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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

Here we go!

Greetings everyone, and Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a safe and joyous holiday season, and that you are continuing to enjoy good health.

2022 is here, and I am looking forward to great things ahead for our club, and for each of us. The AARC is a progressive organization which has enjoyed yet another successful year, despite Covid, under the sound leadership of David Setzer (K5NN) - former President & 2021 Ham of the Year, our current Board of Directors and all of you. We had one of our best Field Day events EVER in 2021 thanks to Rob May (W5WS), Bill Tatsch (AE5BT) and a host of volunteers and participants. Philip Scoggins (KD5WBW) did a marvelous job last year as Public Information Officer in gaining public recognition from our city leaders and community, and in keeping us all informed about ongoing events and matters of interest. Several club volunteers, led by Phil Stage (N5PWW) conducted in-person VE test sessions throughout the year whereby we welcomed several new hams into our hobby, saw many hams earn license upgrades, and brought new members into the club. The Wednesday night nets conducted by Price Wooldridge (K5NNL), Bill Hoffman (W5WJH) and local AMSAT teams are going strong, providing fun and fellowship for everyone operating VHF, HF, and even Amateur Radio in Space. And, I am told, this year's Christmas party, organized by Andy Kapushoc (KB2VQA) and his team was one of the best, and most attended club events EVER! Thank you, EVERYONE, for making this such a great year!

So, what's next? Well, first I want to thank everyone for your vote of confidence having invited me to serve as President for 2022. I come in the wake of many fine leaders whose commitment to excellence, diligence in serving the community and devotion to furthering the hobby, built this club into the well-respected organization it is today. I look forward to serving you and leading alongside our time-honored board-member team. I also want to congratulate Philip Scoggins (KD5WBW) on being elected to serve as club

Vice-President. Philip immediately hit the ground running, wasting no time getting programs lined up to kick off the year. Topics this month and February include “Building a Satellite Ground Station – Beyond the Basics”, and “Building Simple Antennas for your station”. And that’s just the beginning! Looking ahead... our focus this year will be on (1) Seizing Opportunities for Growth, (2) Promoting Club Activities, (3) Creating Learning Opportunities and (4) Encouraging Deeper Involvement...in our club, and in our community. I’m excited!
So, Are you Ready? ... Let’s Go!

‘73
Jack Weaver, AA5VZ
President - AARC

Announcements

January 2022 program

Getting Started with FM Satellites part 2

Building a ground tracking system for satellites. Jack showcases his new satellite tracking station and equipment. Jack Weaver (AA5VZ) has been fascinated with working other hams using amateur radio equipment on several satellites and the International Space Station. On Thanksgiving Day, 2021, he put his newly installed backyard array to the test, completing three contacts using satellite AO-91. He has since made dozens of contacts to stations from Panama, El Salvador, Mexico, and onward to stations into Canada. Automatic tracking is accomplished using SatPc32, a Yaesu G-5500DC Rotator and a home-built Arduino-based SimpleSat controller, designed by W9KE. The AARC facilitates the AMSAT Information Net every Wednesday night at 2100L. Come join-in on the fun! But watch out...it’s addicting!”



Help Needed

Mr. David McCurdy, the Tarrant County Emergency Management Coordinator has asked for the help of fellow Fort Worth RACES members manning a new Covid testing site in Arlington. If you have the time, please sign up and help out. Main duties will be directing traffic in the Lots. The Texas Forest Service is managing this site, and you will be working for their Incident Commander. Be sure to bring your Fort Worth RACES Badge and Hi-Viz vest if you do volunteer. Probably would not hurt to bring a handheld radio too.

Tarrant County is activating a COVID-19 surge testing site in Arlington. The Tarrant County Office of Emergency Management requests volunteers to assist with line management and other miscellaneous duties. Volunteers will work 3.5-hour shifts with three volunteers per shift. This work will be outside and require standing for long periods. Volunteers will **not** be involved with the testing procedure. Water will be provided. Face coverings are recommended.

Dates: January 20, 2022 – February 10, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Globe Life Field, Parking Lot M 1205 Pennant Dr, Arlington, TX 76011

Volunteer Sign-up:

1. Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FA4A728A1F58-tarrant>.
2. Select one or more shifts and then click the **Submit and Sign Up** button at the bottom of the screen.
3. Fill in your information. Please include your phone and email address. We will use this information to keep you informed of status and updates.
4. Click the **Sign Up Now** button.
5. You will receive a confirmation email with more information.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- James Knighton at 817-233-0893 jamesknightonjr@gmail.com
- Pete Jones at 817-234-1320 KC5IMZ@sbcglobal.net

Thank you in advance for volunteering and your continuing service to the citizens of Tarrant County.

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.

Birthdays

David Hall	1/02
David Spore	1/11
Joe Clark	1/21

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

Happenings

The Christmas Party was a great success. Good friends, good food, and a good time.





Thanks everyone, who sent in pictures.

Calendar of Events

January 21: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011
All members are welcome attend.

January 21: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011
If you want to join via Zoom:

Time: November 19, 2021 06:30 PM (Board Meeting), 7:30 PM (Regular Meeting), Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: January 21, 2022 06:30 PM (Board Meeting), 7:30 PM (Regular Meeting), Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbjN1MquO0>

==== Dining Out (January 22, 5:00 pm) =====

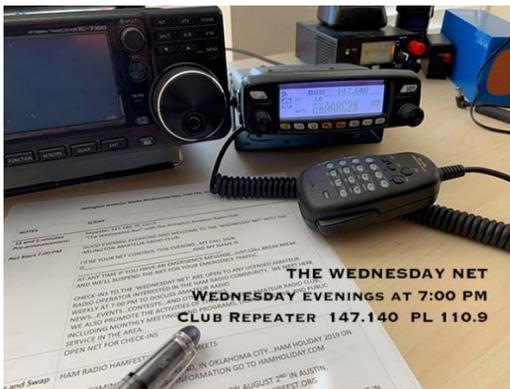
Kindaid's Hamburgers in the Highlands

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

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

February 5: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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



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Join us for the Wednesday Net

Need a Badge?

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

November 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on November 19th, 2021, at 7:30 pm by the President, David K5NN. 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, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign. He informed the membership that as Nominating Committee Chair, the election of club officers would be held tonight.

Jack AA5VZ informed the membership that all the presentations of the year are available for referral on the club's web site. This evening, an informal open forum for questions will take the place of the formal presentation.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of October 2021. He paid the liability insurance of the club. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published.

Maurice successfully completed the process of setting up a PayPal account under the name of the AARC as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, resulting in the club paying lower transaction fees.

Maurice reported that the new repeater was installed several days before the meeting. The squelch tail was set to 700 ms, and the CW identification volume was lowered. A new voice recorder option is now available.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for November 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). There are no training classes being held at this time. There may be a training class for the Technician exam at UT-Arlington.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that Field Day 2022 was 218 days away. Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) was held in October. Prior to the event, Bill suggested that members participate from their stations at home, allowing scouts to be introduced to the hobby.

As Nominating Committee chair, David K5NN, informed the membership that the election of officers would be

held tonight. All offices were open for nominations. A slate of candidates was assembled as follows: President, Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ; Vice President, Philip Scoggins KD5WBW; 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; and Agent of Record, Phil Stage N5PWW.

With the floor open for additional nominations, David K5NN asked three times if there were any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made that the slate of candidates be elected by acclamation. The motion carried, and a majority of those present voted in the affirmative. The slate of candidates was elected.

Jack AA5VZ started an informal question and answer session at 8:07 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 15 people in attendance, 13 indicating AARC membership.

November 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 19th, 2021, at 6:33 pm. 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. As Nominating Committee Chair, he informed the board that Philip Scoggins KD5WBW would be running for the position of vice president.

Jack AA5VZ mentioned that all the presentations of the year are available for referral on the club's web site. A formal presentation will not be given tonight.

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

Maurice KM5RF successfully setup a PayPal account under the name of the AARC as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. This results in a reduction in fees.

The new repeater has been installed. The volume of the CW identification has been lowered, and the squelch has been increased.

Trey AF5XS published the November 2021 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Bill AE5BT mentioned that Field Day 2022 was 218 days away.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

November 2021 Financial Report

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE		
10/31/21	GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,123.47
	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 549.84
	REPEATER FUND	\$ 316.47
	CHECKING	\$ 3,989.78
	SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	C.D.	\$ 2,208.56
	PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
	NET TOTAL	\$ 6,248.34
EXPENSES		
INCOME		
DUES	DUES	\$ 59.01
G&W	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 16.00
DONATION REPEATER	DONATION	\$ 5.00
AMAZON SMILES	DONATION	\$ 14.96
	NET CHANGE	\$ 94.97
BALANCE		
11/30/21	GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,197.44
	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 565.84
	REPEATER FUND	\$ 321.47
	CHECKING	\$ 4,084.75
	SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	C.D.	\$ 2,208.56
	PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
	NET TOTAL	\$ 6,343.31

December 2021 Financial Report

BALANCE			
	11/30/21		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,197.44
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 565.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 321.47
		CHECKING	\$ 4,084.75
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,208.56
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,343.31

EXPENSES

INCOME			
	DUES	DUES	\$ 48.02
		NET CHANGE	\$ 48.02

BALANCE			
	12/31/21		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,245.46
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 565.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 321.47
		CHECKING	\$ 4,132.77
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,209.19
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,391.96

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

2021 Club Officers

President:	Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - jmw1709@hotmail.com – 972-567-7815
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Repeater Committee:	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Rob May W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton W5MAY