



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 7:00 p.m.

Members generally begin arriving at 6:30 pm.

The executive board meeting is held prior to the general member meeting at starting at 6:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend the executive board meeting.

K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9 Down until further notice

444.2+ PL 100.0

President's Corner

It's only been one short month since we last met, but to me it feels like a lot has happened. Packed into this last month was Field Day, the 4th of July holiday, and the Thirteen Colonies special event. This year during Field Day I went from observer to operator and dove head first into the event. 20 meters was beyond active! I don't know about you, but I couldn't get a word in edgewise with all the operators out there bumping into each other. The digital modes were likewise slam packed! I don't think I've ever seen so many little blocks scrolling by on WSJT-X as I did during that 24 hour period! Lots of contacts were made, lots of fun was had, and I saw a lot, learned a lot, and can't wait to get to next year's Field Day!

I had heard about the Thirteen Colonies special event but never participated in it until this year. I've chased individual stations before, but this is the first time I chased sixteen at once! To get a clean sweep you need to have one contact with each of the stations representing the thirteen original colonies of the United States. It took some doing, but I got them all, plus one of the bonus stations to boot! This is likewise an event I'm looking forward to next year, and I highly encourage everyone to participate!

Also this last month, I've been pondering the discussions of our last meeting. Even though the circumstances surrounding those discussions were less than ideal, it started a dialog that I hope will continue and grow as we go along. I took away two main areas of discussion from that dialog: How should our club do outreach, and how do we grow our club? Both of those are areas that I've started to look into, but I'm going to ask you for your input as well. What are your ideas and suggestions? How would you like to see our club grow, and in what direction(s)? I'm soliciting your feedback. My contact info is at the end of the newsletter. Please drop me a line with your input! Let's keep the discussion going!

Our meeting this month will be a combination ice cream social and show and tell. I always love to see what people are doing, and this is a great chance to show off what you've been up to and see what what others have been cooking up. Hope to see everybody there!

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY
President AARC

Announcements

June 2024 program

Ice cream Social & Show and tell

Bring some of your favorite ice cream or cookies, not a lot, but enough to share with one or two. Actually you can bring a lot if you want to, but we are not taking be blame when you have to take it home and eat it all before it goes bad. Then we settle back with a little show and tell. Show us what you are working on and tell us about it.

Items of Note

Deadline for Field Day submissions is July 23, 2024

Events

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

- July 27 | [ARRL West Virginia State Convention](#), Sutton, West Virginia
- August 3 | [Kootenai Amateur Radio Society](#), sponsoring the ARRL Idaho State Convention, Post Falls, Idaho
- August 3 | [Elkhart East Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL Central Division Convention, Elkhart, Indiana
- August 4 | [SVARC Berryville Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL Virginia State Convention, Berryville, Virginia
- August 17 - 18 | [Huntsville Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention, Huntsville, Alabama
- August 22 - 25 | [Northeast HamXposition](#), sponsoring the ARRL New England Division Convention, Marlborough, Massachusetts
- August 30 - September 1 | [Shelby Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL North Carolina State Convention, Shelby, North Carolina
- August 31 | [Summer Symposium](#), sponsoring the ARRL Santa Barbara Section Convention, Camarillo, California
- September 8 | [ARRL Southern New Jersey Section Convention](#), Mullica Hill, New Jersey
- September 21-22 | [Midwest Superfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL Illinois Section Convention, Chillicothe, Illinois
- September 28 | [Red River Radio Amateurs Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL Dakota Division Convention, West Fargo, North Dakota

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

John Turner 7/1
Jean Swann 7/18
Bob Bohannon 7/24

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

Calendar of Club Events

July 19: Board Meeting 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

July 19: 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/87602296915?pwd=8UX3WkzWN5NA1fIWWONazPdEOLINK6.1>

Meeting ID: 876 0229 6915

Passcode: 743591

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Meeting ID: 876 0229 6915

Passcode: 743591

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87602296915?pwd=8UX3WkzWN5NA1fIWWONazPdEOLINK6.1>

=== Dining Out (July 20, 2024 5:00PM) =====

David's Barbecue,
2224 - H W Park Row Dr., Arlington, TX 76013

==== 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).

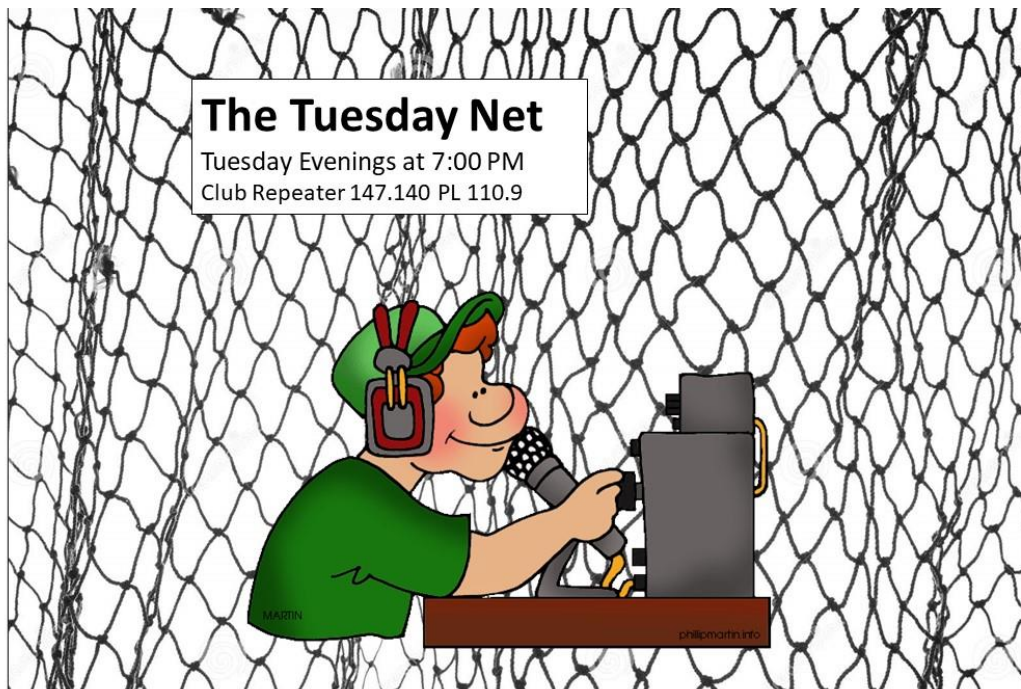
As of April 13, 2022 the FCC will begin charging an application fee of \$35.00 for license applications.

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

July 20: Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2nd Floor
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

August 3: Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2nd Floor
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on June 21st, 2024, at 7:00 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 informed the membership of upcoming amateur radio contests. The presentation tonight will be a discussion of Field Day participation. On July 19th the meetings will be held at the Sanford Street location, with the board meeting starting at 6 pm and the membership meeting starting at 7 pm.

The newsletters for May and June were published and distributed.

A motion was made and carried to accept the meeting minutes as published.

A motion was made and carried to accept the financial reports for audit as published.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: No new business was presented.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Clayton K5CWS started a discussion of Field Day activities. Due to the uncertainty of a meeting room location, schedule conflicts, and difficulty in fully staffing for Field Day, it was suggested that the club membership participate from their individual homes (or portable) and exercise the option of aggregate club scoring. Rob May W5WS provided information to the membership on how to score Field Day from home and how to use logging software.

Price K5NNL informed the membership that the ice cream social and show-and-tell will be held at the meeting in July. Bring your favorite flavor and/or cookies.

Maurice KM5RF recently visited the National Weather Service and there may be an opportunity for the club to tour the facility and view a weather balloon launch. It would take place on a Saturday at 6 pm.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned that volunteers are being sought for the 4th of July parade and run.

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

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on June 21st, 2024, at 6:05 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 informed the board that during the July meeting the ice cream social and show-and-tell will be held. The August meeting will have a presentation by AMSAT on the topic of propagation. Maurice KM5RF recently visited the National Weather Service and may be able to have the club tour the facility and view a weather balloon launch. Jack AA5VZ would like to share his experience building a quadrifilar helix antenna.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the June 2024 newsletter contained the minutes from the May meetings.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.

Phil N5PWW informed the board that training classes are currently on hold. Testing sessions will be held at the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Phil visited the office of the city manager and secured the use of the meeting room for Field Day on Saturday and Sunday.

Maurice KM5RF mentioned that the new DB224 repeater antenna will be shipping next week. He noted that the wall thickness of the new antenna is thinner than that of the current antenna.

Clayton K5CWS started a discussion of Field Day activities. It was suggested that a 100% remote participation Field Day be held. The club can exercise the option of aggregate club scoring, allowing the membership to participate individually and contribute their contacts to the AARC. The option will be presented to the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

June 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
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
EXPENSE			
INCOME			
	DUES	2024 DUES	19.01
	1 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	5.00
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	12.00
	DIVIDEND	INTEREST INCOME	0.22
		TOTAL	36.23
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	36.23
BALANCE			
	6/30/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	5,122.72
		GOOD & WELFARE	772.15
		REPEATER FUND	631.45
		CHECKING	6,526.32
		SAVINGS + 0.22	2,236.77
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,788.09

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
Vice President:	Price Wooldridge, K5NNL - pricewool@gmail.com
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