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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

Hello, and welcome to May! Things in radio seem to be picking up now that the weather is getting consistently better. I'm seeing more POTA stations on the air and have tried to get out once a week to do my own activations. Better weather means more outdoor activities! We'll be having our picnic soon and preparing for Field Day.

This will be my second time participating in Field Day. Last year I had hardly done much in the way of radio, so all I did was observe, ask questions, and talk to other hams. I loved it! I got to see lots of different station rigs, antenna setups, and ways of operation. But what struck me was the outreach of the people I talked to. I got a lot of advice, examples, general conversation, ideas, and even exchanged a QSL card or two in person. The fellowship and outreach was incredible.

Outreach has been on my mind for some time. Our hobby can seem a little strange to people, and we can turn people on or off by our approach. Foxhunting is my thing, so I'm constantly out in parks with a yagi in one hand, a receiver in the other, tromping around playing our game of hide and seek. Not gonna lie, sometimes I can look pretty weird doing that. I've been asked on several occasions what it is I'm doing. It's really easy to toss off a smart remark, kill the conversation and get on with the hunt, and I used to do that until I realized it doesn't help the hobby or my fellow hams. Now, when I get the question, I tell them exactly what I'm doing, how it works, what radio is, etc. Does it take more time to engage, yes, but the results are definitely worth it!

Field Day is next month, but don't wait to start engaging! I encourage you to talk up radio in general, and our club in particular. If you're already doing that, great! Keep it up!

Stay tuned for more details on the picnic, Field Day and other future events!

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY
President AARC

Announcements

May 2024 program

Setting up and using an AllStar node. AllStar a world wide network of Amateur Radio repeaters, remote base stations, and hot spots accessible to each other via the Internet and/or private IP networks. AllStar software runs on a dedicated Linux computer (including the Raspberry Pi) that you host at your home, radio site, clubhouse, school, university, workplace, or computer center. AllStar is based on the open source Asterisk PBX and is released under the GNU GPL and is free for anyone to use.

Items of Note

Events

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

- May 17 - 19 | [Dayton Hamvention](#), hosting the ARRL National Convention, Xenia, Ohio
- May 31 - June 2 | [SEA-PAC](#), hosting the ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, Oregon
- June 1 | [Atlanta Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Georgia Section Convention, Marietta, Georgia
- June 9 | [BreezeShooters Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Western Pennsylvania Section Convention, Butler, Pennsylvania
- June 15 | [ARRL Maine State Convention & Hamfest](#), Augusta, Maine
- June 15 | [Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention](#), sponsoring the ARRL Delta Division Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee

Club Picnic

May 18th, 9:00AM to 2:00PM
J.W. Dunlop Park; North Park Pavilion
1500 W. Green Oaks Blvd
Arlington, TX 76012

As last year, the pavilion is available to us all day. Typically, we go from morning to mid-afternoon, but people are welcome to stay longer. We can bring our radios and practice for field day! Food is pot luck, so bring what you want. Hope to see all of you there!

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 Benardello 5/23

Walter Braun 5/29

Nathan Alexander 5/30

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

Calendar of Events

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

All members are welcome attend.

May 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/83756890055?pwd=NEhxenVOTGs4aDMvVW1uRFIYaVlaZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 5689 0055

Passcode: 284568

One tap mobile

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+16694449171,,83756890055#,,,,*284568# US

==== Dining Out (May 1, Club Pi5:00PM) =====

9:00AM to 2:00PM

J.W. Dunlop Park; North Park Pavilion

1500 W. Green Oaks Blvd

Arlington, TX 76012

==== Breakfast (June 1, 8:30 am) =====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

Testing:

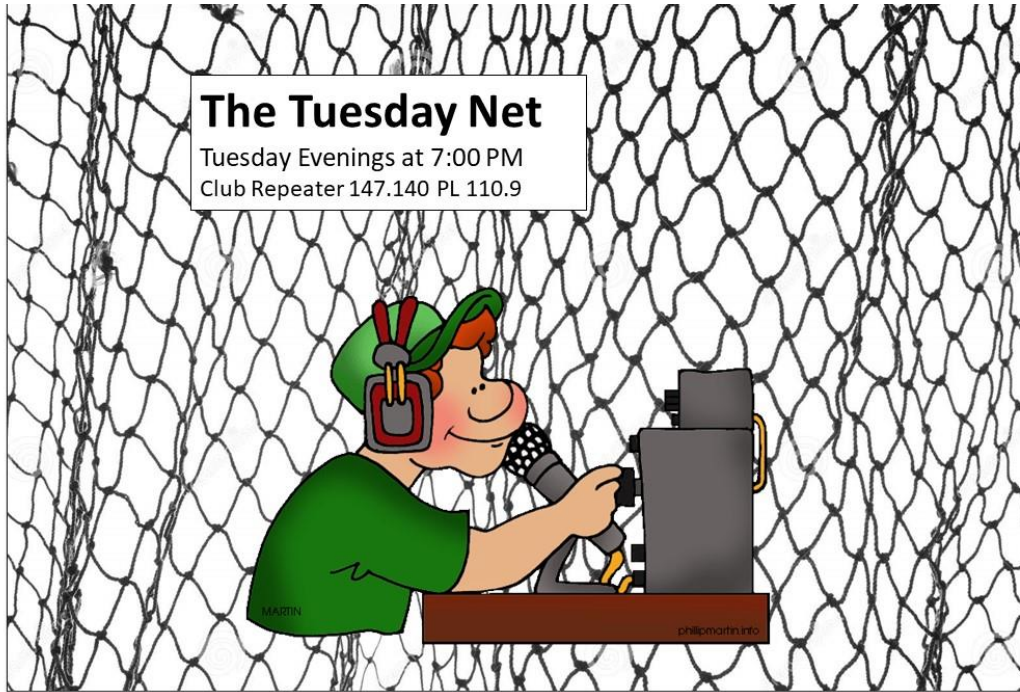
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test (if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14

covers the additional test(s) as well).

As of April 13, 2022 the FCC will 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.

TBA



Join us for the Tuesday Net

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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

April 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on April 19th, 2024, at 7:34 pm by the President, Joe K5MGY. Other board members present included Vice President, Price K5NNL; 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.

Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Joe mentioned the club picnic will be held on Saturday May 18th at J. W. Dunlop Sports Center. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Those attending should bring side-dishes, drinks, and their equipment to make sure it's operation for Field Day. Joe reviewed several other upcoming events. Joe reminded the membership that Field Day will be held on June 22-23 and Clayton is preparing for it.

Joe informed the membership that the minutes and the financial report for March were published in the April newsletter. A motion was made and carried accept the minutes as published. A motion was made and carried to accept the report as published for audit.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: Price K5NNL announced a volunteer opportunity to assist with communications for the MS150 bike tour being held on May 4-5. David Walker reported that the Training class for the Technician exam was not held due to lack of interest. With the assistance of the micro-grant, the new 2-meter antenna has been ordered. Coordination will be conducted with the building owner to install the antenna. Qualified and able volunteers will be sought to assist with the installation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 20 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 3.

The evening's presentation started at 8:00 pm. Bob Ballard KB5SQJ presented on the performance of the doublet antenna. The presentation concluded at 9:14 pm.

April 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 19th, 2024, at 6:37 pm. Present were President, Joe K5MGY; Vice President, Price K5NNL; 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.

Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order.

Price K5NNL reviewed upcoming presentations. In June the presentation will be on upcoming Field Day events.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the April 2024 newsletter contained the minutes from the March meetings. He confirmed the dining out location for Saturday.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for April 2024.

Clayton K5CWS asked Phil N5PWW about access to the building during Field Day. Clayton will visit the storage locker to verify he has access to the site.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The Training class for the Technician exam was not held due to lack of interest.

Maurice KM5RF verified the financial report was published in the April newsletter. The new antenna for the repeater has been ordered. The installation of the new 2-meter antenna will probably require 4 qualified people. The repeater is working fine.

Joe K5MGY mentioned that David Spore KB3UBD will take point on the club picnic. He will be making the reservation. Attendees to the event should bring their radios and a side-dish.

Joe reviewed plans for Field Day at the Sanford Street location, including a visitor sign-in, and stations for GOTA, CW, side band, and digital.

Joe started a discussion on the possible use of hamclubonline.com to manage the AARC meeting and other administrative functions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

April 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	4/30/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	2,795.87
		GOOD & WELFARE	829.13
		REPEATER FUND	852.35
		CHECKING	4,477.35
		SAVINGS	2,236.55
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	6,738.90
EXPENSE			
#2060	MAURICE MARTIN	REPEATER ANTENNA	968.90
#2061	H.E. CANON FLORAL KB5PMX	GOOD & WELFARE	105.98
		TOTAL	1,074.88
INCOME			
	DUES	2024 DUES	77.03
	4 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	20.00
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	13.00
	DONATIONS FROM KB5PMX	DONATION	225.00
	SALE OF DONATED ITEMS	DONATION	2,870.00
		TOTAL	3,205.03
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	2,130.15
BALANCE			
	4/30/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	5,254.90
		GOOD & WELFARE	736.15
		REPEATER FUND	616.45
		CHECKING	6,607.50
		SAVINGS	2,236.55
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,869.05

Membership

Let us 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

2024 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

2024 Club Officers

President:	Joe Wigner, K5MGY – joe.wigner@gmail.com
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Repeater Committee:	Maurice Martin, KM5RF (chair), Rob May, W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton, W5MAY