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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

As I write this on Tuesday evening, I'm reminded that we are still very much in the grip of winter with overnight sub-freezing, teen temperatures the next couple of nights. These are times that participating in our great hobby, amateur radio, is still doable, even preferable. From the warmth of our homes, we can participate in the club's 2-meter Taco Tuesday Net, run FT-8 on digital, or hunt DX on HF.

Some of us did still brave the cold outside in January, enjoying Winter Field Day operating in a north Arlington park, eating hot dogs and macaroni salad. If cold isn't your thing, no worries. The club picnic is coming in the much warmer month of May. In June we have Summer Field Day coming too. There's lots to look forward to!

This month's meeting will feature a program by Jack Weaver, AA5VZ, Using Arduino and their Application in Amateur Radio. It's going to a chilly winter evening, so bundle up and join the rest of us at the club meeting this Friday. There will be warmth, friendship, and good amateur radio talk inside. The Board hopes to see you there!

Price Wooldridge

Announcements

February 2025 program

The program for this month will be Amateur Radio and Arduino presented by Jack Weaver, AA5VZ.I

Items of Note

Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act Re-Introduced

Legislation Will Increase Communication Options During Natural Disasters

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Roger Wicker, R-Miss., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Representatives August Pfluger, R-Tex., and Joe Courtney, D-Conn. announced their joint re-introduction of legislation in the Senate and House to restore the right to Amateur Radio operators to install the antennas necessary to serve their communities.

Homeowner association rules often prevent Amateur Radio operators from installing antennas at their homes even though Amateur Radio has proven to be essential in emergencies and natural disasters such as hurricanes when other means of communication fail



A Few Christmas Party Pics







Thanks to Bill Middleton for the pictures.

Events

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

February 28 - March 1 | [BirmingHamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Alabama Section Convention, Trussville, Alabama

March 7 - 8 | [Greater Houston HamFest](#), hosting the ARRL Texas State Convention, Rosenberg, Texas

March 15 | [69th Annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL West Texas Section Convention, Midland, Texas

March 29 | [Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL North Dakota State Convention, Bismarck, North Dakota

April 5 | [RARSfest](#), hosting the ARRL North Carolina State Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina

April 11-12 | [Green Country Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Oklahoma State Convention, Claremore, Oklahoma.

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- 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

Marshall Simmons 2-11

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

Calendar of Club Events

February 21: Board Meeting 6:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

February 21: General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Time: Feb 21, 2025 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82569673468?pwd=3Cs9mANY7rQSn6ixSdOII8hyVP9kBt.1>

Passcode: 076079

=== Dining Out (February 22, 5:00 pm) ===

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

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

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

Testing:

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

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

March 15: Testing - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010

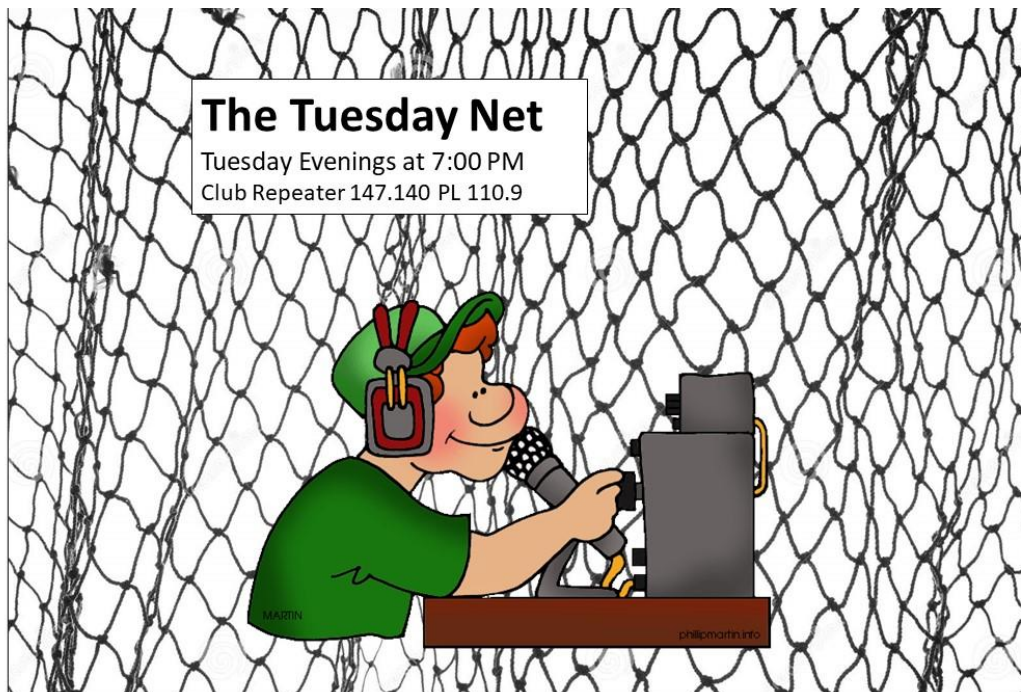
The first commercial building west of Collins St on the south side.

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

January 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on January 17th, 2025, at 7:00 pm by the President, Price K5NNL. Other board members present included Vice President, Rob W5WS; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Editor, Trey AF5XS; Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Training Coordinator, David W5DJO (listening via Zoom).

Price K5NNL called the meeting to order and informed the membership he has a goal to conduct a monthly amateur radio related event distinct from the usual club meeting. He asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Maurice KM5RF received a Parks on the Air (POTA) for working/activating from 6000 different reference areas.

David Spore KB3UBD received a certificate for Worked All Colonies.

Phil Stage was presented a plaque in recognition of being voted AARC 2024 Ham of the Year.

Price reminded the membership that AARC club dues are due on January 1st. He mentioned that David KB3UBD will be organizing the summer picnic for May 17th. Summer Field Day will be held on June 28th and 29th, and Clayton K5CWS will manage the club's participation. He is looking for volunteers to be on the Field Day planning committee.

Andy announced that dining out has reverted to a monthly event, taking place the Saturday after the club meeting at 5 pm.

Phil N5PWW mentioned that VE testing is now taking place at 800 East Border Street at 10 am.

The newsletter for January was published and distributed.

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

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

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeater is in working order.

Winter Field Day is being held on January 25th, and Clayton K5CWS has donated the money to reserve the pavilion at Dunlop sports center.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

New business: There was no new business to discuss.

Rob W5WS mentioned the program for the evening will be on the topic of vertical antennas. Next month will be a presentation on Arduino microcontrollers given by Jack AA5VZ.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

At 7:53 pm Rob W5WS began his presentation on vertical antennas.

The meeting concluded at 8:46 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, 22 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 2.

January 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 17th, 2024, at 6:14 pm.

Present were President, Price K5NNL; Vice President, Rob W5WS; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Editor, Trey AF5XS; and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was Training Coordinator, David W5DJO.

Price K5NNL called the meeting to order.

Price K5NNL informed the board that he wants to have a monthly event, away from the usual club meeting, for the purpose of practicing and learning different areas of amateur radio.

Rob W5WS mentioned that the evening's program will be presented by him on the topic of vertical antennas. Next month Jack AA5VZ will present on Arduino microcontrollers. David Spore KB3UBD has volunteered to present a program in the future.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the January 2025 newsletter contained the minutes from the November meetings. Dining out has reverted to a monthly event held the Saturday after the club meeting.

Clayton K5CWS informed the board that Winter Field Day will be held on January 25, and he donated money to reserve the pavilion at Dunlop sports center.

Trey AF5XS published the January 2025 newsletter. He welcomes the submission of content.

Maurice KM5RF reported that he renewed the subscription for the use of Zoom. He is working on the installation of the new repeater antenna.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

January 2025 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
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
EXPENSE			
EFT	GODADDY .NET .COM	DOMAIN 3 YEARS	142.02
EFT	ZOOM	ZOOM	159.90
		TOTAL	301.92
INCOME			
	DUES	CLUB DUES	536.53
	25 @ 5.00 PER		
	RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	\$125.00
	CALENDER DONATION	DONATION	5.00
	REPEATER DONATION	DONATION AF5XS	\$65.00
	ZOOM	REFUND	79.95
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	20.00
		TOTAL	831.48
		OVERALL NET	
		CHANGE	529.56
BALANCE			
1/31/2025		GENERAL FUND	5,033.39
		GOOD & WELFARE	712.93
		REPEATER FUND	856.45
		CHECKING	6,602.77
		SAVINGS	2,237.23
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8,865.00

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

2025 Club Officers

President:	Price Wooldridge, K5NNL - pricewool@gmail.com
Vice President:	Rob May W5WS – w5ws@arrl.net
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