



# 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

Welcome to August! The dog days of summer are here, but even so, time is flying. Now isn't the time to let the grass grow under our feet. Yes, it's hot out there, but we're getting closer to solar max (if we haven't already gotten passed it), so now's the time to get on the air and get in all of the DX you can. While we're all looking for indoor activities to stay out of the heat, now is a good time to catch up on your QSL cards. And if you're like me and still want to get out for some activations, try PLOTA—Parking Lots on the Air (stay in the car's air conditioning and activate). The ice cream last month was wonderful, and I loved seeing all of the things during our show-and-tell. Try not to melt in the heat, and I hope to see everyone at the meeting Friday.

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY  
President AARC

## Announcements

### August 2024 program

The August program will be presented by Tom Schussler, N5HYP, on HF Propagation.

## Items of Note

**W1AW to change frequencies on 17-meters.** Beginning on Friday, September 6, 2024, Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will begin using a new 17-meter frequency for its scheduled CW transmissions due to increased activity near the current bulletin frequency. In order to reduce the possibility of interference, W1AW will move to 18077.5 kHz.

# Events

## Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

- 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

Hank Hufham	8/17
Trey Seastrunk	8/21
Jim Stiebing	8/22
Allen Hilton	8/28

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

## Calendar of Club Events

**August 16: Board Meeting** 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

**August 16: 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>

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### === Dining Out ( August 17, 2024 5:00PM ) ===

Kincaid's, 3900 Arlington Highlands Blvd #113, Arlington, TX 76018

### ==== Breakfast ( September 7, 8:30 am ) =====

Pioneer Restaurant, 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

## Testing:

**August 17:** Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

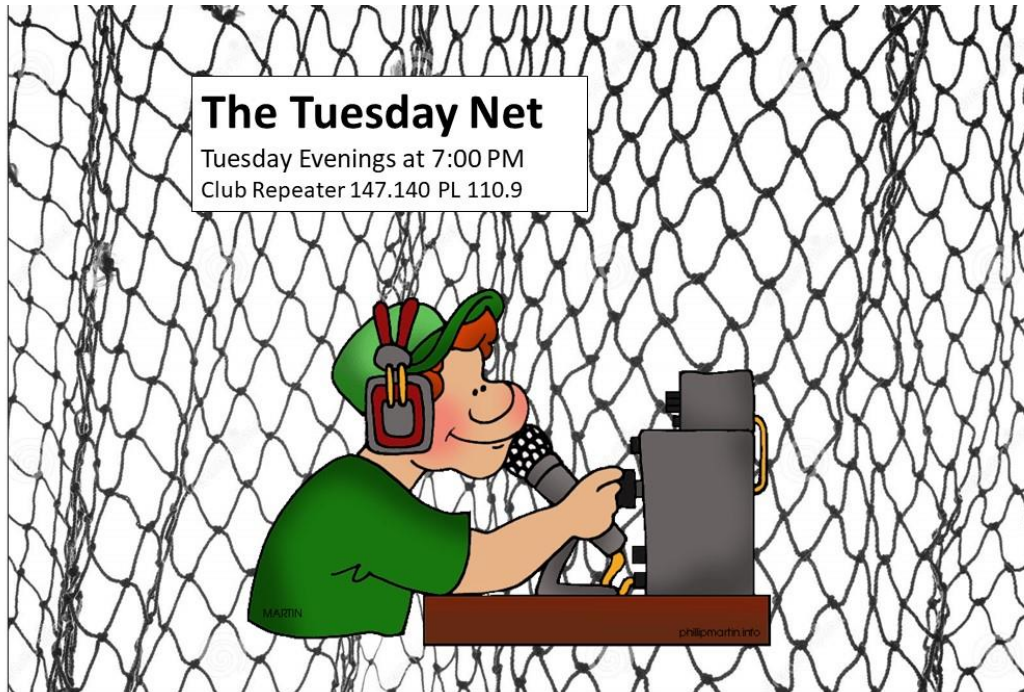
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

**September 7:** Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

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 --

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

## **July 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on July 19th, 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 testing will be held tomorrow at the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library (2nd floor) promptly at 10 am.

The newsletter for July was published and distributed.

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

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

Old business: The new repeater antenna has arrived.

New business: Joe solicited feedback from the club on the topic of getting the currently non-functional 220 MHz repeater back on the air. Send your comments to Joe via email. Joe would also like suggestions on how to get the AARC name out there, and how to attract new members.

Phil informed the membership that there is no training being conducted due to not meeting the minimum participation of 10 people. Mansfield is currently offering training sessions.

Testing sessions are held by Phil at the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library (2nd floor) promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

The ice cream social started, followed by show-and-tell from the membership.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 27 people in attendance, 26 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 0.

## **July 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on July 19th, 2024, at 6:00 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. He informed the board that 2 club members contributed points to the AARC for aggregate club scoring during Field Day.

Price K5NNL informed the board that the evening's program will be the ice cream social and show-and-tell.

The August meeting will have a presentation by AMSAT on the topic of propagation. In September there might be a flea market.

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

Phil N5PWW informed the board that training classes are currently on hold. Testing sessions are held at the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library (2nd floor) promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Clayton K5CWS will submit all the logs for Field Day by the July 23rd deadline.

Maurice KM5RF mentioned that the repeater is in working order and the new DB224 repeater antenna arrived. He submitted the financial report for publication.

A discussion was had on options for installing the new DB224 antenna. Joe suggested removing the 220 MHz antenna and using the mount for the new 2-meter antenna.

Phil noted that it would be better to keep the 220 MHz antenna as it currently is, so the club has the option of getting a 220 MHz repeater back on the air. Maurice informed the board that a new 220 MHz repeater costs approximately \$1800.

Joe mentioned that several questions precipitated from the discussion at last month's meeting. How to advertise the club? How to grow the club? He suggested that ways to get the AARC name out there may be to rent a table at a hamfest and staff it with club members, and activities such as kit building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

## July 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	6/30/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	5,122.72
		GOOD & WELFARE	772.15
		REPEATER FUND	631.45
		CHECKING	<b>6,526.32</b>
		SAVINGS + 0.22	<b>2,236.77</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>8,788.09</b>
EXPENSE			
	WEATHERFORD	G&W DAVE WALKER SISTER	
PAYPAL	FLORIST	INLAW	80.72
		TOTAL	80.72
INCOME			
	DUES	2024 DUES	19.01
	1 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	5.00
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	20.00
		TOTAL	44.01
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	-36.71
BALANCE			
	7/31/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	5,141.73
		GOOD & WELFARE	711.43
		REPEATER FUND	636.45
		CHECKING	<b>6,489.61</b>
		SAVINGS	<b>2,236.77</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>8,751.38</b>



# 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](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

## 2024 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	Joe Wigner, K5MGY – <a href="mailto:joe.wigner@gmail.com">joe.wigner@gmail.com</a>
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