



# 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 we move from April to May we transition into the time most prevalent for tornadoes and severe weather here in North Texas. As I write this my home has received over two inches of rain and continuing thunderstorms. Some hail is in the region. It's all part of living in Texas.

Just yesterday I had the opportunity to tour the Arlington EOC thanks to Shawna Lemley and Irish Hancock, the Emergency Management Administrator. My interest was in how they communicate and when they operate. Besides severe weather events, I learned they also operate during high visibility, high profile events like National Championship games at AT&T Stadium, the World Series, and All Star Games. They also still depend on amateur ham radio visual storm reports in their assessments. My thanks to Shawna and Irish for welcoming me to EOC.

And just when you feel like everything is comfortable and quiet, things change. Phil Stage, N5PWW, and others have done a great job keeping the club meetings at the same location for 32 years. As with everything in life, that has changed. The Executive Board met quickly and went through options available to us for a new meeting location. We will discuss all this at our next club meeting. A great option for a new meeting room location has proved to be the downtown Arlington Public Library. For the next three months we will meet there. Their facilities are excellent. We will see how it goes. The location is convenient and close to our previous one on Sanford. Additionally, to facilitate this move, club meetings will now be the second Thursday of each month.

Our program this month is the History of Radio Part II. Myself and the board look forward to seeing you there!

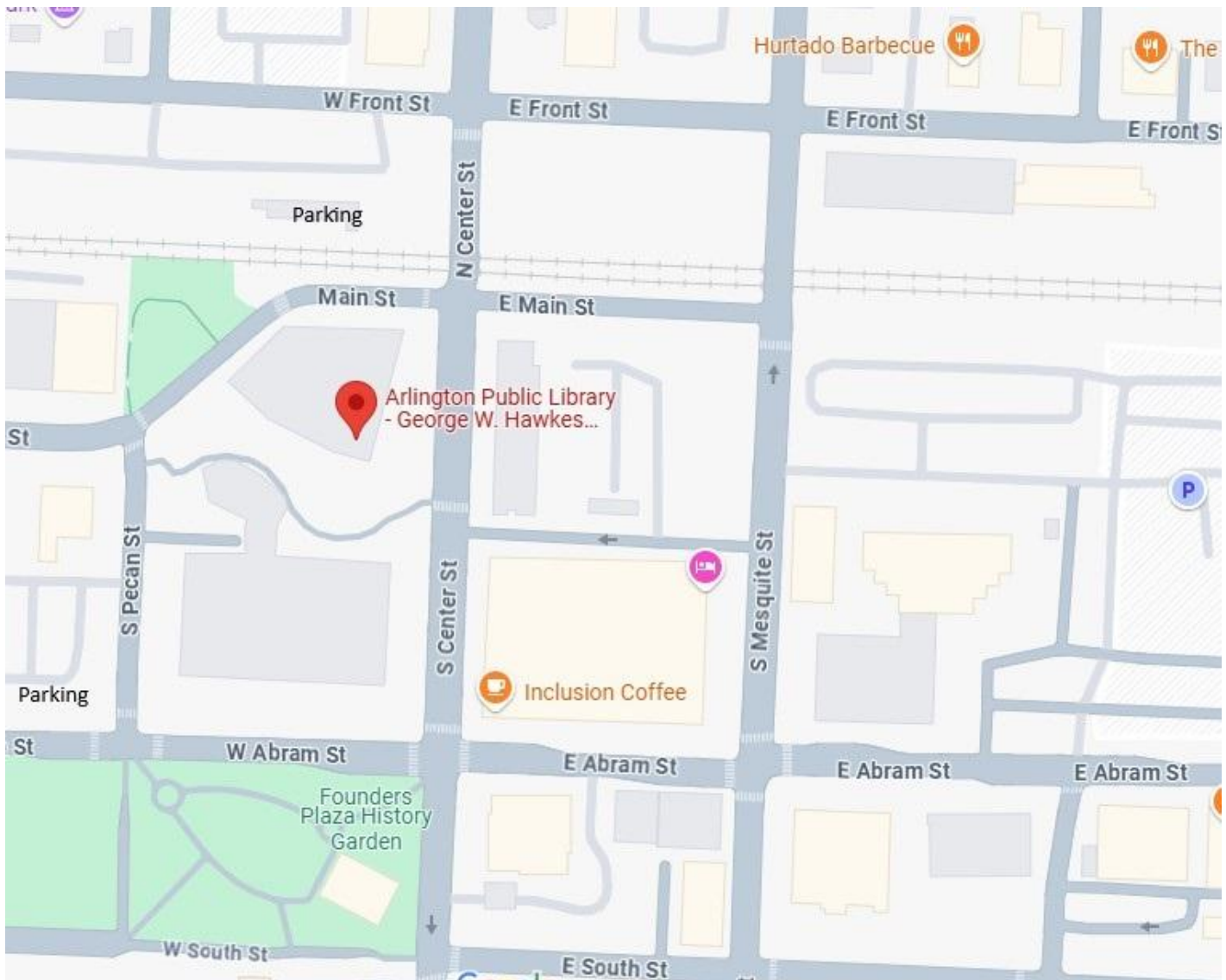
Price, K5NNL

# Announcements

\*\*\*\*\* **New Meeting Time & Location** \*\*\*\*\*

This month's Arlington Amateur Radio Club meeting is on a *new date* and a *new location*. We no longer meet at 501 W. Sanford.

Our meeting for this month is this Thursday, May 8, at the downtown Arlington Public Library, 100 South Center Street. There is a street level parking lot west of the library and city complex. The library entrance is on the east side. This month's meeting is in room Brary B, in the main hallway, first floor. The board meeting begins at 6 PM and general membership meeting, 7 PM.



## **May 2025 program**

The program for this month will be History of the Radio Receiver Part 2

presented by Rob May, W5WS

## **Items of Note**

## **Events**

### **Club Picnic**

May 17th, 9:00AM to 2:00PM

J.W. Dunlop Park; North Park Pavilion

1500 W. Green Oaks Blvd

Arlington, TX 76012

As last year, the pavilion is available to us all day. Typically, we go from morning to mid-afternoon, but people are welcome to stay longer. We can bring our radios and practice for field day! Food is pot luck, so bring what you want. Hope to see all of you there!

### **R.A.C.E.S. Renewal Class - JEOC - May 17th - 0800**

Renewal Class: Saturday May 17, 2025 Joint EOC 275 West 13th, Fort Worth, TX.

Class begins at 09:00 Doors Open at 08:00. Try to get there by 0800 so we can update your info and get a fresh picture.

Signup on Galaxy, and plan to attend. This will be for renewing members only.

The best way to get to the sign up page is go to <https://fortworthraces.org> . Click on opportunities (upper left).

If you have a problem signing up then text or email me.

Chuck

480-363-7487

## Just Ahead in Radiosport

May 9 -- Weekly RTTY Test (RTTY)  
May 10 - 11 -- CQ-M International DX Contest (CW, phone)  
May 10 - 11 -- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (CW)  
May 10 - 11 -- Canadian Prairies QSO Party (CW, phone)  
May 10 - 11 -- 50 MHz Spring Sprint (CW, phone, digital)  
May 13 -- DARC FT4 Contest (FT4)  
June 7-8 International Digital Contest  
June 14-16 -- June VHF Contest  
June 21 -- Kid's Day  
June 28-29 -- Field Day (always 4th full weekend)

## Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

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

May 16 - 18 | [Dayton Hamvention@](#), Xenia, Ohio

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

June 8 | [BreezeShooters Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Western Pennsylvania Section Convention, Butler, Pennsylvania

June 21 | [Knoxville Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Tennessee State Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee

## 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

Walter Braun            5/29

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

# Calendar of Club Events

**May 8: Board Meeting** 6:00 pm, Arlington Public Library, Brary “B” Room 1st Floor  
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

All members are welcome attend.

**May 8: General Membership Meeting** 7:00 pm, Arlington Public Library, Brary “B” Room 1st Floor

100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

If you want to join via Zoom:

Time: May 8, 2025 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81079240592?pwd=bZfnttdO2JhxigqFcEqOpldHi8Ontj.1>

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

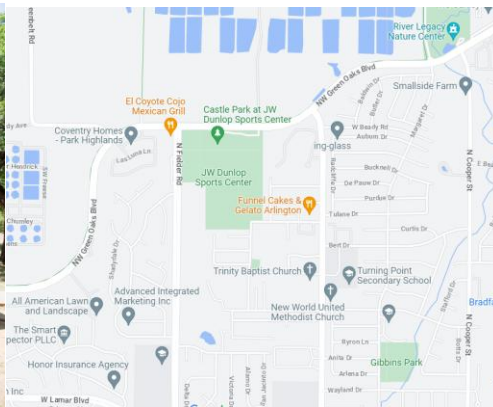
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## ==== Breakfast ( June 7, 8:30 am) ====

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



## Testing:

**May 17:** 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.

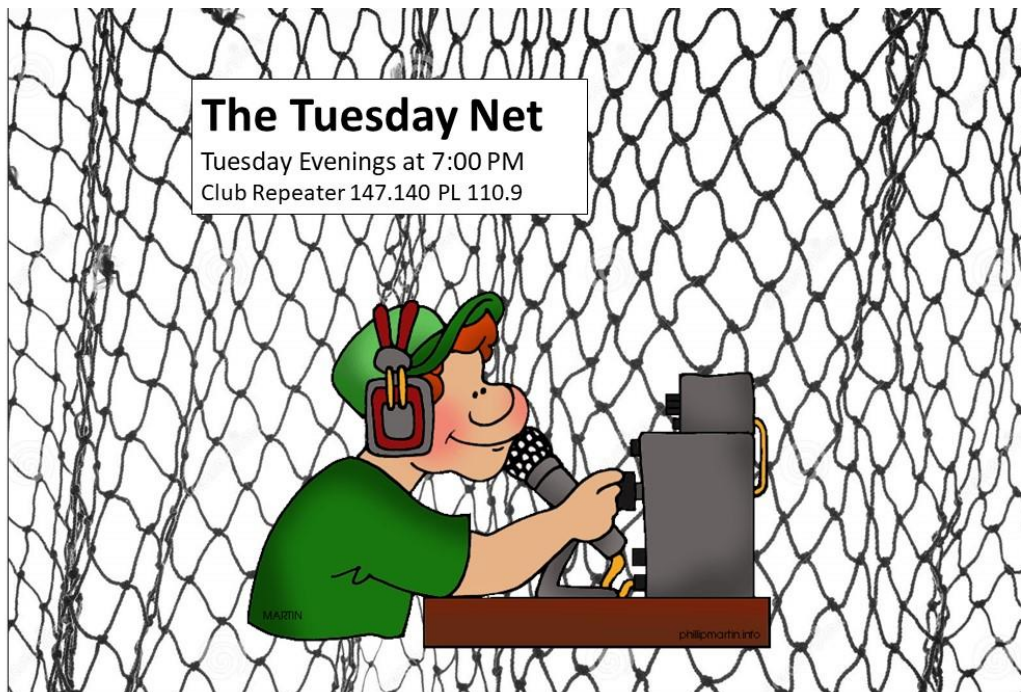
**June 7:** Testing - By Appointment Only - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010  
The first commercial building west of Collins St on the south side.

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

## April 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on April 18th, 2025, at 7:04 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 asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Price and Clayton visited the club's storage locker to do an inventory and evaluate what may be sold or otherwise disposed of.

David Spore KB3UBD will be hosting the summer picnic on May 17th in the pavilion at Dunlop Sports Center.

Price mentioned that Field Day will be held on June 28th and 29th. The next scheduled siren test is May 7th.

Andy KB2VQA mentioned that dining out will be held tomorrow at Spring Creek BBQ on Cooper Street. A motion was made and carried to accept the meeting minutes from the March meetings as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold VE testing sessions by reservation only.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept the financial report for audit as published. At the March membership meeting, three club members participated in the audit of the club's financial documents for 2024. No issues were found.

Maurice visited the Belton hamfest and sold equipment that was donated to the club. Maurice has postponed the installation of the new repeater antenna due to inclement weather.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

New business: It was announced that the April meeting at the Sanford Street location will be the last time that the club will have access to the room. A new location is being sought for both the monthly meeting and Field Day activities.

Price K5NNL spoke with David Lucas regarding the AARC Facebook page and AARC Facebook group. Price would like to deactivate the AARC Facebook group, and keep the AARC Facebook page active.

Price mentioned the upcoming presentations. In the month of May the club will see the second half of the History of Radio presentation. June will be the traditional discussion of upcoming Field Day activities. The presentation for July has yet to be determined. The Ice Cream Social and Show and Tell will be held in August. This evening the presentation will be given by David Spore on the topic of building an emi shielded go-kit.



The business meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

At 7:52 pm David Spore began his presentation on his step-by-step process of building an emi shielded go-kit.

The meeting concluded at 8:21 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 19 people in attendance, 16 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 3.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 18th, 2025, at 6:21 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 mentioned the presentations that Rob W5WS is planning for upcoming meetings. In the month of May the club will see the second half of the History of Radio presentation. June will be the traditional discussion of upcoming Field Day activities. The presentation for July has yet to be determined. The Ice Cream Social and Show and Tell will be held in August.

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

Maurice KM5RF confirmed there were no issues with the financial report. Three club members conducted an audit of the club's financial documents for 2024. No discrepancies were found.

The planned installation of the new repeater antenna has been postponed due to inclement weather.

Joyce Waites made a donation of radio equipment to the club, which Maurice was able to sell at the Belton hamfest.

David W5DJO is working on establishing a training class at UT Arlington.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned to the board that during the membership meeting he will inform the membership of an opportunity.

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

Philip KD5WBW, as the appointed Public Information Office had nothing to report.

Price K5NNL spoke with David Lucas regarding the AARC Facebook page and AARC Facebook group.

Price would like to remove one of the AARC Facebook presences, with the preference of keeping the page.

Old business: None was presented.

New business: The club has lost access to the meeting room on Sanford Street. A new location to hold the AARC monthly meetings is being sought. Field Day will not be held at the Sanford Street location. An alternate location for Field Day operation is being sought.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

**April 25, 2025**

**Special meeting of the Arlington Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors  
submitted by Price Wooldridge, K5NNL.**

The President of the Corporation called a Special Meeting of the Executive Board. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and implement a plan to relocate the monthly Board and General Membership meetings after the loss of our previous location, 501 West Sandford in Arlington. It was noted by Phil Stage, N5PWW that the club had been meeting there for 31 years.

The President called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Board members present were:

President, Price Wooldridge, K5NNL  
Vice President, Rob May, W5WS  
Treasurer and Trustee, Maurice Martin, KM5RF  
Training Coordinator, David Walker, W5DJO  
Emergency Coordinator, Clayton Starkweather, K5CWS  
Agent of Record, Phil Stage, N5PWW

Board members absent:

Secretary, Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA  
Editor, Trey Seastrunk, AF5XS

Seeing that a quorum was present and noted, the Board meeting was held and votes were taken.

1. The President, Price Wooldridge, began the meeting by recapping efforts this past week to look for an appropriate, cost effective, and available facility that could host club meetings on a regular basis and fill the club's needs for Board and General Membership Meetings.

- A. Two Arlington Recreation Centers were visited
- B. The downtown Public Library was visited
- C. The Arlington City Mayor's office was contacted and asked for assistance
- D. The Arlington Police Department was contacted
- E. The Arlington EOC was contacted

2. Results of these visits and contacts were:

- A. There has been no return call or assistance from the Mayor's office.
- B. The Dottie Lynn Recreation Center was visited. A room was available at a rental fee of \$54/hour.
- C. The East Library and Recreation Center was visited. A room was available at a rental fee of \$40/hour.
- D. The downtown Public Library was visited and had appropriate rooms (size and AV equipment included) and available to the club. Two rooms are available at no cost, and one room has an hourly charge of \$40.
- E. The Arlington Police Department has a room available, but only during regular business hours.
- F. The Arlington EOC has a room available, but only during regular business hours.

After discussion, the downtown Library was determined by the board as our best option for club meetings. Because the Library is only open after-hours Monday through Thursday, the board then discussed an appropriate day of the week, most convenient for all members. The Board decided on the second Thursday of each month, based on room availability and other considerations.

A vote was held by the Board to accept these recommendations. All Board members present voted YES.

3. The President then put before the Board the question of where to do the club Field Day, June 28 and 29. We discussed doing an outside field day at a city park pavilion or perhaps inside somewhere. No appropriate inside locations were identified. The positives and negatives of doing an outside Field Day at a park were discussed. No conclusions were reached.

The President notified the board that former club member and President, Joe Wigner, K5MGY, now affiliated with the Mansfield radio club, contacted him about doing a joint Field Day at a fire station located in Mansfield. After some discussion it was decided that Price Wooldridge, K5NNL, and Clayton Starkweather, K5CWS, would attempt to meet with Joe Wigner and another appropriate Mansfield club member to discuss in more detail, the plan for working jointly on Field Day. Further discussions will be held with the General Club membership at the appropriate meeting to work on a Field Day location and plan.

Business was concluded and the meeting adjourned by President, Price Wooldridge, at approximately 8:10 PM.

## April 2025 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
3/31/2025		GENERAL FUND	4,690.85
		GOOD & WELFARE	726.93
		REPEATER FUND	881.45
		CHECKING	<b>6,299.23</b>
		SAVINGS	<b>2,237.45</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>8,561.68</b>
EXPENSE			
CHK	MAURICE MARTIN		
2066	(H.E. CANNON FLORAL)	GOOD & WELFARE	114.68
		TOTAL	114.68
INCOME			
	DUES	CLUB DUES	117.82
	5 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	25.00
	GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	14.00
	DONATION W5FJB	DONATION	280.00
		TOTAL	436.82
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	322.14
BALANCE			
4/30/2025		GENERAL FUND	5,088.67
		GOOD & WELFARE	626.25
		REPEATER FUND	906.45
		CHECKING	<b>6,621.37</b>
		SAVINGS	<b>2,237.45</b>
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>8,883.82</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

Dues for 2025 are due.

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

## 2025 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	Price Wooldridge, K5NNL - <a href="mailto:pricewool@gmail.com">pricewool@gmail.com</a>
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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>
<b>Agent of Record:</b>	Phil Stage, N5PWW – <a href="mailto:n5pww@yahoo.com">n5pww@yahoo.com</a>
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