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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 safe and in good health. I can hardly believe we are in mid-May already. Just think, school zone signs will soon go dark, and kids (of all ages) will be starting another summer vacation. So, what about you... what kind of ham-cation are you cooking up?

Last weekend, at the invitation of AMSAT Ambassador Tom Schuessler (N5HYP) - Virginia (NV5F) and I attended an ad-hoc Radio-in-the Park event in Irving. Tom's is a familiar voice on Wednesday nights where he (and Virginia) share spots hosting the AMSAT Information Net on our repeater. Tom brought his satellite radio, I furnished an antenna and tracking equipment and Virginia worked the paddle, making her **first** CW contact on a sideband satellite (RS-44). It was a fun day for all!

Speaking of fun – Be sure to come out to the Club Annual Picnic this Saturday, May 21. David Spore (KB3UBD) secured the North Pavilion for us at J.W. Dunlop Park. The event goes from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come join us for lots of fun, food, and great fellowship! And don't forget to bring your radios!

Last month Lon Lease (NL7LE) gave his presentation on "Propagation of Radio Waves", which generated a lot of interest and helped all of us understand why the bands are hopping and how to leverage the benefits of Cycle 25. Slides from his talk are now included on the club's web site under the Presentations Tab. Thank you Lon for sharing this information and some of your experiences with us, and for making your slides available for review as our library of archived programs continues to expand.

This month David Spore will talk to us about "Parks on the Air" and portable radio operations. I am looking forward to learning more about this activity which is growing in popularity across the country on several bands and modes. Perhaps you'll want to make it part of your ham-cation this year. We'll have more news, information, and details to share at the club meeting this Friday... including the magic "two-digit" number. And... the word on the street is...that we'll be operating this year with a brand-new generator.

Can you believe it? I'm very excited! I hope you are, too. See you then!

'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ, President - AARC

Announcements

May 2022 program

Portable Operating

The May monthly program by David Spore, KB3UBD, joining us via zoom. The subject is POTA[®] and Portable Operating. Parks on the Air (POTA[®]) is a great way to make contacts and even some pile-ups. Contesting and public awareness are two of the many aspects of operating portable in public locations or remote spots. David will tell us all about his adventures and show pictures from many interesting places.

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. I don't know how much is left, so call if you are interested in something.

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

Thomas Shipman 5/2

Morrie Pickler 5/15

David Benardello 5/23

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

Happenings

Radio in the Park

May 7, 2022. Virginia (NV5F) and Jack (AA5VZ) attended a “Radio in the Park” event at Shady Grove Trails Park in Irving, Tx. AMSAT Ambassador Tom Schuessler (N5HYP) provided the radio (FT-847). Jack provided the antenna and tracking equipment.

Virginia, operating the station, made her **first** satellite “CW” contact via RS-44. To learn more about satellite operations, check out the AMSAT Information Net each Wednesday night at 9:00 pm on our 147.140 Rep eater. Everyone is welcome!



Tracking antenna, courtesy of Jack(AA5VZ)



Virginia (NV5F) and Tom (N5HYP) at the radio

ARRL 2022 Teachers Institute

Our own Kathleen Holley, KG5CVO has been accepted to the ARRL 2022 Teachers Institute. It is being held in Dayton, OH in mid-July.

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

May 20: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

May 20: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82916119915?pwd=8tVrEH_AYOyhzUDmV5OXHnC-E6QJ70.1

Meeting ID: 829 1611 9915

Passcode: 286316

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 829 1611 9915

Passcode: 286316

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

==== Dining Out (May 21, 9:00 AM – 2:00PM or whenever) ====

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

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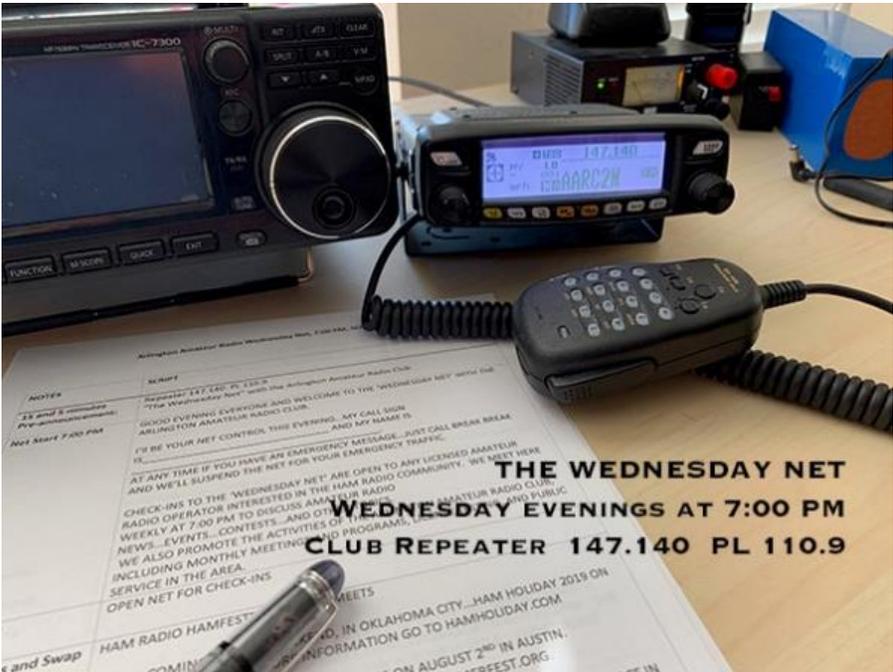
Arlington, TX 76012

==== Breakfast (June 4, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

May 21: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

June 4: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.



Join us for the Wednesday Net

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|  <p>ACCENT AWARDS & TROPHIES 1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013 TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS sales@accentawards.us 817.469.8791 www.accentawards.us</p> |  <p>DAVE W5DJ0</p> <p>\$9.95 each plus tax</p> |
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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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on April 15th, 2022, at 7:31 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; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

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

Jack mentioned that April marked his first time participating in the monthly siren testing. There are 53 siren sites, 9 of which are in need of adoption. He thanked Kathleen for the presentation last month on the topic of opportunities for public service. Jack reported that the club participated in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade on March 19th, and he thanked David K5NN for providing the truck and driving it, as well as Philip KD5WBW for organizing the participation. Jack successfully submitted a micro-grant proposal for a new generator to the Irving ARC. A response from the IARC is expected by May 1st. To assist Price K5NNL with the Wednesday night net, Clayton K5CWS has joined the net control team.

Philip KD5WBW mentioned the AARC participated in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade. It was great fun and thousands of people turned up for the event. Philip would like to acquire additional signs for use at Field Day to draw people in to the event.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of March 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 assisted a fellow amateur radio organization for 9 hours in taking down a tower that was in danger of falling from a 200 foot tall building. The issue came about due to the high velocity winds in the area at the time. Maurice plans to run a fox hunt at the club picnic in May. Those wishing to participate should contact him.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for April 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). The new \$35 fee proposed by the FCC has now gone in to effect, and is collected directly by the FCC from the individual. Phil mentioned that a change in the testing process is coming in July which will involve electronic testing. There are no training classes being held at this time. However, there's a good chance of a Technician Class training session being held in Arlington in the next month or two.

Bill AE5BT informed the club that Field Day 2022 starts at Saturday, June 25th. He mentioned the various activities available to those who participate.

David K5NN mentioned that he visited a ham to receive a donation for the club. He will need assistance with taking down an antenna and tower.

The club picnic will be held on Saturday, May 21st.

Old business: No old business was presented.
New business: No new business was presented.

A break was taken at 8:30 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:43 pm with a presentation on how radio waves travel, given by Lon NL7LE.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 21 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 4.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 15th, 2022, at 6:30 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; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order. He mentioned that he built the ARRL half-wave end fed antenna that was mentioned in Rob's presentation. The antenna yielded excellent results. Jack submitted the micro-grant proposal to the Irving ARC. He participated in the monthly siren test for the first time in April. The evening's presentation will be provided by Lon Lease NL7LE on the topic of how radio waves travel. David Spore KB3UBD will announce that the club picnic will be held on Saturday, May 21st, 2022.

Philip KD5WBW informed the board that the club participated in the Mansfield Saint Patrick's Pickle Parade. David K5NN provided the truck, which was adorned with a beam antenna on the trailer hitch. Philip submitted the request 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 confirmed that the April newsletter contained the minutes from the March meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for March 2022. He noted that the repeater is functioning. With the high velocity winds inundating the area over the previous week, Maurice assisted a fellow ham radio organization with dismantling a tower in danger of falling from atop a 200 foot tall building.

Trey AF5XS published the March 2022 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The new \$35 fee issued by the FCC has go in to effect. The FCC emails the bill directly to the individual.

Phil is trying to start training sessions for the Technician Class exam for three city employees in need of attaining an amateur radio license.

Bill AE5BT mentioned that Field Day 2022 will be held on June 25th and 26th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

April 2022 Financial Report

| | DESCRIPTION | CATEGORY | BALANCE |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| | | TOTAL | \$ 0 |
| INCOME | | | |
| | DUES | DUES | \$ 24.01 |
| | GOOD & WELFARE | GOOD & WELFARE | \$ 17.00 |
| | AMAZON CHARITY | DONATION | \$ 2.00 |
| | | TOTAL | \$ 43.01 |
| | | NET CHANGE | \$ 43.01 |
| BALANCE | | | |
| | 04/30/22 | | |
| | | GENERAL FUND | \$ 3,306.25 |
| | | GOOD & WELFARE | \$ 618.84 |
| | | REPEATER FUND | \$ 323.47 |
| | | CHECKING | \$ 4,248.56 |
| | | SAVINGS | \$ 25.00 |
| | | C.D. | \$ 2,209.19 |
| | | PETTY CASH | \$ 25.00 |
| | | NET TOTAL | \$ 6,507.75 |

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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