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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

I note that our March meeting corresponds with the start of spring. We have warmer weather to look forward to, our spring picnic is coming up in about 2 months and we will soon start planning for Field Day 2025. With spring we need to be on the lookout for severe weather and hope the our Storm spotter friends remain safe during the season. With the warmer weather we can look forward to more POTA activations, outings with family and friends.

As we get out more let's remember to enjoy our shared hobby, taking opportunities to learn, teach and encourage others to enjoy ham radio. We will be continuing with great programs at our club meetings and I look forward to spending time with everyone.

Trey, AF5XS

Announcements

March 2025 program

The program for this month will be History of the Radio Receiver

presented by Rob May, W5WS

Items of Note

Report on the Cowtown Marathon

By Philip Scoggins, KD5WBW

On February 22 and 23, 2025, a few club members assisted The Cowtown with radio support.

Saturday morning, I arrived and there were two situations on my mind. I should have let net control know I was onsite. Instead, I got out of the car and found the police officer on duty to report cars parked in the lane inside the cones. He acknowledged the problem. Since the residents were notified, it was up to them to move the cars. The other problem was the water hose for the Fluid Stop had a hole and spraying water seven feet in the air. I turned off the water and wrapped the hole with duct tape. I finally reported in. A while later, net control asked if I was in position. I immediately thought there was a problem with my hand-held and ran to the car's mobile unit. Whatever was the problem initially, I was able to hit the repeater with my hand-held the rest of the event. This was a lesson to learn to get to the assigned position a little early. This ensures all radios are working and net control is informed.

The temps were in the upper 20s. Fortunately, no ice formed from the leaky water hose. The thin clouds inhibited some of the sun's rays that would have warmed the humans. Fortunately, the wind was not a factor.

The police escort arrived with the lead runner. They were followed by a trickle then a mob of runners filling the street. The cones marking the runner's lane were useless. Vehicle traffic was not a problem. The counter flow traffic was block by the police officer.

Being the Cowtown, naturally, one of the spectators had a cowbell. There were a few cow or cow-ish costumes.



Lead runner on Saturday



Cow costume



And another

Sunday morning, I drove past my correct position enroute to my assumed first position. It took me three tries to get situated. Another reason to arrive early when it is still dark and drizzling. Sunday's weather was much more pleasant. When the skies cleared, it was pleasantly warm day. One of the water stop volunteers was seriously into cheering on the runners. She didn't completely lose her voice but she couldn't continue cheering after a couple of hours.

After the race, I stayed a little longer than necessary. I was not sure if the water stop supplies were going to be picked up right away or not. Good thing I did. A man drove and parked in front of the supplies. He ignored the supplies and started to pick up the tables. He thought they were trash someone had set out on the curb. I informed him the tables were not trash. I let net control know of the incident.



Big Hat



Doing a marathon in full firefighter gear

Events

March of Dimes - March for Babies - April 12th

Sign up on Galaxy.

Chuck announcements-fort-worth-races@gaggle.email

Belton Hamfest

April 5, 2025 in Temple Texas

For more details

<https://tarc.org/hamexpo/>

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

April 25 - 27 | Big Bear HamEscape, hosting the ARRL Orange Section Convention, Big Bear Lake, California

April 26 | Delmarva Amateur Radio and Electronics Expo, hosting the ARRL Delaware State Convention, Georgetown, Delaware

April 26 | Spokane Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Washington State Convention, Spokane Valley, Washington

May 4 | Warminster Amateur Radio Club – Annual Hamfest, hosting the ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section Convention, Bristol, Pennsylvania

May 10 | Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, hosting the ARRL Nebraska State Convention, Lincoln, Nebraska

May 30 - June 1 | SEA-PAC, hosting the ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, Seaside, Oregon

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- April 13 – Rookie Roundup – 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

Kent Anderson	3/4
Kathleen Holley	3/3
Darren Shelton	3/13
Tuyet Do	3/26
Russell Frazier	3/17

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

Calendar of Club Events

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

All members are welcome attend.

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

If you want to join via Zoom:

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8337970242?pwd=OUUpJMzRyV25EUjV6WEVVCUkE5VFBDdz09&omn=87885296326>

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

Joe's Pizza Pasta & Subs,
4300 Matlock Rd Ste 100, Arlington, TX 76018

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

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

Testing:

April 5: Testing - By Appointment Only - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010

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

April 19: Testing - By Appointment Only - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010

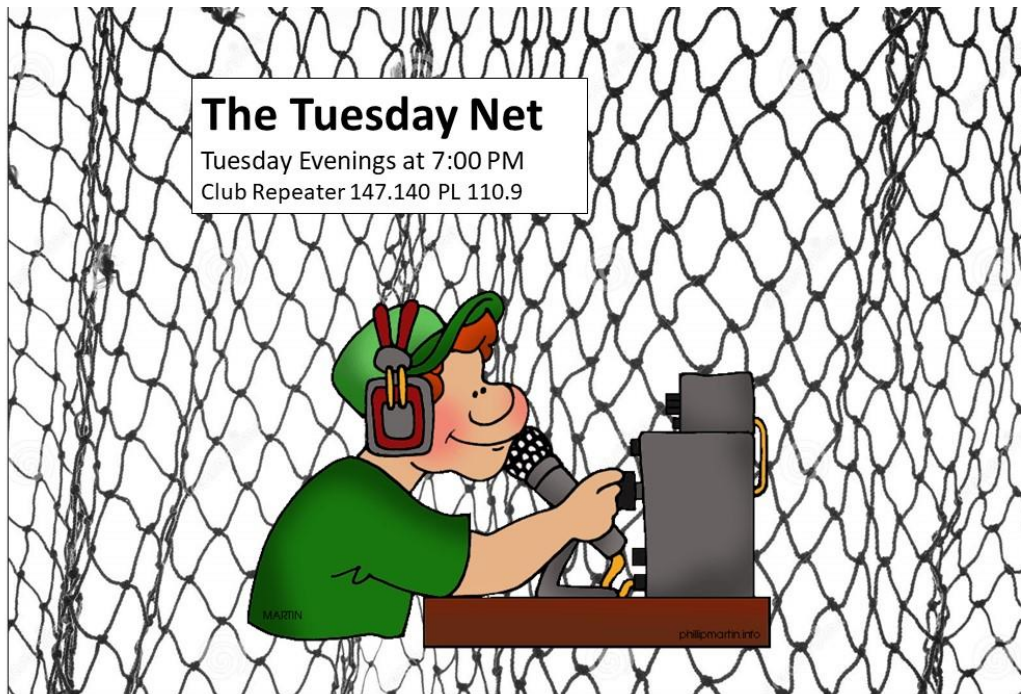
The first commercial building west of Collins St on the south side.

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

February 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on February 21st, 2025, at 7:01 pm by the President, Price K5NNL. Other board members present included 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. Absent was Vice President, Rob W5WS.

Price K5NNL called the meeting to order and informed the membership that club dues for 2025 are due in January. He asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign. He mentioned that David Spore KB3UBD has scheduled the summer picnic for May 17th. Field Day will be held on June 28th - 29th. The Arlington siren test will be executed on March 5th. Price mentioned that the Irving hamfest will be held on March 1st, from 8 am to 2 pm.

Andy KB2VQA mentioned that dining out will be held tomorrow at Kincaid's hamburgers.

Phil N5PWW mentioned that starting in March, VE testing will be by reservation only. Contact either David W5DJO or Phil N5PWW by email. Those taking an exam must have an FRN and valid email address.

The newsletter for February was published and distributed.

A motion was made and carried to accept the meeting minutes from the January meetings as published. Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept the financial report for audit as published.

Maurice KM5RF researched prices for the installation of the new repeater antenna. The cost is in the range of \$2500 to \$3000. He is looking for experienced club members with safety equipment (full body harness) to install the new repeater antenna.

Price K5NNL mentioned that the club's participation in Winter Field Day was a success. Nine members participated, setting up 3 radios and enjoyed hot dogs and macaroni salad.

A discussion was had on how the club would like to participate in Summer Field Day. A straw poll of the membership indicated that the membership wants to conduct Field Day operations inside, with a backup plan of holding it outside.

Price announced that Clayton's church will hold an emergency preparedness fair on Saturday, April 12th, 2025, from 9 am to 1 pm. The address is 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington. Volunteers are being sought man a table at the event to promote the AARC.

Philip KD5WBW mentioned that the Cowtown Marathon is still seeking volunteers.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

New business: There was no new business to discuss.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

At 8:10 pm Jack AA5VZ began his presentation on Ardinos in amateur radio.

The meeting concluded at 8:56 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 18 people in attendance, 17 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 6.

February 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 21st, 2025, at 6:03 pm. Present were President, Price K5NNL; 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. Absent was Vice President, Rob W5WS.

Price K5NNL called the meeting to order.

Price K5NNL announced that the presentation for the evening would be given by Jack AA5VZ on the topic of Ardinos in amateur radio. In March or April David Spore KB3UBD will present on the subject of go-kits.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the February 2025 newsletter contained the minutes from the January meetings.

Maurice KM5RF renewed the subscription for the use of Zoom. He also renewed the club's domain name for .com, .net, and .org. He researched prices for the installation of the new repeater antenna, which is in the range of \$2500 to \$3000.

David W5DJO mentioned 3 or 4 people have expressed interest in a training class. It would be held during the weekday for 3 days.

Clayton K5CWS informed the board that his church will hold an emergency preparedness fair on Saturday, April 12th, 2025, from 9 am to 1 pm. The address is 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington. In regard to Field Day, he mentioned that the club will have access to the building on Sanford Street. He will discuss with the membership how they would like to participate in Field Day.

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

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, however by reservation only. Those who wish to take a test must first contact Phil N5PWW or David W5DJO via email.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

February 2025 Financial Report

		DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE				
	1/31/2025		GENERAL FUND	5033.39
			GOOD & WELFARE	712.93
			REPEATER FUND	856.45
			CHECKING	6602.77
			SAVINGS	2237.23
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	8865.00
EXPENSE				
EFT	NAMECHEAP	WEBPAGE HOSTING	WEBPAGE	44.88
	RISK	EQUIPMENT		
EFT	STRATEGIES	INSURANCE	REPEATER	108.50
EFT	STORAGE HUT	03/01/2025-09/01/2025	STORAGE	305.00
			TOTAL	458.38
INCOME				
		DUES	CLUB DUES	85.84
		4 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	20.00
		GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	5.00
			TOTAL	110.84
			OVERALL NET CHANGE	-347.54
BALANCE				
	2/28/2025		GENERAL FUND	4660.85
			GOOD & WELFARE	717.93
			REPEATER FUND	876.45
			CHECKING	6255.23
			SAVINGS	2237.23
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	8517.46

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
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