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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

Here we are in June, and June means Field Day! What is Field Day? Is it a contest? Yes. Is it a time to experiment? Yes. Is it a time to see and do new things? Yes. Is it a time to have outreach? Yes. Is it a time to observe and see how things are done? Yes! It's all of the above!

Last year I went to my first Field Day. All I did was observe. I felt like I was out of place because I wasn't doing anything, but later I realized I was. I was learning about radio: not only what to do, but some of what not to do. The single most important thing I did for Field Day was to attend! This year I'll try operating. What's the point, you ask? It's all about showing up! You don't have to be the world's greatest operator, or the most advanced ham on the block. There's something for everyone at Field Day. But you only get to experience it if you come to Field Day and see!

Shifting gears to some club info, we have our room back at the Sanford location. Thanks to Phil Stage (N5PWW) for making that happen! There's just one little change: the meetings will move back half an hour due to building scheduling. So... instead of our general meeting being at 7:30pm, they will be at 7pm starting with the June meeting on the 21st. Phil and the testing team are still working on getting our testing up and running, so stand by for further details.

I hope to see everybody at the Sanford location at 7pm on the 21st for Clayton's presentation on Field Day prep!

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY
President AARC

Announcements

June 2024 program

Field Day

Items of Note

Events

Field Day- June 22,2024 – June 23, 2024
Information to be shared at Club Meeting

Arlington Firecracker 5K & Parade July 4,2024

First of all thank you to the 8 people that have volunteered so far.

That said...

We need 25 volunteers to assign only one volunteer at each station. So $25-8=$ (removing shoe) Ah; 17 more needed.

As you know, I always hope to have two operators at each station. so, about 16 more on top of the 17 means we need... (you do the math).

I know some of you have plans for the 4th. Some have to work and some are going to Auntie Ida's in Iowa to reassure yourselves that the corn is indeed "knee high on the 4th of July".

But... if, by chance, you do not fall into these categories please sign up in Galaxy Connect for the Arlington 4th.

Do not use the Courser Phone App

It is a quick event and we will be done about 11:30 AM.

If you have trouble with Galaxy, text or email me at 480-363-7487 or K5IJD@yahoo.com and I will make sure you get signed up.

Chuck for Gerry

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

Jon Simpson 6/2

Cameron Owen 6/5

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

Calendar of Events

June 21: Board Meeting 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

June 21: General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846790890?pwd=vzRvqr5kmeAnfdaDUaMiBlxzh98qkj.1>

Meeting ID: 838 4679 0890

Passcode: 128319

One tap mobile

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+12532050468,,83846790890#,,,,*128319#

US<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 (June 22, Club 5:00PM) ====

Field Day Dinner – Details at club meeting.

==== Breakfast (July 6, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

Testing:

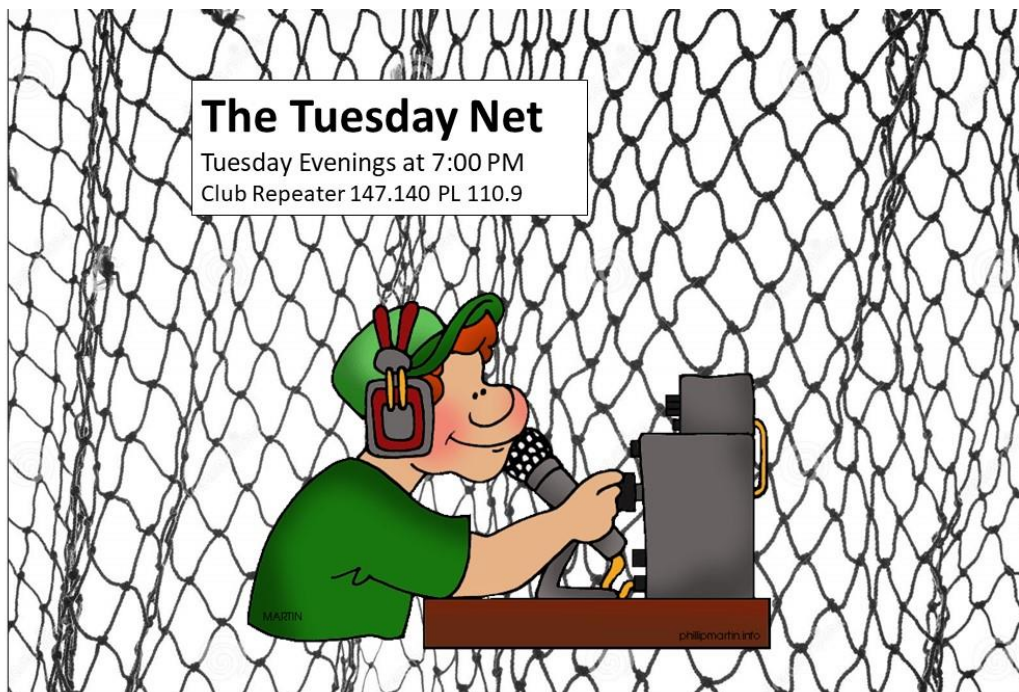
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test (if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well).

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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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

May 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on May 17th, 2024, at 7:30 pm by the President, Joe K5MGY. Other board members present included 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. Absent was Vice President, Price K5NNL.

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

Joe informed the membership that the program for the evening was on the topic of setting up and using an Allstar node. He also mentioned that the Logbook of the World system was down for 3 days, and that the club picnic will be held on Saturday May 18th at J. W. Dunlop Sports Center from 9 am to 2 pm. Participants should bring their own food. License testing will be held tomorrow.

Joe announced to the membership that the May meeting would be the final meeting held at the Sanford Street location and that the board was starting the search for a new location for AARC meetings and Field Day activities.

At the time of the meeting, the newsletter had not been published. A motion was made and carried to delay voting on the meeting minutes until the next meeting of the membership.

A motion was made and carried to delay voting on the financial report until the next meeting of the membership.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: The topic of Field Day was discussed. The option of changing the length of participation of 24 hours to 8 hours and meeting at Cedar Hill State Park was suggested. The club would cover the cost of the entry fee for club members. No other options were presented from the floor. A motion was made and carried to allocate the sum of \$375 to cover the cost of Field Day expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 2.

The evening's presentation started at 8:00 pm. Mickey Ricketts KE5BSR presented on setting up and using an Allstar node. The presentation concluded at 8:41 pm.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 17th, 2024, at 6:35 pm. Present were President, Joe K5MGY; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS. Absent were Vice President, Price K5NNL, and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order.

Phil N5PWW informed the board that as of June 1st the AARC would no longer have access after 7 pm to the building in which the board and membership meeting are held. Access on the weekend is not allowed.

Joe K5MGY reminded the board of the upcoming picnic and those attending should bring their own food. With Field Day only 1 month away and the change in access availability to the building, Joe asked if the AARC participation in Field Day should be cancelled or reimagined in a different form. After the board's discussion it was decided to bring before the membership the option of participating in Field Day from 1 pm to 9 pm in a park setting.

The board discussed the issue of finding a new location in which to hold the membership meeting. A potential location would need to be available on Friday night with a capacity for 40 people and possess bathroom facilities.

Joe K5MGY scheduled a Zoom meeting of the board for May 23rd at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss findings on meeting locations and Field Day locations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

May 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes update on meeting location and Field Day.

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The special meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 23rd, 2024, at 7:39 pm on Zoom. 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; and Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order.

A local church was considered as a potential meeting location. Price K5NNL volunteered to scout out the meeting room and introduce the AARC to the administration of the facility. The board will continue investigating other possible locations.

Regarding Field Day, Clayton K5CWS was not able to find any parks in Arlington that were available for Field Day activities. Cedar Hill State Park was considered as a potential site. Visitors with a day pass are required to leave the park by 10 PM. The plan was devised to participate in Field Day for 8 hours at Cedar Hill State Park. The club would reimburse club members for the fee (providing a receipt) to enter the park. Participants would bring their own food and water. Maurice KM5RF suggested sending an email to the membership to gauge how many members would participate in Field Day according to the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

May 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
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
EXPENSE			
#2062	US POSTMASTER	PO BOX RENTAL	200.00
		TOTAL	200.00

INCOME

DUES	2024 DUES	48.81
2 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	10.00
GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	24.00
	TOTAL	82.81

OVERALL NET CHANGE -117.19

BALANCE

5/31/2024

GENERAL FUND	5,103.71
GOOD & WELFARE	760.15
REPEATER FUND	626.45
CHECKING	6,490.31
SAVINGS	2,236.55
PETTY CASH	25.00
NET TOTAL	8,751.86

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

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