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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

Ever since I read about ham radio and its practices and traditions I have been fascinated by QSL cards. Now that the internet is here and we have online logging software, the physical QSL card is becoming an anachronism. But I am one of those strange people that believes in keeping traditions like this alive and well. Since I started operating I've seen out hundreds (thousands?) of cards and gotten hundreds back. It has been well worth the effort. I have received some true works of art, some windows into the world, personal notes, historical references, a few personal connections, and a few odds and ends. What strikes me more is each and every QSL card is a small window into another operator's world, and a reflection of his or her personality. I have a lot of fun with it, and it is yet another hobby within the hobby.

Look for a few events coming up, and one change. A balloon launch will be happening September 21. More details will follow below. Two ham fests are coming up: Belton (October 4) and Parker County (October 19). Dining Out is transforming from once a month to every week, and we're fixing the location at David's Barbecue. And of course our next meeting is Friday the 20th of September at 7pm. Hope to see you all there.

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY
President AARC

Announcements

September 2024 program

Listening to weather satellites

Jack Weaver AA5VZ will present on the topic listening to weather satellites and building an antenna for listening to weather satellites.

Items of Note

Jim Stiebing, WB5UFD has informed us, **Susan Swanson, WB5SWP, wife of Eric Swanson, WB5FZM** passed away last week. **Her obituary can be viewed at the following link:**

<https://search.app/uEBgQdn6CYNLPXTb9>

Balloon Launch

On Saturday, September 21, there will be a balloon launch sponsored by the Richardson Wireless Klub (K5RWK) and the Denton County Amateur Radio Club (W5NGU). There are a variety of payloads going up, and any amateur operator can try working some or all of those payloads. Full details available here: <https://www.k5rwk.org/2024/08/21/high-altitude-weather-balloon-launch-sept-21st/>

2025 CALENDAR PROJECT

Philip, KD5WBW, is putting together a 2025 wall calendar with trivia about the club and radio including history, technology, and the people who advanced the science. You can help with any / all copies of the newsletter pre-2011 that you could lend, scan, or email to him. Any tidbits like the day the club was established, first meeting, or any other firsts. Also, good items are any radio related patents you hold, unique QSL cards (rare to get or no longer available), DX-peditions, or anything with a specific date (day and year). Mostly anything about the club or members from the early years the many current members would find interesting and can be stated in one or two sentences (space requirement).

Events

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

- 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
- October 5 | [Wichita Area Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL Kansas State Convention, Wichita, Kansas
- October 5 | [Northstar Radio Convention](#), sponsoring the ARRL Minnesota State Convention, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
- October 12 | [Rock Hill Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL South Carolina Section Convention, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- October 18 - 20 | [Pacificon](#), sponsoring the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, California
- November 2 | [Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference 2024](#), sponsoring the ARRL Wisconsin State Convention, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

October 5th

Cowtown Marathon C,A,L.F. Race - Coyote Drive-In

This event is one of the qualifiers for the Cowtown Marathon.

It supports the Cowtown Charity that provides new Athletic shoes for kids that can't afford proper foot ware.

We need 8 more volunteers to properly staff the run.

This is a morning run and you will be done well before noon. The weather will be awesome.

Please go to fortworthraces.com and look on the upper left box for the link to R.A.C.E.S. events. It may appear greyed out but it works when you put your cursor on it.

As always, text or email me if you have difficulties getting signed up.

Chuck

Text me at 480-363-7487 or email at k5ijd@yahoo.com

Saturday October 19

Club Picnic

The event will be from 10am to 2pm. We will be having a picnic at JW Dunlop Park. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Feel free to bring sides and desserts.

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

Levent Gurdemir 9/2

Randon Porter III 9/10

Bill Tatsch Jr 9/23

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

Calendar of Club Events

September 20: Board Meeting 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

September 20: General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

AARC September 20 Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85370162447?pwd=KRBhQklyZQ3gPzyJ8L3XSpLncJcnfx.1>

=== Dining Out ===

We are going to try something a little different in the way of the dining out location and date. We will schedule dining out for every Saturday. We'll see how it goes for a couple of months.

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

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 5 pm

Saturday, October 5, 2024, 5 pm

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 5 pm

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 5 pm

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 5 pm

==== Breakfast (October 5, 8:30 am) ====

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

Testing:

September 21: Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2nd Floor
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

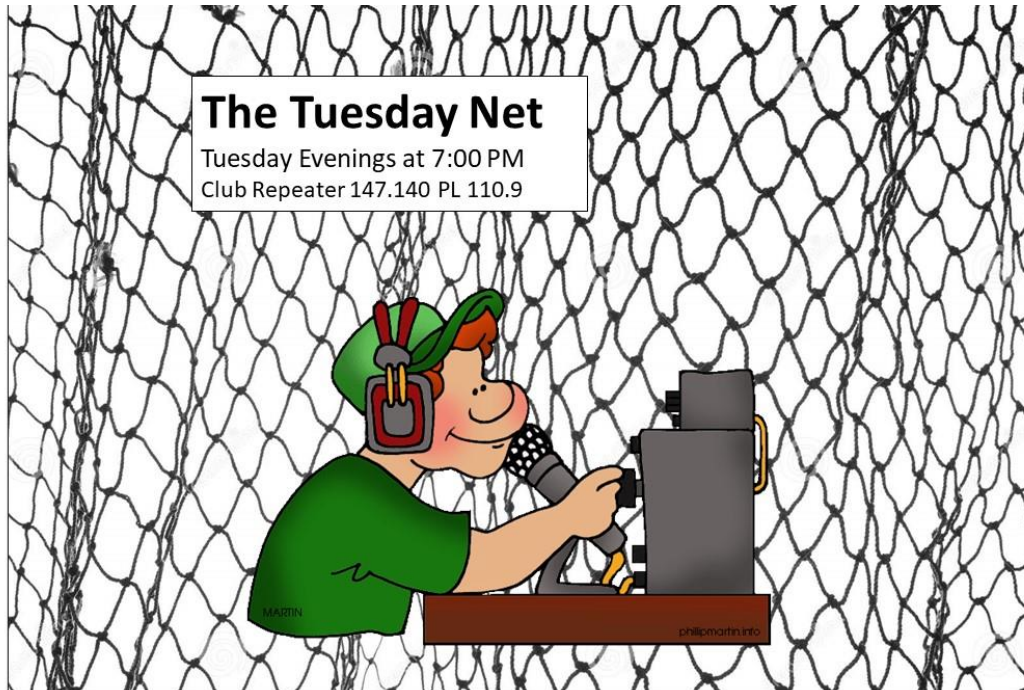
Room is to the far left when you exit the elevator

October 5: Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2nd Floor
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

Room is to the far left when you exit the elevator

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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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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on August 16th, 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 that a test session would be held tomorrow and that the test team is present from 9 am to 10 am. A quarterly drill will be held on August 30th for medical facilities that have amateur radio equipment. On September 4th there will be a siren test, and on September 7 there will be a test session.

The newsletter for August was published and distributed.

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

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

Old business: There was no old business.

New business: Joe proposed that the club have a fall picnic on the Saturday after the club meeting in October. The membership expressed interest in doing so.

Maurice asked the membership to verify that they have their APRS transmit settings configured correctly. He observed that someone was transmitting their APRS information through the repeater for 5 hours.

Price K5NNL mentioned that at the October meeting there will be a flea market. The membership should consider what they would want to sell.

Clayton K5CWS noted that RACES is looking for hams to assist with communications for the Plano Balloon Festival (September 19th - 22nd).

The business meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

At 7:22 pm Tom Schuessler N5HYP started his presentation via Zoom on the topic of HF propagation.

The meeting concluded at 8:36 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 19 people in attendance, 18 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 3.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 16th, 2024, at 6:01 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 the evening's program will be provided via Zoom by Tom Schuessler N5HYP on the topic of HF propagation. In September Jack Weaver AA5VZ will present on the topic of building an antenna for listening to weather satellites. In October there will be a flea market, and in November there will be the election of club officers along with a presentation that has yet to be determined. There is a plan to make a trip to the National Weather Service in October to view a balloon launch.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the August 2024 newsletter contained the minutes from the July meetings. It is being considered to change the monthly dining out on the Saturday after the club meeting to be include each Saturday and be at the same restaurant each time.

Trey AF5XS published the newsletter and updated the information regarding the new time and place for testing sessions.

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) on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The test team arrives at approximately 9 AM with the official start of testing at 10 AM.

Clayton K5CWS started a conversation concerning Field Day 2026 and whether the club would participate solo or combine with another club. Joe suggested that it will depend on how many club members would be participating. Joe is assembling 4 stations for use during Field Day.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeater is in working order. He submitted the financial report for publication. Maurice mentioned the new DB224 antenna is planned to be installed in October.

Joe suggested that a 3rd micro grant proposal might be for a 220 MHz repeater. Joe asked Clayton to continue seeking a meeting room from a church that would also possibly include a storage facility to allow the club to move out of the current storage facility that the club is using. Joe asked the board to consider having a club picnic on the Saturday after the October club meeting.

Philip KD5WBW asked the board to consider setting up a Get On The Air (GOTA) station at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market on September 7. The cost of a table is \$100.

David Walker W5DJO reported to the board that amateur radio stations are active in 4 medical

facilities in Arlington. On Friday August 30th a drill will be conducted. The drill is conducted quarterly.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

August 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	7/31/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	5,141.73
		GOOD & WELFARE	711.43
		REPEATER FUND	636.45
		CHECKING	6,489.61
		SAVINGS	2,236.77
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,751.38
EXPENSE			
#2063	STORAGE HUT	STORAGE	305.00
		TOTAL	305.00
INCOME			
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	13.00
		TOTAL	13.00
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	-292.00
BALANCE			
	8/31/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	4,836.73
		GOOD & WELFARE	724.43
		REPEATER FUND	636.45
		CHECKING	6,197.61
		SAVINGS	2,236.77
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,459.38

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

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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