



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

As if our weather hasn't been crazy already with dust storms darkening our skies, severe weather season in North Texas is here. According to the National Weather Service, March through June is the peak tornado season, with nearly 70% of all tornadoes occurring during these months. If you are new to our area, please review basic tornado safety guidelines available from the NWS.

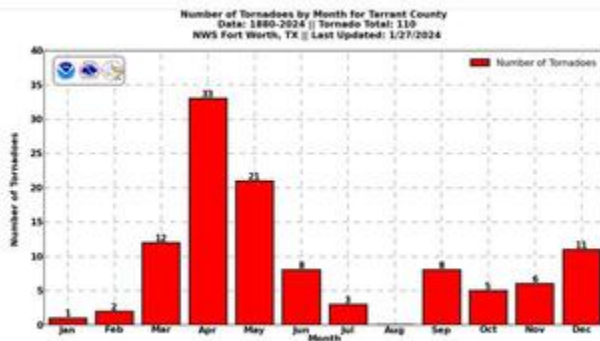
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Announcements

April 2025 program

The program for this month will be Go Kits

presented by David Spore, KB3UBD

Items of Note

Events

Bike MS: Round Up Ride 2025 - May 3-4, 2025

This is not a Fort Worth R.A.C.E.S. Event but it is a very worthwhile one.

For Road Bikers this is a great event.

Bike MS: Round-Up Ride is a two-day experience starting in Mansfield and pedaling south through some incredible Texas scenery, leading into Glen Rose along the Paluxy River to the Day 1 finish and overnight location.

Day 2 is even better.

I have done this ride 4 times in two states, Sadly, my two mechanical knees wont allow to go for three states.

But, we can **all** help out as public safety radio operators. What they need is experienced radio operators for water stops, rest stops, etc. You will do the same thing you do at R.A.C.E.S. Events...

- Report problems on the route
- Call for a SAG wagon
- Keep an eye on the weather
- Hand out band aids
- Ensure safety of the riders
- AND other duties as they come up

Here is the signup info...

Please see the message below in case you're able to assist with the MS150 ride this year on Saturday May 3rd, and Sunday May 4th.

As always, there are never enough operators to completely cover all posts, and you can work one day or the other, or both if you're so inclined.

Attached is a pdf/powerpoint file to explain the event in greater detail.
Thanks for your consideration in this important 2-day event!

Here is the MS Link: [Bike MS: Round Up Ride 2025](#)

Here is the HAM Link: [DFW MS Ride Comms](#)
Bike MS HAMS Groups.io: [DFW MS Ride Comms Groups.io](#)

I will see you out there. I AM SIGNING UP!

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

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

April 26 | Emory Hamfest, Rains County Fairgrounds – 9AM, 159 W. Lennon Drive, Emory, Texas.

May 31 | Texarkana Tailgate Mini-Fest 8AM to 2PM, Trailhead Park, 117 SE Front St. New Boston, Texas

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

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

Maurice Martin 4/21

Michael Neaves 4/30

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

Calendar of Club Events

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

All members are welcome attend.

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

If you want to join via Zoom:

Time: April 18, 2025 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85092342755?pwd=K6vdDizvSFxfYFqMMLmewoUblrtmjb.1>

=== Dining Out (April 19, 5:00 pm) ===

Spring Creek BBQ.

3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015

==== Breakfast (May 3, 8:30 am) ====

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

Testing:

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.

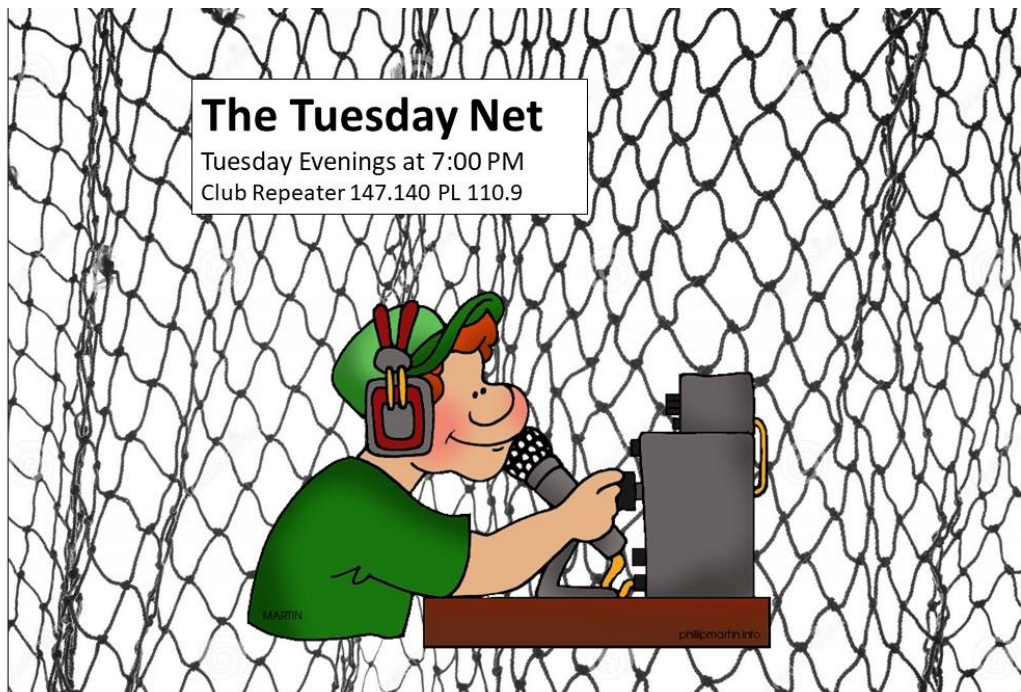
May 3: Testing - By Appointment Only - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010
The first commercial building west of Collins St on the south side.

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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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

March 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes **submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on March 21st, 2025, at 7:00 pm by the Vice President, Rob W5WS. 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 President, Price K5NNL.

Rob W5WS called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign. Rob informed the membership that David Spore KB3UBD will be hosting the summer picnic on May 17th. David secured the pavilion at Dunlop Sports Center. Station setup will start at 9 am. Rob also mentioned that the next siren test will be held on April 2nd, and Field Day will be held on June 28th and 29th.

Andy KB2VQA mentioned that dining out will be held tomorrow at Joe's Pizza on Matlock Road. A motion was made and carried to accept the meeting minutes from the February 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 is seeking two experienced volunteers to assist in the installation of the new repeater antenna. He is also seeking 3 club members to volunteer for the audit of the club's financial documents for 2024.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold VE testing sessions by reservation only. The testing location is 800 East Border Street. At the previous Saturday test session, a participant earned their Technician license.

David W5DJO has prospects of holding a training class for up to 12 people at UT Arlington. He will work with UT Arlington's administration to schedule the class.

Rob W5WS informed the membership of an upcoming emergency preparedness fair to be held on Saturday, April 12th, 2025, from 9 am to 1 pm at 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington. Clayton K5CWS mentioned that several AARC club members will man a table at the event.

Clayton K5CWS has conducted a couple of Field Day Committee meetings. The club will hold Field Day operations at the Sanford Street location. Clayton has prepared a google doc(ument) for the club membership to sign up for side dishes for the Field Day dinner.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

New business: Maurice sought three volunteers to conduct the audit of the club's financial document for 2024. Three people volunteered.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

At 7:46 pm Rob W5WS began his presentation on the history of the radio receiver.

The meeting concluded at 8:35 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 1.

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

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

Rob W5WS called the meeting to order.

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

Maurice KM5RF confirmed there were no issues with the financial report. He will be seeking 3 club members to volunteer for the audit of the club's financial documents for 2024. He is also seeking volunteers to assist in the installation of the new repeater antenna.

David W5DJO is working on establishing training classes at a local hospital and UT Arlington.

Clayton K5CWS confirmed that the club has access to the Sanford Street location for use during Field Day. He will ask the club members if they wish to operate for the 24 hour duration of Field Day. He has created a sign-up sheet for side dishes for the club dinner that has been traditionally held during Field Day. An emergency preparedness fair will be held on Saturday, April 12th, 2025, from 9 am to 1 pm at 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington. The AARC will have a table at the fair. Clayton will provide a presentation on how to use amateur radio.

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

David W5DJO mentioned that as a result of a recent test session, a person received their Technician license.

Old business: None was presented.

New business: None was presented.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

March 2025 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
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
EXPENSE			0.00
		TOTAL	0.00
INCOME			
	DUES	CLUB DUES	20.00
	1 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	5.00
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	9.00
	AARC SHIRT SALE	SHIRT SALE	10.00
	DIVIDEND	INTEREST INCOME	0.22
		TOTAL	44.22
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	44.22
BALANCE			
	3/31/2025		
		GENERAL FUND	4690.85
		GOOD & WELFARE	726.93
		REPEATER FUND	881.45
		CHECKING	6299.23
		SAVINGS	2237.45
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	8561.68

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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