



# 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

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## President's Corner

Greetings to all.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that election time for AARC Board positions is just around the corner. This is a time that affords club members the opportunity to serve in a leadership role on a team dedicated to promoting Amateur Radio activities in our community, and in keeping our club healthy, vibrant, and moving forward with purpose. The camaraderie, club dedication, devotion to our hobby, participation in activities, and leadership qualities possessed by many of you is evident. So, this is the time to consider voluntary service for a leadership role in your club. If you are interested in being nominated for a position, please let any Board member know; or the nomination chairperson, who will be named this Friday. Board elections will take place at the November club meeting. Nominations will be received from the floor as well.

This is also a time to nominate a club member for recognition as "Ham of the Year". This is for anyone you recognize and submit as having gone the extra mile in support of our club, and by encouraging and helping others as they grow and mature in the hobby. Incumbent H-O-Y, Maurice Martin (KM5RF), will make a ballot box available at our October and November meetings to collect your individual nominations, from which the next AARC "Ham of the Year" will be selected and announced at our Christmas dinner in December. Finally, our featured program this Friday will be about "Fox Hunting for the Radio Amateur". AARC member Joe Wigner, K5MGY, will showcase a "Fox" transmitter he recently built and talk to us about how & why Fox Hunts are conducted, and what type of skills and equipment are necessary to be the first in a friendly competition to "out-fox" the fox. So, join us this Friday, and "Tally Ho!".

Until then,

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Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

President – AARC

## Announcements

### October 2023 program

#### Fox Hunting

“Fox Hunting for the Radio Amateur”. By Joe Wigner, K5MGY, will showcase a “Fox” transmitter he recently built and talk to us about how & why Fox Hunts are conducted.

## Interesting Happenings

### ARRL NTX 2023 Ham of The Year Nominations now open

I am soliciting Nominations for the ARRL NTX 2023 Ham of The Year:

Nominations should be emailed to me [KG5VK@ARRL.ORG](mailto:KG5VK@ARRL.ORG)

Nominees must reside within North Texas and be an ARRL member

Nominations must be received no later than the 15th of November

I need the complete name and the callsign of the nominee and facts and figures to support them receiving the award.

The Section management staff is not eligible for this award, and four members of it will vote for the winner.

I only vote in case of a tie.

You will find some helpful tips on creating a great nomination package at the following link....

<https://arrlntx.groups.io/g/section/topics>

ARRL North Texas Section

Section Manager: Steven Lott Smith, KG5VK [kg5vk@arrl.org](mailto:kg5vk@arrl.org)

### Jamboree-on-the-Air is on October 20 - 22, 2023

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA), the largest Scouting event in the world, takes place on the third weekend of October (10/20 - 10/22). This annual global operating event allows Scouts to use amateur radio to connect with hams around the world. The event is supported by many local amateur radio clubs and individual operators. JOTA starts Friday and ends Sunday, but there are no official hours of operation, so you have the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts.

Here are the event rules:

- All radio operators must operate their stations strictly in accordance with FCC regulations.
- Stations should try to contact each other by calling "CQ Jamboree" or "CQ JOTA," or by answering other stations sending this call.
- Any authorized amateur radio frequency may be used. It's suggested that the Scout frequencies be used, at least for a starting point. Remember that your radio has a dial and to move away from active nets and contesters.



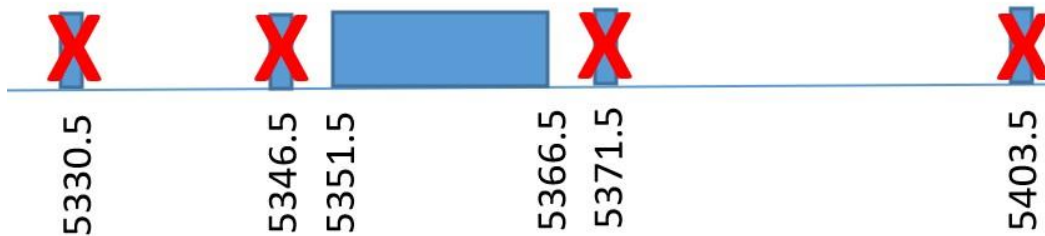
- Any amateur mode of operation can be used, such as CW, SSB, PSK, SSTV, FM, and satellite. The more modes in operation, the more exciting the event will be for the Scouts.
- JOTA is not a contest. The idea is to contact other Scout stations and allow as many Scouts as possible to talk to other Scouts and learn about who they are and what they are doing. You might think about counting the Scouts on both sides of the QSO rather than the number of QSOs!
- [Scout Camps on the Air](#) is still being developed, but ensure you log your contacts for inclusion in this special program once submissions are tracked.

More information about JOTA may be found on the Scouting website, at <https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/>.

## ARRL Urges Comments to FCC on 60-Meters Proposal: How to File Your Comments

[ARRL](#) is asking that all radio amateurs urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to continue the existing use of the 60-meter band. A public comment period is open until October 30, 2023. ARRL encourages expressions of support to the FCC for the current 100 W ERP power limit (instead of reducing the power limit to 15 W EIRP) and continuing secondary access to the current channels.

## FCC proposal (from WRC-2015)



### 9.15 Watts PEP ERP

To submit a filing of your comments for the FCC's consideration in the rulemaking process, go to the FCC web page for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking's (NPRM) Docket Number 23-120 at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/docket-detail/23-120>. If you wish to directly enter your comments, select the button labeled [SUBMIT AN EXPRESS FILING](#) or if you are uploading a document that contains your comments, select [SUBMIT A STANDARD FILING](#). When submitting your comments, be sure the correct proceeding's docket number, 23-120, is included on the form. Your name and comments will be entered into the official public record of the proceedings and will be viewable by anyone who visits the docket web page.

While radio amateurs are encouraged to include any comments they would like in their submissions, they're especially encouraged to draw upon their personal experiences using the 60-

meter band for public service purposes and for its location between the amateur 80- and 40-meter bands, which is critical to ensuring signal propagation to certain geographic areas during variations in time and the solar cycle. For example, ensuring radio amateurs have a continuum of communication capabilities across the 7 MHz, 5 MHz, and 3.5 MHz bands is valuable for emergency communications, especially between the US and Caribbean nations during hurricane season.

**Some of the main points to comment on for this NPRM are:**

- Urging the FCC to keep the four existing channels allocated to amateur radio on a secondary basis.
- Urging the FCC to keep the 100 W power limit for the four existing channels and the new 15 kHz subband.

ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX, underscored the importance of commenting, urging members to speak up. "ARRL members make up the strongest voice in matters of amateur radio spectrum defense," said Harrop. "Your membership and participation in the rulemaking process both ensure ARRL continues to make the difference when our band privileges are threatened. Please join us in effort to protect our 60-meter band privileges."

**ARRL has assembled a web page with instructions on how to submit your comments, as well as background information on the issue: [www.arrl.org/60-meter-band](http://www.arrl.org/60-meter-band).**

## **Election Season**

It is that time of year again, so I thought I would include so information about the positions and responsibilities coming up for election.

All officers shall be members of the corporation who hold a valid FCC amateur radio license. The President, Vice-President shall hold a valid Technician or higher FCC amateur radio license. The Emergency Coordinator, Training Coordinator must hold a valid General or higher FCC amateur radio license

### **Club Officers and their responsibilities are as follows**

#### **President**

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; shall preside over all Corporation and Executive Board meetings; shall be responsible for conducting all Corporation business in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and the policies set forth by the Executive Board and membership.

#### **Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties in the case of temporary absence. The Vice-President shall also be responsible for securing and organizing Corporation general membership meeting programs and presentations.

## **Secretary**

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Executive Board and Corporation meetings; shall conduct correspondence related to the Corporation business as directed by the President; shall maintain an orderly file of the minutes of all meetings and other Corporation documents as designated by the President. The Secretary shall also keep the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and minutes of the meetings and have the same at every meeting. He shall note all amendments, changes and additions to the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation and shall permit these records to be consulted by members upon request.

## **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall collect all monies; shall maintain an orderly accounting system which shall include all Corporation assets; shall submit a complete financial report to the membership at the end of each term of office and at other times as directed by the President or Executive Board; shall dispense monies as directed by the Executive Board and membership; shall maintain such records and submit and report such as are required by local, county, state or federal taxing authorities; and shall maintain a current record of Corporation membership.

## **Training Coordinator**

The Training Coordinator shall direct and organize all training programs authorized by the Corporation.

## **Emergency Coordinator**

The Emergency Coordinator shall direct all Corporation activities related to communications nets, City, County, State or Federal Emergency Management, RACES, ARES, or any other emergency type activity in which the corporation may become involved; and shall coordinate the Corporation's participation in the ARRL Field Day event.

## **Editor**

The Editor shall be responsible for assimilating, publishing, and disbursing the Corporate bulletin via mail or electronic mail to the Corporate membership.

There you have it! If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone for office (you must have the persons permission to nominate them), please contact any board member, the Nominations Coordinator, Price Wooldridge, or do so during the call for nominations, at the club meeting.

## **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

## Birthdays

Andrew Gould 10/12

Torre Quinn 10/23

Alexander Coney 10/30

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

## Calendar of Events

### October 20: Board Meeting

6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

### October 20: General Membership Meeting

7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84893786828?pwd=SzFFRnIwZwZwa0JoSVE0RkFsalpBQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 9378 6828

Passcode: 191908

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- +1 507 473 4847 US

Meeting ID: 848 9378 6828  
Passcode: 191908

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84893786828>

**==== Dining Out ( October 21: 5:00PM ) ====**

Al's Hamburgers, 1276 N Fielder Rd, Arlington, TX 76012

**==== Breakfast ( November 4, 8:30 am ) ====**

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

**Testing:**

There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test ( if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well ).

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

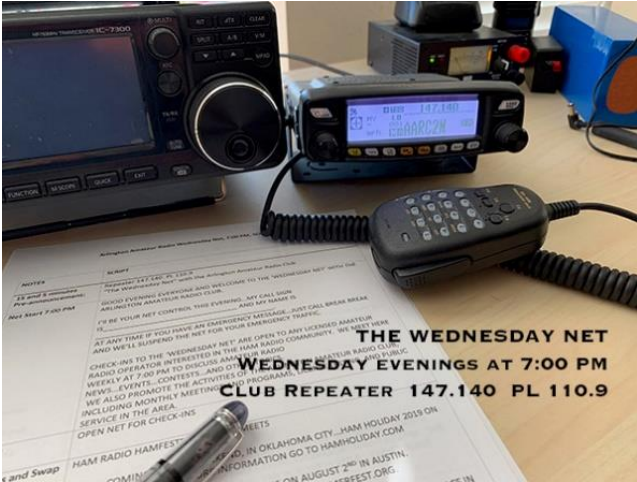
Also note you will need your FRN number and a valid email prior to taking that first test.

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

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

**11/04/2023 R.A.C.E.S. New Member Class – JEOC – 08:00 – 12:30**

Go to [www.fortworthraces.org](http://www.fortworthraces.org) for more info.





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## 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

### September 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on September 15th, 2023, at 7:33 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ. Other board members present included Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

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

Jack reminded the membership that at the beginning of the year he voiced a goal of reaching 75 members. Currently members number 63. Jack recognized 5 members that had joined recently. He thanked those who volunteered to participate in the siren test, as well as those who participated in the show-and-tell and ice cream social of last month.

Jack mentioned that last month the weekly net moved to Tuesday and the feedback from the membership has been positive. The program for the evening will be on the topic of GridTracker, present by Walter K5TRG. The upcoming Belton hamfest will be held October 6th-7th, and Parker County Springtown hamfest will be



held on October 14th. Membership voting for Ham Of The Year will start in October and run through November, with the results announced in December.

Jack informed the membership of the election of club officers which will be held in November. He will not seek reelection. Jack is seeking a volunteer for the position of nominating committee chair. The nominating committee chair asks incumbent officers if they are seeking reelection and fields questions from those who are interested in running for a position on the board. The chair provides a slate of candidates, as well as asks for nominations from the floor on the day of elections.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the presentation for the evening will be provided by Walter K5TRG on the topic of GridTracker. Torre is seeking a presentation for October.

Philip KD5WBW, in the role of Public Information Officer, asked the membership to inform him of any of their ham radio activities so that he can post them on the Facebook page of the club.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for September 2023. Submission of content (text and photographs) is welcomed.

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

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership that he sent a corrected financial report to the membership via email. The correction was necessary due to a software update at the bank which prevented Maurice from accessing account information. For 8/31 the value of the savings account increased by 15 cents, and the value of the general fund increased by 1 cent. A motion was made and carried to accept the August report for audit as published with the noted corrections.

Maurice noted that the repeater is in working order. He has a lead on 250 feet of half-inch heliax for \$1.25 per foot. A motion was made and carried to approve the purchase.

Phil N5PWW mentioned that training classes are not in progress. He continues to hold testing sessions in person 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). He recommended to the membership that they start the process of renewing their licenses 45 days before expiration.

Clayton K5CWS informed the membership of an article he read regarding the fires in Hawaii and how ham radio stepped in to aid in providing communication.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Trey AF5XS suggested that the club have an open discussion of placing \$5 from the dues of each membership in 2024 into the repeater fund. Jack AA5VZ said the board will discuss the issue next month.

David W5DJO shared with the membership an extremely small surface mount component that was removed from a radio to enable operation for Civil Air Patrol.

Torre AA5CX mentioned an upcoming GrapeRadio citizen scientist event being held on October 14th during a partial solar eclipse.

A break was taken at 8:27 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:40 pm with a presentation by Walter K5TRG on the topic of GridTracker.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 27 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 6.

## **September 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on September 15th, 2023, at 6:35 pm. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order.

Jack mentioned that at the beginning of the year he set a goal of reaching 75 club members. Currently members number 63. During the membership meeting he will recognize those who participate in last month's show-and-tell, inform the membership of upcoming hamfests and the November election of club officers. He is seeking a volunteer for the position of nominating committee chair. Jack will not seek reelection. On October 4th there will be a siren test.

Torre AA5CX mentioned he will not seek reelection. The presentation for tonight will be on the topic of GridTraker. The presentation for next month has yet to be determined.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the September 2023 newsletter contained the minutes from the August 2023 meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. Due to an issue with accessing bank information, the published financial report contained an inaccuracy of 15 cents in the savings balance for 8/31, and 1 cent in the general fund for 8/31. He reported that the repeater is working well.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. From the last two test session, all participants have received their call signs. Training classes are not being held.

Clayton K5CWS informed the board of an online article concerning the fires in Hawaii that resulted in disruption of communication and how ham radio operated during the disaster.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

## September 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
8/31/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,720.92
		GOOD & WELFARE	771.13
		REPEATER FUND	843.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,335.52</b>
		SAVINGS	<b>2,236.03</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>5,596.55</b>
INCOME			
	GOOD & WELFARE	GOOD & WELFARE	30.00
	INTEREST	INTEREST SAVINGS	0.07
		TOTAL	30.07
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	30.07
BALANCE			
9/30/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,720.92
		GOOD & WELFARE	801.13
		REPEATER FUND	843.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,365.52</b>
		SAVINGS +0.07	<b>2,236.10</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>5,626.62</b>

# Membership

## Want to join the club

2023 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

## 2023 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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