate of candidates.

A break was taken at 8:10 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:20 pm with presentations on various aspects of amateur radio by Phil N5PWW, Rob W5WS, Jack AA5VZ, Maurice KM5RF, and Bill AE5BT. Questions from those new to the hobby were entertained.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 22 people in attendance, 19 being AARC members.

October 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 October 16th, 2020 at 6:33 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 fielded inquiries from people interested in entering the amateur radio hobby.

Virginia NV5F informed the board that she was postponing her presentation on radio astronomy until the November meeting. The evening's program will instead be presented by several club members on their area of expertise within amateur radio.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report published in the October newsletter. The heading of the report incorrectly read 'August', and should have read 'September'. The numbers in the report were correct for the month of September. In the coming months he will pay bills for the repeater insurance and the corporate insurance. Maurice will gather a crew to visit the repeater site in November to install the new DR-2 repeater.

Trey AF5XS published the October 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. Phil reported the news that the Cowtown Hamfest 2021 was cancelled.

Bill AE5BT informed the board that JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) was being held on October 16-18. He hoped that club members would participate on an individual basis.

Rob May W5WS made a suggestion that the by-laws be changed so that offices are held for a term of two years instead of the current one year. Maurice suggested that such a change be discussed when in-person meetings resume.

Philip KD5WDW suggested to Phil N5PWW that teleconferencing could be used to hold training classes. Phil N5PWW will explore the possibility in January 2021.

David K5NN suggested that the club hold a meeting on the third Friday of December via teleconference, as an in-person holiday party was not feasible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

AARC October 2020 Financial Report

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE		
09/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,525.75
	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
	REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
	CHECKING	\$ 3,352.06
	SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	C.D.	\$ 2,199.83
	PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
	NET TOTAL	\$ 5,601.89
EXPENSES		\$ -
INCOME	DUES	\$ 72.94
	NET CHANGE	\$ 72.94
BALANCE		
10/31/20	GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,598.69
	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
	REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
	CHECKING	\$ 3,425.00
	SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	C.D.	\$ 2,199.83
	PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
	NET TOTAL	\$ 5,674.83

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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