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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.

Spring is here in all its glory! Flowers are popping up everywhere and the sneeze trees are in full bloom. Lawn mowers are humming, and June Bugs are flying... early...again. So, what better time to climb on the roof and get that antenna work done! Better now than later, right? And so, these past few weeks I've taken down three antennas and put up two more...between all those windy days. Whew! Glad that's done! This has been an eventful month for the club. Our first debut in the Mansfield, Saint Paddies, Pickle Parade was a huge success! Special thanks to Philip (KD5WBW), David (K5NN) and Price (K5NNL) for getting everything ready on parade day, to Rob (W5WS) who furnished the antenna for the float, to David (again) for the use of his truck and parade-driving skills, and to all who contributed behind the scenes. Philip will fill us in this week on how it went and what fun we had.

Speaking of fun – Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date to attend our Club Annual Picnic on May 21. David Spore (KB3UBD) announced in March that he was able to reserve the North Pavilion at J.W. Dunlop Park for that day. Get ready and join us for a time of great fun and fellowship!

During last month's meeting Kathleen (KG5CVO) gave a presentation on Community Service Opportunities, which generated a lot of interest among our members and came not a moment too soon! Kathleen did a superb job on showing us what opportunities are available, how these programs work, and how to get involved in local community service activities where we can work together and perform a vital role. Last week I got to participate in my first siren test in southeast Arlington. I can't say enough about how rewarding it felt to be part of a team performing this kind of service for the city AND our neighborhoods, especially at the outset of a new storm season. If you've never been involved in community service and want to try it out... this might be a good place to start. Information on ways to get

started in this and other activities can be found in our club newsletters and the K5SLD webpage where you can review Kathleen's presentation, available in our library under the "Presentations" tab. In addition, Philip (KD5WBW), our Public Information Officer, makes regular announcements on the Wednesday net and via e-mail distributions about upcoming community events when help is requested for ham operators to fill communication roles.

I am told that this month's program will be on "RF Propagation". And there's a lot of that going around these days! This will be a great learning opportunity for all of us. I am looking forward to learning more on this fascinating subject, and how to leverage that knowledge to get the most from my station. Who knows... this could be the year for many among us to make DXCC.

Well, that's all for now. We'll have more news, information, and items of interest to talk about on Friday... and the magic "two-digit" number. Can you believe it? I'm excited! I hope you are. See you then!

'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ
President - AARC

Announcements

March 2022 program

RF Propagation

Come join us to hear Lon Lease, NL7LE talk about how radio waves travel through the air. It should be a fun and interesting program.

Fees

As of April 13, 2022 the FCC will begin charging an application fee of \$35.00 for license applications and upgrades.

For Sale

List of equipment Wayne KZ5O and Sherry W5YUP Shelton have for sale. Please call Sherry at 817-275-2074

Yaesu FT-736R VHF/UHF transceiver, all mode

2 Meter/440 base station vertical

Kenwood TS-430S HF transceiver

20/40 meter trap dipole

Icom IC-746PRO HF transceiver

17 meter dipole

80 meter dipole

Cushcraft A3S triband beam with 40 meter add on
2 meter beam, 13 element, quantity 2
Halo antenna, 6 meter
Tower with break over base, 30ft with a 12ft mast
Alliance 3 rotor
Astron RS-35M power supply
Dawia CN-101L SWR/power meter
MFJ 948 antenna tuner
MFJ 1275 sound card interface
Mirage B-310G (100w) VHF amplifier
Amertron AL-811H HF amplifier (800w)
Yaesu FT-100 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver
Ham Sticks 17, 20, 40, 80 meters
Various lengths of coax, connectors, etc.

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

Mark Chronister 4/6
Graham Strickland 4/13
Maurice Martin 4/21
Patrick Hughes 4/27

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

Happenings

Report on the St. Paddy's Pickle Parade

AARC's FIRST PARADE by Philip Scoggins, KD5WBW

We did it! The club was in the World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade on March 19, 2022. Thanks to David Setzer, K5NN, for loaning and driving his pickup truck and Jack Weaver, AA5VZ, for helping decorate and participating. Thanks to Price Wooldridge, K5NNL, for making a valiant attempt to join us.



Jack, AA5VZ, and David, K5NN, current and past Presidents take a break from decorating.

We gathered at a staging location in southern Mansfield, Texas. A 6-meter beam antenna loaned by Rob May, W5WS, was erected using a flagpole mount attached to the trailer hitch. From the staging area we moved to our que position for final decorating. David had a string of small LED lights that flashed in sync with audible Morse code powered by his cell phone. St. Paddy's decorations and greenery though sparse were enough to noticed. Large magnetic signs identifying the club were placed on the front doors of the cab. Skywarn® and Amateur Radio Operator Communications magnetic signs were also on the truck. Sadly, David's large inflatable pickle (stop that) was still packed in a moving box and inaccessible.



Philip, KD5WBW, had the best seat in the parade in the mobile "shack."

The bed of the truck was the "shack" consisting of a small desk, a two 2-meter mobile radios, an HT, and a swivel chair for me. I used one of the mobile unit's corded mics to simulate calling CQ. Occasionally, traffic on the HT provided real radio audio. The LED lights and code were unsuccessful. Cell reception along the route was poor (overuse? by the spectators). The swivel chair was perfect for waving and talking to the crowd. Jack, in the passenger seat had an HT as he waved to the crowd. And what a crowd! If there was less than 5,000 (or better 10,000) people lining the streets, I would be surprised. A few hams in the crowd enjoyed

seeing our entry. More than a handful of spectator's interest were noticeably peaked by the club's entry. Let's hope we can make the parade every year. With repetition, people will become aware of the AARC or at least the hobby and get their license.



The crowd near the beginning of the parade was packed.

Continuing on into downtown, the crowd was just as packed

Club Picnic

May 21st, 9:00AM to 2:00PM

J.W. Dunlop Park; North Park Pavilion (same park we had it last year).

1500 W. Green Oaks Blvd

Arlington, TX 76012



As last year, the pavilion is available to us all day. Typically, we go from morning to mid-afternoon, but people are welcome to stay longer. We can bring our radios and practice for field day! Hot dogs/hamburgers and basics will be provided, but feel free to bring a side dish or dessert. Hope to see all of you there!

David
KB3UBD

Calendar of Events

April 15: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

April 15: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

AARC Monthly Meeting (April) - instructions to join via ZOOM... Friday, April 15, 2022 – 6:30 pm (Board Meeting) – 7:30 pm (General Membership Meeting)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87044765397?pwd=bS9GQTICeU5mZVBDbFJxNHNwamRjQT09>

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==== Dining Out (April 16, 5:00 pm) ====

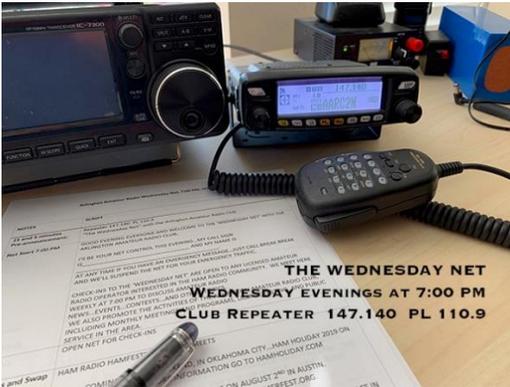
Catfish Sam's,
2735 W Division St, Arlington, TX 76012

==== Breakfast (May 7, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

April 16: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

May 7: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.



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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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on March 18th, 2022, at 7:35 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; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Jack mentioned that he completed an inspection of the equipment found in the storage unit. Appreciation was extended to the people who provided assistance during the monthly siren test. Anyone wishing to join the net control team for the Wednesday night net should contact Price K5NNL.

Jack informed the membership of several upcoming events, including the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade, the Belton Hamfest, and the club picnic on May 21st. The evening's program will be presented by Kathleen KG5CVO on the topic of public service opportunities.

Philip KD5WBW mentioned the AARC will participate in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade. David K5NN has volunteered to drive his truck with an antenna mounted to the hitch. Philip will start the process of seeking a proclamation from the City of Arlington declaring the week of Field Day 2022 as 'Arlington Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Operators Recognition Days'.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of February 2022. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. He noted that the repeater is working well. Maurice mentioned that he purchased and assembled the ARRL antenna that Rob W5WS referred to during the February program. The antenna performed well.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for March 2022. All submissions (stories and pictures) 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. However, there's a possibility that a Technician Class training session will be held in Arlington during the month of April.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Jack mentioned that the Irving ARC is accepting micro-grant proposals that can fund up to 50% of the cost of various amateur radio projects that benefit the community. The current electrical generator that the AARC uses during Field Day and other events is functional, but nearly

20 years old. Maurice researched various newer generator options, narrowing it down to a Honda GXR120 costing \$1,229.

The motion was made and carried that the club authorizes the purchase of the generator contingent upon the micro-grant being approved for more than 30% of the cost of the generator.

A break was taken at 8:27 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:43 pm with a presentation on public service opportunities, given by Kathleen KG5CVO.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 20 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 6.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on March 18th, 2022, at 6:44 pm, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Philip KD5WBW; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order. He mentioned that several club members assisted with the monthly siren test. Upcoming events include the Pickle Parade, the AARC picnic on May 21st, and the Belton Hamfest. Jack informed the board that he consulted with Maurice on equipment needs of the club. The evening's presentation will be provided by Kathleen Holley KG5CVO on the topic of public service.

Philip KD5WBW informed the board that the club will participate in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade.

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

Trey AF5XS published the February 2022 newsletter. Submission of content is welcomed.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. It is possible that training sessions for the Technician Class exam will be held.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for February 2022. He noted that the repeater is functioning.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

March 2022 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
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
EXPENSES		TOTAL	\$ -
INCOME			
	DUES	DUES	\$ 49.01
	AMAZONSMILE	DONATION	\$ 6.17
		TOTAL	\$ 55.18
		NET CHANGE	\$ 55.18
BALANCE	03/31/22		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,282.24
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 601.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 321.47
		CHECKING	\$ 4,205.55
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,209.19
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 6,464.74

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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