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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 continued to stay safe and warm during our past, and likely "final" ice event for now.

Spring is just around the corner, inviting us all to engage more and more in outdoor activities. One such activity is happening this Saturday in Mansfield... known as "The World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade & Palooza". The AARC is entering a vehicle in the parade in true pickle style, configured to create awareness of Amateur Radio and the Arlington Amateur Radio Club. If you want to help decorate or participate, contact AARC Vice President Philip Scoggins, KD5WBW. You can also learn more about the event at www.pickleparade.org. So, come on out and join the fun!

Speaking of fun – it was great seeing many of you at the Irving Hamfest on March 5th. The door prizes were fantastic, and the fellowship was second to none! And, there were so many tables loaded with radios, gadgets and goodies that it was nearly impossible to come away without something to add to or embellish the shack. I walked out with a little gizmo that lets me use my SDR receiver on the same antenna with my transceiver, without fear of "blowing it up" when I transmit. Yes, there actually is a use for that! Meanwhile, Maurice scarfed up a box of Arduinos, breadboards and books for nearly nothing. What a find! I love hamfests. Did you find treasure? We'd love to hear about it at the meeting this Friday.

I really enjoyed the program Rob May, W5WS, brought to us in February. His inspiring presentation on How to Build Simple Antennas for HF was met with high interest by everyone and is being added to the club library for all to reference. Thanks Rob, for sharing.

The program this month will be presented by Kathleen Holley (KG5CVO). Kathleen will be sharing valuable information and her own experiences with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program; what it is and how it is used to train citizens in basic disaster response skills that can be used, for example, to assist in the

community or workplace when professional responders are not immediately available. You won't want to miss it!

Speaking of community service, I wish to express my appreciation to those who recently volunteered to "adopt a siren" for the Arlington monthly siren tests. You are providing a valuable service to the city and every neighborhood therein. The spring storm season is upon us, and this is one of the most practical ways we as a club can help...by verifying siren operability on the scheduled test day each month.

Finally...Last month we put the AARC club Zoom account to use for the first time at our club meeting. For those who attended via Zoom I would invite your feedback to let me know if it was working well for you and if you have suggestions as to how we can improve the Zoom meeting experience for you and others.

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

March 2022 program

Community Service Opportunities

Kathleen Holley will talk about some of the volunteer options and opportunities. This should be an interesting program with a local emphasis

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

Kathleen Holley 3/3

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

Happenings

St. Paddy's Pickle Parade

We are in a Pickle this Saturday in Mansfield. I am talking about the World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade, www.pickleparade.com. The parade starts at 1 PM Saturday afternoon in downtown Mansfield. The parade should get the AARC some public exposure with the goal of getting new members.

We have room for a couple more people to ride and wave and / or decorate. If you want to contribute, bringing decorations: St. Paddy's greenery – shamrocks, streamers, artificial pickles (non-edible) to the club meeting Friday night. If you want to help decorate Saturday morning or ride in the parade, get with Philip, KD5WBW, at the meeting.

RADIO OPERATORS WANTED!

Not only is there a Parade there is a Palooza. The full title of the event is "the World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade & Palooza." Bands, food, Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, and more will be at the event. Mansfield-Johnson Amateur Radio Service (MJARS), WA5JRS, desperately needs radio operators to help make this event a success. DMR and analog repeaters will be in use. MJARS may have an extra DMR radio for you. Regardless, your HT is great.

If you would like to volunteer, email pickle@wa5jrs.com. MJARS requests volunteers complete their survey for them to get an idea of your availability, limitations, and equipment: <https://form.jotform.com/220446108046044>

ARRL NTX Mentor Fest 2022

ARRL NTX Mentor Fest 2022
April 2nd, 2022
Will be held at the DCARA EOC/Club House Located at:
Denton County Emergency Operations Center
9060 Teasley Lane
Denton, Texas 76210

Mentor Fest is April 2,2022 from 10 Am to 4 PM
*** ARRL NTX Mentor Fest is FREE ***

You may signup online at <https://arrlntx.org/WP/learning-center/mentorfest-3/>

The rules for eligibility of the door prize are... Registration is limited to the first 300 entries Register by March 28, 2022 Must be present to win, Only One Registration per person * Register with an email to KG5VK@ARRL.ORG

You Must use the following Subject line in your registration email...

Registration Mentor Fest 2022

The Prize is a Brand New Yaesu FT-70DR Dual Band HT There is No Substitution or Cash Value for this door prize.

* If you forgot if you registered or not, contact me and ask, Steve KG5VK, KG5VK@ARRL.ORG

Calendar of Events

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

All members are welcome attend.

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

If you want to join via Zoom:

AARC Monthly Meeting (March) - instructions to join via ZOOM... Friday, March 18, 2022 – 6:30 pm (Board Meeting) – 7:30 pm (General Membership Meeting)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593242688?pwd=aURORHRITDM2VFdiM1VQSXIHCpPZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 9324 2688

Passcode: 130077

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Meeting ID: 825 9324 2688

Passcode: 130077

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k6kDkwZrG>

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

Torchy's Tacos, The Highlands,
4000 Five Points Blvd, E Interstate 20 Suite 141, Arlington, TX 76018

==== Breakfast (April 2, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

April 2: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

THE WEDNESDAY NET
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CLUB REPEATER 147.140 PL 110.9

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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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on February 18th, 2022, at 7:32 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Other board members present included Vice President, Philip KD5WBW; 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. In reviewing the various aspects of his vision for the club in 2022, under the heading of growth opportunities he noted that 13 new-to-the-club members have joined since January 1st.

In regard to promoting club activities, Philip KD5WBW will disseminate information concerning activities in the area. There is an opportunity to apply for grants to support activities benefiting the community.

To provide educational opportunities, the AARC has a lending library containing various amateur radio books. Many club presentations are available on the club's web site. Creation of additional training programs is a possibility in the future.

Encouraging deep involvement in the club and community is supported by the Wednesday night net, which is looking to form a team of net control volunteers. Contact Price K5NNL if you are interested in joining the team. There is also the opportunity to assist with testing of outdoor emergency sirens on the first Wednesday of each month. Another opportunity available to get involved is to assist as a Volunteer Examiner during the twice-monthly testing sessions held on the first and third Saturday of the month at 10 am.

Jack announced Irving ARC would be holding a hamfest on March 5th, from 8 am to 2 pm.

Philip KD5WBW mentioned the AARC will participate in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade. It's an opportunity to promote the club by entering an AARC float in to the parade. Those interested in participating by decorating or riding in the truck should contact Philip KD5WBW.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the February newsletter contained the minutes from the January meetings. The call sign of Philip KD5WBW as incorrectly recorded as WDW. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published with the noted correction.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of January 2022. A motion was made and carried to accept the January 2022 report for audit as published.

The audit committee reviewed the financial records of 2021, finding no irregularities.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for February 2022. 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 are plans to organize training classes in Mineral Wells and Arlington.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership that Field Day 2022 was 127 days away, starting on Saturday, June 25th. He encouraged everyone to participate. Bill reviewed how to participate in the monthly siren test.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: No new business was presented.

A break was taken at 8:32 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:52 pm with a presentation on HF stealth antennas for beginners, given by Rob W5WS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 4.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 18th, 2022, at 6:35 pm, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Philip KD5WBW; 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 reviewed his vision for the club that he first presented last month. Jack informed that board that a Zoom account for the club has been purchased. Irving ARC will have a hamfest on March 5th. Maurice will tonight hold an audit of the club's financial records for 2021. Jack would like to tour the storage facility and repeater site.

Philip KD5WBW informed the board that the check has been mailed for the club's participation in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade. This is an opportunity to promote the club to the public. Philip will attend a mandatory meeting being held on March 13th. The parade will take place on Saturday, March 19th.

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

Trey AF5XS published the February 2022 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Efforts are being made to start training sessions for the Technician Class exam.

Bill AE5BT mentioned Field Day 2022 was only 127 days away.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for January 2022. He noted that the repeater is working well.

Jack mentioned the Irving ARC Micro-Grant program that assists the funding of amateur radio projects which benefit the public.

AARC will submit grant proposals for tutorials on participating in siren testing and amateur radio licensing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

February 2022 Financial Report

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

EXPENSES

EFT NAMECHEAP
 EFT AARL EQUIPMENT INSURANCE
 2042 MAINSIELD STORAGE HUT

WEBHOSTING	\$ 38.88
REPEATER	\$ 91.70
STORAGE	\$ 270.00
TOTAL	\$ 400.58

INCOME

DUES
 GOOD & WELFARE

DUES	\$ 259.26
GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 279.26

NET CHANGE \$ (121.32)

BALANCE

02/28/22

GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,227.06
GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 601.84
REPEATER FUND	\$ 321.47
CHECKING	\$ 4,150.37
SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
C.D.	\$ 2,209.19
PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
NET TOTAL	\$ 6,409.56

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

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