



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

Greetings to all,

This is a significant time of year for all of us. It is a time to enjoy fellowship with family and friends; a time to reflect and be thankful...for the freedom we have...and blessings we get to enjoy. And it is the start of the joyous season of Christmas. No doubt many of you will be traveling during the holidays. Others will receive loved ones who made the trek to be with you. In every instance, I pray you experience peace, comfort, safety, and good health... throughout this Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday season.

This Friday we will meet to select our leadership team for 2024. All positions are available; two are vacant, requiring immediate filling. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please let our nominations chairman Joe Wigner (K5MGY), or any current Board member know before we convene. We will, of course, accept nominations from the floor as well during the election.

And don't forget... the November meeting on Friday will be your last chance to vote for Ham of the Year. This will be **your** opportunity to submit the name of a fellow member who you want to recognize for their active participation in the hobby, their role in helping others to learn and grow, and/or the commitment they have demonstrated in supporting club activities and events throughout the year. There are many deserving members for this award, so please be sure to place your vote in the collection box on Friday to determine who will be named this year's "Ham of the Year" at the holiday party in December.

Finally, our program this month will consist of the election of officers, and then an open dialogue of anything you want to discuss. It could

be improvements to your equipment, a new mode of operation, a project you have, or want to tackle or any other radio topic! It would also be a great time to let us know what additional activities you would like to have or help to provide for our club next year. And we will talk more about our Winter Field Day fellowship coming in January.

Until then,
'73

Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

Announcements

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.

November 2023 program

Election of Officers for 2024

I'm sure you are all on edge about the elections, but I'm confident it will not take long to count all of the votes.

Items of Note

Events

Cowtown Hamfest

JANUARY 19-20, 2024

FRIDAY 3PM-7PM AND SATURDAY 7AM-3PM

FOREST HILL CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER

6901 WICHITA STREET FOREST HILL, TEXAS 76140\

[Cowtown Hamfest, Fort Worth Texas](#)

Greater Houston Hamfest:

March 1st and 2nd 2024

The Greater Houston HamFest is back and now the largest hamfest in Texas. This will be a Two day show both Friday and Saturday.

Friday 12PM - 8PM Saturday 8AM - 3PM

Greater Houston Hamfest will again be at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds.

For more information go to: <https://houstonhamfest.org>

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

David Lucas 11/13

Clayton Starkweather 11/15

Bill Blodgett 12/5

David Edwards 12/12

Lon Lease 12/14

Robert May 12/18

Martha Stiebing 12/23

Lewis Hill Jr. 12/24

David Sebastian 12/26

Jim Stiffler 12/26

John Blackstone 12/29

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

Calendar of Events

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

All members are welcome attend.

November 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/89104765629?pwd=WHZwU0k2dnV5cExYZ2Y4aFczT1ZRdz09>

Meeting ID: 891 0476 5629

Passcode: 695706

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- +1 719 359 4580 US
- +1 253 205 0468 US
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 360 209 5623 US
- +1 386 347 5053 US
- +1 507 473 4847 US
- +1 564 217 2000 US
- +1 646 931 3860 US
- +1 689 278 1000 US
- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 891 0476 5629

Passcode: 695706

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbC2UI28fL>

==== Dining Out (November 18, 5:00PM) ====

Joe's Pizza Pasta and Subs,

4300 Matlock Rd Ste 100, Arlington, TX 76018

==== Breakfast (December 2, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

==== AARC Christmas Party (December 14, 6:00 pm) ====

Tuesday, December 14, 2023, 6 pm to 8:30 pm,

Spring Creek Barbeque, 3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015.

Thieving Santa gift exchange (participation is optional): Bring a wrapped gift in the range of \$10 to \$15.

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 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.

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

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



Join us for the Tuesday Net

 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	 DAVE W5DJO
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Need a Badge? \$10.95 + Tax

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

October 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on October 20th, 2023, at 7:31 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 mentioned that the siren testing takes place on the first Wednesday of the month, with the next test being held on November 1st. Jack thanked Walter K5TRG for his presentation last month on GridTracker. The 75th Ardmere Hamarama is being held on October 28th. Ham of the Year ballots are being collected in October and November, with the winner announced at the Christmas party in December. Election of club officers will be held at the club meeting in November. All offices will be voted on. He is seeking a volunteer for the position of nominating committee chair. Joe K5MGY volunteered for the position.

Jack asked the membership if they wished to participate in Winter Field Day in a formal or informal manner. The membership's preference was to informally participate. A motion was made and carried to reserve a park location and approve up to \$100 to cover the cost. Clayton K5CWS mentioned that a Winter Field Day objective stated in the rules is to operate for 6 continuous hours.

Jack reminded the membership that last year the AARC applied to the Irving ARC micro-grant program and was awarded funds which covered 50% of the purchase price of a new electrical generator. The number of eligible counties has increased this year. Jack will submit an application to cover 50% of the cost for a new repeater antenna. A new antenna costs approximately \$1000. If the micro-grant is awarded, then the membership will be asked to approve the expenditure of \$500.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the presentation for the evening will be provided by Joe K5MGY on the topic of fox hunting. Next month will be officer elections. Torre said that during the solar eclipse when the GrapeRadio project collected data on radio wave propagation, an unexpected solar flare was observed.

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

Maurice M5RF reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept the September report as published for audit. A motion was made and carried to allocate \$5 of each dues payment to the repeater fund moving forward.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for October 2023. Submission of content (text and photographs) is welcomed and requested to be received by the Saturday before the club meeting.

Phil N5PWW mentioned that training classes are not currently being conducted. 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 strongly recommended to test takers that they pay the \$35 fee to the FCC via their web site in a timely fashion. Not doing so may result in requiring to be tested again.

Philip KD5WBW, in the role of Public Information Officer, had nothing to report.

Clayton K5CWS informed the membership of the upcoming JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) event, which is an opportunity to introduce young people to ham radio. He also mentioned that the testing of the Arlington siren system is an important way to be prepared in the event of a tornado, high winds, or hail. Clayton asked the membership to consider writing to the FCC to express their comments on the proposed changes to the 60-meter band.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: No new business was presented.

A break was taken at 8:37 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:49 pm with a presentation by Joe K5MGY on the topic of fox hunting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 17 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 4.

October 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on October 20th, 2023, at 6:37 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 thanked Walter K5TRG for his presentation last month on GridTracker. The weekly net went well and the next siren test will be held on November 1st. The 75th Ardmore Hamarama is being held on October 28th. The election of club officers will be held next month, and Jack is seeking a volunteer for the position of nominating committee chair. At the membership meeting, Jack will ask the membership if they want to participate in Winter Field Day. The issue of allocating a portion of the money from membership dues to finance the repeater fund will be brought before the membership. Jack will ask the membership about applying to the Irving ARC micro-grant program for 50% of the cost of purchasing a new repeater antenna.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that Joe will be giving a presentation on fox hunting. There will be no presentation in November, as club officers will be elected.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. He will conduct repeater programming in the future.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter. He included information regarding the 60-meter band changes proposed by the FCC.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. To complete the licensing process, a \$35 fee must be paid to the FCC, and a \$14 fee is due at the time of administering the exam. Training classes are not being held.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned that his wife will be taking an amateur radio exam tomorrow. Twenty percent of siren towers are not covered during the monthly test. JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) will be held this weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

October 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	9/30/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	1,720.92
		GOOD & WELFARE	801.13
		REPEATER FUND	843.47
		CHECKING	3,365.52
		SAVINGS +0.07	2,236.10
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	5,626.62
EXPENSE			
#2054	MAURICE MARTIN	TIMER & BOOK	
		REPEATER	55.23
		TOTAL	55.23
INCOME			
	DUES	2023 DUES	48.02
	GOOD & WELFARE	GOOD & WELFARE	30.00
		TOTAL	78.02
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	22.79
BALANCE			
	10/31/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	1,758.94
		GOOD & WELFARE	831.13
		REPEATER FUND	798.24
		CHECKING	3,388.31
		SAVINGS	2,236.10
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	5,649.41

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

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

President:	Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - jmw1709@hotmail.com – 972-567-7815
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