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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 has settled in with a vengeance but take heart...winter is coming. Just not tomorrow! Of course, one thing we always look forward to each summer is Field Day...and what a day it was! I hope you were able to participate in all the fun last month whether you came out to our club event or worked it from elsewhere. For our part it went pretty well once we got under way. We didn't break any records, but we did rack up some impressive points on SSB and CW. Trey and Kathleen scored a satellite contact with an ISS crew member. The ARRL West Gulf Division Director visited our station and took a group picture of those who wanted to be in it. He also photographed the mayoral proclamation we had on display. Philip spent quality time with some of our visitors who showed interest in the hobby. The dinner was great thanks to Bill, his family and all who contributed. The silent auction was a huge success. We will be able to add a significant sum to the repeater fund from the proceeds. The new generator performed superbly. We ran the entire event on a half tank of gas. And we successfully troubleshot and resolved an unexpected antenna issue with the SSB station. All in all, I would count it as a successful event in demonstrating ham radio to the public, getting our club members together and having a good time on and off the air. Thanks to all who helped with planning, setting up, operating, tearing down and cleaning up after the event. It was fun! So, listen up for the NEW magic number, and make plans now to do it again!

Looking ahead, we have a great program queued up for Friday's meeting. Chuck Inmon, K5IDJ will be here to talk about DMR, what it is, what it does and how you can use it to talk to hams across large areas and great distances, armed with a Technician or higher class license and a DMR equipped radio. See you then.

'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ
President - AARC

Announcements

July 2022 program

Introduction to DMR

The July speaker is Chuck Inmon, K5IDJ. He will enlighten us on DMR. This digital format is changing many people's minds about radio.

DMR repeaters are linked as a network around the world. Among other things, Chuck will explain "talk groups" and how you can talk to someone down the block or on another continent.

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

My thoughts on Field Day

Overall, I think Field turned out ok. It certainly didn't go as smoothly as it has in the past and there was plenty of frustration to go around at times. The reason I feel it was a success is when things were not going as planned, we were able to work through many of the problems and get on, or back on the air. While we didn't get as many points as we would have liked to get, but we did work through problems and made it through the 24 hours of operating, which is what field day is really about.

There were some good presentations this year and were very informative for those in attendance. I hope to see more presentations next year.

I didn't get to do everything I wanted to do, but hey, there are only 24 hours in a day. I do get to learn a little more about the hobby each year, as well as the great conversations. I didn't see any pictures from field day or they would be here for the viewing.

I would like to thank everyone that participated, a lot or a little, to the day's success, and for allowing me to take part.

Trey, AF5XS

Calendar of Events

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

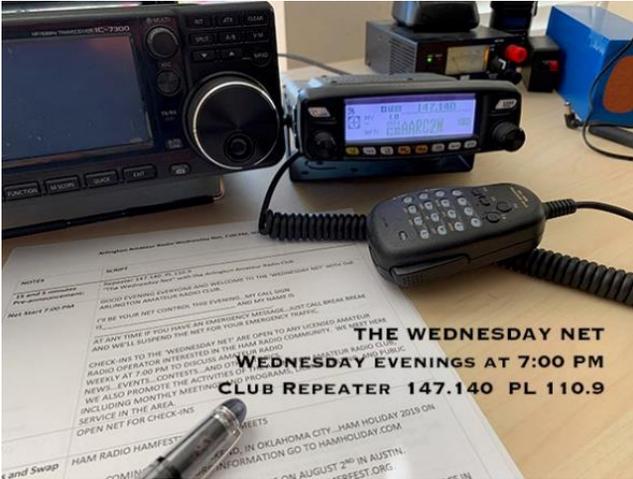
All members are welcome attend.

July 15: 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/83622612746?pwd=YIFLeHM1ZjNLMFhVZVVnYlNzU3Yzdz09>



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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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on June 17th, 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 the club picnic in May was fantastic and thanked David Spore KB3UBD for presenting at last month's meeting on the topic of Parks On The Air (POTA). This evening's presentation will be given by Rob W5WS on the club's upcoming Field Day activities.

Jack mentioned that the monthly siren test was again canceled due to poor weather conditions.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of May 2022. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. Maurice setup a new Logbook of the World certificate for the club. Maurice received the new electrical generator, as well as a 6-gallon extended run fuel tank. The older generator is still functional and will be used as a standby.

Last month the club accepted the donation of equipment from the estate of a silent key. Maurice inventoried and evaluated the items. He proposed that a silent auction be held, with the proceeds to be deposited in the repeater fund. The motion was made and carried.

Maurice reported that the repeater is working fine.

A motion was made and carried to donate to SafeHaven in the sum of \$300.

Philip KD5WBW reported that he will work on a slide show to present to visitors during Field Day, as well as a one-page handout.

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

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for June 2022. All submissions, including photographs from Field Day, 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). A test session will be conducted at Field Day on Saturday at 10 am. A training class for the Technician Class exam is scheduled for July 2nd and is filled to capacity of 15 participants. The new pool of questions for the Technician Class exam goes into effect on July 1st.

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 advised paying the fee promptly to avoid issues.

Bill AE5BT informed the club that Field Day 2022 was only 8 days away, starting on Saturday, June 25th. Setting up the equipment starts at 9 am. Saturday evening there will be a BBQ dinner at 6 pm, and the membership is encouraged to bring side dishes such as fruit salad, beans, cookies, or cakes.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Maurice made a motion to approve the purchase of a theft deterrent bracket for the new generator. The motion carried.

A break was taken at 8:20 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:35 pm. Philip KD5WDW showed a video of the city council meeting where the AARC received the amateur radio proclamation. Rob W5WS reviewed the plans for Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 17 people in attendance, 16 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 3.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on June 17th, 2022, at 6:34 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 went well in May. The monthly siren test for June was canceled due to poor weather conditions.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for May 2022. The club received a donation in the sum of \$100. An expenditure was made to renew the rental of the post office box. Phil N5PWW will close the certificate of deposit.

Maurice inventoried and evaluated the items which were donated to the club. He suggested the items be placed in a silent auction, with the proceeds going to the repeater fund. Maurice recommended that the club make a donation to the SafeHaven organization.

Philip KD5WBW informed the board that the amateur radio proclamation was granted at the city council meeting. He is working on a one-page handout to present to visitors during Field Day.

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

Trey AF5XS published the June 2022 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. A training session is scheduled for next week, which is filled to capacity of 15 participants. The test question pool for the Technician Class exam will change on July 1st.

Bill AE5BT mentioned that Field Day 2022 will be held on June 25th and 26th. On Friday a visit will be made to the storage facility to gather various Field Day equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

June 2022 Financial Report

| | DESCRIPTION | CATEGORY | BALANCE |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| BALANCE | | | |
| | 05/31/22 | GENERAL FUND | 3,920.24 |
| | | GOOD & WELFARE | 641.84 |
| | | REPEATER FUND | 323.47 |
| | | CHECKING | 4,885.55 |
| | | SAVINGS | 25.00 |
| | INTREST 04/05/2022 | C.D. \$0.26 | 2,209.45 |
| | | PETTY CASH | 25.00 |
| | | NET TOTAL | 7,145.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| | PAYPAL | NORTHERN TOOL (GENERATOR) | CLUB EQUIPMENT 1,248.99 |
| | EFT | SAFEHAVEN OF ARLINGTON | DONATION 300.00 |
| | CHK | MAURICE MARTIN (ANTI-THEFT | |
| | 2045 | HANDLE) | CLUB EQUIPMENT 20.18 |
| | | TOTAL | 1,569.17 |
| INCOME | | | |
| | DUES | DUES | 83.81 |
| | GOOD & WELFARE | GOOD & WELFARE | 22.00 |
| | ALLEN LONG FAMILY (KA5YQC) | DONATION | 100.00 |
| | SALE OF DONATED ITEMS | EQUIPMENT SALE | 460.00 |
| | | TOTAL | 665.81 |
| | | OVERALL NET CHANGE | -903.36 |
| BALANCE | | | |
| | 06/30/22 | GENERAL FUND | 2,534.88 |
| | | GOOD & WELFARE | 663.84 |
| | | REPEATER FUND | 783.47 |
| | | CHECKING | 3,982.19 |
| | | SAVINGS | 25.00 |
| | | C.D. | 2,209.45 |
| | | PETTY CASH | 25.00 |
| | | NET TOTAL | 6,241.64 |

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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