



# COMMUNICATOR

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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. Summer is just around the corner, but my thermometer says it is already here. Can you believe the year is nearly half over? One of the reasons that time seems to go by so quickly is that we are so very active in our families, our jobs, our homes, hobbies, and club.

The annual AARC picnic has come and gone, but what a memorable event it was! I am told it was one of the best picnics we have had in years...well attended, lots of action, great fun, food and fellowship. Some of the radio activities included a Fox Hunt, SSB by QRP, a POTA-style solar powered station and demonstrations on how to make satellite contacts using an HT. Great job, too, setting up that antenna! Thanks to all who worked together and contributed in so many ways to make this event a huge success.

Last month David Spore (KB3UBD) talked to us about "Parks on the Air, and Portable Radio Operations". It was great to learn how to take your radio and operate from other countries, too. Thank you, David, for showing how it is done, and sharing some of your experiences with us. Since seeing your program, I try to answer whenever anyone is calling "CQ POTA".

Well, you won't need a telescope to see what's coming next...not even a pair of glasses. And you can already guess what we will talk about in the June program. Yes, of course! **FIELD DAY**: the most attended radio event of the year, nation-wide. It's here! You can feel it! We get excited about Field Day! Field Day is fun! So, be sure to come out to the club meeting Friday night where you will get all the details on what we'll be doing and how YOU can join in on the fun. See you then!

'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

President - AARC

# Announcements

## June 2022 program

### Field Day

The June program will be about field day and miscellaneous topics. Rob will do a few minutes talking about setup and how things will be different without his full involvement. Philip will discuss some miscellaneous things. Everyone will get a chance to give their input or ask questions.

### Fees

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

### 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  
20/40 meter trap dipole  
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  
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

Jean Swann 7/18  
John Turner 7/1

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

## Happenings

### Club Picnic

I think everyone had a good time at the picnic Good food, good friends, and good conversation. Virginia found the fox and made a satellite contact. David showed us his POTA setup and we got to see Jack's tracking antenna system.



## AARC Day in Arlington

Field day weekend has been proclaimed as Arlington Amateur Radio Club days.



Photograph by Fred Oudoul, courtesy of the City of Arlington, Texas.

## Calendar of Events

**June 17: Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

**June 17: 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/86986342753?pwd=TDRUZnB6ZlV4ZWVtLzUrTVBXd2k4dz09>

Meeting ID: 869 8634 2753

Passcode: 151215

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- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 869 8634 2753

Passcode: 151215

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdZnccIv6J>

**==== Dining Out ( Jun 18, 5:00PM ) =====**

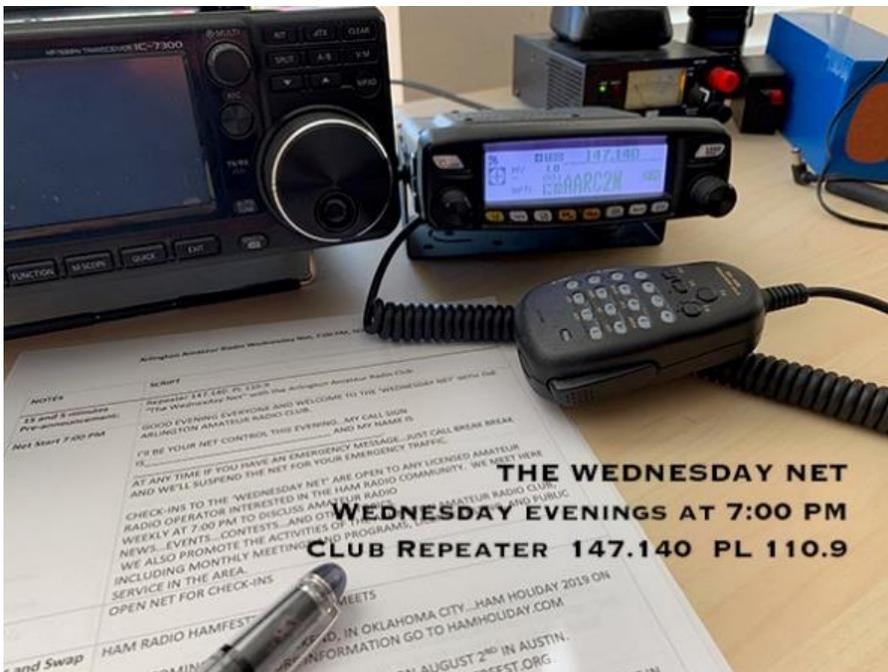
Kincaid's 3900 Arlington Highlands Blvd #113, Arlington, TX 76018

**==== Breakfast ( July 2, 8:30 am ) =====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**Jun 18:** Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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



Join us for the Wednesday Net

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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

## May 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes

### submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on May 20th, 2022, at 7:30 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 the micro-grant proposal was approved by the Irving ARC, providing the full amount requested of 50% of the cost of a new electrical generator for use at Field Day. Maurice has ordered the generator.

Jack thanked Lon NL7LE for the presentation at last month's meeting. This evening's presentation will be provided by David Spore KB3UBD on the topic of operating a portable station for Parks On The Air (POTA).

Jack mentioned that the monthly siren test was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The club picnic will be held tomorrow from 9 am to 2 pm, and Maurice will conduct a fox hunt for those interested in participating.

Philip KD5WBW reported 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' was not granted. The reason being that it was essentially a repeat of the proclamation which was granted in 2021. Philip informed the membership of the opportunity to participate in the Arlington Independence Day Parade, as well as assist with providing communication assistance.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of April 2022. He clarified the item listed as 'Amazon Charity' should have read 'PayPal charity'. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published with the noted clarification.

Maurice will close the Certificate of Deposit and move it to a saving account, as the interest rate on the CD was low.

Maurice successfully ordered the new electrical generator, as well as a 6 gallon extended run fuel tank. This should allow for continuous operation during Field Day, without need to stop to refuel.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for May 2022. All submissions (stories and pictures) are welcomed and requested to be received by the Saturday before the club meeting. He mentioned that Kathleen KG5CVO would be attending the ARRL Teachers Institute.

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. This fee is in addition to the \$14 fee collected at the time the exam is administered.

Phil conducted a training class on May 9th and 10th, including 10 people from UTA, the Emergency Operations Center, and the Arlington Fire Department.

Bill AE5BT informed the club that Field Day 2022 starts on Saturday, June 25th. Setting up the equipment starts at 9 am. Operations start at 1 pm, running for 24 hours. Packing up the equipment starts around 1 pm on Sunday. Saturday evening there will be a BBQ dinner, and the membership is encouraged to bring side dishes such as potato salad or beans.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Trey made a motion to approve spending \$18.99 to cover the cost of the extended run fuel tank that Maurice purchased for the new generator. The motion carried.

A break was taken at 8:17 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:32 pm with a presentation on Parks On The Air, given by David KB3UBD.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 21 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 5.

## **May 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

### **submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 20th, 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; 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 the club picnic would be held the following day, and Maurice would conduct a fox hunt if there was sufficient interest. Jack and Virginia will bring their equipment for satellite communication. Jack informed the board that the micro-grant proposal was approved by the Irving ARC in the amount of 50% and Maurice has ordered the generator.

Philip KD5WBW informed the board of his interest to acquire signs for the purpose of welcoming the public to Field Day. Philip will ask the membership if they would be interested in entering the Arlington Independence Day Parade. He received feedback regarding his 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'. Since there wasn't anything new or different from the proclamation granted in 2021, the request was denied.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the May newsletter contained the minutes from the April meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for April 2022. The fee for renting the post office box has increased. He ordered the new generator and a 6 gallon extended run fuel tank. He noted that the repeater is functioning.

Trey AF5XS published the May 2022 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are no training sessions being held at this time. Training sessions were held last week, resulting in 9 new hams. The test question pool for the Technician Class exam will change on July 1st. The new \$35 fee issued by the FCC has gone in to effect.

Bill AE5BT mentioned that Field Day 2022 will be held on June 25th and 26th. Amateur radio equipment of a silent key was donated to the club, and Maurice will inventory it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

## May 2022 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	04/30/22	GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,306.25
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 618.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 323.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 4,248.56</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,209.19
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 6,507.75</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	CHK 2043	USPS	
		P.O. BOX RENT	\$ 182.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 182.00</b>
INCOME			
	DUES	DUES	\$ 172.03
	GOOD & WELFARE	GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 23.00
	IRVING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB GRANT	DONATION	\$ 615.00
	AMAZON SMILES	DONATION	\$ 8.96
		TOTAL	\$ 818.99
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	\$ 637.25
BALANCE			
	05/31/22	GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,920.24
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 641.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 323.47
		CHECKING	<b>\$ 4,885.55</b>
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
	INTREST 04/05/2022	C.D.	\$0.26 \$ 2,209.45
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>\$ 7,145.00</b>

# 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](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

## 2022 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - <a href="mailto:jmw1709@hotmail.com">jmw1709@hotmail.com</a> – 972-567-7815
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