



# 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

### Wow!! What a great Field Day

Thanks to all the club members who came out and participated in set up, operations, eating BBQ, more operations and finally take down. Rob's vision of a unique method to get a tr-band beam up worked like a charm, and Maurice marshalled forces to get the G5RV dipoles up and running. Virginia pounded out CW, Phil held down the SSB station, multiple operators were on the Digital station and Philip introduced quite a few visitors to the "Get On The Air" station. We also had several City Council members drop by and our Proclamation from Mayor Williams was prominently on display. Bill's family provided the BBQ once again and it and the sides brought by members did not disappoint. A great job by all!

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, some of us participated in providing communications for the City of Arlington Independence Day parade. Near 100 floats participated and it was very well attended by the public. Fun was had by all!

We will be meeting in person again this month on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 501 W.

Sanford, at the usual time. The Board of Directors meets at 6:30 and the membership at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both meetings.

Our program will be given by Virginia, NV5F, on Getting Started in CW. We still have some great sessions left to present the remainder of the year:

- Learning and Building with the Arduino
- Traffic Handling on DFW Nets
- Looking Across 100 Years of Amateur Radio

We are working to get all these great programs on the website as they occur. If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email or call my cell. My email is [k5nn@att.net](mailto:k5nn@att.net) and my cell is 214-536-9726.

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

73's

David Setzer K5NN

President-AARC

# Announcements

## June 2021 program

### Getting Started in CW: Building a Foundation in Morse Code

“Morse Code is still a big part of ham radio today. It is our first mode and is still one of the most reliable and challenging. Even though it is now optional for us to learn it, many hams derive great satisfaction from mastering this time-honored communication art form. Virginia NV5F will offer a program on getting started in operating CW (Morse Code), which will include the basics of Code and the best methods for learning, as well as tips on where and how to find friendly people online and on the air to help you get started in this the first of all modes. Please join us Friday night to hear how you can get in on the fun!”

Thanks,  
Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

It should be an interesting program so we hope you will all join us at our regular meeting spot

### 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 or make any edits.

### Events

#### Field Day Follow up Pics



Beam Setup



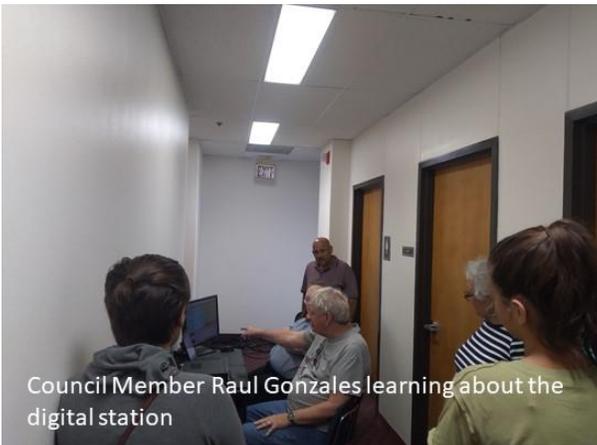
G5RV Setup



The CW station in operation.



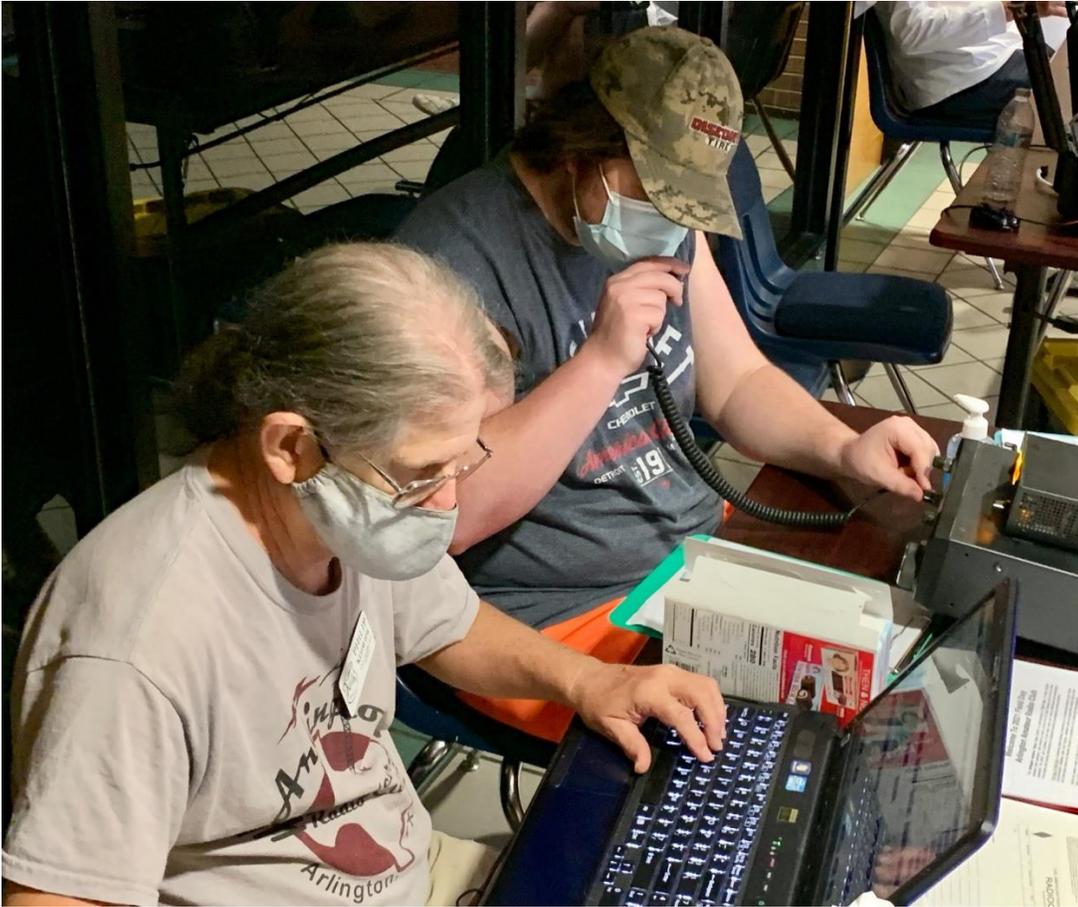
Working the phone station



Council Member Raul Gonzales learning about the digital station



Setting up the digital station



*At the GOTA station*



Hunting Satellites

Thank you, Ron Colbert, Michael Edmonds, Philip Scoggins, Jack Weaver, and Price Wooldridge for the pictures.

## W4DXCC Convention

September 24th and 25th, 2021, Pigeon Forge, TN

It is time to make your **Hotel Reservations** for this years convention. You can **NOT** make Online Hotel Reservations for this event you **MUST** call the Hotel directly at this number **865 428-8350**. When You Do, Tell them you are with **W4DXCC by SEDCO** for a special room rate, do it now.

**Online Convention Reservations are Up and Ready** for you to make your convention and banquet reservations. Go here [Online Reservations](#)

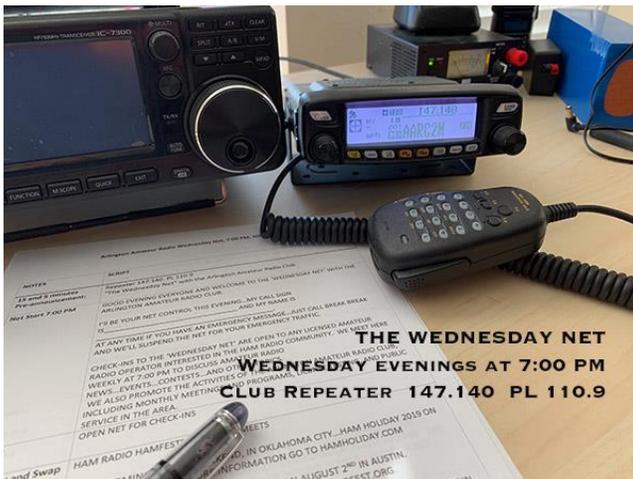
## Club Net

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 sales@accentawards.us <b>817.469.8791</b> www.accentawards.us	 <b>DAVE</b> <b>W5DJO</b> \$8.95 each plus tax
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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

**July 16: Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

**July 16: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

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

**==== Dining Out ( July 17, 5:00 pm) =====**

David's Barbecue 2224 W Park Row Dr, Pantego, TX 76013

**==== Breakfast ( August 7, 8:30 am) =====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**August 7: 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

## June 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes

### submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on June 18th, 2021 at 7:32 pm by the President, David K5NN, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Other board members present included Vice President, Jack AA5VZ; 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.

Jack AA5VZ informed the membership this month's presentation would be provided by Rob W5WS on the history of Field Day, and how the AARC will participate this year. Next month's presentation will be on the topic of CW (Continuous Wave) by Virginia NV5F. The 'Getting Started...' series of presentations are available on the club's web site, including both the recorded teleconference and presentation slides.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of May 2021. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. Maurice reported that the repeater is working well. He's planning to visit the repeater site in October to install the new repeater and remove the backup repeater that is currently in use. Maurice would like to conduct the annual audit of the club's financial records, covering the year 2020. He's seeking three volunteers to participate in the audit, being held at Field Day.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for June 2021. All submissions are welcomed, and requested to be received by the Saturday before the club meeting.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401 W. Sanford Street (use the entrance on the north side). At the time of taking an exam, the FCC requires those taking the exam have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and email address on file. The \$35 FCC fee increase is on hold.

Bill AE5BT announced that Field Day 2021 was 8 days away. The BBQ dinner on the Saturday of Field Day has been confirmed. He asks the membership to bring such side dishes as beans, potato salad, and fruit salad. Bill will invite the local fire station to dinner. Assistance will be needed at 1 pm on Sunday to take down and pack up the equipment.

Philip KD5WDW, the Public Information Officer, would like to collect information from club members who volunteer at various events. Please include the name of the event, location, and date.

Philip successfully received a proclamation from the City of Arlington declaring the weekend of Field Day 2021 as 'Arlington Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Operators Recognition Days'.

At 8:15 pm Rob W5WS presented a program on the decades long history of Field Day and how the AARC will participate in Field Day 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance plus 2 people via teleconference. All 25 attendees were AARC members.

## **June 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

### **submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on June 18th, 2021 at 6:34 pm, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Present were President, David K5NN; Vice President, Jack AA5VZ; 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. He received a second donation of amateur radio equipment from an estate.

Jack AA5VZ informed the board that the 'Getting Started...' presentations have been placed on the club's web site. This evening Rob W5WS will provide a program on the history of Field Day and specific information on how the club will participate in Field Day next weekend. Virginia NV5F will present a program on Continuous Wave (CW) at the July meeting. August will bring with it the ice cream social and show-n-tell.

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

Maurice KM5RF, reviewed the financial report published in the June 2021 newsletter. He plans to visit the repeater site in October to install the new repeater and remove the backup repeater that is currently in use. In preparation for Field Day, he has changed the oil in the electrical generator. He would like three volunteers to participate in the audit of the financial records for 2020. The audit will be held during Field Day.

Trey AF5XS published the June 2021 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. A test session will also be offered at Field Day. The new fee of \$35 for new licenses and upgrades will not go in to effect in July, as it is still going through the approval process. Training classes are not currently being held.

Bill AE5BT announced 8 days until Field Day.

Philip KD5WDW, the Public Information Officer, received a proclamation from the City of Arlington declaring the weekend of Field Day 2021 as 'Arlington Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Operators Recognition Days'. He invited city council members to visit the club's Field Day location, and several have confirmed they will attend. The 9/11 Heroes Run is looking for volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

## AARC June 2021 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	05/31/21		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,062.06
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 286.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,893.37</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,206.76
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,150.13</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
INCOME	DUES	DUES	\$ 73.97
	CD INTEREST	INTEREST	\$ 1.80
		NET CHANGE	\$ 75.77
BALANCE			
	06/30/21		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,136.03
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 286.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 3,967.34</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$1.80 \$ 2,208.56
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,225.90</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.

## 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
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Rob May W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton W5MAY