



# 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

Chasing weather balloon is fun! I've always known they go up, but I had never looked into the particulars until this last month. It turns out our local National Weather Service office sends up at least two balloons a day, and they transmit on 404.8MHz once a second. It's the ultimate foxhunt! The balloon goes up, nobody knows exactly where it will come down, but once it does, it's all yours... if you can find it! Other radio amateurs figured out how to receive and decode the telemetry that comes from the payload. It conveniently gives you lat and lon (among other things). Some amateurs have even created software and hardware to automatically track, decode, and upload the data to the web (sondehub.org). On there you can find out where the balloon is going as well as all the other weather data that is coming from its payload. That's all cool in and of itself, but there's more! The NWS doesn't want its payload back! If you can find it, it's yours! Why would you want to find it? Because, if you want to, you can open up the payload, reprogram it, and do a variety of tinkering on your own. If anyone wants to take the plunge and start chasing, I'll be happy to show you!

Speaking of taking the plunge, if anyone wants to take the plunge and run for office, this is your opportunity to do it. Next month will be officer elections for the club, and everyone's job is up for grabs (including mine). We'll be appointing a nominating chair at this month's meeting, so if you'd like to be an officer in the AARC, let our soon-to-be-named chair know you'd like to run! Hope to see everybody at the meeting Friday, and the picnic Saturday!

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY  
President AARC

# Announcements

## October 2024 program

### Program is Equipment Flea Market

Bring stuff to sell, trade, or share ( give away).

### Items of Note

#### 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).

### Tour Of National Weather Service Fort Worth

The club will be touring the National Weather Service in FT Worth on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. This will also include a weather balloon launch at the end of the tour at 5:00 PM.

If you would like to attend, please email me before November 1st @ [km5rf@att.net](mailto:km5rf@att.net) to be on the list. There is a limit of 20 people so if you sign up to go, please plan on attending the event. The list will be compiled from the first 20 participants.

**The minimum age for groups of children is 8 years old.** Tours consist of an age-appropriate presentation in our conference room on our operations, weather safety, and or the science of weather/water. The exact content of our talks can be adjusted based on the needs/interests of visitors. We also provide a brief overview of our operations area, and a demonstration of some of our weather observation equipment. Afternoon tours are timed to coincide with our evening weather balloon launch, which occurs daily at 5 pm CST (November - March) or 6 pm CDT (March - October). Our tours normally last approximately 1 hour. Our facility is wheelchair accessible.

Maurice Martin

[km5rf@att.net](mailto:km5rf@att.net)

# Events

## Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

November 2 | [Wisconsin ARES/RACES Conference 2024](#), sponsoring the ARRL Wisconsin State Convention, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

November 2 - 3 | [Stone Mountain Hamfest](#), sponsoring the ARRL Georgia State Convention, Lawrenceville, Georgia

## 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

Andrew Gould 10/12

Katrina Starkweather 10/13

Torre Quinn 10/23

Alexander Coney 10/30

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

# Calendar of Club Events

**October 18: Board Meeting** 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

**October 18: General Membership Meeting** 7:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

AARC October 18 Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88593551215?pwd=7uG6Hk2eoSIVf59lzdbc3oWzI9MJc9.1>

## === 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, October 19, 2024, 5 pm  
Saturday, October 26, 2024, 5 pm  
Saturday, November 2, 2024, 5 pm  
Saturday, November 9, 2024, 5 pm  
Saturday, November 16, 2024, 5 pm

## ==== Breakfast ( November 2, 8:30 am) =====

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

## Testing:

**October 19:** Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

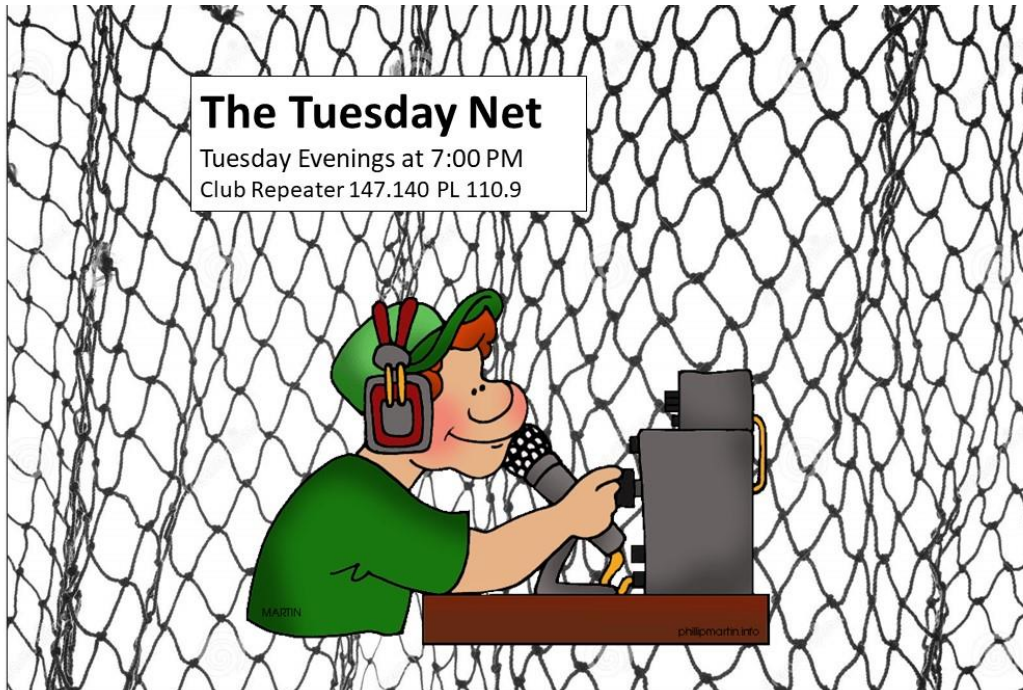
Room is to the far left when you exit the elevator

**November 2:** Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

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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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on September 20th, 2024, at 7:01 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. He informed the membership of upcoming contests, and an amateur radio balloon launch by the Richardson club. Dining out has been changed from a monthly occurrence to a weekly occurrence.

The newsletter for September was published and distributed.

A motion was made and carried to accept the meeting minutes from the August 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: Clayton K5CWS noted that Arlington will hold a veterans day parade on November 11th at 4 pm. It's assumed that volunteers who provide assistance with communications will arrive at 2 pm.**

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

**Philip KD5WBW is working on an amateur radio themed calendar. He is seeking contributions of trivia and pictures to be included in the calendar.**

**The business meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.**

At 7:29 pm Jack AA5VZ started his presentation on getting started receiving NOAA weather satellite images.

The meeting concluded at 8:43 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 21 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 4.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on September 20th, 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; and Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS. Absent was Editor, Trey AF5XS

Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order.

Joe K5MGY reported the following. The fall picnic will be held on the Saturday following the October meeting. It's expected that next week Clayton will receive feedback from a church regarding a meeting

location for the club. Phil has reported that that club is in good standing to continue using the Sanford Street meeting location.

Price K5NNL informed the board that the evening's program will be provided by Jack AA5VZ the topic of receiving weather satellite imagery. There are plans to make a trip to the National Weather Service in October to view a balloon launch and tour the facility. In November there will be a presentation on being a net controller.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the September 2024 newsletter contained the minutes from the August meetings.

Phil N5PWW reported 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 promptly at 10 am.

Clayton K5CWS is expecting to receive information from a church regarding a meeting location that the club can use. Arlington will be holding a veterans day parade on November 11th at 4 pm and they are looking for volunteers to provide assistance with communications.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeater is in working order. He submitted the financial report for publication and the finances are in order. His expectation is to have the new DB224 antenna installed by the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

## September 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	8/31/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	4,836.73
		GOOD & WELFARE	724.43
		REPEATER FUND	636.45
		CHECKING	<b>6,197.61</b>
		SAVINGS	<b>2,236.77</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>8,459.38</b>
EXPENSE			
	WB5SWP	CAMPFIRE FIRST	
EFT		TEXAS	
		GOOD&WELFARE	84.50
		TOTAL	84.50
INCOME			
		GOOD AND WELFARE	12.00
		DUES	
		DUES 2025	19.01
		1 @ 5.00	5.00
		REPEATER FUND	5.00
		DIVIDEND	0.23
		INTEREST INCOME	0.23
		TOTAL	36.24
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	-48.26
BALANCE			
	9/30/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	4,855.74
		GOOD & WELFARE	651.93
		REPEATER FUND	641.45
		CHECKING	<b>6,149.12</b>
		SAVINGS	
		+.23	<b>2,237.00</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>8,411.12</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

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>
<b>Vice President:</b>	Price Wooldridge, K5NNL - <a href="mailto:pricewool@gmail.com">pricewool@gmail.com</a>
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