



# 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.

## President's Corner

Welcome to the middle of summer in Texas, where the high heat often prevails. Whether a native Texan, or recent new resident, heat tolerance is always an acquired skill.

With good fortune, our club's AARL Field Day 2025, "Radio Connects", was held indoors with cool air conditioning, thanks to the generosity of the American Red Cross. The club had an excellent event, working on the air from 1 to 9 PM on Saturday. In between, the set-up crew was fed wonderful pizza by Rob May, (W5WS), and then a delicious dinner of beef and pulled pork served up by Field Day Committee head, Clayton Starkweather, K5CWS.

We had three stations in operation for the event, one HF station by Ron, AG5QE, a second HF station by David Spore, KB3UBD, and a third digital station by Jack Weaver, AA5VZ.

We hosted a number of visitors, including club member family members, interested guests, the Arlington Fire Department, and American Red Cross volunteers.

There are many other people to thank and recognize for the success of Field Day 2025, and we will do that at the club meeting. Both I and the Board hope to see you at this month's meeting.

Price, K5NNL

## K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9 Down until

further notice

444.2+ PL 100.0

# Announcements

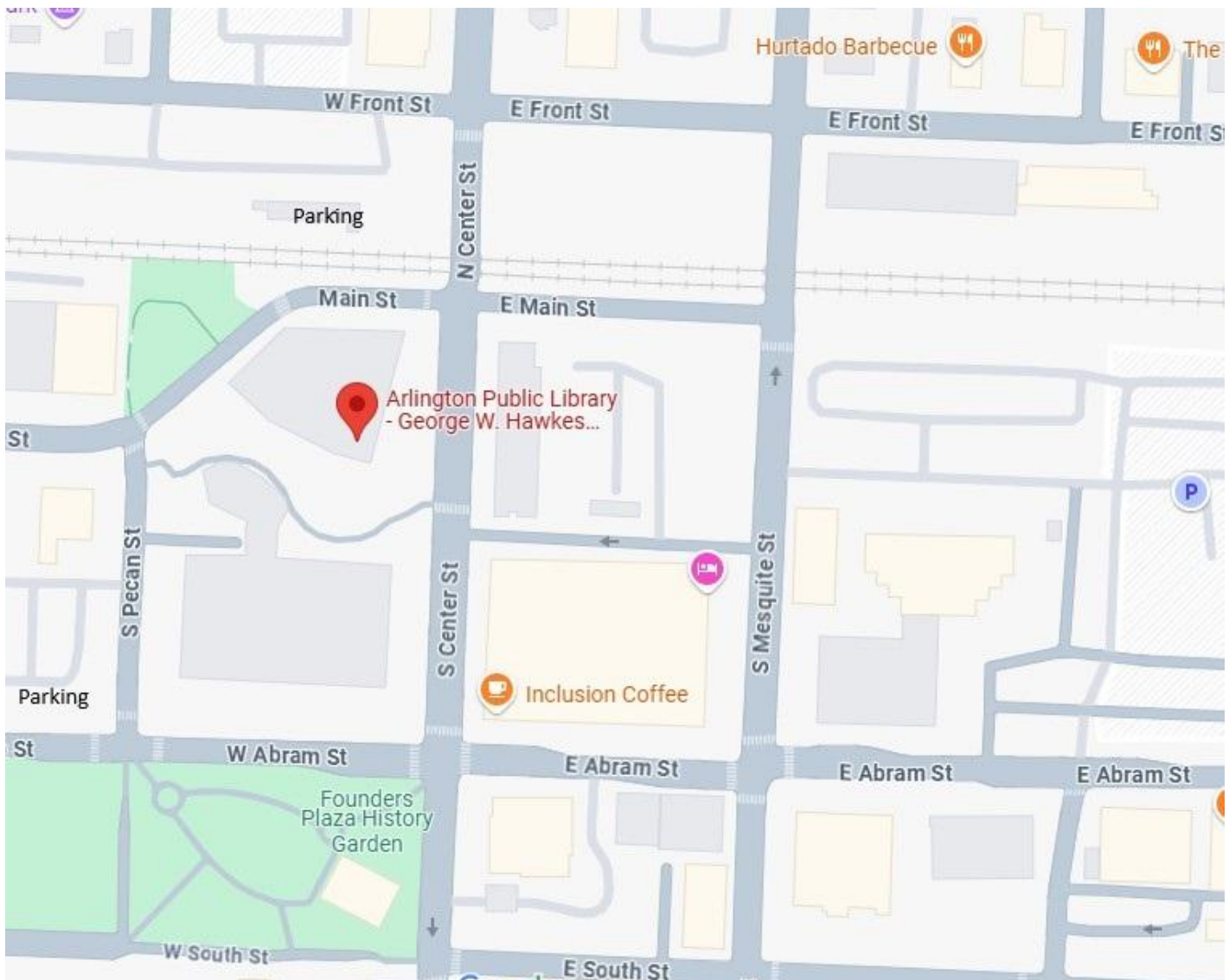
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## New Meeting Time & Location

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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, June 12, 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. We will be meeting in the Excellence Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. If you can't find us, ask someone at the desk and they should be able to point you in the right direction. The board meeting begins at 6 PM and general membership meeting, 7 PM.



## July Program

This month the program will be the annual Arlington ARC Swap Meet. Bring your gently used but no longer needed to gear to buy, sell, or swap for something you may need for your station.

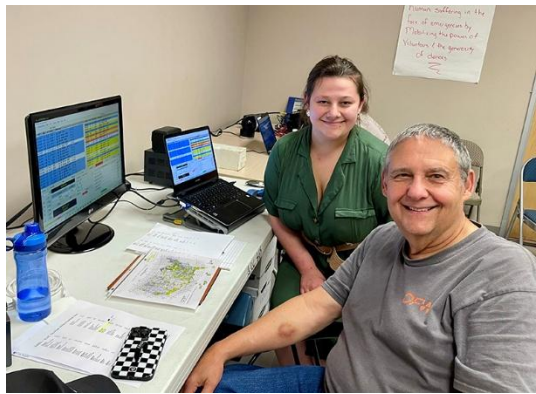
## Items of Note

## Events

Pictures from Field Day.



Welcome at the Entrance



Jack and Guest



Clayton with Dinner



Paul, David, & John



Maurice setting up the Generator



Rob & Maurice setting up Antenna



Ron, Rob, & Andy



Philip working it.



Visitors from Fire Station 12

## Volunteer Opportunities

First of all, thank you to all the members who participated in the Arlington 4th of July Parade and 5K. Here is another opportunity to test your radios and practice your communications skills...

Race On Race Street - October 11th.

Sign up on Galaxy by going through the FortWorthraces.org website

Next is a New Member Class on July 26th you can also sign up for this class using the same method.

Regards,  
Chuck

## Just Ahead in Radiosport

July 12-13, ARU HF World Championship

August 2-3, 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest

[Click Here for Complete ARRL 222 and Up Contest Rules](#)

August 14-16, ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

[Click here for the complete ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)

August 16-17, EME - 2.3 GHz & Up

[Click here for the complete ARRL International EME Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)

## Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

July 12 - [Souris Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL North Dakota Section Convention

July 13 - [Sussex NJ Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Hudson Division Convention

July 26 - [ARRL West Virginia State Convention and Ham Fest](#), Sutton, West Virginia

August 2 - [ARRL Maine State Convention and Hamfest](#), Augusta, Maine

August 3 - [SVARC Berryville Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Roanoke Division Convention, Berryville, Virginia

August 9 - [ARRL Idaho State Convention](#), Post Falls, Idaho

August 16 – 17 | [Huntsville Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL Alabama State Convention, Huntsville, Alabama

August 21-24 | [Northeast HamXposition](#), hosting the ARRL New England Division Convention, Marlborough, Massachusetts

August 30 - September 1 | [Shelby Hamfest](#), hosting the ARRL North Carolina Section Convention, Shelby, North Carolina

## 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**

John Turner 7/1

Bob Bohannon 7/24

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

## **Calendar of Club Events**

**July 10: Board Meeting** 6:00 pm, Arlington Public Library, third floor, Excellence Room

100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

All members are welcome attend.

**July 10: General Membership Meeting** 7:00 pm, Arlington Public Library, third floor, Excellence Room  
100 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76010

If you want to join via Zoom:

Time: Jun 12, 2025 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88466796840?pwd=taZlbSD9Gcl3txuB897F9eh0KC4gXb.1>

### **=== Dining Out (July 12, 5:00 pm) ===**

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

### **==== Breakfast ( August 2, 8:30 am) =====**

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

## **Testing:**

**July 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.

**August 2:** By Appointment Only - 10:00 am, 800 E. Border St., Arlington, TX 76010

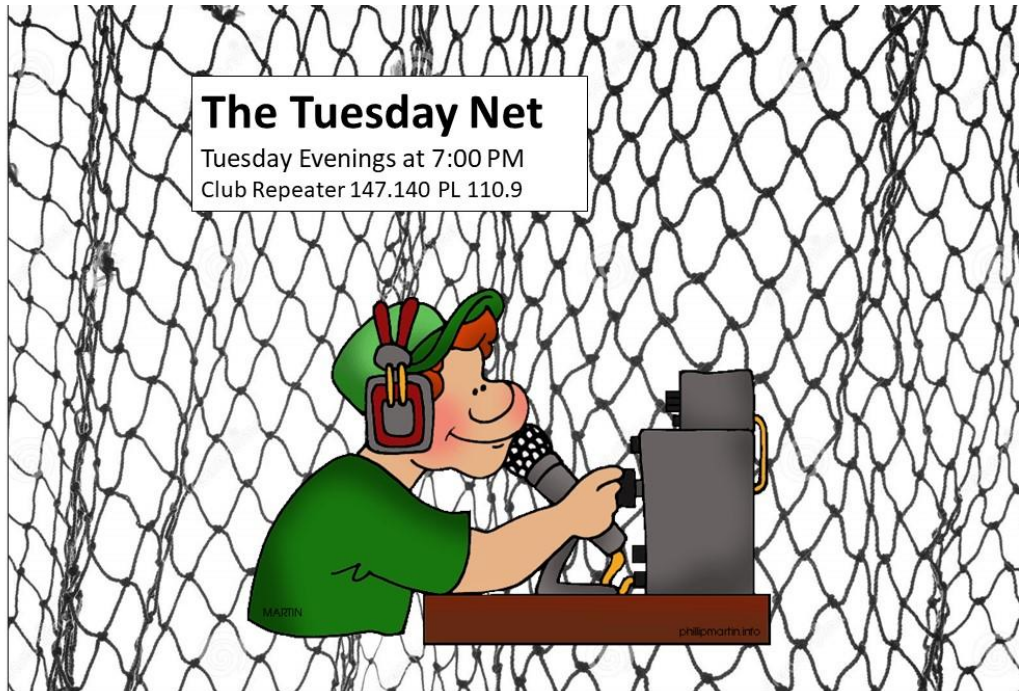
The first commercial building west of Collins St on the south side.

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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| <br><b>ACCENT AWARDS<br/>&amp; TROPHIES</b><br>1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013<br>TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING<br>SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS<br>sales@accentawards.us<br><b>817.469.8791</b><br>www.accentawards.us | <br><b>DAVE</b><br><b>W5DJ0</b> |
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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

## June 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on June 12th, 2025, at 7:03 pm by the President, Price K5NNL. Other board members present included Vice President, Rob W5WS; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Training Coordinator, David W5DJO. Absent was Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Price K5NNL called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Price recognized club members who assisted with the club's participation in the library's Discover Summer Kickoff on Saturday, May 31st. The club meeting in July will again be held on the third floor of the library in the Excellence room. He thanked David Spore KB3UBD for paying for the pavilion rental and the meat, in support of the club picnic held in May. Price informed the membership that Maurice received the award of 1st place as a single operator for Texas State Parks on the Air for 2024. The next city siren test will be held on July 2nd. Philip KD5WBW conducted the siren test in June.

Rob W5WS announced that the evening's presentation will be a discussion of Field Day activities. The presentation for July has yet to be determined, and the August presentation will be the Ice Cream Social and Show and Tell.

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

Phil N5PWW continues to hold VE testing sessions by reservation only. Requests for testing have not been received for several months.

David W5DJO will conduct a training class in July at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept the financial report from May for audit as published. Maurice reported that the repeater is in working order. The scheduled installation of the new repeater antenna has been postponed twice due to inclement weather.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

New business: There was no old business to discuss.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

At 7:45 pm Rob W5WS gave a brief presentation on his experience with the QDX Digital Transceiver from QRP Labs.

At 7:51 pm Clayton K5CWS began a discussion of the club Field Day activities being held on Saturday, June 28th.

The meeting concluded at 8:22 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 17 people in attendance, 15 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 1.

## June 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on June 12th, 2025, at 6:13 pm. Present were President, Price K5NNL; Vice President, Rob W5WS; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Training Coordinator, David W5DJO. Absent was Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Price K5NNL called the meeting to order.

Price recognized David Spore KB3UBD for paying for the pavilion rental and the meat, in support of the club picnic held in May.

The club participated in the library's Discover Summer Kickoff on Saturday, May 31st, in an effort to become a partner with the library.

Rob W5WS, along with Clayton K5CWS, will discuss upcoming Field Day activities with the membership at this evening's club meeting. Price is working with the Red Cross regarding a Field Day location. The Ice Cream Social and Show and Tell will be held in August.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the June 2025 newsletter contained the minutes from the May meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. The repeater is in working order. The installation of the new repeater antenna has been postponed twice due to inclement weather.

David W5DJO will hold a training class this month at UT Arlington which will be closed to the general public, available only to UTA employees. Next month there will be a training class at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. The class has reached its maximum occupancy.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned that Price established a connection with the Red Cross and secured a location for the club to participate in Field Day. Antennas will be set up beginning at 9 am Saturday, June 28th.

Phil N5PWW reported that test sessions have not been held due to lack of interest.

Old business: None was presented.

New business: Maurice mentioned that he received the award of 1st place as a single operator for Texas State Parks on the Air for 2024. Rob mentioned that he took on the responsibility of selling the donated equipment of a silent key. With only small parts remaining, they will be donated to the club and Maurice will attempt to sell them at the Belton hamfest.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

## June 2025 Financial Report

|           | DESCRIPTION         | CATEGORY           | BALANCE         |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| BALANCE   |                     |                    |                 |
| 5/31/2025 |                     | GENERAL FUND       | 4,734.67        |
|           |                     | GOOD & WELFARE     | 641.25          |
|           |                     | REPEATER FUND      | 906.45          |
|           |                     | CHECKING           | <b>6,282.37</b> |
|           |                     | SAVINGS            | <b>2,237.45</b> |
|           |                     | PETTY CASH         | 25.00           |
|           |                     | NET TOTAL          | <b>8,544.82</b> |
| EXPENSE   |                     |                    |                 |
|           |                     | TOTAL              | 0.00            |
| INCOME    |                     |                    |                 |
|           | DUES                | CLUB DUES          | 19.01           |
|           | 1@ 5.00 PER RENEWAL | REPEATER FUND      | 5.00            |
|           | GOOD AND WELFARE    | GOOD AND WELFARE   | 16.00           |
|           | DIVIDEND            | INTEREST INCOME    | 0.22            |
|           |                     | TOTAL              | 40.23           |
|           |                     | OVERALL NET CHANGE | 40.23           |
| BALANCE   |                     |                    |                 |
| 6/30/2025 |                     | GENERAL FUND       | 4,753.68        |
|           |                     | GOOD & WELFARE     | 657.25          |
|           |                     | REPEATER FUND      | 911.45          |
|           |                     | CHECKING           | <b>6,322.38</b> |
|           | SAVINGS +.22        |                    | <b>2,237.67</b> |
|           |                     | PETTY CASH         | 25.00           |
|           |                     | NET TOTAL          | <b>8,585.05</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

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| <b>President:</b>             | Price Wooldridge, K5NNL - <a href="mailto:pricewool@gmail.com">pricewool@gmail.com</a>                           |
| <b>Vice President:</b>        | Rob May W5WS – <a href="mailto:w5ws@arrl.net">w5ws@arrl.net</a>  |
| <b>Secretary:</b>             | Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA – <a href="mailto:kb2vqa@optonline.net">kb2vqa@optonline.net</a>                           |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>             | Maurice Martin, KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf1@charter.net">km5rf1@charter.net</a>                               |
| <b>Editor:</b>                | Trey Seastrunk, AF5XS – <a href="mailto:trey01@swbell.net">trey01@swbell.net</a>                                 |
| <b>Training Coordinator:</b>  | David Walker, W5DJO – <a href="mailto:cushmanx@sbcglobal.net">cushmanx@sbcglobal.net</a>                         |
| <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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| <b>Webmaster:</b>             | David Lucas, KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a>                                     |
| <b>Repeater Committee:</b>    | Maurice Martin, KM5RF (chair), Rob May, W5WS,<br>Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton, W5MAY                          |