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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

Greetings to all. I hope this letter finds you in good health and that everyone stayed safe and warm during our brief winter event.

I really enjoyed meeting with everyone last month and sharing some vision for our club. And, I can hardly believe a month has passed as we gather again this Friday, February 18, at 7:30 pm. I'm particularly excited because Rob May, W5WS, will be presenting his program on How to Build Simple Antennas for HF - that are easy to make, and even conceal. Rob is a very experienced builder of station equipment and antennas and is always eager to help new hams get their first station up and running at affordable costs, and in practical ways.

The AARC now has a club Zoom account which we will use each month so that members who cannot be present can still attend a club meeting. The February club meeting will include opportunities for Zoom participation under the new club account.

The January presentation on Building a Satellite Ground Tracking Station has been added to the club library under the "Presentations" tab on the club web page. This library is rapidly becoming a vast educational resource of the club, providing details on a broad range of topics of interest to new and experienced hams. Please take some time to explore this area of the web site.

The Wednesday night nets hosted by our club continue to experience strong participation each week. Price Wooldridge, K5NNL, does a superb job running the club net each Wednesday, at 7:00pm. Price loves to welcome all participants to the net, find out what's going on in their "ham" world and encourage comments on various themes and items of interest. At 8:00 Bill Hoffman, W5WJH, runs the local 10-10 International Net (on 10-meters, of course) where several club members check in and talk about similar matters. And for those interested in Satellite Operation, i.e. "Amateur Radio in Space", the AARC hosts the AMSAT Information Net on the club repeater, from 9:00pm until 10.

Congratulations to AARC club member Torre Quinn, KB5QID. Torre attended the club test session on February 5 where he successfully passed the "Extra" exam and upgraded his license accordingly. Great job, Torre! For

others wishing to test for - or upgrade their license, the AARC provides testing on the first and third Saturday of each month at 10:00am. Contact Phil Stage, N5PWW for more information.

HF propagation conditions have been great all year. Can you believe it! This is the time to get on the air, try out new modes and grab up those awards for WAS, DXCC, Certificate of Code Proficiency, etc. - or just have lots of fun. Opportunities abound at every turn! Let us know what you're doing on the air.

That's all for now. We'll have more information and opportunities to talk about on Friday. I'm excited! I hope you are. See you then!

‘73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ
President - AARC

Announcements

February 2022 program

Beginning and Stealth Antennas for HF

Rob May, W5WS, will present his program "Beginning and Stealth Antennas for HF." This will be a good program for people who want to homebrew and save money on wire antennas, or just got into HF and need some guidance.

Help Needed

Cowtown Marathon

We are desperately needing more volunteers for the Cowtown Marathon on Sunday February 27th. The weather forecast is good with temperatures in the upper 50's and no precipitation. Email Chuck Inmon <message@volunteer2mail.com> if you can help with this event.

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

Randy Eaton 2/8

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

Happenings

The AARC was approved to join the St. Paddy's Day Pickle Parade!

The Parade is 1 PM, Saturday March 19, 2022.

Calendar of Events

February 18: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

February 18: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Time: February 18, 2022 06:30 PM (Board Meeting), 7:30 PM (Regular Meeting), Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8337970242?pwd=OUUpJMzRyV25EUVN6WEVCUkE5VFBDdz09>

Meeting ID: 833 797 0242

Passcode: b4PhCx

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Meeting ID: 833 797 0242

Passcode: 684354

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

==== Dining Out (February 19, 5:00 pm) ====

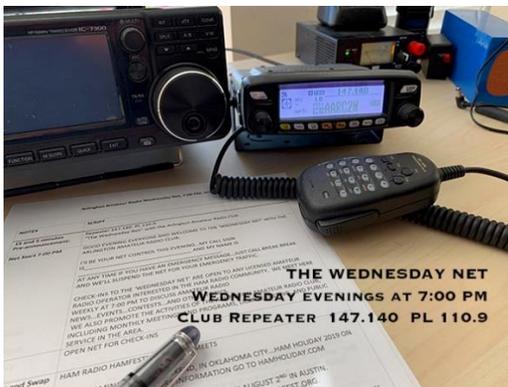
Pei Wei Asian Diner
4133 South Cooper Street, Suite 307, Arlington, Texas 76015.

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

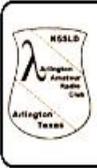
Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

March 5: 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

January 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on January 21st, 2022, at 7:31 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Other board members present included Vice President, Philip KD5WDW; 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.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign. He informed the membership that the Ham of the Year was declared at the December holiday party, the recipient of the award being David K5NN. Jack welcomed Philip KD5WDW to the board, serving in the position of vice president. This evening's presentation will be given by Jack, continuing on the topic of FM satellites.

Philip KD5WDW mentioned the upcoming community event known as the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade and Palooza. It's an opportunity to enter an AARC float into the parade, as well as provide assistance during the parade, the 5-k, 10-k, and Kid-k races. Volunteers will also be needed during the Arlington Fourth of July Parade.

A motion was made and carried to pay the \$50 fee to enter a float in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports of November and December 2021. A motion was made and carried to accept the November 2021 report for audit as published. A motion was made and carried to accept the December 2021 report for audit as published. Maurice informed the membership that he successfully completed the process of setting up a PayPal account under the name of the AARC as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. This change in classification results in the club paying lower transaction fees.

He would like to organize an audit of the club's financial records for 2021 at the February club meeting. Three club members volunteered to participate on the audit committee.

Maurice informed the membership that the Yaesu DR-2 repeater was installed in late 2021 and it's working well.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for January 2022. All submissions are welcomed and requested to be received by the Saturday before the club meeting. If you volunteer at an event, snap a picture, and submit it.

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.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that Field Day 2022 was 155 days away, starting on Saturday, June 25th. He reviewed how the club prepares for and participates in Field Day.

Jack AA5VZ shared with the membership his vision for the club's direction in 2022. It focused on four areas which included growing the membership, promoting club activities, new learning opportunities, and

encouraging deep involvement in the club and community.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Trey suggested that the club invest in its own Zoom account. A motion was made and carried for an expenditure to cover the purchase of a Zoom account held by the AARC.

A break was taken at 8:24 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:33 pm with a presentation entitled Getting Started with FM Satellites part 2, given by Jack AA5VZ.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 7.

January 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 21st, 2022, at 6:35 pm, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Philip KD5WDW; 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.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order. He shared his vision for the club for 2022.

Philip KD5WDW informed the board of the upcoming event known as the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade and Palooza. It's an opportunity to enter a float in the parade and promote the club to the public. There are also opportunities to assist with communications during the parade, the 5-k, 10-k, and Kid-k races.

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

Trey AF5XS published the January 2022 newsletter, which included pictures from the December holiday party.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There was a class scheduled for the first half of 2022, but it has been canceled.

Bill AE5BT mentioned Field Day 2022 was only 155 days away. Field Day 2021 went great, and 2022 will be just as good if not better.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports for November and December 2021. In January 2022 he paid the domain name fee for the club's web site. He noted that the repeater is working well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

January 2021 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
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. \$0.63	\$ 2,209.19
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,391.96
EXPENSES			
	CHK		
	2040	PRICE WOOLRIDGE	
	CHK		
	2041	PICKLED MANSFIELD SOCIETY (Parade)	
	EFT		
		GO DADDY .COM .NET .ORG 3 YEARS	
	EFT	ZOOM	
		HAM OF THE YEAR	\$ 74.64
		CLUB ACTIVITIES	\$ 50.00
		WEBPAGE	
		DOMAINS	\$ 181.53
		ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 127.84
		TOTAL	\$ 434.01
INCOME			
		DUES	\$ 556.93
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 16.00
		TOTAL	\$ 572.93
		NET CHANGE	\$ 138.92
BALANCE			
	01/31/22		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,368.38
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 581.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 321.47
		CHECKING	\$ 4,271.69
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,209.19
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,530.88

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

2022 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

2022 Club Officers

President:	Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - jmw1709@hotmail.com – 972-567-7815
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