



# 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

### Presidents Corner, September 2022

Greetings to all.

The arrival of soaking rains, cooler weather and spring-green lawns has provided welcomed relief from the relentless heat we endured all summer. It's nice to be able to enjoy outdoor activities and events again with our families. And it's a great time to think about putting up that new antenna, replacing old coax or taking your radio outside to work a satellite, or set up and operate QRP from your back yard, a local park, or a weekend campout.

Our annual Ice Cream Social was a huge success! Thanks, to all of you who contributed your favorite flavors of ice cream, toppings, and embellishments. And what a great way to segway into the next big event, Show and Tell, where fellow members showcased some of the activities, projects, and experiences that they enjoyed in the hobby over the past year. It was an informative, inspirational, and motivating time for all of us. Featured entries included a QSL Card and Commemorative Medallion from contacting an ISS Astronaut in Space, demonstration of a fully integrated Emergency Go-Kit, a portable Satellite Radio Station featuring stacked YAESU FT-818s, demonstration of a device used for dynamic testing of Lightning Protectors, a HWEF Antenna Matching Assembly, a favorite and collectable CW Key, Demonstration of a recently constructed CUBE-SAT Simulator (with Telemetry Reporting), and an impressive Shadow-Box Collection featuring memorable Radios, Cameras, Meters and Electrical Devices of long ago.

The September program this Friday will be given by David Walker, W5DJO, where he will talk about how to design and build a Go-Kit for Field Emergency Operations. If you ever desired to equip yourself with a grab-n-go station, ready for immediate deployment, you won't want to miss this presentation and demonstration.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Until then,

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Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

President – AARC

## Announcements

### September 2022 program

#### What would you want in a go kit?

Our speaker for the September meeting is David Walker, W5DJO. His topic is the question, “What would you want in a go kit?” David will likely answer all of your questions before you ask. He asked himself just about everything in the process of making his. David will talk about the process, the things that worked...until. The changes for the better to finally have a really slick and lightweight go kit.

#### Fees

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

Also note you will need your FRN number and a valid email prior to taking that first test.

#### Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting. I would prefer 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

Randon Porter        9/10

Bill Tatsch Jr        9/23

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

## Calendar of Events

**September 16: Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

**September 16: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Friday, September 16, 2022

AARC Board Meeting (optional): 6:30 pm

AARC General Membership Meeting: 7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995239855?pwd=L3pZekJrZnNpU0VrNkZjbThkQWNEZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 9523 9855

Passcode: 418154

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+1 309 205 3325 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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+1 564 217 2000 US

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdZypev6Hd>

**==== Dining Out ( September 17, 5:00PM ) =====**

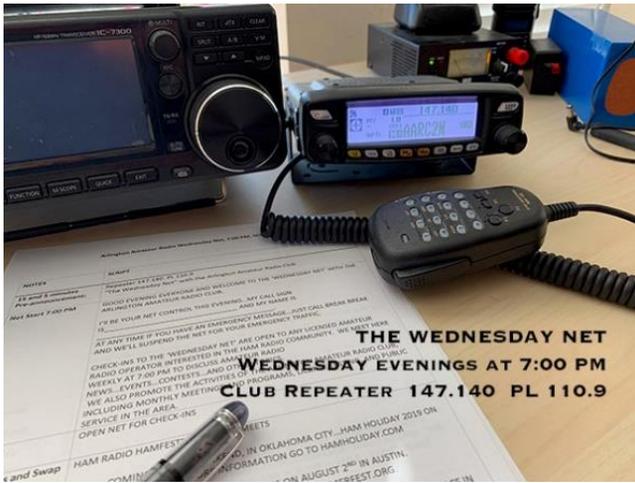
Twisted Root Burger Co., 310 E Abram St #100, Arlington, TX 76010

**==== Breakfast ( October 1, 8:30 am ) =====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**September 17:** Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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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

## August 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on August 19th, 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; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign. After introductions, the attendees served themselves ice cream.

Jack AA5VZ thanked Philip KD5WBW for presenting at last month's meeting on the topic of DMR (Digital Mobile Radio). The monthly siren test was conducted in August, and sirens are available for those who would like to participate in the test. Jack will work on providing the Irving ARC with a letter of confirmation that the micro-grant funds were used to purchase the new electrical generator that was used during Field Day. Jack informed the attendees of the Winter Field Day event held on January 28-29, 2023, which is not a contest, to determine if they would like to plan on participating.

Philip KD5WDW mentioned that in addition to the ice cream social, the evening would include a show-and-tell.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report of July 2022. Phil N5PWW successfully closed the certificate of deposit. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. Maurice plans to visit the repeater site during the month of October.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for August 2022. All submissions are welcomed and requested to be received by the Saturday before the club meeting.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold 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). An FRN is required prior to taking an exam. In the future, classes will take place in the Sanford Street building.

Bill AE5BT was not present, however Jack passed along the information that Field Day 2023 was 309 days away.

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

The show-and-tell started at 8:20 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 1.

## **August 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 19th, 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; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order.

Jack AA5VZ mentioned that the ice cream social and show-and-tell would take place this evening. The Irving ARC will need a follow-up letter regarding the purchase and use at Field Day of the new electrical generator. The purchase was made possible by the IARC micro-grant program. Jack mentioned that the monthly siren test was a success in August. He will ask the membership if there is interest in participating in Winter Field Day, held in the month of January.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Three people are interested in a training class.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the August newsletter contained the minutes from the July meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for July 2022. He paid the bill for the storage facility. Due to the efforts of Phil N5PWW, the certificate of deposit has been closed.

Trey AF5XS published the August 2022 newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

## August 2022 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	07/31/22		
		GENERAL FUND	2,581.19
		GOOD & WELFARE	670.84
		REPEATER FUND	783.47
		CHECKING	<b>4,035.50</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.05
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>6,295.55</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	2045	STORAGE HUT	
		STORAGE 9/22-3/23	-270.00
INCOME			
		DUES	24.01
		GOOD & WELFARE	38.00
		AMAZON SMILES	7.33
		TOTAL	69.34
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	-200.66
BALANCE			
	08/31/22		
		GENERAL FUND	2,342.53
		GOOD & WELFARE	708.84
		REPEATER FUND	783.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,834.84</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.05
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>6,094.89</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

Membership dues received after July 1st from applicants that were not members the previous year shall be one-half of the annual dues

## 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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