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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

Greetings fellow hams and welcome to a new year, 2025!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season.

As we begin a new year it's always good to reflect on the last one, and plan for the new one.

Last year was not without its challenges for the club when our meeting location and summer field day plans were met with difficulty. But, we also had a number of great programs and events, a visit to the Fort Worth National Weather Service bureau, and continuing friendships at our monthly meetings and picnics.

Now, at the beginning of the new year, it's a good time to stop and reflect on what brought each of us into amateur radio. It's a fantastic hobby because there are so many subsets of interest one can choose to participate in, learn about, and improve our skills in. It's fun to learn and experience new things.

This year I'd like us to find an opportunity each month, beyond our monthly meetings, to gather and enjoy this hobby we love. Not everyone is a frequent operator, does HF, works satellites, or has EE level engineering skills. Every opportunity we make to get together, practice and learn in these areas, makes the Arlington Amateur Radio Club that much better at serving our members.

I've got my fingers crossed that Winter Field Day weather on Saturday, January 25th, will be good enough for us to gather at the park in North Arlington and practice some field operations and enjoy some friends time together.

We'll discuss all this at our first club meeting of 2025, January 17th. The club officers and board members hope to see you there!

Price Wooldridge

Announcements

January 2025 program

The club presentation for January will be "Vertical Antennas: An Overview" by Rob, W5WS

Items of Note

Events

2025 Winter Field Day (WFD) have been updated. This year's WFD is scheduled to run from 1600 UTC (11 AM EST) Saturday, January 25 through 21:59 UTC (4:59 PM EST) Sunday, January 26. Stations may begin setting up at 1600 UTC (11 AM EST) on Friday, January 24. However, cumulative set-up time shall not exceed 12 hours. You can review all of the changes at [Rules - WFDA](#). Also, remember to mark your calendar for 2025 ARRL Field Day on June 28 - 29. For additional information, visit [Field Day \(arrl.org\)](#).

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

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

January 31 - February 1 | [Jackson MS Capital City Hamfest 2025](#), hosting the ARRL Mississippi Section Convention, Jackson, Mississippi

February 7 - 9 | [Orlando HamCation](#), hosting the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando, Florida

February 8 | [Hendricks County Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Indiana Section Convention, Danville, Indiana

February 14 -15 | [Yuma Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, Yuma, Arizona

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- January 18-20 -- January VHF Contest
- February 10-14 -- School Club Roundup
- February 15-16 -- International DX – CW
- March 1-2 -- International DX– Phone

Visit the [ARRL Contest Calendar](#) for more events and information.

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

Scott Clark 1/8

Ryan Miller 1/7

Lyle Baker 1/18

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

Calendar of Club Events

January 17: Board Meeting 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

January 17: General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Time: Jan 17, 2025 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81053700369?pwd=qERB0g4EcJA7SfEyOo9v4t1tou2KIH.1>

Meeting ID: 810 5370 0369

Passcode: 725377

=== Dining Out (January 18, 5:00 pm) ===

Portillo's, 4200 S. Cooper St., Arlington, TX 76015

==== Breakfast (February 1, 8:30 am) ====

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

Testing:

January 18: Testing - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010

The first commercial building west of Collins St on the south side.

February 1: Testing - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010

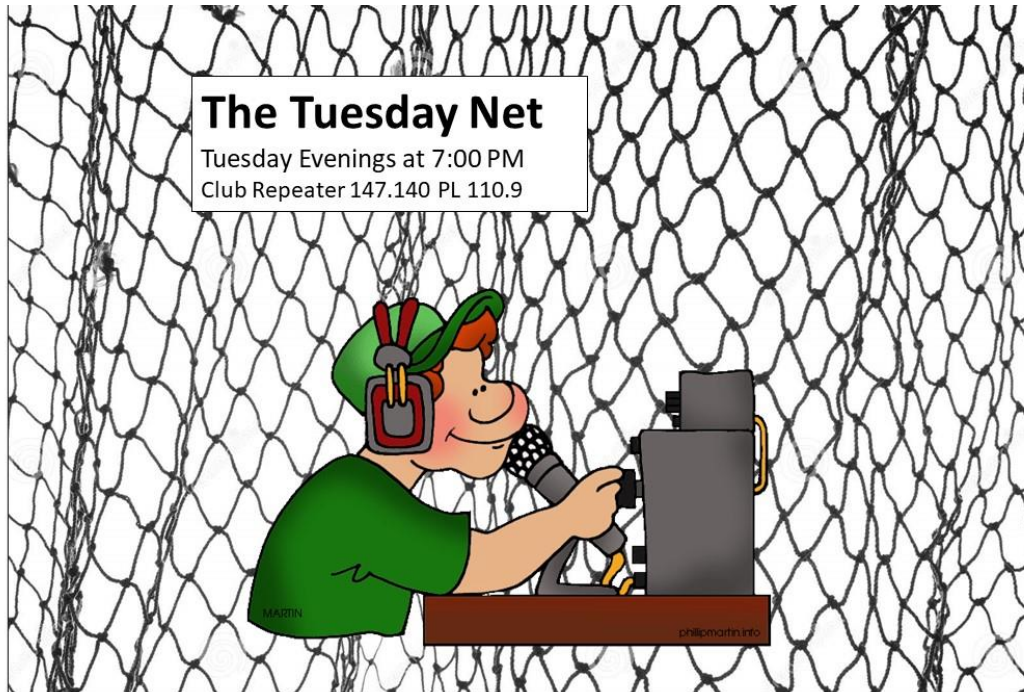
The first commercial building west of Collins St on the south side.

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.

Join us for the Tuesday Net



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Need a Badge? \$10.95 + Tax
(price may have increased)

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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on November 15th, 2024, at 7:00 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; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS.

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. Ham of the Year ballots are being accepted. Dining out is a weekly occurrence at David's BBQ on Park Row Drive in Patego. License testing will be held tomorrow and on December 7th at 10 am. The annual AARC Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday December 4th, 2024 from 6 pm-8:30 pm at Spring Creek BBQ on Cooper Street.

The newsletter for November was published and distributed.

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

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

Old business: Philip KD5WBW is moving forward on creating a ham radio calendar.

New business: As nominating committee chair, Don N5YAK assembled a slate of candidates. All offices were open for nominations.

The slate of candidates was as follows: President, Price Wooldridge, K5NNL; Vice President, Rob May W5WS; Secretary, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA; Treasurer, Maurice Martin KM5RF; Training Coordinator, Joe Wigner, K5MGY; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton Starkweather K5CWS; and Editor, Trey Seastrunk AF5XS.

Nominations were taken from the floor. David Walker W5DJO was nominated for Training Coordinator, and the nomination was seconded.

It was asked three times if there were any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made.

The membership voted by secret ballot for the office of Training Coordinator. A majority of the vote was awarded to David W5DJO.

A motion was made that the remaining slate of candidates be elected by acclamation. The motion carried, and a majority of those present voted in the affirmative. The slate of the remaining candidates was elected.

Maurice KM5RF would like to see if the club would be interested in participating in a Parks on the Air (POTA) event.

Price K5NNL asked the membership if they would like to participate in winter Field Day.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

At 7:31 pm Price began his presentation on being the net control operator during a directed net.

The meeting concluded at 8:10 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 21 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 4.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 15th, 2024, at 6:02 pm. Present were President, Joe K5MGY; Vice President, Price K5NNL; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were 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 include the election of club officers, a slide show of the tour of the National Weather Service, and a presentation by Price on the topic of being the net control operator during a directed net.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the November 2024 newsletter contained the minutes from the October meetings. The AARC holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 4th.

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.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the bill for the club liability insurance will be coming due soon. Maurice hopes to install the new repeater antenna before the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

November 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	10/31/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	4,855.74
		GOOD & WELFARE	674.93
		REPEATER FUND	641.45
		CHECKING	6,172.12
		SAVINGS	2,237.00
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,434.12
EXPENSE			
EFT	AARL INSURANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	200.00
		TOTAL	200.00
INCOME			
	DUES	CLUB DUES	58.02
	3 @ 5.00 PER		
	RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	\$15.00
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	18.00
		TOTAL	91.02
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	-108.98
BALANCE	11/30/2024		
		GENERAL FUND	4,713.76
		GOOD & WELFARE	692.93
		REPEATER FUND	656.45
		CHECKING	6,063.14
		SAVINGS	2,237.00
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,325.14

December 2024 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
11/30/2024		GENERAL FUND	4,713.76
		GOOD & WELFARE	692.93
		REPEATER FUND	656.45
		CHECKING	6,063.14
		SAVINGS	2,237.00
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,325.14
EXPENSE			
#2064	ANDY KAPUSHOC	HAM OF THE YEAR	87.95
		TOTAL	
INCOME			
	DUES	CLUB DUES	38.02
	2 @ 5.00 PER		
	RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	\$10.00
	CALENDER		
	DONATION	DONATION	50.00
	DIVIDEND	INTEREST INCOME	\$0.23
		TOTAL	98.25
		OVERALL NET	
		CHANGE	10.30
BALANCE			
12/31/2024		GENERAL FUND	4,713.83
		GOOD & WELFARE	692.93
		REPEATER FUND	666.45
		CHECKING	6,073.21
		SAVINGS	
		+ .23	2,237.23
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,335.44

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

Dues for 2025 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:	Price Wooldridge, K5NNL - pricewool@gmail.com
Vice President:	Rob May W5WS – w5ws@arrl.net
Secretary:	Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA – kb2vga@optonline.net
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