



# 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

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further notice

444.2+ PL 100.0

## President's Corner

Welcome to November! The weather has finally started to break. Outdoor activities are now much more comfortable, and we're getting ready for the end of our year in the AARC. Since we last met we had a nice little picnic complete with a couple of radio stations on the air. Thanks to all those who came, operated, and partook. We also had a look at the National Weather Service and got to see a balloon launch. Thanks to Hunter Reeves, the meteorologist that did the presentation, and to Maurice (KM5RF) for making the arrangements.

At our last regular meeting we'll be electing a new slate of officers for next year. If you want to run, now is your time to do it! Anyone can run, and this is one of the best ways to get involved not only in our club, but also in the radio community in general and the City of Arlington in particular. Voting for Ham of the Year is also ongoing, so don't forget to cast your ballot for that as well. Hope see everyone on Friday!

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY  
President AARC

# Announcements

It looks like the picnic was a success!



Club President Joe brought two radio station kits and plenty of food for all. Here, he's operating digital as members Clayton, Andy (working phone), and Don observe before packing up for the day. The event weather was perfect and well attended.

## November 2024 program

Price, K5NNL, will give the program, Being a Net Control, and an added bonus photo tour of the National Weather Service, Fort Worth, facilities and balloon launch.

## Club Elections

Current Slate:

President	Price Wooldridge, K5NNL
Vice President	Rob May, W5WS
Secretary	Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA
Treasurer	Maurice Martin, KM5RF
Editor	Trey Seastrunk, AF5XS
Training Coordinator	Joe Wigner, K5MGY
Emergency Coordinator	Clayton Starkweather, K5CWS

## **Club Officers and their responsibilities are as follows**

### **President**

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; shall preside over all Corporation and Executive Board meetings; shall be responsible for conducting all Corporation business in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and the policies set forth by the Executive Board and membership.

### **Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties in the case of temporary absence. The Vice-President shall also be responsible for securing and organizing Corporation general membership meeting programs and presentations.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Executive Board and Corporation meetings; shall conduct correspondence related to the Corporation business as directed by the President; shall maintain an orderly file of the minutes of all meetings and other Corporation documents as designated by the President. The Secretary shall also keep the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and minutes of the meetings and have the same at every meeting. He shall note all amendments, changes and additions to the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation and shall permit these records to be consulted by members upon request.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall collect all monies; shall maintain an orderly accounting system which shall include all Corporation assets; shall submit a complete financial report to the membership at the end of each term of office and at other times as directed by the President or Executive Board; shall dispense monies as directed by the Executive Board and membership; shall maintain such records and submit and report such as are required by local, county, state or federal taxing authorities; and shall maintain a current record of Corporation membership.

### **Training Coordinator**

The Training Coordinator shall direct and organize all training programs authorized by the Corporation.

### **Emergency Coordinator**

The Emergency Coordinator shall direct all Corporation activities related to communications nets, City, County, State or Federal Emergency Management, RACES, ARES, or any other emergency type activity in which the corporation may become involved; and shall coordinate the Corporation's participation in the ARRL Field Day event.

### **Editor**

The Editor shall be responsible for assimilating, publishing, and disbursing the Corporate bulletin via mail or electronic mail to the Corporate membership.

There you have it! If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone for office (you must have the persons permission to nominate them), please contact any board member, the Nominations Coordinator, Price Wooldridge, or do so during the call for nominations, at the club meeting.

## Items of Note

## Events

### Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

December 13 - 14 | Tampa Bay Hamfest, sponsoring the ARRL West Central Florida Section Convention, Plant City, Florida

January 4 | Ham Radio University, sponsoring the ARRL New York City-Long Island Section Convention, Brookville, New York

January 10 - 11 | 2025 Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest, sponsoring the ARRL Southern Florida Section Convention, Fort Myers, Florida

January 17-18 2025 Cowtown Hamfest, Fort Worth Texas  
Fri 3:00pm - 8:00pm. Sat 7:00am - 3:00pm.

### 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

David Lucas 11/13

Clayton Starkweather 11/15

David Edwards 12/12

Lon Lease 12/14

Robert May	12/18
Martha Stiebing	12/23
Lewis Hill Jr.	12/24
David Sebastian	12/26
Jim Stiffler	12/26
John Blackstone	12/29

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

## Calendar of Club Events

**November 15: Board Meeting** 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

**November 15: General Membership Meeting** 7:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

AARC November 15 Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86873011726?pwd=3nLDQtAVERRygHXI7CkwAJopfLdXa4.1>

### AARC Holiday Gathering

The annual AARC Holiday Party will be held on Thursday December 4, 2024 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Spring Creek BBQ

3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015

Thieving Santa gift exchange (participation is optional): Bring a wrapped gift valued in the range of \$10 to \$15.

## === 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, November 16, 2024, 5 pm  
Saturday, November 23, 2024, 5 pm  
Saturday, November 30, 2024, 5 pm

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

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

## Testing:

**November 16:** Testing - 10:00 am, Arlington Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

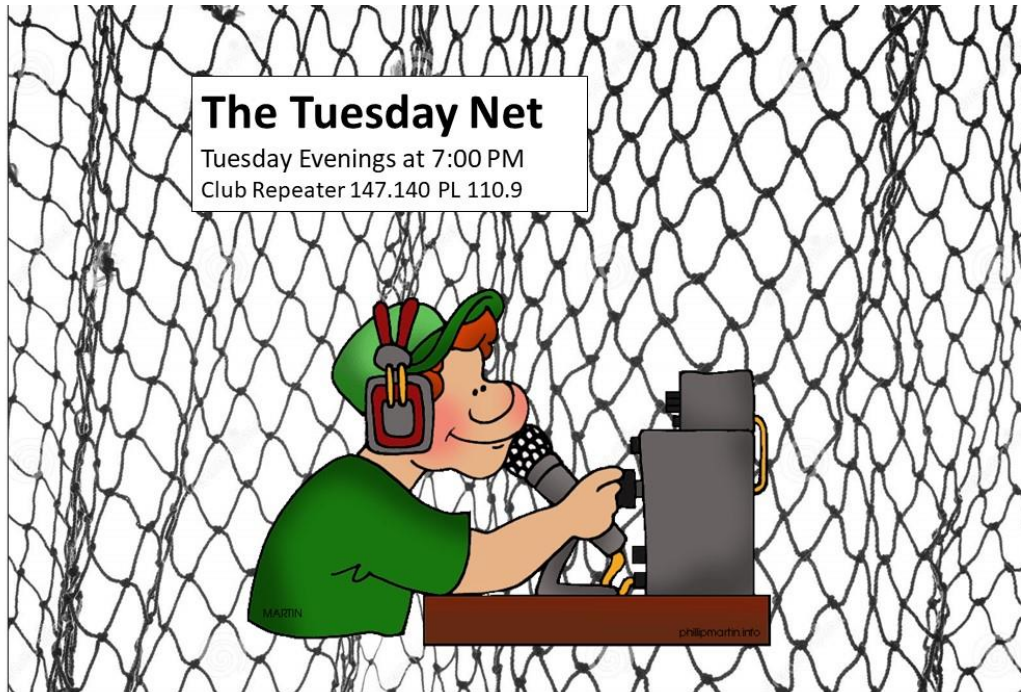
Room is to the far left when you exit the elevator

**December 7:** 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

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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on October 18th, 2024, at 7:01 pm by the President, Joe K5MGY. Other board members present included Vice President, Price K5NNL; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

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

Joe informed the membership of upcoming events. Dining out has been changed from a monthly occurrence to a weekly occurrence at David's BBQ on Park Row Drive in Patego. The club picnic is scheduled for October 19th from 10 am to 2 pm at J. W. Dunlop Sports Center. Ham of the Year ballots are being accepted. The next siren test will take place on November 6th. The election of club officers will be conducted at the club meeting on November 15th. The annual AARC Holiday Party will be held on Thursday December 4th, 2024 from 6 pm-8:30 pm at Spring Creek BBQ on Cooper Street.

The newsletter for October was published and distributed.

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

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

Old business: Philip KD5WBW continues working on a ham radio calendar and is seeking contributions of club trivia and other content.

New business: Don N5YAK volunteer to be nominating committee chair. Phil N5PWW is not seeking reelection as training coordinator, and Price K5NNL is not seeking reelection as vice president.

Chris KI5MUY presented information regarding the November 11th Texas Veterans Day Parade held in Arlington. Approximately 21 volunteers are needed to provide assistance with communication.

The tour of the National Weather Service will start at 4 pm on November 9th, followed by a weather balloon launch at 5 pm.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

At 7:29 pm the flea market began.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, 23 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 0.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on October 18th, 2024, at 6:03 pm. Present were President, Joe K5MGY; Vice President, Price K5NNL; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS. Absent were Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.



Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order.

Price K5NNL informed the board that the evening's program in November will be provided by him on the topic of being the net control operator during a directed net. On November 9th the club will have an opportunity to tour the National Weather Service and view a balloon launch. Contact Maurice KM5RF if you wish to attend.

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

Phil N5PWW reported that 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. Training classes are currently on hold. He will not seek reelection for the office of Training Coordinator. He will remain Agent of Record until it is time to renew the club's license.

Clayton K5CWS has not received information from a church regarding a meeting location that the club may 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. The time commitment will be from noon to 5 pm.

Joe K5MGY reported that the fall picnic will be held on October 19th from 10 am to 2 pm. He will bring two radios.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

## October 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
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>
EXPENSE			<b>0.00</b>
INCOME			
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	23.00
		TOTAL	23.00
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	23.00
BALANCE			
	10/31/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	4,855.74
		GOOD & WELFARE	674.93
		REPEATER FUND	641.45
		CHECKING	<b>6,172.12</b>
		SAVINGS	<b>2,237.00</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>8,434.12</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>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA – <a href="mailto:kb2vga@optonline.net">kb2vga@optonline.net</a> – 817-652-0307
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<b>Emergency Coordinator:</b>	Clayton Starkweather, K5CWS – <a href="mailto:clayton.starkweather@gmail.com">clayton.starkweather@gmail.com</a>
<b>Trustee:</b>	Maurice Martin, KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf@att.net">km5rf@att.net</a> – 817-266-9906
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin, KM5RF (chair), Rob May, W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton, W5MAY