



# 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

### Burrr it's cold

Between all the cold days with no power and no internet, I did not see anything from our President. I don't know if it got lost on my end or David's. You will have to show up on the Zoom meeting to find out what he has been thinking about.

## Announcements

### January 2021 program

Getting started with solar backup power for the shack.

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, February 19<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

From ARRL

### ARRL to Extend Field Day Rule Waivers from 2020, Add Class D and E Power Limit

The COVID-19 pandemic-modified [ARRL Field Day](#) rules from 2020 will continue this June with the addition of a power limit imposed on Class D (Home Stations) and Class E (Home Stations-Emergency Power) participants. The news from the ARRL Board's Programs and Services Committee comes as many clubs and groups are starting preparations for Field Day in earnest. Field Day 2021 will take place June 26 - 27.

"This early decision should alleviate any hesitancy that radio clubs and individual Field Day participants may have with their planning for the event," said ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE.

For Field Day 2021, Class D stations may work *all other* Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points. This year, however, Class D and Class E stations will be limited to 150 W PEP output.

For Field Day 2021, an *aggregate* club score will be published -- just as it was done last year. The aggregate score will be a sum of all individual entries that attributed their score to that of a specific club.

ARRL Field Day is one of the biggest events on the amateur radio calendar. Last summer, a record 10,213 entries were received.

"With the greater flexibility afforded by the rules waivers, individuals and groups will still be able to participate in Field Day, while still staying within any public health recommendations and/or requirements," Bourque said.

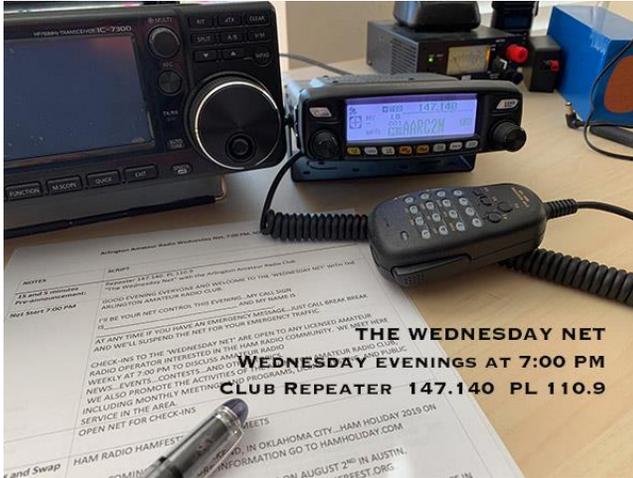
The [ARRL Field Day](#) web page contains complete rules and entry forms, as well as any updated information as it becomes available

### 2021 Cowtown Marathon

Cowtown Marathon is May 8<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer, sign-up via Better Impact if you are a RACES member or contact Chuck Inmon [message@volunteer2mail.com](mailto:message@volunteer2mail.com) for more info.

## 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 <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></p>	 <p><b>DAVE</b> <b>W5DJO</b></p> <p>\$8.95 each plus tax</p>
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## Birthdays

Randy Eaton 2/8

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

## Calendar of Events

**February 19: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

**February 20: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**March 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

## January 2021 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 January 15th, 2021 at 7:32 pm by the President, David K5NN. Other board members present included Vice President, Jack AA5VZ; 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 informed the membership that he has been approached by people interested in obtaining an amateur radio license and becoming involved in the club. Any club members interested in mentoring new hams should contact David.

Jack AA5VZ will be organizing presentations over the next several months with a focus on aspects of the amateur radio hobby for newcomers.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the January 2021 newsletter contained the minutes from the November 2020 meeting. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports of November and December 2020. A motion was made and carried to accept the reports for audit as published. There is not an immediate need to visit the repeater site, as it is functioning properly.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for January 2021.

Phil N5PWW reported that there are no training classes being held at this time. Testing sessions are held 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. There is a proposed increase in the FCC fee to obtain or upgrade a license, resulting in a cost of \$49.

Bill AE5BT is working with Rob W5WS on a plan to participate in Field Day (only 162 days away) in-person at the usual place, depending on changes in the COVID-19 situation.

Philip KD5WDW, the Public Information Officer, will be taking on the responsibility of sending email to the membership regarding club meetings and the Wednesday evening repeater net.

David K5NN would like to review the bylaws and make suggestions to the membership for changes.

A break was taken at 8:00 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:05 pm with a presentation by Jack AA5VZ on the topic of working FM amateur radio satellites.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 24 people in attendance, 20 being AARC members.

**January 2021 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 January 15th, 2021 at 6:32 pm. Present were President, David K5NN; Vice President, Jack AA5VZ; 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 mentioned that he has observed an increase in inquiries regarding becoming a member of the AARC and training opportunities. He will ask members to volunteer as mentors to people interested in becoming involved in amateur radio. David would care to have a discussion of bylaws changes/clarifications in the future.

Jack AA5VZ informed the board of the presentations he has planned for the next several months. They are along the lines of how to get started in various aspects of amateur radio. David K5NN would like to record the presentations for later posting on the club's website.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the January 2021 newsletter contained the minutes from the November 2020 meetings.

Maurice KM5RF, reviewed the financial reports published in the January 2021 newsletter. He paid the liability insurance. Maurice will coordinate with the Public Information Officer to access the list of email addresses of the membership for communications regarding meetings and radio nets. Regarding a visit to the repeater site, Maurice has postponed such a trip due to COVID-19 concerns.

Phil N5PWW reported that there were no training classes in session at this time. He has received email from people interested in amateur radio and the club. Testing sessions are being held promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Social distancing is in practice. Fees proposed by the FCC will result in a new license or upgrade costing \$49.

Bill AE5BT has been working with Rob W5WS on a plan to possibly participate in Field Day at the usual place, depending on changes in the COVID-19 situation.

Trey AF5XS published the January 2021 newsletter.

Philip KD5WDW, as the Public Information Officer, posted meeting information on the club's website. The Pickle Parade in Mansfield is scheduled for 2021, after its cancellation in 2020. Philip received an email regarding an opportunity for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members to assist in vaccination efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

## AARC January 2021 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	12/31/20		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,551.17
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 286.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,382.48</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,206.76
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 5,639.24</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
INCOME	DUES	DUES	\$ 427.94
		NET CHANGE	\$ 427.94
BALANCE			
	01/31/21		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,979.11
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 286.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,810.42</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,206.76
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,067.18</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

2021 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

## 2021 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Setzer K5NN – <a href="mailto:k5nn@att.net">k5nn@att.net</a> - 214-536-9726
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - <a href="mailto:jmw1709@hotmail.com">jmw1709@hotmail.com</a> – 972-567-7815
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