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June Announcements

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Field Day!

Yep, it's time again for amateur radio's biggest event of the year. We plan to operate once again from our normal club meeting location on West Sanford in Arlington. The location worked very well last year, affording us plenty of space to spread out and have dinner, as well as entertaining and educating our guests. We will operate in the class 3A this year so we can have dedicated voice, digital and CW stations. We will also plan for VHF operation and will run a **GOTA (Get on the Air)** station for new hams and guests to enjoy.



So come out and help us operate, learn a new mode or get on the air for the first time! We especially need folks who are willing to operate and log for a couple hours during the late night/early morning shift.

At this month's club meeting we will continue to sort out logistics, food and volunteer opportunities. **Bill Tatsch, AE5BT** is the man to contact for information or to volunteer services or equipment. In the meantime, wear your Field Day shirt and start advertising. Invite a scout troop or friends and family. More later in the newsletter.

IRLP is Back On Line!

Thanks to the valiant efforts of **Marice Martin KM5RF**, **Dave Walker W5DJO** and members of the repeater committee, the club IRLP connection has been successfully restored. Maurice will give a brief tutorial at this month's club meeting before the regular program. Instructions and codes for use for the IRLP are available to club members. IRLP is available on the 444.010 repeater.

Hamcom 2011

The ARRL National convention was in town last weekend at Hamcom. W1AW was also in operation as a special event station. What a rare treat to operate the ARRL HQ station!



June Presentation

Much of the June meeting will be spent preparing for Field Day, but **Dennis McGrath N5ACK** will present a variety of little topics, such as how to repair a coax cable quickly in an emergency as well as a clever solution for how to proudly display your favorite QSLs without making a million little pin holes in the wall of your shack (house) thus keeping your wife (or husband for some of us) happy.

Arlington ARC Events Calendar

June 17, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford

June 17, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

June 18, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License test Session at 501 W Sanford

June 18, Sat, 5:00pm, Dining Out - Pei Wei Asian Diner, 4133 South Cooper St., Arlington

June 25 – 26, Sat am – Sun am, Field Day – 501 W. Sanford

July 2, Sat, 8:30am, 1st Saturday Breakfast -


July 2, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 501 W Sanford

July 6, Wed. 12:30pm, Arlington Siren Test

July 15, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Our website has an Events Calendar, so check it out for the latest information on upcoming events at www.k5sld.com

AARC Financial Report – May 2011

AARC May 2011 Financial Report						
						
	Actual Jan-11	Actual Feb-11	Actual Mar-11	Actual Apr-11	Actual May-11	
Income						
Dues	\$615.00	\$195.00	\$139.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
PayPal Dues	\$249.41	\$0.00	\$129.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.37	
	<u>\$894.78</u>	<u>\$226.33</u>	<u>\$293.93</u>	<u>\$35.35</u>	<u>\$31.37</u>	
Expenses						
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$41.62	\$59.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Flowers by Linda (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$193.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	
Ham Radio Outlet (4 under door jumpers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<u>\$193.06</u>	<u>\$56.62</u>	<u>\$449.88</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	
Variance	<u>\$701.72</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>	<u>-\$155.95</u>	<u>-\$94.65</u>	<u>\$16.37</u>	
	Actual Jan-11	Actual Feb-11	Actual Mar-11	Actual Apr-11	Actual May-11	Ending Balances
General Fund	\$671.35	\$138.38	-\$181.32	-\$50.00	\$10.00	\$1,361.27
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$55.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$640.58
Chase Checking	\$701.35	\$169.38	-\$156.32	-\$95.00	\$16.00	\$3,213.75
Chase CD	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.37	\$2,159.18
Total Chase Bank	<u>\$701.72</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>	<u>-\$155.95</u>	<u>-\$94.65</u>	<u>\$16.37</u>	<u>\$5,372.93</u>
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	<u>\$701.72</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>	<u>-\$155.95</u>	<u>-\$94.65</u>	<u>\$16.37</u>	<u>\$5,397.93</u>

Note: \$225.00 for storage paid 3/12/2011; good through 8/31/2011.

Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX
Treasurer AARC since August 2009

May 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 20th, 2011 at 6:37pm. Present were President, Jack W5JCK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Chris K5LTX informed the Board that the ARRL has changed its insurance carrier. Chris also renewed the rental of the AARC post office box.

Due to the lack of a projector, Maurice KM5RF will postpone his presentation on the operation of the IRLP.

Phil N5PWW will coordinate the donation of ham radio equipment to the club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

May 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm May 20th, 2011 by the President, Jack W5JCK. Other Board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was Vice President, Dennis N5ACK.

Jack W5JCK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Phil N5PWW will continue to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Virginia NV5F announced that she will be running a CW station at Field Day, giving the AARC a 3A designation. She also printed and distributed the newsletter.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial reports for March and April 2011. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial reports. Chris will continue to investigate the account fees which the bank is currently charging the ARRC.

Maurice KM5RF reported that next month he will give a presentation on the operation of IRLP.

The minutes for the April meetings were submitted for publication in the May 2011 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Bill AE5BT distributed the Field Day 2011 shirts. For Field Day, the current plan is to set up on Saturday morning and be on the air by 1pm. The club will be on the air until 1pm the following day.

A break was taken at 8:07pm and the presentation started at 8:20pm.

For the presentation, various club members shared stories related to QSL cards they had received.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

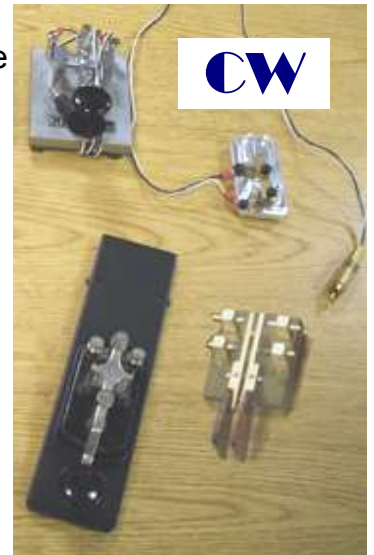
The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, 23 indicating AARC membership.

Field Day is Coming!

June 25th - 26th, 2011

This year's ARRL Field Day event is an opportunity for us to reach out to the community and show them what amateur radio is all about. It's also a time for fun, fellowship and cooperation – and food! We will be located once again at our normal club location – **501 W. Sanford in Arlington** - and we will be hoping to improve on the great event we had last year. Listed here are some opportunities for everyone to help out.

This year we will run 3A, to allow for a dedicated CW station. We will need some CW lovers to help operate and log contacts. The setup will be simple and allow for operators to run at their favorite speed, using their favorite key and/or keyer. Please contact **Virginia Smith NV5F** to volunteer or for more details. pipertoo@earthlink.net



The digital station is a new favorite, and has come on pretty strong the last couple years. They operate PSK31 from an Elecraft K3 and outscored the SSB guys last year! PSK is easy and fun, especially if you like computers. So come on over and learn about truly wireless texting.

Contact **Rob May, NV5E** to get involved.
Rob@robmay.com

And of course we will have a sideband station for ops who like to talk. If you have a good radio voice or contesting experience, or if you want a chance to try your hand at high energy QSOs, contact **Phil Stage, N5PWW** to find out more.

n5pww@sbcglobal.net



Our VHF station is a chance to see what FM can do without a repeater, or send a radiogram to a friend. Get in touch with **Wayne Hoskins AD5ST**,
ad5st@arrl.org

GOTA – Ge On The Air - is perhaps our best opportunity to reach new and prospective hams. This station operates HF voice and is dedicated to inactive, new, and aspiring hams. This is one of our best opportunities to educate the public about how amateur radio works.

Jack Swinden, W5JCK is in charge and would love some help giving our guests an unforgettable experience talking to far away places. jack@w5jck.com



We especially need ops and loggers for the overnight hours!

We will also need help with food for our evening meal, setup on Saturday morning, tear down on Sunday, and Field Day publicity. Come to the meeting Friday night to sign up to bring food or napkins or drinks. Invite a local scout troop or let us know if you have access to equipment that will help us get antennas up higher. If you can think of anything you might like to do to make Field Day better, contact Emergency Coordinator **Bill Tatsch AE5BT**. ae5bt@att.net

Volunteers Needed to Help Test the Warning Sirens

If you live or work in Arlington, chances are, you have heard the wail of one of our warning sirens. In the event of severe weather, these sirens going off might save your life. But, what if they did not go off? Where would we be then?

Volunteers, working in conjunction with the Arlington Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, assist in the testing of the city's sirens on the first Wednesday of each month. The test is conducted between 12:30pm to 1:30pm on the AARC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9.

If you have the time available, we would love to enlist your cooperation and radio expertise in this most necessary and rewarding effort. Your report of a malfunctioning siren just might mean the saving of a life or avoidance of bodily injury.

Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:00am on the day of the test. The net will begin about 12:15pm on test day, and you may join us any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating siren locations. For more info contact Jack Swinden, W5JCK, AARC President.



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